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**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Iglesia Católica de St James**

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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.*

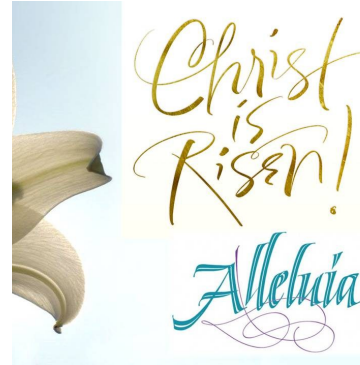
*Somos una comunidad Cristiana de raíces variadas, unidas por Dios, guiada por Santiago el mayor, adorando, evangelizando y guiando mutuamente hacia la santidad.*

*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**

- April 5, Kermes
- April 5, Easter Egg Hunt after the Mass
- April 11-12 Anointing of the Sick after each Mass
- April 25 Parish Auction and Dinner
- May 3 First Communion
- May 6 Confirmation
- May 15-17 Rummage Sale



*congratulations on your initiation  
 and Welcome to the Church*

*Monica y Rosas Nuñez*      *Yatzin Iglesias Perez*  
*Delaila Grageola Perez*      *Allen Brian Grageola Perez*  
*Yuliet Castro Perez*      *Bertha Alicia Valenciano*

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 March 28-29, 2026**

General Collection	\$ 4 251.15
Expenses (weekly estimate)	\$ 4 300.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>



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.

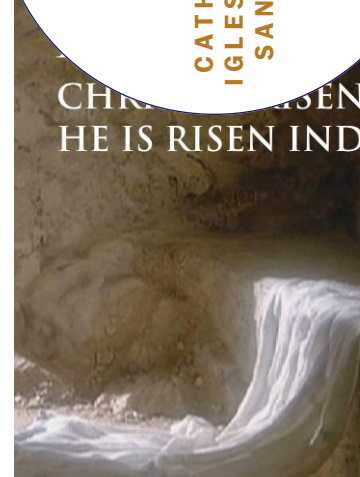
Please contact Scott Scofield at the business office.  
 Call 503-829.2080  
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**ALLELUIA**      APRIL 5, 2026  
**CHRIST IS RISEN**



**T H E S C A L L O P**

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**Fr. Cit's Column** The Tomb of Jesus. A borrowed tomb hewn from the side of a hill owned by Joseph of Arimathea.

Why borrowed? Jesus has no tomb prepared for himself. Why would he prepare a tomb when he won't need it actually? He will only need it for a short time a borrowed tomb will do. Joseph, a respected member of the Sanhedrin, was following Jesus secretly. He dissented the involvement of the Sanhedrin in Jesus' trial and condemnation.

While he was unable to directly influence the Sanhedrin's decision, he and a few others had been a significant voice for a growing interest in the name of Jesus among those who had been inspired by them. This is a great reminder for us that, in our day, as the barriers to lead others to Jesus is a difficult challenge, nevertheless, take every chance as a great opportunity to catechize.

The tomb lent to Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea leads to the empty tomb. On the third day, on the first day of the week, when Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to the tomb, they found that the stone sealing the tomb was rolled away (Mark 16:4). The disciple who was trailing Peter arrived at the tomb first and looked and saw the burial clothes there and the cloth that covered his head...Peter went in first...And the beloved disciple went in. He saw and believed (John 20:2-8).

In today's Holy places in Jerusalem, the tomb of Jesus is where the edicule is situated in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This Holy site is managed jointly by Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Apostolic churches. Since it is curated by not one but several Christian denominations, there is always a need for consensus in anything that matters to the care and maintenance of the Holy Site.

Do you know that the key to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher is secured by two Muslim families for centuries? This is so that neutral guardianship may be ensured, as Christian denominations could not agree on control.>

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- |   | APRIL     |
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| All the newly initiated   | <b>4</b>  |
| St. James Parish<br>Virgene Stafford +<br>Benigno Gomez Suazo +<br>Margarito Arellano +<br>For all the dead + | <b>5</b>  |
| Easter offerings  | <b>6</b>  |
| Easter offerings  | <b>7</b>  |
| Easter offerings  | <b>8</b>  |
| Easter offerings  | <b>9</b>  |
| Easter offerings  | <b>10</b> |

**4** La Tumba de Jesús. Una tumba prestada tallada en el lado de una colina propiedad de José de Arimatea.

**5** ¿Por qué pedir prestado? Jesús no tiene tumba preparada para sí mismo. ¿Por qué iba a preparar una tumba si en realidad no la necesitaría? Solo la necesitará por un corto tiempo, una tumba prestada le bastará.

**6** José, un respetado miembro del Sanedrín, seguía a Jesús en secreto. Disintió de la participación del sanedrín en el juicio y la condenación de Jesús.

Aunque no pudo influir directamente en la decisión del Sanedrín, él y algunos otros habían sido una voz significativa para un creciente interés en el nombre de Jesús entre aquellos que habían sido inspirados por ellos. Este es un gran recordatorio para nosotros que, en nuestros días, como las barreras para llevar a los demás a Jesús es un desafío difícil, sin embargo, aprovechemos cada oportunidad una gran oportunidad para catequizar.

La tumba prestada a Jesús por José de Arimatea conduce a la tumba vacía. Al tercer día, el primer día de la semana, cuando María Magdalena y la otra María fueron al sepulcro, se encontraron con que la piedra que sellaba el sepulcro había sido removida (Marcos 16:4). El discípulo que seguía a Pedro llegó primero al sepulcro y miró y vio la ropa de sepultura allí y el paño que cubría su cabeza...Pedro entró...y entró el discípulo amado. Él vio y creyó (Juan 20:2-8).

En los lugares sagrados de hoy en Jerusalén, la tumba de Jesús es donde el edículo está situado en la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro. Este sitio de Hoy es administrado conjuntamente por las iglesias Católicas Romanas, Ortodoxas Griegas y Apostólicas Armenias. Puesto que está comisionado no por una sino por varias denominaciones cristianas, siempre hay una necesidad de consenso en todo lo que importa para el cuidado y mantenimiento del Lugar Santo.

¿Sabes que la llave de la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro está custodiada por dos familias musulmanas durante siglos? Esto es para garantizar una tutela neutral, ya que las denominaciones cristianas no podían ponerse de acuerdo en el control.>

**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**

**St. James Catholic Church Molalla**  
**Annual Auction April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Doors Open at 4:30 PM**  
**Growing in Peace with**  
**GOD**  
**Early Bird Tickets \$45.00 purchased by April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Starting April 13<sup>th</sup> the tickets are \$50.00**  
**Oral Auction items need to be turned in by April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Silent Auction items need to be turned in by April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Please donate the following items as able:**  
**1. Bottles of Wine**  
**2. Gift Cards**  
**3. Lottery Tickets**  
**4. Scratch off Tickets**  
**Contact Carol Freeman with questions or donations.**

**KERMÉS MEXICANA**  
**St. James Parish**  
**April 5, 2026**  
**Join us in this fun event of food, games, and socials.**

leaving behind the burial cloths as signs of victory.

At Christmas, angels sing "Glory to God in the highest." At Easter, we shout "Alleluia!" because that glory has conquered death. At Christmas, shepherds come to adore the Lamb. At Easter, Mary Magdalene runs from the tomb, the first to proclaim that the Lamb has risen. In Bethlehem, there was no room in the inn. On Calvary, there's no room in the grave.

Everything about Christmas is fulfilled in Easter. The child born to save the world has done it. The wooden manger foreshadows the wooden cross. And the quiet night in Bethlehem whispers the promise of a new dawn outside the tomb.

**Resurrection: Our Hope, Our Future**

So why does Easter matter?

Because the tomb is empty. Because death isn't the end. Because the worst thing we've ever done doesn't have the last word. Because Jesus didn't stay in the cave—and neither will we.

Easter tells us that love wins, not by avoiding suffering, but by going through it and coming out the other side radiant with glory. It reminds us that no matter how dark the world gets, the stone will be rolled away.

And when we gather at the altar every Sunday, when the priest breaks the bread and lifts the chalice, we're stepping right back into that story—not as observers, but as participants. We are the Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.

Yes, Easter is everything—but it's not a one-day celebration tucked into spring. It's a living invitation. Every single Sunday is a chance to walk into the joy of the Resurrection, to meet the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and to be reminded that death does not win. All are welcome—no matter where you've been, no matter what your story is. The Church flings open its doors every Sunday not with judgment, but with hope. Come and see. Come and receive. Come and experience Easter—not just once a year, but every week, for the rest of your life.

**Easter isn't just a day. It's everything.**

**Why Easter is Everything: The Heart of Every Catholic**

By Deacon Wally Calabrese

(originally Published on Catholic365 on April 17, 2025)

If you've ever wondered why Easter for Catholics is so special, here's the truth: it's not just a holy day—it's the holy day. It's the moment everything hinges on. Without Easter, our faith would be a nice collection of teachings and traditions—but with it? It's power, purpose, and the promise of forever.

Let's step back first. Before Easter became what we celebrate today—flowers, vigil candles, choirs belting "Alleluia" after a long silence—it had a quiet, raw beginning. The earliest Christians didn't have formal calendars or churches. They met in homes, shared bread and wine, and told the story again and again: that Jesus died, was buried, and on the third day... He rose. That's it. That was the center. Everything else pointed to that single, history-splitting event.

**Why Easter is the Holiest Day of the Year**

Easter is not just one important feast. It's the reason we have Sunday Mass at all. Every Sunday—every single one—is a "little Easter," a weekly mini-celebration of the resurrection. That's why Catholics are called to worship every Sunday: we're not just fulfilling a rule—we're stepping into the story again. Every time we hear "This is my body, given up for you," we're reminded: this is real. It happened. And it's happening still.

The resurrection isn't a metaphor or a feel-good myth. It's the moment Jesus crushed death underfoot and turned a torture device—the Cross—into a throne of glory. That's why Easter doesn't end on Easter Sunday. It explodes into eight full

days (the Octave), and stretches into fifty days of joy. It's not just about one morning at the tomb. It's about what it means for all our mornings, and all our tombs.

**From Cave to Cave: The Full Circle of Redemption**

Here's something beautifully poetic—and very Catholic—in how God writes His story: Jesus is born in a cave and laid in swaddling clothes. The imagery there is no accident. Swaddling cloths weren't just cute baby wraps—they were burial cloths, often kept for wrapping a body in death. Even as a newborn, Christ's mission was already pulsing underneath the surface.

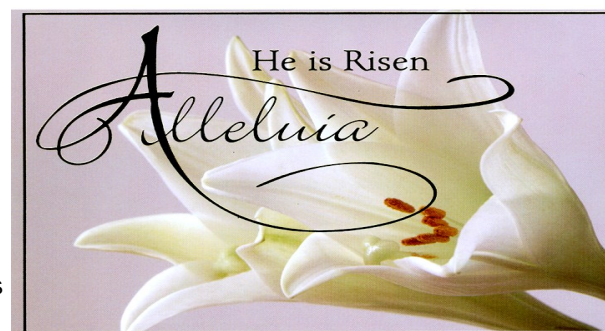
Fast forward to Good Friday: Jesus is stripped of his garments, just as he was wrapped at birth. He's laid again in a cave—this time, a tomb. But this time, there's no crying mother, no shepherds or stars. Only silence, sorrow... and waiting.

But that cave doesn't win. That tomb can't hold Him.

And suddenly, the story clicks into place: From the womb to the tomb, every thread is woven with meaning. His whole life was aimed at this crescendo—this final movement where sin and death get turned upside down.

The Manger and the Cross: One Story of Love

Christmas and Easter aren't two separate stories. They are one divine arc—one movement of love that stretches from the crib to the cross. Christmas gives us the beginning: God with us, born into poverty, wrapped in cloth, and laid in a feeding trough. Easter gives us the end—and the new beginning: God still with us, but now risen in glory,



**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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10:00am and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.