

O God,  
 Who on this day  
 revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations  
 by the guidance of a star,  
 grant in your mercy  
 that we, who know you already by faith,  
 may be brought to behold the beauty of  
 your sublime glory.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
 of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.  
 Amen

### **WELCOME FR. PASCAL KUMANDA!**

We welcome Father Pascal Kumanda of Cross Catholic Outreach, who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the Priest and Nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

### **IN SYMPATHY**

Please remember in your prayers +**Tom Swain**, husband of Daphne Swain and +**Joyce Sample**, mother of Archbishop Alexander K. Sample. A prayer service will be held for her on the evening of Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the Cathedral. The following is the schedule for the Prayer Service for Joyce Sample: 6.15pm: Reception of the body; 6:15pm - 7:30pm: Visitation; 7:30pm - 8:00pm: Prayer Service; 8.00pm: Conclusion St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1716 N.W. Davis Street, Portland, Oregon 97209

### **FR. ARTURO**

Fr. Arturo will be away from the parish and on vacation thru January 19, 2018. Please keep him in your prayers while he is away.

### **DAILY MASSES**

We will have a communion service on Tuesday, January 9th. We welcome back Fr. John who will be our presider for the weekday Masses this Wednesday, January 10-Friday, January 12, 2018.

### **CHRISTMAS TAKE-DOWN PARTY**

The Christmas take-down party will be this Monday, **January 8th** beginning at **9:00am** until finished. Please bring your shop vac's and pruners. Many hands make faster work!

## **REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL**

Today's gospel gives us the classic and familiar story of the "visit of the magi." We have heard it so often that we may sometimes miss critical, and perhaps not so critical, elements in the story. For example, we are never told how many wise men, or magi, there are. We also note that verse 1 states simply that Jesus was born. Not until several verses later do we learn about Herod ascertaining from the magi when the star appeared. He then sent them to search for the child. That one word, child, rather than infant,



is a clue that the star had appeared sometime earlier. And then we learn that Herod ordered male children up to the age of two to be killed. So it seems Matthew had in mind that the visit of the magi happened while Jesus was a child about the age of two. In our own minds we have likely harmonized Matthew's nativity account with Luke's so that we place Luke's angels together with Matthew's magi in the crèche! But in Matthew's telling, there is no census that brings the family from Nazareth to Bethlehem, no manger, no animals, and no shepherds. According to Matthew Jesus was born at home in Bethlehem, where Joseph and Mary lived. We may be forgiven for combining Matthew and Luke's versions of the stories. Even the nativity scenes in our home have harmonized these narratives too! Ultimately, the importance of what Matthew and Luke are telling us rests not in details about how the family moved from Bethlehem to Nazareth, or whether Jesus was born in a home or a stable. Instead, Matthew provides a theological insight into the person of Jesus and the activity of God. The magi are not Jews. They are Gentiles. They worship Jesus. As such they prefigure the Gentile mission that the risen Jesus will inaugurate in the closing verses of this gospel. That is to say, Matthew "bookends" his gospel with a story of Gentiles coming to worship Jesus at the beginning, and the risen Jesus' own command to his disciples to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately the Gentiles are coheirs with the Jews of the promises of God. We cannot limit God's mercy. It knows no bounds, and includes all.

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## **YOU COULD WIN A SPA EXPERIENCE + DINNER, A SHOPPING SPREE OR.....**

The Knights are selling raffle tickets after the Masses for \$10 each, or 5 for \$40 as part of their fundraising. First prize is a 90 minute Spa Experience plus Dinner for two at Oswego Grill; Second Prize is a three-minute shopping spree plus meat run at Cutsforth Thriftway; Third Prize is a queen sized handmade Quilt. You cannot win if you don't buy a ticket! Drawing will occur on February 3, 2018.

## **REQUEST FOR THEMED AUCTION BASKETS**

The Knights are also asking parishioners to again volunteer to create themed baskets for their Charitable Auction. These baskets are very popular each year. Please see one of the Knights in the back of the church after Mass TODAY. They have a list of basket theme ideas you can choose from. They ask that you choose a theme today and record it on their signup sheet. Then return the completed basket by Sunday, January 21. If you have any questions, contact Paul Crawford at 503-680-8924..

## **33 Days to Morning Glory Small-group Retreat**

### **A New Year's Resolution You Can Keep**

Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness? In our hectic day and time, Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Join us on [January 7, 2018], as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. Each day we'll individually follow four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, [Sunday- 9:45a.m. to 10:45a.m.] we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30- minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus. If you want to transform your relationship with Christ, this is a perfect New Year's Resolution. For more information or to register please call Patty Rydquist at 503 266-3345.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE MEETING**

All are encouraged to attend a meeting this **Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00p.m.** in the Parish Center. This meeting is important to attend whether you are still deciding, just want more information or have committed to the pilgrimage. This meeting is designed to be more "nuts and bolts" addressing 206 Tour requirements and what you can expect between now and June. If you are still in doubt, Pray the Rosary, The Blessed Mother will guide you. Any questions, please contact Mike Zagya at 503-734-8229 or [m.zagya@canby.com](mailto:m.zagya@canby.com).



## **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

### **Sunday, January 7, 2018**

9:45a.m. Sunday Religious Education  
9:45a.m. Adult Education class  
11:00p.m. Choir practice [Spanish]  
11:00a.m. Dismissal  
12:00p.m. Sacramental Prep  
3:00p.m. Spanish Marriage Encounter

### **Monday, January 8, 2018**

9:00a.m. Christmas Clean-up  
9:15a.m. Bible Study  
12:00p.m. Women's Club meeting  
6:00p.m. Choir practice  
7:00p.m. First Reconciliation parent  
7:00p.m. Bible Study  
7:00p.m. KC Crab Dinner/Auction

### **Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

6:30p.m. Spanish RCIA Gr.  
7:00p.m. Communion Service  
7:00p.m. Bible Study [Spanish]  
7:00p.m. Medjugorje meeting for 2018  
7:45p.m. Spanish Bible Study

### **Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

8:00a.m. Daily Mass  
5:00p.m. Choir practice [Spanish]  
6:30p.m. Sacrament Prep [English]  
7:00p.m. RCIA  
7:00p.m. Junior High, Youth Group, Confirmation prep, RCIA

### **Thursday, January 11, 2018**

8:00a.m. Daily Mass  
12:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30p.m. Spanish Religious Education  
7:00p.m. Bible Study  
8:15p.m. Rosary [Spanish]  
9:00p.m. Adoration

### **Friday, January 12, 2018**

7:00a.m. Marian Prayer Group  
8:00a.m. Daily Mass  
7:00p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

### **Saturday, January 13, 2018**

1:30p.m. Quinceanera: Audrey Gizelle Gonzalez  
3:30p.m. Marriage Encounter [Spanish]

And you Bethlehem of Judah,  
are by no means least  
among the princes  
since from you shall come forth  
a ruler to shepherd Israel

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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

“Let all you do be done in Love.” 1Cor 16:14

St. Patrick volunteers demonstrate this verse continually as they participate in the many ministries available to all. Please consider participating in one or more ministries as an outlet for expressing your love to God and each other. A new Ministry Directory is available in the vestibule of the church or at [www.stpatrickcanby.com](http://www.stpatrickcanby.com).

## YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Needed for <b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	\$	8,719.81
Offertory- <b>December 30/31, 2017</b>	\$	<u>11,900.84</u>
Over/(Under)	\$	3,181.03

Building Fund Collection	\$60.00
Unemployment	\$
Cemetery	\$
New Year's Day— <b>January 1, 2018</b>	\$1762.00

## ST. PATRICK INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Please remember, if Canby School District closes for the day, the Parish Office and all parish activities and meetings are cancelled that day. If the school district opens late, the Parish Office will open late and all activities will proceed as planned according to the weather. Remember, if you are unable to make it to Mass or events due to unsafe conditions, please stay home. We want our parishioners safe.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Fulfilling philanthropic goals can have many tax benefits. Your estate can take a deduction for gifts-including cash, personal property, real estate, and certain investments-made to St. Patrick's upon your death. See your financial advisor or estate planning professional for more information.

*Accept our gifts also, Lord*



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## ST. PATRICK KNIGHTS

### OF COLUMBUS—Council 3484



Monthly meetings held first  
& third Tuesdays of the  
month in the Multipurpose  
Room of the Parish Center  
at 7:00pm.



## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018—Communion Service**

**Wednesday, January 10 2018**

+Tom Swain

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

+Joyce Sample by St. Patrick Staff

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

Intention for the parishioners

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

5:30p.m. +Bill Fairl by Stuart & Karen Hunt

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

8:30a.m. +Rose Vlcek and Jane Kinney by Mike Vlcek

11:00a.m. Intention for the parishioners

1:30p.m. Intention for the parishioners

# St. Patrick Religious Education Programs

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There will be a parent/child meeting for First Reconciliation this **Monday, January 8, 2018** in Room 7/8 of the Parish Center. Students are asked to bring their completed, Blessed, reconciliation book with them. A second meeting will be offered for those adults and students who cannot attend on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in Room 9 on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



## CONFIRMATION DAY RETREAT SCHEDULED

Our next confirmation day retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. The retreat will take place at St. Patrick. Please contact Frances Parker for more information or questions at [fparker@canby.com](mailto:fparker@canby.com) or 503-263-1288.

## WISH LIST

The Sunday Elementary Program is in need of Legos and Little People figurines to make Bible Story Box Sets. If any of our families have these items that they no longer use, we would appreciate any donations.

## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB DINNER AND AUCTION

We are looking for youth volunteers for the Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Dinner and Auction on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event will take place at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds, volunteers are needed from 4:00 to 9:00p.m. We also need volunteers for the set-up on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn service hours for confirmation or high school graduation. Please contact Frances Parker at 503-263-1288 or [fparker@canby.com](mailto:fparker@canby.com) for more information or to volunteer.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If the Canby School District is closed or released early or they cancel evening activities due to inclement weather, St. Patrick will also CANCEL religious education classes that day/evening. If the Canby School District has a late start, we will continue with classes as scheduled. If you are unable to make class due to unsafe conditions, please stay home.

## BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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## EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

### ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 2018—9:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 2018—Tours available for families during the school day.

Monday, February 5, 2018 from 5-7p.m.

St. John's offers Preschool through 8th grade.

All day Kindergarten Preschool program for 4 year olds, extended care before and after school. For questions, please call, 503-742-8230.

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