

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



Scrip - Even though we cannot sell Scrip after weekend masses, it is still available for purchase. Please email your order to scrip@vcsknights.org. We can arrange a pick-up time or deliver your order to you! We have quick turnaround times and can usually have it ready within 1 day!

Rummage Sale Drop-Off - Now accepting gently used clothing, shoes, furniture, toys and books on Monday, December 28th, from 11am to 5pm at the Forester Hall (next to the Parish Center). For questions, please contact Adriana Ortiz Bazan at 503-680-4468 or aortiz603@gmail.com

Items NOT Accepted - Car seats, baby cribs, playpens, bathroom items, large household appliances, building materials, encyclopedias, mattress or box springs, torn, soiled, damaged couches or chairs, CRT televisions, auto parts, paint/chemicals or any non-working items.

Visitation Catholic School Annual Appeal - Visitation Catholic School's 15th Annual Appeal has started. We are hoping to raise \$15,000 to finance school operations and to aid families with needed tuition assistance. The Annual Appeal helps Visitation to continue its tradition of offering a strong academic foundation for all students. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or mailed to: Visitation Catholic School, 4189 NW Visitation Rd, Forest Grove, OR 97116.



Phase II Campaign: Cultivating Arts and Athletics for Community

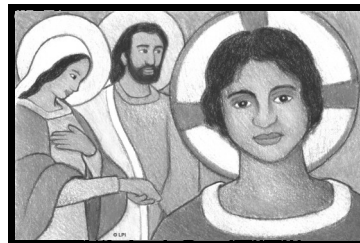
Currently \$699,696 has already been pledged and donated to create more opportunities for arts and athletics in our community. If you would like to donate, please visit www.vcsknights.org.

Please join me in imploring the help and seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother and pray the Memorare:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to your protection, implored your help,
or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
But in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen



*Behold our Savior!
Christ the Lord!*



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

— Lk 2:39-40

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DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 am

Friday: 8:30 am

Capacity limits are in place. Satellite locations will be used once capacity is met.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

NEW FAMILIES:

Kindly register by calling the rectory

BAPTISMS: By appointment

MARRIAGES: By appointment
at least six months prior to marriage

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Dear Parishioners,

With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”) Pope Francis marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. For this reason, from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, he has designated it as the Year of Saint Joseph.

As I shared with the students at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School during the celebration of the Mass for December 18, when an angel is sent by God, it usually means there is a task that must be done. In the life of St. Joseph, an angel appears to him three times.

The first time is when St. Joseph who has plans to divorce Mary quietly, is instructed to take Mary into his home. The second time, the angel warns St. Joseph of King Herod’s bounty on Jesus’ head and so the Holy Family flees to Egypt. Finally, the third time, the angel informs St. Joseph that it is safe to return to Galilee as King Herod has died.

Each time St. Joseph responds with a *silent* obedience to what has been asked of him. I emphasize *silent* because there is no record in Sacred Scripture of St. Joseph saying a word. We know that St. Joseph can and is able to speak, but his words are powerfully spoken through his actions.

St. Joseph’s quiet, strong, and resilient witness is quite heroic and refreshing in a world where those in leadership position live by a “do what I say, but don’t do what I do” model. Through action, St. Joseph shows that he is the protector, provider and guardian of his wife and family. He lives his vocation without seeking any fanfare, spotlight, and recognition. His only concern is getting the job done.

And during this difficult year of 2020 with COVID-19, according to Pope Francis, St. Joseph “has helped us see more clearly the importance of ‘ordinary’ people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day.” These people who are our frontline workers, essential workers like teachers, and just ordinary family and friends or even neighbors, get the job done. These are the Josephs in our midst who deal with life’s challenges, obstacles, pains, sufferings and struggles who place their faith and trust in God’s providence

As we begin this new calendar year of 2021 in this Year of Saint Joseph, we are invited to pray through his intercession. I invite you to pray this prayer as a family in your homes. At the weekend Masses, the lector will be reciting this prayer after the Welcoming so we can place ourselves under the care of Saint Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father to Jesus.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

Blessed Christmas and New Year,
Fr. Michael

2021 Contribution Envelopes

The 2021 contribution envelopes are ready to be picked up at the entrance of church. If you don't have an assigned box and would like one, there are extras. For questions, please call Donna Heesacker at 971-645-6839.

DC Kids Christmas Raffle Basket Winner

Congratulations to Linda Knudson.

Harold Vance sold the winning ticket! Thank you all who supported the DC Kids. You are GREATLY appreciated!

New Years Day, Friday January 1st

The following families have reservations in the Church. Agustin, Dooney, Duyck (Greg), Eckler (James/Richard/Cheryl), Evers (Todd), Heckenberg, Heesacker (Louann), Herinckx (Jim), LaBonte (Lee/Louie), Mullally, Stadelman (Ben/Jason/Michael).

Space is still available in the Church and Satellite locations on a first Come first serve basis. Laura Nevis can be reached at 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	December	27	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:00 am	Special Intention by Heather Renshaw
Monday	December	28	8:00 am	Caryl Darst † by Paul & Kirsten Keller
Tuesday	December	29	8:00 am	Don Mallett † by Patricia Marco
Wednesday	December	30	No Mass	
Thursday	December	31	8:00 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Friday	January	1	9:00 am	Florence Crop † by Andy & Patty Duyck
Saturday	January	2	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass in the Church
			5:00 pm	Michael Giesbers † by Gilbert & Nadine Giesbers

Jan 1st, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 am

Server: Andrew Duyck

Lector: Jim Herinckx

Eucharistic Host Minister: Cheryl Eckler

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

December 19th & 20th

Envelopes & Checks: \$7,321.00

Loose Collection: \$43.00

Retirement for Religious: \$60.00

Cemetery Fund: \$50.00

Weekend Masses For January 2nd & 3rd

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Lee LaBonte	Sandy Scott	David Renshaw
EMHC—Host	Christy Duyck Dean Hermance	Judy Verboort Lani Vandehey	Cheryl Eckler Genelle Duyck
Server	Lena Duyck	Chris Carlson	Noah Renshaw
Music	Sarah Crosby Bethany Stewart		Kathy Juenemann Karen Jackson
Zoom Meeting	Alex Stewart	Anne Nevis	Nate Wessels

Mass Sign-Up Update

Effective Saturday, January 2, there is no requirement to sign up for Masses with contact list. First come, first serve. Once the capacity limit has been met in the Church, satellite location(s) will be open.

We are reminded that mask/face coverings are REQUIRED with the only exception of disability or medical reason and please do not gather after Mass and promptly return to your vehicle. Thanks for your cooperation.

Saturday Confession time from 4:00-4:30pm will begin Saturday, January 2 and beyond. You can still make an appointment with Fr. Michael via text, e-mail, or phone call if the confession time is not convenient.

New Year's Day Mass

Friday, January 1st at 9:00am New Year's Day, Mary, Mother of God Mass

Live Streaming of Masses

The Archdiocese of Portland will continue to live stream the 11:00am Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception every week until the gathering restrictions have been lifted. Go to <https://archdpdx.org/live-masses>

St. Edward/St. Francis of Assisi/Visitation is live streaming the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00am and 10:00am Sunday Masses in Verboort. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746 Password: HolyMass

9:00am Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day Mass Friday, January 1 in Verboort. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 970 1739 4694 Passcode: HolyMass

RCIA

No Meeting Sunday, December 27 and January 3. Enjoy Christmas and New Year's!

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Meets Sunday, January 17 from 6:00-7:00pm at Visitation church for Liturgy of the Hours and Service Project. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

H.S. Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, January 24 from 6:00-7:00pm at Visitation church for Liturgy of the Hours and Service Project. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

H.S. Confirmation (grades 9 and older)

Meets Sunday, January 10 from 6:00-7:00pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Eucharist Part II: Real and True Presence. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or e-mail: lnevis@farthing.com.

Religious Education

Meets Monday, January 4th from 4:00-5:00pm in the Convent.

Prayers for Fr. Roberto and the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

Prayer to implore Fr. Roberto's health through the intercession of Venerable Felix of Jesus Rougier:

Merciful Father, in your goodness, I confidently ask, through the intercession of Venerable Father Felix of Jesus Rougier, for the complete recovery of Fr. Roberto Saldivar, Missionary of the Holy Spirit. Glorify your servant on earth so that all priests, religious men and women, and laity, inspired by his example, may be transformed into your son, Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim. May all be for the greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity, the holiness of your priestly people, and the building of your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed from Wednesday, December 23rd to Monday, January 4th. Merry Christmas!

USDA Food Box Program Update

The USDA through Pacific Coast Fruit is in Phase 4 of food boxes distribution from November 1 through December 31, 2020 at Hillsboro High School.

40 Days of Christmas Feeding the Hungry Outreach

The Knight of Columbus invites Visitation parish to join us in helping St. Vincent de Paul meet the needs of the local community over these 40 days of Christmas. This period starts with Christmas and culminates with Candlemas on Feb. 2nd, also known as the 4th Joyful Mystery: Presentation in the Temple, when Mother Mary with Joseph brought forth her firstborn Jesus to be presented to the Lord. Please bring your donations in the form of canned goods and non-perishable items such as soaps and toiletries to drop boxes in the back of church, the parish hall, or the school office. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generous contributions.

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Fr. Michael's Pick: "The Virtue of Patience Amidst Chaos" As we begin this season of Advent, we are called to be alert, awake, and vigilant which requires PATIENCE. In this episode of FORMED Now! Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School, sit down to discuss the virtue of patience. This conversation talks about the role of patience in the Christian life, how it is expressed, the difficulties of exercising it, and how to practically grow in the virtue of patience. (Run Time: 18 minutes).