

Sacred Heart-St. Louis Catholic Parish

Parroquía del Sagrado Corazón-San Luís

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - FEAST Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22, 39-40

Reflection: Imitate the Holy Family, the true model of life. Even in their holiness, Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were not exempt from suffering, and the difficulties of life. Yet they never wavered in their commitment to God or to each other. Theirs was a home where the child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Let us strive to make our homes a haven for others to grow in love, virtue, and favor.

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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation. Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."

— Colossians 3:12 ©LPi

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 www.school.shstl.org

School Principal: Mrs. Mariana Hill 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 1st 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!

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Como familias de fe, siempre debemos de estar abriendo caminos de esperanza, amor y paz entre nuestros miembros de la familia. Vivimos nuestra realidad con gran confianza en Dios. Luchamos cada día por ser mejores, por mantener viva la fe que nuestros padres nos han heredado. La liturgia de hoy nos dice que la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret vivió de manera sencilla, cumpliendo con sus deberes religiosos y civiles, pero siempre confiando en Dios. “Una vez que cumplieron todo lo que ordenaba la Ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él (Lucas 2,39-40). Si el amor, el respeto y la comprensión están presente en la familia, los niños crecen en sabiduría y gracia. ¿Cómo está mi familia en términos de escucha y acompañamiento?

“En cada familia hay problemas, y a veces también se discute. Padre me he peleado...; somos humanos, somos débiles, y todos tenemos a veces este hecho de que peleamos en la familia. Os diré una cosa: si nos peleamos en familia, que no termine el día sin hacer las paces. Si, he discutido, pero antes que termine el día, haz las paces. Y sabes ¿por qué? Porque la guerra fría del día siguiente es muy peligrosa. No ayuda. Y luego, en la familia hay tres palabras, tres palabras que hay que custodiar siempre: Permiso, gracias, perdón (Papa Francisco 12/27/2020). ¿Qué debo trabajar en mi familia para vivir en armonía?

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.

¿Puedes preparar un desayuno para las reuniones sociales para personas mayores de 2024? Esto es el cuarto viernes por la mañana de cada mes que se sirve después de la misa diaria de la mañana. Por lo que solo se necesitan una o dos personas. Por favor llame a la oficina si está interesado o tiene más preguntas.

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	

FESTIVIDAD DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Lucas 2:22-40 o Lucas 2:22, 39-40

Reflexion: Imita a la Sagrada Familia, verdadero modelo de vida. Incluso en su santidad, María, José y su niño Jesús no estuvieron exentos del sufrimiento y de las dificultades de la vida. Sin embargo, nunca vacilaron en su compromiso con Dios o entre ellos. El suyo era un hogar donde el niño [Jesús] iba creciendo y se fortalecía, lleno de sabiduría; además, la gracia de Dios estaba con él. Esforcémonos por hacer de nuestros hogares un refugio para que otros crezcan en amor, virtud y favor.

Mass Intentions and Activities for the Week

Sunday/Domingo	December 31
8 am Mass at St. Louis	+Richard Louis Grassman
9:30 am Mass at SHC	+Frank Gubbels
Monday/Lunes	January 1, 2024
9 am Holy Day Mass (bilingual)	Catholic Daughters
Tuesday/Martes	January 2
8 am daily Mass	+Brian Shawn
Wednesday/Miercoles	January 3
8 am daily Mass	+Frank Gubbels
5 pm confessions	
6:15 pm misa español	+German Villa
Thursday/Jueves	January 4
6:15 pm daily Mass	+Jerry Borschowa
Friday/Viernes	January 5
8 am Mass at St. Louis	+Sandra Schlechter
6:15 pm misa Español	
Saturday/Sábado	January 6
8 am daily Mass at St. Louis	+Roseanna Marie Jirges
3 pm confessions	
4:30 pm Mass at SHC	special intention
6 pm misa Español	+Rufina Padron
Sunday/Domingo	January 7
8 am Mass at St. Louis	+deceased KC's
9:30 am Mass at SHC	Parishioners

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

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 \$6,883 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 for one time giving available as well.**



Children's FAITH FORMATION cff@shstl.org
Debi Edsinga 503-792-4231 ext. 310

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

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

miercoles 4:30-6 pm en Centro de
Formacion de Fe

January (Ordinary Time)

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

10--Clase

17--Clase



6th-8th Grades, High School and Young **Adult Faith Formation**

Katie Phelan -Youth Minister 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 2

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.

January 30 -- 4:30 pm at SHC		January 31 -- 8 am St. Louis		January 31 -- 9:30 am SHC	
Readers:	Ed Adelman	Connie Schlechter		Toby and Abby Saalfeld	
Sacristan/extra min:	Judy Brutka	Veronica Davidson		Rita Miller	
Altar servers:	volunteers	Moses and Kolbe Blair		Josh Saalfeld, Frank Orton	
Ushers:	volunteers	Frank Davidson		Dan Smith	
Greeters:	John and Stacey Kirk	Chris Welch		Rita Miller	
Cantor/Organist:	Pete Petrowski	volunteers			
Church Cleaning: Robert and Annette, Marlene, Gary Tesch					

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Your own issue shall be your heir."
The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading:

By faith he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age
—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

- Sunday:** The Holy Family; New Year's Eve
Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



Saint of the week

Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange was a trailblazing black Catholic who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first congregation of black religious sisters in the USA. Her faith and perseverance helped break down barriers and create new opportunities for black Catholics.

Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endow her with humility, courage, holiness, and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to fund the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provided educational, social, and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (state your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://nolacatholic.org/news/black-catholic-history-month-mother-mary-lange#:~:text=Prayer,the%20poor%20and%20the%20sick.>)

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

Attention Knights of Columbus and families. The annual Bingo night is on January 7, 2024 at 6 pm in the gym.

Come celebrate 2024 with your family at "Bingo with the Knights". A light snack and prizes will be provided. Men 18 years and up that are interested in the Knights of Columbus are welcome to come and check it out with their families as well. Come join us for fun and fellowship. See you there!
In Christ Bob Nelson

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL:

"Upon receiving Holy Communion, the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours."
St. John. Vianney

"Al recibir la Sagrada Comuni3n, la Sangre Adorable de Jesu-cristo realmente fluye por nuestras venas y Su Carne realmente se mezcla con la nuestra". San Juan. Vianney

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
sldre@comcast.net (503) 508-0971

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

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 \$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 to register or for more information on any retreat, please email us at 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

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