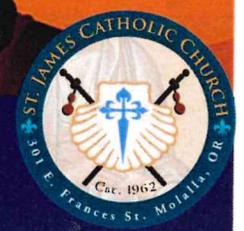


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THE SCALLOP

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Fr. Cit's Column

The living water. Israel complained about their thirst. Moses, following God's order, struck the rock. Water flowed from it.

The Samaritan woman went to fetch water from the well. Carrying a jar at midday, she was dumbfounded when a Jew engaged her in a conversation and was asking for water. The Jew told her he will instead give her living water. It was Jesus, the Messiah, who she met at Jacob's well.

Water is life. The air we breathe is life. The food we eat is life. Water, as well as all these aforementioned necessities, is important without it, there is no life. On earth, water is abundant. It is the only planet where life can be supported. In places on earth where there is no potable water, life does not exist except living things that adapt to harsh environments. Still, that proves water supports life, abundant life.

The water alludes to the life-giving love and mercy of God. Notice that in the desert, water is impossible to find except in an oasis. But there was no oasis. God made the rock burst open with water welling up abundantly for Israel. God, the rock, is capable of giving water. God quenches his creation's thirst through the water of the heavens and the water in the land.

In the Gospel, the Samaritan woman found the living water, Jesus. She chose to leave behind the water that only satisfies thirst temporarily. She believed in the word of Jesus, without fear and inhibition, she left the well and witnessed to Jesus telling her people what she found by Jacob's well.

In the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, the candidates are admonished to thirst for the living water of God. In the Rite of Scrutinies in the next three Sundays, exorcisms will be done in the hope that each candidate perseveres in sufficing their needs with the living water of God. The same admonition is provided to us persevering in Christian living.>

9 El agua viva. Israel se quejaba de su sed. Moisés, siguiendo la orden de Dios, golpeó la roca. De él fluía agua. La samaritana fue a buscar agua del pozo. Al mediodía, llevando un frasco con un tarro, se quedó atónita cuando un judío la interrumpió en conversación y le pidió agua. El judío le dijo que en su lugar le daría agua viva. Fue Jesús, el Mesías, a quien conoció en el pozo de Jacob.

10 El agua es vida. El aire que respiramos es vida. La comida que comemos es vida. El agua, así como todas estas necesidades mencionadas, es importante sin ella no hay vida. En la Tierra, el agua es abundante. Es el único planeta donde se puede sostener vida. En lugares de la Tierra donde no hay agua potable, la vida no existe salvo seres vivos que se adaptan a entornos hostiles. Aun así, eso demuestra que el agua sostiene la vida, la vida abundante.

El agua alude al amor y la misericordia que dan vida a Dios. Fíjate que en el desierto es imposible encontrar agua salvo en un oasis. Pero no había ningún oasis. Dios hizo que la roca estallara con agua brotando abundantemente para Israel. Dios, la roca, es capaz de dar agua. Dios sacia la sed de su creación a través del agua del cielo y el agua de la tierra. En el Evangelio, la mujer samaritana, el agua viva, Jesús. Eligió dejar atrás el agua que solo saciaba la sed temporalmente. Creyó en la palabra de Jesús, sin miedo ni inhibición, salió del pozo y fue testigo de que Jesús contó a su pueblo lo que encontró junto al pozo de Jacob.

En la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, se exhorta a los candidatos a tener sed de agua viva de Dios. En el Rito de Escrutinio en los próximos tres domingos, se realizarán exorcismos con la esperanza de que cada candidato persevere en satisfacer sus necesidades con el agua viva de Dios. La misma advertencia se nos ofrece a quienes perseveramos en la vida cristiana.>

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH

- 7** Bruno Espinoza for a happy death
Kevin Longoria Wells +
John Bloebaum +
Kathy Marie +
- 8** St. James Parish
Isabel Dow +
Larry & Judy Wrolstad +
Bruno Espinoza
una Buena muerte
Francisco Campos Cruz+
- No Mass
- No Mass

MASS SCHEDULE

M to F at 9:00AM
Sat at 5:30PM (Eng)
Sun at 9:00AM (English)
and 12:30PM (Spanish)
Confession Sat at 4:00-5:00PM but is always available as needed.
Adoration on Thursdays 9:30am to 7:45pm
24-Hour adoration every first Thursday of the month

5 Ways to Deepen Your Prayer Life During Lent (final part)

by Catholic Faith (catholic.us)

Lent's not just about giving up chocolate or social media—though those are fine starts. I've seen too many Catholics treat it like a diet, counting days until Easter without ever deepening their relationship with God. If you're serious about spiritual growth, here's how to actually make Lent matter.

4. Pray with Scripture

Lectio Divina isn't just for monks. Pick a Gospel passage (try USCCB's daily readings), read it slowly, and let a word or phrase speak to you. Write it down. Pray with it. Sit in silence. Repeat for a week. I've seen people who do this for Lent emerge with a deeper trust in God's word.

5. Confess Weekly

Most Catholics go to Confession once a month. Lent's the time to go weekly. It's not about piling on guilt—it's about letting go. Find a quiet church, take 10 minutes to examine your conscience, and go. The freedom you'll feel? That's the point. Lent's not a checklist. It's a chance to reset. Try one of these. Better yet, try all five. Your Easter will be different.

Why Fasting and Abstinence Matter in Catholic Tradition (first part)

by Catholic Faith (catholic.us)

Fasting and abstinence aren't just ancient rituals—they're the backbone of Lent, a season that's survived centuries of cultural shifts, papal tweaks, and even the occasional well-meaning but misguided "modernization." I've seen Catholics approach these practices with everything from rigid legalism to casual indifference, but the ones who get it right? They treat them as tools, not rules.

Here's the deal: fasting (eating one full meal plus two smaller ones, no snacks) and abstinence (no meat on Fridays, unless you're over 60) aren't about self-punishment. They're about realignment. Your body's hunger pangs? That's a reminder to pray. The craving for steak on Friday? A nudge to think beyond comfort. The Church sets these minimums, but the real work happens when you go deeper.

- Discipline: You wouldn't train for a marathon by eating pizza every day. Lent's about spiritual conditioning.

Marion Vicariate Penance Service

St. Luke, Woodburn, March 10 (Tuesday) at 6:30pm
 St. Paul, Silverton, March 18 (Wednesday) at 6:30pm
 St. Paul, St. Paul, March 19 (Thursday) at 6:30pm

A Lenten Retreat at The Grotto During the Year of Saint Francis with Catholic Speaker Dina Marie Hale

Our Theme:

"Companions of Jesus Carrying the Cross"

Friday, March 20, 2026 | 8:15am-2:30pm



photo taken by Dina Marie Hale

RETREAT LOCATION

The Grotto Conference Center
 The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother
 8840 NE Skidmore St.
 Portland, OR. 97220

Retreat leader
Dina Marie Hale



Registration required
dinamarie.org

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



40 Cans of Food for 40 Days of Lent.

The Knights of Columbus (St. James, Molalla Council) is again sponsoring this year's can food drive to help those of our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Our St. Vincent de Paul pantry needs help with supplies during Lent. Especially needed are fruit, tuna, & cereal items. Drop items off in the barrels in the Narthex until Easter Sunday. Thank you for your Help.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visiting the Homebound: Making visits to people who cannot get to Mass is a special ministry. It involves a social time for many and a chance to pray with and for the needs of that person. There is also a short rite used when the Holy Eucharist is given. If you would like to be a part of this team, call the office 503-829-2080.

Youth Ministry: This important ministry is in need of an energetic crew of volunteers to sustain a program attractive to young people in building their faith. Contact the office (503-829-2080) if you can help in organizing this ministry. Adriana Mendoza leads the team.

Religious Education: We always need good people to teach our children about the Catholic Faith and to prepare them for receiving the Sacraments. No formal training is needed but some in-house training will be given. If interested, but unsure, at least think about becoming a teacher's aide. You will get a lot out of this ministry - it's fun and enlightening. Contact Miguel Serrano at 503-829-2880.

Adoration: Every Thursday, starting with 9:00am Mass and ending with Benediction at 8:00pm. 24-hour Adoration every first Thursday. You are welcome whenever it's convenient for you or volunteer for a specific time to spend one hour with Our Lord. Call the office 503-829-2080 if you would like to be a volunteer.

Altar Society: The Altar Society oversees the reverent care of the altar as well as maintaining the plants and flower arrangements that grace the sides of the tabernacle. The Altar Society also sponsors fundraising events as well as community gathering events. We meet each month on the 1st Tuesday at 10:00am and the 1st Thursday at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All the ladies of the church are members and invited to come!

Knights of Columbus: Is a national fraternity group of men who share with others in the parish. We have activities and events throughout the year. We are involved in the parish and community. For more information contact Scott Scofield 262-960-5717.

St. Vincent de Paul: Is a food distribution to those families in need. Distribution is once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the parish hall. Volunteers set up on the previous Monday night. For more information call Roy Salvetti at 503-568-2636.

Music: We always need people to join our choirs. They practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. Call Steve or Claire Ferlan 503-829-9402 or Jim or Janell Casey 503-730-1900 for more information.

Weeding, pruning, mowing or planting: The Church grounds (the Campus) are always in need of help. You can choose a portion of the campus to do your thing in. Or, if you have equipment you can help maintain the larger grassy areas. Call the office (503-829-2080) to discuss the seasonal needs.

The Auction: We always need a good leader and a strong auction committee. But there are almost a hundred other volunteers needed to help prepare and serve the meal, to prepare hors d'oeuvres, to help with registrations, to collect donations, to set up displays and many more tasks. Call Carol Freeman at 503-329-0928 for more information.

The 4th of July Chicken Barbecue: This fun event can always use volunteers. Our Knights of Columbus men are in charge of cooking but they can always use help with serving and selling meals. Contact Scott Scofield (262-960-5717) for more information.

We are on the web!
stjamesmolalla.org

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Office is open
 Monday to Thursday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM
 and Friday at 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Pastoral Council	Finance Council
Carol Freeman	Monica Bergmann
Marilyn Kendall	Kent Burtner
Alma Gomez	Roberto Lua
Froi Otter	Norma Amezola
Eneilson Rodas	Marilyn Kendall
Marilyn and Jeff Wilson	
Jorge Lopez	

These councils advise Fr. Cit on pastoral and financial processes of the parish. The Pastoral Council's regular meeting is every third Tuesday and the Finance Council's meeting is First Tuesday of the Month in the hall at 6:30pm. Parishioners can audit in the meeting.

OCIA If you are an adult, not baptized or baptized other than the Catholic baptism, and would like to join the Catholic Church, the OCIA is a venue to learn the Catholic faith more and eventually get initiated or fully accepted in the Catholic faith. The instruction/formation runs about a year (10 months). If you are interested, join us anytime. Normally, initiation happens at Easter Vigil. Easter Vigil is on the eve of Easter Sunday. Call 503-829-2080 for more information. Come and see.

Parish Mission and Vision

We are a Christian community from varied roots, united by God, guided by St. James the Greater, worshiping, evangelizing and helping each other toward holiness.

Somos una comunidad Cristiana de raíces variadas, unidas por Dios, guiada por Santiago el mayor, adorando, evangelizando y guiando mutuamente hacia la santidad.

We form our young, adults, and families to develop Christian values, that all may serve the church and community through faith.

Formamos a nuestros jóvenes, adultos y familias para desarrollar valores cristianos, que todos pueden servir a la Iglesia y a nuestra comunidad por medio de la fe.

C A L E N D A R

March 13, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Soup Supper after
 March 20, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Soup Supper after
 March 27, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Soup Supper after
 March 28-April 5 Holy Week
 see schedule

Meals on Wheels donation for Molalla Senior Center . To give generously, pick a purple envelope. You can fill it with your change, cash or check. Return it to the office before Lent ends (April 1, 2026) Also you can drop it in the collection basket.

SAVE THE DATE
Parish Auction
and Dinner
April 25, 2026



Please call the emergency number 971.206.4991 only for anointing or last rites. Our office phone number receives calls regarding sacraments and general office inquiries.
Llame al número de emergencia 971.206.4991 solo para la unción o los últimos ritos.

Collection Update for February 28-March 1, 2026

General Collection	\$ 5 367.00
Expenses (weekly estimate)	<u>\$ 4 300.00</u>
Deficit	\$



Thank you all for your constant support to the welfare of our parish family. We ask you to continue to help us as our parish is also experiencing financial stretch. If you are not comfortable doing online giving, the envelopes work fairly well. Please consider doing so. God bless you.

Online giving

Please consider online giving. It does not take more than 15-minutes to sign-up for online giving. You help lessen paper waste and you do not miss any unfulfilled envelopes.

Please contact Scott Scofield at the business office.

Call 503-829.2080

or send email at stjamesmolall957@gmail.com.