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**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**  
**Tues. through Sat.:** 8:30 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:**  
**Wed.** 9:30 a.m. **Sat.:** 9:00 a.m.

**ADORATION**  
**Wednesdays:** 4:30 p.m.—7 p.m.  
**Fridays:** 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

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## February 22, 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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### Mission Statement

*Professing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired by the example of our patron Saint Paul, educating our children, serving others and supporting one another as loving witnesses for the Lord.*

## February 22, 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Deacon's Corner

#### Agent J, MiB, and Restoration of the Garden

Years ago I had a dream so vivid that when I awoke it was difficult for me to discern what was real and what was imagined. In the dream, I was sitting in the back seat of a large, black, stretch limousine next to Will Smith, who was dressed in a black suit, black tie, and dark glasses, as Agent J had been dressed in the movie *Men in Black* (I know, weird). Without any words being spoken, I noticed an open briefcase (like the old college professor type) with several files visible inside.

One of the files in the open briefcase had my name typed on the file's tab, and somehow I knew it contained personal information surrounding my life, both good and bad. As I was staring at *my* file in the briefcase, the limousine pulled up to the curb next to Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, in the center of the town where I'd lived for some fifty years.

As I stepped out of the limousine onto the sidewalk, the beautiful plaza I once knew surrounding the mission had fallen into such disrepair that I hardly recognized what had once been a lush garden . . . Continued on Page 3

#### Liturgical Volunteers

February 28 & March 1, 2026

#### Greeters

Sat: 4:30p-Liberantes

Sun: 8:00a-Blake

Sun: 10:30a-Ray

#### Lectors

Sat: 4:30p-Yvonne

Sun: 8:00a-Susan

Sun: 10:30a-Bob

#### EMHC

Sat 4:30p-Colleen, Brian, Melanie

Sun:8:00a-Sam, Blake, Dave

Sun:10:30a-Sue, Nancy, Zeny

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### Saturday

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

#### Monday

8:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

8:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.

#### Thursday

8:30 a.m.

#### Friday

8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday

8:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

#### February 21

Carmen Duarte †

St. Paul Parishioners &

Guests

#### February 22

Deacon Len Soper †

Carmen Singh †

#### February 23

Prayer

#### February 24

Gene Gustafson †

#### February 25

Anthony Duarte †

#### February 26

Prayer

#### February 27

Ellie Rae †

#### February 28

Jack Kutlas †

Phil Rosebrook †

### Please pray for those on our prayer list.

Bob Simon	Sharon Wade
William Thompson	Doralyn Bocchi
Faline Sikes	Patty Roland
Judah Sikes	Ally Angelastro
Raini Nelson	Frank Paula
Gracie Guardino	John Ressler
Ella	Joseph Barba
Kirk Bembry	Colleen Bushmaker
Pamela Blanton	Justin Allensworth
Tracy Villada	John Guardino
Sr. Miriam	Jim Novitsky
Douglas DeWald	Timothy McDonald
Colleen Howard	Ray Miller
Joyce Rauschert	Mike Hoonhout
Cheryl Suzuki	Eric Brandon
Larry Wade	Susanne Simonich

## Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday

9:15 a.m.

#### Tuesday

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

9:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

#### Friday

9:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

9:00 a.m.

#### February 22

Lent Bible Study

#### February 24

Koffee Klatch

Quilters

Catholic in Recovery

#### February 25

Reconciliation

Craft & Coffee

Adoration

OCIA

#### February 26

Lunch Bunch

Lent Bible Study

Knights of Columbus

#### February 27

Adoration

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Meal

#### February 28

Reconciliation

### Thank you for supporting our ministries.

#### Weekly Financial Report February 15, 2026

Identified	\$ 9,998.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,134.25
Maintenance	\$ 195.00
eGiving	\$ 3,540.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,867.25</b>



### Readings for March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Genesis 12:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: 33:4-5,18-19,20,22

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 17:5

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy is moving to Twice a Month! Thanks to an amazing team of volunteers we are able to have Children's Liturgy two times a month.

February 22 during the 10:30 Mass for kids ages Preschool-2nd Grade

February 22 OCIC Rite of Sending 10:30 a.m. Mass. Rite of Election 2 p.m.

February 22 Middle School YG 5-6:15, High School 6:30-8:30 Special Guest Speaker, and Game night.

Steubenville NW registration is Here! For incoming Freshman-Graduated Seniors. Please contact Kristin for questions at [kwhite@archdpdx.org](mailto:kwhite@archdpdx.org). Teen/Parent Meeting 6:15 p.m. February 22!

## SCHOOL

### Project Starfish Spaghetti Feed

Please join us for our annual Project Starfish Spaghetti Feed on March 12th, 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Community Services.

Tickets: \$7 per person or \$30 per immediate family. Thank you for your support!

## Parish News

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



## Parish News

### Calling all Singers and Instrumentalists!!\*\*

Want to sing and/or play an instrument in the choir but hesitant about committing for an indefinite amount of time? Come and join the seasonal Lent/Holy Week Choir! If you can sing from the pews, we want you to join us in the choir! You will have fun, improve your singing voice, and make some new friends! Ages 13 and up welcome (younger children may be welcomed on a case-by-case basis). Singing in the choir counts for service hours!! Questions?? Contact Sarah in the parish office or after any of the masses. We hope you will join us! \*\*We welcome anyone to sing, and we are especially looking for violin, guitar, trumpet and cello players.



Please join us in the Church for Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays during Lent followed by a meatless meal in the Parish hall. Thank you to the Women of St. Paul for hosting the February 27th meal.

Discover a vibrant friendship with Jesus this Lent, one that is accessible not only in quiet moments of prayer but also in the carpool lane, the grocery store, the hospital room, and everywhere in between. Sign up at Loyola Press Living Lent Daily to receive daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, through Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Marist Theatre presents Moana Jr. directed by the amazing Sarah Burch and Cait Breitenstein!! Come see our incredible show on February 27-28 & March 6-7 at 7:30pm, and March 1 (Sensory Inclusive) & 8 at 1pm!! Find tickets online at [marist.seatyourself.biz](http://marist.seatyourself.biz) or buy them at the door, \$10 for students/seniors & \$15 for general admission. Hope to see you there!!

## Community

40 Days for Life: From February 18th until March 29th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

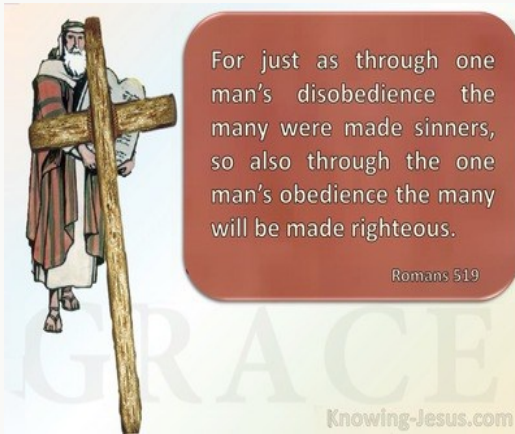
### Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

alive with vibrant colored flower beds, trellised seating areas with wood benches, and well-manicured lawns. Now, these once-colorful flower beds were filled with weeds; the trellises and benches were broken and in disrepair; and as I moved through the plaza, I was disheartened, even outraged, at whoever was responsible for the obvious lack of care in maintaining this beautiful place. Now it was only a vestige of its former beauty.

As I passed through the plaza, I was drawn to a familiar trussed bridge across an active creek that ran along one edge of the garden. But instead of a rich riparian habitat, the creek banks were now littered with trash, and its clear water was now opaque with pollutants. On the other side of the bridge, I entered a local store, and standing behind the counter was the owner with a ledger open to all the store's active accounts. As I approached the counter, I noticed my name followed by a outstanding balance of \$5,000 with a line drawn through both. I questioned the owner about the entry, since I knew I hadn't been the one to pay the debt, but the owner insisted that there was nothing he could do: The debt had been paid by someone else.

Reflecting on this dream in the weeks that followed led me to this *takeaway*: The file in Agent J's briefcase was a record of all the things I had done, or not done, that were *alien* to God's plan for my life. The disrepair of the plaza and the death of the plaza garden were symbols of all the times I had disobeyed God and had broken fellowship with the one who has always loved me faithfully, much like Adam and Eve in *their* garden. My anger at the disrepair of the plaza garden was misplaced because I was the one responsible for its maintenance; a symbol of God's ongoing desire for communion and fellowship. The payment of my debt, of course, was a symbol of Christ's act of forgiveness for all that I had done in dishonor of God's love for me.

As Joel states in the first reading, *even now*, "Even now , , , return to me with your whole heart." (Joel 2:12) *Even now*, God pursues us with the tender love of a father, seeking restoration of communion and fellowship. Amen?



Although Paul doesn't describe exactly today's liturgy, he does reveal the theological heart of the Mass: offering ourselves in union with Christ's sacrifice and participating as one body.

### Your Challenge This Week

1. Before you enter Mass (or prepare for it), pause and consciously offer your body and heart to God.
2. During the Mass, pick one moment (Offertory, Eucharistic Prayer, Communion) and reflect: "How am I being united with Christ's sacrifice right now?"
3. After Mass, reflect: "How did I participate as one body with others? What might I do next week to deepen that unity?" The Bread Team

This month our Lunch Bunch will have their potluck on the 26<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Parish Hall. We will have a guest speaker from our parish, Jeff Blonde'. He will be discussing fraud, scams and ID theft; how to avoid them and what to do if it happens to us. Come, bring your questions for him along with a dish to share.



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