

# Sacred Heart-St. Louis Catholic Parish

## Parroquía del Sagrado Corazón-San Luís

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**FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND PRAYER:**  
Jesus, you have put us together to be a family. As a candle can light a darkened room, may we be a light of Christ in our family.

**TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO Y ORACIÓN:**  
Jesús, tú nos has unido para ser una familia. Así como una vela puede iluminar una habitación oscura, que seamos una luz de Cristo en nuestra familia.

Picture from the wonderful Nativity Event and photo of Confirmandi's helping younger children

### Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas:

Saturday/sabado: 4:30 pm (Eng-Sacred Heart)

6 pm (misa Español -Sacred Heart)

Sunday/domingo: 8:00 am (St. Louis)

9:30 am (Sacred Heart Church)

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 8:00 am

Miércoles 6:15 pm (misa Español)

Thursday 6:15 pm (Sacred Heart Church)

Friday 8:00 am (Sacred Heart Church)

### Reconciliation / Confesiones:

Wednesday/miercoles 5 pm

Saturday/sabado 3 pm

Sacred Heart-St Louis Parish is a Catholic community of Christian believers devoted to the Holy Eucharist. We strive to build God's Kingdom by inviting all to faith formation, Sacred Liturgy, Evangelization and outreach.

La Parroquia Sagrado Corazón-San Luís es una comunidad Católica de creyentes Cristianos devotos a la Santa Eucaristía. Nos esforzamos para construir el Reino de Dios al invitar a todos a la formación de fe, a la Liturgia Sagrada, a la Evangelización y a la ayuda de la comunidad entera.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

**Reflection:** God is the font of all blessings and salvation. Today’s readings make evident the goodness of the Lord, and that he is the source of all blessings. The Lord promises to build a house for David – one that will last forever. And from the lineage of David comes Jesus, God himself, to dwell among us. He is our shelter, our bodies are his temple, and his kingdom endures forever. We will soon celebrate the feast of his Incarnation and Nativity, while awaiting still, with joyful hope, the time when he will come again.

**Prayer Intentions:** Let us pray for those who are sick in our community. Remember these parishioners and friends of the parish in your prayers:

- Mildred Henny** (failing health)
- Rose Rush**
- Marcos Castillo**
- Janet Steinkamp**
- Susan Sasano**
- Claudie Elmore** (health)
- Rita Miller**
- Cirila Martinez**

**Our December 3 chicken dinner was a success thanks to many of our parishioners and faith formation students.**

Our total income was \$14,479.50 with \$5,436.11 in expenses gives us a net total of \$9,043.39. It takes many hands to put on the chicken dinner and it raises a lot of money which supports our various ministries here at Sacred Heart-St. Louis Parish. We appreciate the time and effort that so many put into preparing for the dinner and working shifts throughout. If you are not on the work list and would like to help out with the next dinner please call the office. It’s a great way to get to know more people in our parish community.

**19th annual Catholic Daughters High Tea**  
Saturday Feb. 10, 2024 at 1:00 pm  
St. Louis Hall. \$25. Per person  
(only 40 tickets left)  
Call Marianne Branaman 503-508-0451

***A word from Fr. James***

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ, This week we gather on Sunday morning to celebrate the final Sunday of the Advent Season. These last several weeks, we have been preparing to celebrate the incarnation of Jesus into the world—the birth of Christ the Lord, this birth that we will begin to celebrate this Sunday evening and will continue to celebrate into the new calendar year!

This past Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, the day where our Church reminds us to rejoice always, we shared joyfully in our parishes first Nativity Festival. Various members of the parish were invited to share their nativity sets with our community. There was a children’s play area, food, joyful music and then Christmas videos for the kids. It was a joyous way to spend time with our parish community and sharing the diversity of the different types of nativities that there are and how all of these depict the joyful moment when Jesus came into the world. Thank you to the pastoral council for heading up this event and thank you to all that shared their nativity with our parish community. We look forward to this event next year!

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS! I pray that you all have a blessed and joy filled day as we celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and our lives. Let us not get too lost with all the festivity and fun that we miss the beauty and amazement at what our God has done in the world through this infant that was born of Mary and Joseph. Merry Christmas!

In Christ’s Love, *Fr. James*

**THANK YOU to all of those who donated coats and socks, time and money, to this years’ Christmas Food Box program. Your generosity is much appreciated.**

Just a friendly reminder that any donations you may wish to be recorded as tax deductible gifts to Sacred Heart-St Louis Parish for 2023 must be dated as 2023.



**Sacred Heart Catholic School**

**503-792-4541 [shssecretary@shstl.org](mailto:shssecretary@shstl.org) www.school.shstl.org**

**School Principal: Mrs. Mariana Hill [principal@shstl.org](mailto:principal@shstl.org)**

We are on Christmas break until January 2, 2024. All of the school staff will be out of the school building until then.

*We hope you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

**Annual Appeal:** Our Annual Appeal has begun! Our tuition is \$4,900 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child of a family with a tuition discount for every child after that. Over ½ of our school families applied for tuition assistance. The actual cost to educate a child at Sacred Heart Catholic School is over \$9,000. Please help us in our mission to develop our students into disciples of Jesus Christ by contributing to our Annual Appeal today!



**Una palabra del P. Santiago**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,  
 ¡Esta semana nos reunimos el domingo por la mañana para celebrar el último domingo del tiempo de Adviento. Estas últimas semanas nos hemos estado preparando para celebrar la encarnación de Jesús en el mundo —¡el nacimiento de Cristo Señor, este nacimiento que comenzaremos a celebrar este domingo por la tarde y continuaremos celebrando en el nuevo año calendario!  
 Este pasado domingo, Domingo de Gaudete, día en el que nuestra Iglesia nos recuerda estar siempre alegres, compartimos con alegría en nuestras parroquias la primera Fiesta de la Natividad. Varios miembros de la parroquia fueron invitados a compartir sus belenes con nuestra comunidad. Hubo un área de juegos infantiles, comida, música alegre y luego videos navideños para los niños. Fue una manera alegre de pasar tiempo con nuestra comunidad parroquial y compartir la diversidad de los diferentes tipos de nacimientos que existen y cómo todos estos representan el momento gozoso cuando Jesús vino al mundo. Gracias al consejo pastoral por encabezar este evento y gracias a todos los que compartieron su natividad con nuestra comunidad parroquial. ¡Esperamos con ansias este evento el próximo año!  
 Por último, quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para desearos a todos una ¡FELIZ NAVIDAD! Oro para que todos tengan un día bendecido y lleno de alegría mientras celebramos la venida de Jesús al mundo y a nuestras vidas. No nos perdamos tanto con toda la festividad y diversión que nos perdamos la belleza y el asombro por lo que nuestro Dios ha hecho en el mundo a través de este niño que nació de María y José. ¡Feliz navidad!  
 En Cristo, **P. Santiago**

\*\*24 de diciembre: Misa en inglés de 5 p. m. y misa nocturna en español a las 10 pm.

\*\*25 de diciembre—9 am Misa del día de Navidad en la iglesia de San Luis

\*\*30 de diciembre—Misas de fin de semana como de costumbre

1 de enero de 2024—Misa de las 9 am.—Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios. Día Santo de Obligación

\*\* 5 de enero—5-6 pm Hora Santa Parroquial para el Avivamiento Eucarístico en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón. Habrá una letanía al principio (se proporcionará papel) y confesiones disponibles durante la hora. A esto le sigue la Bendición.

GRACIAS a todos aquellos que donaron abrigos y calcetines, tiempo y dinero, al programa Christmas Food Box de este año. Su generosidad es muy apreciada.

Solo un recordatorio amistoso de que cualquier donación que desee que se registre como donación deducible de impuestos a la Parroquia Sacred Heart-St Louis para 2023 debe tener fecha de 2023.

**Financial Stewardship**

| COLLECTIONS                              | AMOUNT     |
|--|------------|
| December 3, 2023                         | \$3,753.52 |
| Maintenance fund December                | \$1,216.00 |
| School fund for December                 | \$ 854.02  |
| December 10                              | \$6,020.32 |
| December 17                              | \$6,266.00 |
| Maintenance monthly collection January 7 |            |

**CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Romanos 16:25-27, Lucas 1:26-38

**Reflexion:** Dios es la fuente de toda bendición y salvación.

Las lecturas de hoy hacen evidente la bondad del Señor y que él es la fuente de todas las bendiciones. El Señor promete construir una casa para David que durará para siempre. Y del linaje de David viene Jesús, Dios mismo, a morar entre nosotros. Él es nuestro refugio, nuestros cuerpos son su templo y su reino es para siempre. Pronto celebraremos la fiesta de su Encarnación y Natividad mientras esperamos todavía, con gozosa esperanza, el tiempo en que él volverá.

**Mass Intentions and Activities for the Week**

**Sunday/Domingo December 24**  
**8 am Mass at St. Louis Joseph Stravens**  
**9:30 am Mass at SHC Parishioners**  
**5 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at SHC +Rosemary Terhaar**  
**10 pm Español Vigil +Rufina Padron**

**Monday/Lunes December 25**  
 9 am Christmas day Mass at St. Louis **Catholic Daughters**

**Tuesday/Martes December 26**  
**8 am daily Mass +Roger Eder**

**Wednesday/Miercoles December 27**  
**8 am daily Mass +Carol Kahut May**  
**5 pm confessions Arturo Rodriguez**  
**6:15 pm misa español**

**Thursday/Jueves December 28**  
**6:15 pm daily Mass +Jeanette Eder**

**Friday/Viernes December 29**  
 8 am Mass at SHC **+Andrew Eder**

**Saturday/Sábado December 30**  
**8 am daily Mass at SHC +Roseanna Marie Jirges**  
**3 pm confessions +Joe and Gert Borschowa**  
**4:30 pm Mass at SHC Parishioners**  
**6 pm misa Español**

**Sunday/Domingo December 31**  
**8 am Mass at St. Louis +Richard Louis Grassman**  
**9:30 am Mass at SHC +Frank Gubbels**

\*\***Food Bank**—1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1-4 pm **January 3 and 17**

\*\***Dec 30**—weekend Masses as usual

**January 1, 2024**—9 am Mass—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation

\*\* Jan 5—5-6 pm Parish Holy Hour for the Eucharistic Revival in Sacred Heart Church. There will be a litany prayer at the beginning (paper provided) and confessions available during the hour. This is followed by Benediction.

\*\*Jan. 8 & 15— 6:30 pm in FFC Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary workshop (Presentation, Finding in the Temple)

\*\*Jan 6—9 am CDA meeting in FFC

\*\***Jan 20**—5-8 pm Sacred Heart School Carnival

ACA Parish Report 2023 Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal, the latest update. Sacred Heart-St. Louis currently pledged \$6,863 with the goal of \$19,486 for the year.

\*\***Sacred Heart-St Louis offers** → **WeShare online giving. Go to shstl.org to sign up or scan QR code to the right**



**Children's FAITH FORMATION** [cff@shstl.org](mailto:cff@shstl.org)  
**Debi Edsinga 503-792-4231 ext. 310**

**Year 2 -Sacramental Preparation Wednesdays 4:30-6 pm**  
**in Faith Formation Center**

**Dec. 20-29 CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**January (Ordinary Time)**

03--Class—Epiphany activity for ALL kinder—5th grade from 4:30-6pm. All children welcome!

10--Class

17--Class

24--Class

31--Class

**Formación de Fe de niños**

**El año 2 de Formación en la Fe para Niños-**  
**Preparación Sacramental**

**miércoles 4:30-6 pm en Centro de**  
**Formacion de Fe**

20-29 de diciembre; VACACIONES DE NAVIDAD

**January (Ordinary Time)**

03--Clase—Actividad de Epifanía para niños de kinder—  
 5to grado de 4:30-6pm. ¡Todos los niños son bienvenidos!



**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades, High School and Young**  
**Adult Faith Formation**

**Katie Phelan -Youth Minister** [ym@shstl.org](mailto:ym@shstl.org)  
**503-792-4231 ext 305 Cell: (503)929-3901**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING TIMES 6:30-7:30PM**

**MIÉRCOLES POR LA NOCHE 6:30-7:30PM –**

**SUNDAY MEETING TIMES 10:45am-12:15pm****HORARIO**

**DE CLASES los domingos 10:45 am-12:15pm**

**December (Advent)**

**Christmas Break—December 16-January 1**

**January (Christmas Time)**

03—Wednesday – Bible Study

07—Sunday – CLASS

07—**MANDATORY** 🌟 **Nativity Take-Down**  
**12:00pm-2:00pm**

10—Wednesday – Bible Study

17—Wednesday – Bible Study

21—Sunday – Class

24—Wednesday – Bible Study

Please prayerfully consider bringing snacks and water bottles for the kids. Please reach out to Katie if you have any questions.

**Formación en la fe de 6.º a 8.º grado, escuela**  
**secundaria y adultos jóvenes**

**Katie Phelan -Ministra de la Juventud**  
**ym@shstl.org 503-792-4231 ext 305**

**Celular: (503)929-3901**

**Diciembre (Adviento)**

**Vacaciones de Navidad—del 16 de Diciembre al 1 de**  
**Enero**

**Enero (Tiempo de Navidad)**

03—Miércoles – Estudio Bíblico

07—Domingo – CLASE

07-**OBLIGATORIO** **Desmontaje del Nacimiento 12 a 2 pm**

10—Miércoles – Estudio Bíblico

17—Miércoles – Estudio Bíblico

21—Domingo – Clase

24—Miércoles – Estudio Bíblico

Por favor considere en oración traer bocadillos y botellas de agua para los niños. Comuníquese con Katie Phelan si tiene alguna pregunta. Estaremos encantados de responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener.

| December 30 - - 4:30 pm at SHC  |                      | December 31 - - 8 am St. Louis |  | December 31 - - 9:30 am SHC |  |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Readers:</b>   | Ed Adelman           | Connie Schlechter              |  | Toby and Abby Saalfeld      |  |
| <b>Sacristan/extra min:</b>   | Judy Brutka          | Veronica Davidson              |  | Rita Miller                 |  |
| <b>Altar servers:</b>   | volunteers           | Moses and Kolbe Blair          |  | Josh Saalfeld, Frank Orton  |  |
| <b>Ushers:</b>  | volunteers           | Frank Davidson                 |  | Dan Smith                   |  |
| <b>Greeters:</b>  | John and Stacey Kirk | Chris Welch                    |  | Rita Miller                 |  |
| <b>Cantor/Organist:</b>   | Pete Petrowski       | volunteers                     |  |                             |  |
| <b>Church Cleaning: Rosalinda Resendiz, Angie Gonzalez, Piedad Rodriguez, Juana and Gustavo Munoz</b> |                      |                                |  |                             |  |

**Parish Staff** Pastor: **Fr. James** pastor@shstl.org

Secretary: **Barbara Daniels** secretary@shstl.org

Assistant Secretary: **Arcelia Pelayo** (Español)

Asistencia en Español - martes de 1 pm - 4 pm

Bookkeeper: **Melanie Saalfeld** bookkeeper@shstl.org

Faith Formation: **Debi Edsinga** cff@shstl.org

Youth Ministry: **Katie Phelan** ym@shstl.org

**Pastoral Council - meets 2nd Tues of month**

Mary Miller - chair Bernie Zollner

Robert Tesch - co-chair

Brian Belleque - secretary Marge Pranger

Karla Morales

**Finance Council - meets 3rd Tues of month**

Larry Schiedler-chair

Kent Belleque-secretary Frank Davidson

Laura Hagenauer Marty Miller

**The Pastoral Council wishes to remind all parishioners and parish groups that if you would like to address the Council that you may do so by requesting to be added to the Council meeting agenda. Requests may be directed to Mary Miller at [marvmiller711@gmail.com](mailto:marvmiller711@gmail.com) or by contacting the parish office. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month."**

**The Pastoral Council is looking for St. Louis parishioner(s), who would be interested in serving on the Pastoral Council. There currently is no representative for this portion of our parish demographics, and the Pastoral Council is looking for one or two parishioners who can assist in providing input to our parish activities and operations.**

To cut down on postage costs, please email Barbara at secretary@shstl.org **to add or update an email address.**

**Please send weekend Mass announcements to Katie** at ym@shstl.org by Tuesday of the same week. Thank you.

Estamos **publicando los negocios** en la ultima pagina del **boletín** semanal.

Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre la publicidad de su negocio, por favor

**Parish Ministries Coordinators**

Baptism Class (English): Merissa Zielinski

Baptism Class (Spanish): Sr. Guadalupe

Catholic Daughters: Bobbie Rodriguez

Welcoming Committee: Mary Miller

Hispanic Ministry: Sr. Guadalupe Medina, OSF

Grupo Carismático de Oración: Nora Estrada

Knights of Columbus: Jim Branaman

Liturgy (Spanish): Karla Morales/Maria Rodriguez

Liturgy schedule (English): Robert Tesch

Music coordinators: Toby Saalfeld and team

Stewardship: Marty Miller

St. Louis Altar Society: Anna Mahony

St. Rita's Altar Society: Marianne Branaman

RCIA Program: Karen Nys and Connie Schlechter

SH hall event supervisor: **NEEDED!**

Wedding coordinator: parish team

Eng. & Span. funeral coordinator: Robert Tesch

Reader board committee: Brian and Sandi Belleque

**Please remember Sacred-Heart-St. Louis Parish in your Will. Please use the following language when making your estate plans. "I give, devise, and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ (describe gift and purpose) to Sacred Heart-St. Louis Catholic Church, Gervais, Oregon (our official and legal name). It is understood in making this gift that it can only be used by Sacred Heart-St. Louis Catholic Church, Gervais, Oregon, for the purpose stated."**

**2024 Catholic Daughters Scholarship now available for College and Trade/Technical School students:**

The Vivian Duda Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000 is available to female and male applicants. The college or trade school student or parent(s) must be registered members of Sacred Heart-St. Louis Parish OR the applicant or mother of applicant must be a Gervais Catholic Daughter. The applicant must currently be in the first year of college or trade/technical school or higher. Previous applicants may apply again. The application form can be found on the Sacred Heart-St. Louis Parish website at shstl.org/ministries/catholic daughters/Vivian Duda Scholarship. Applications are due May 1, 2024.

**Welcome to Sacred Heart-St. Louis Parish.** If you are new to the parish or you have updated information, please cut and fill out this form and bring it to the office or put it in the collection basket. *Bienvenidos a la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón-San Luis. Regístrese con esta pequeña forma y entregue a la oficina o pongala en la canasta de coleccion.*

Name /Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Address /Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone /Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner/Nuevo en la Parroquia  New Address/Nueva Dirección  New Phone/Nuevo Teléfono

I would like Father to call me/Necesito que el Padre me llame  Interest in Parish Ministries/Me interesa servir

I would like offertory envelopes/Necesito sobres para ofretorio  Visitor/Soy Visitante

## ADORATION CHAPEL/ CAPILLA DE ADORACION

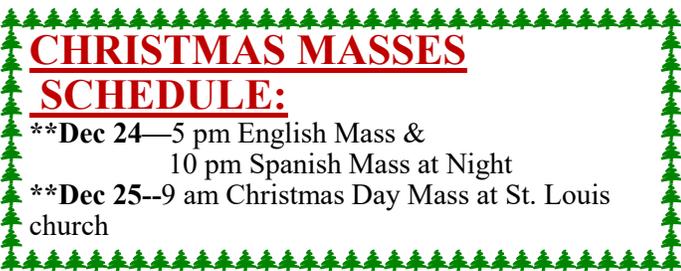
One of the best ways to celebrate this year of Eucharistic Revival is to have a holy hour. Below are some open times- **Please call the office or a coordinator below to sign up for an open hour or as a substitute!**

### OPEN CHAPEL HOURS

Sunday/domingo 11-12noon, 12-1 pm, 10-11 pm  
Tuesday/martes 6-7 am, 7-8 am  
Friday/Viernes 1-2 am, 11-12noon, 2-3 pm

### Chapel Coordinators / Coordinadores de Capilla

12 midnight-5am Barbara Rodriguez 503-559-7413  
6 am-11 am Pilar Zamora 503-792-4424  
12 noon-5 pm Veronica Davidson 503-951-0533  
6 pm-11 pm Sandi Belleque 503-508-0971

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
**SCHEDULE:**  
\*\*Dec 24—5 pm English Mass &  
10 pm Spanish Mass at Night  
\*\*Dec 25--9 am Christmas Day Mass at St. Louis  
church

### **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL:**

“Knowing the necessity of preparing ourselves well to receive Holy Communion, let us ask Jesus to give us lively faith, simplicity of heart, peace of mind, zeal, fervor, confidence and especially humility and love of God. If we receive Holy Communion with these dispositions, our mind will be refreshed and enlightened, and our soul will be enriched with many graces and heavenly favors.”  
The Imitation of Christ. Book IV Chapter 4

“Conociendo la necesidad de prepararnos bien para recibir la Sagrada Comunión, pidamos a Jesús que nos dé fe viva, sencillez de corazón, tranquilidad de espíritu, celo, fervor, confianza y, sobre todo, humildad y amor a Dios. Si recibimos la Sagrada Comunión con estas disposiciones, nuestra mente se refrescará e iluminará y nuestra alma se enriquecerá con muchas gracias y favores celestiales”.  
La imitación de Cristo. Libro IV Capítulo 4

**Come to Sacred Heart FFC Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm for Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary group discussion/reflection**

**Jan. 8, 15 (Presentation, Finding in the Temple)**  
½ hr DVD session from Paradisus Dei & Wild Goose  
Ministries (Filmed in the Holy Land); ½ hr Group  
discussion/reflection  
**Sacred Heart FFC Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm**  
**Questions or to RSVP: Sandi Belleque**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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### **PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY AND TIME FOR CDA**

**MEETINGS:** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas would like to invite all women from the ages of 18 and up to our meetings on the 1st Saturday of the month in FFC at 9 am. We start with the Rosary and then discuss what ministries we would like to do throughout the year (ex. College scholarships, cookies for Seminarians, etc.) and also fundraising ideas for our Chapter. Come to a few meetings to see if you may be interested in joining CDA For more information, call Bobbie at 503-559-7413 or the office.

**2023 Altar Society Dues** — If your family hasn't already paid your dues for this year, it's not too late. Dues are \$10 per family and are used to purchase altar hosts and wine, flowers, altar linens, candles, church cleaning equipment and supplies. Mark your check "for altar society" and drop it into the collection basket, mail it, or drop it at the parish office. Parish volunteers clean the church weekly, launder altar server cassocks, and other tasks. If you'd like to help with any of the altar society ministries, call Marianne at 503-508-0451. Remember, God rewards the smallest deeds done with love.

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH AND HAVE NOT SIGNED UP TO BE AN ACTIVE CLEANER,** call Marianne at 503-508-0451 to become a cheerful cleaner. As parishioners, we take pride in keeping the Lord's House a clean and peaceful place of worship. We cannot afford to hire staff to clean the church weekly, but for 2022 we rely on 24 teams of parishioners (men, women, and older children) to vacuum, dust, empty trash, vacuum the Adoration Chapel and clean the Chapel's glass doors every Friday or Saturday.

**MORE WAYS TO SERVE OUR LORD:** we are in need of more lectors, ushers and altar servers at ALL Masses! Please email or call the office to sign up. Thank you

## The Christian in the World & Monastic Spirituality

*A four-part series led by Fr. John Paul Le, OSB, Abbot Peter Eberle, OSB, Br. Ambrose Stewart, OSB, and Fr. Michael Shrum, OSB.*

**January 13, 2024**

**What is monastic spirituality?**

**February 10, 2024**

**Monastic spirituality: A journey together to everlasting life.**

**March 9, 2024**

**Monastic spirituality: Listening to and praying with God's voice.**

**April 13, 2024**

**Monastic spirituality: Reaching out to and being formed by the world around us.**

The presentations are held in the Abbey library auditorium from 9:15 to 11:45 am. You may register at the door at the event or go online to [mountangelabbey.org/join-us/Christian-in-the-world](http://mountangelabbey.org/join-us/Christian-in-the-world) \$15 per session or \$50 for all four.

## Abbey Lenten Retreat "Son, Your Sins are Forgiven"

**Encountering God Through Forgiveness**  
**Silent retreat with Br. Louis de Montfort Nguyen, O.S.B. February 23 – 25, 2024**

*Forgiveness- why is it necessary in our broken world and how can we experience God's mercy when we forgive?* This silent retreat is a Scripture-based reflection on Divine forgiveness and its unfathomable depth that simply cannot be exhausted or limited, not even by our sins. We will explore and meditate on miraculous stories of forgiveness in the Gospel that reveal the power of forgiveness to heal souls, transform relationships, and ultimately, it is none other than an encounter and experience with the living God, who is Love and forgiveness.

Email [retreat@mtangel.edu](mailto:retreat@mtangel.edu) to register or for more information on any retreat, please email us at [retreat@mtangel.edu](mailto:retreat@mtangel.edu) and include your name, address, phone number, proposed dates for your retreat, and any special needs.

## Thank You! St. Joseph Parish Will Rebuild!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the St. Joseph Parish/Iglesia de San José Fire Relief Fund. There is still a lot to do with at least \$5 million worth of damage from the August 31 fire. We are so grateful for your continued support to rebuild this parish. Masses are still being celebrated in the gym. Donations to the St. Joseph Salem Fire Relief Fund can be made online. You can also mail your donations to the parish at 721 Chemeketa St NE, Salem OR 97301. Thank you for your support!

## Sat., February 3, 2024 *Our Lady of Peace retreat house in Beaverton SPONSORED EVENTS*

*Our Lady's Luncheon Tea & Silent Auction - in honor of Our Lady of the Pillar. \$50 per person. [Reserve your seat online](#) or call 503-649-7127*

**February 9-11, 2024**

[St. Juan Diego Parish](#) Women's Retreat

Contact: [sarahrichmond03@gmail.com](mailto:sarahrichmond03@gmail.com)

## Wed., Feb. 14, 2024 **Ash Wednesday Day Retreat OLP SPONSORED RETREAT**

*9 am-2:30 pm With Retreat Master, Archbishop John G. Vlazny \$50 fee includes lunch. [Register online](#) or call 503-649-7127*