



St. Jude Catholic Church

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Eugene, Oregon

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Do you have news to add to the bulletin or wish to give an announcement before mass....? Just email news@stjude.live - it'd be great to know sooner than later (the Monday before would be best).

From Fr. Jonah

For part of my childhood, my bedroom was upstairs above the kitchen, in an old house that had no central heating. There were “registers” in the floor—each upstairs room had a square hole in the floor, covered with a metal grid so that air could get through from the rooms below. That meant that when my mother was preparing dinner, I could hear the sound of pots and chopping and the catchy tune before NPR’s “All things considered”. Sometimes, later in the evening while I lay in bed, she softly played guitar and sang. So many wonderful sounds came through the register.

Music was very important in our family. Even when we were poor enough to live on food stamps, we had a piano. Some of my most vivid memories are of us around the piano in the evening, singing carols or Irish songs.

Something miraculous happens in music. Our deepest sentiments, the ones we cannot find words to express, are brought forth and given expression. The body, the mind, and the spirit unite. We also find ourselves united with other people in a way that reminds me of the life of the Trinity: distinct persons, yet also one. A symphony is like this. Each instrument is distinct, yet together they all form a single marvelous sound. A choir is like this too: different voices, men and women, high and low, young and old, blend together. The Church is like this too. Each person in the Church is absolutely unique, so precious that Christ gives specific, personal love to each. And the Church is One, as we say in the Creed. One and many.

In my life, music has always been an important way for me to learn to be together with other people in a way that respects these two fundamental truths: we are each unique, and we are one body. Please consider adding musical expression to your regular life. Come to a musical evening at my house, maybe join our choir, and at the very least, take advantage of the season and belt out Christmas music with your family, in your car, and at our church!



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24

5:00PM Children's Mass - children are invited to dress as a member of the nativity scene - all angels, shepherds and wise people are welcome!

8:00PM Midnight Mass

December 25

7:15AM Shepherd's Mass

9:00AM Christmas Day Mass

December

- ◆ Saturday, December 21 at 10:00AM Scripture and Liturgy Reflection with Elizabeth in the library of the Hilltop Center. Classes will start up again in January.
- ◆ Sundays, Now-Dec. 22 between the masses - Fr. Jon will be giving a talk each week on the letter to the Romans in the Hilltop Center.
- ◆ Sunday, Dec 15 at 5:00PM - Healing Prayer and Adoration for Advent in the Church with a potluck afterward in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00PM - Evening Encounter: Joe Lieberman discusses his recent book at Fr. Jonah's.
- ◆ The Giving Tree and Family "Adoptions". Thanks for supporting these two efforts. The deadline to return items is here. If you have anything outstanding, please get it back to the church by 1PM this Sunday. Questions? Call Karla at 541.868.4782.
- ◆ Friday, Dec. 20 from 9:00AM-12Noon. Christmas Food Box Distribution. All are welcome to come and meet some of the families we help as well as other parishioners. Contact Greg at 541.337.6058.
- ◆ There will be **NO** children's faith formation on: Wednesday, December 25 and Saturday, December 28
- ◆ There will be **NO** adult faith formation on Saturday, December 28

Thanks from the Altar Society! A big thank you from the Altar Society members for supporting our recent wreath sale and bake sale. Due to your generosity we made \$945.50 from selling the wreaths and \$583.00 from the bake sale. These funds will go towards purchasing hosts, wine, candles, new chalices, and other altar needs.

Mass Intentions: Please pray for Maria Franco

Collection: Thank you for your contributions of \$4,267.00 last week. Last weekend, Jeanne and Jim Savage presented a complete financial picture of our parish at each mass. It takes a lot of time, energy and resources to run our parish. Commitment cards were distributed and we urge you to prayerfully consider what you can contribute in 2020. It really helps the Finance Committee to know what funds can be anticipated on a regular basis. Even better if you set up an automatic deduction. Thanks.

Upcoming Special Collections include: Christmas Flowers for the church and Retirement Fund for the Religious. Envelopes will be in the hardcopy bulletin.