



## *St. Jude Catholic Church*

4330 Willamette Street  
Eugene, Oregon

*December 8, 2019*

*Second Sunday of Advent*

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mass....? Just email news@stjude.live - it'd be great to know sooner than later  
(the Monday before would be best).

## From Fr. Jonah

There's an empty hut in front of the altar now, on a little green hill with no shepherds, no angels, no kings. Everything is silent, a little forlorn, like the mossy branches of the trees outside, empty of color except for a few dead leaves. Is this the end of all things? Does life blossom and fructify, only to wither and die? What else could this time mean?

Our sanctuary space is also emptier. The celebrant's seat has been moved to be on a level with the congregation, less on display. He too is a hearer of the Word, before being a proclaimer of the Word from the ambo and then a servant in persona Christi at the altar. The choir is also part of the congregation, singing with the rest of the people, carrying the voices of the whole church like the backbone of a large and varied symphony. Along with the choir and the people, angels invisibly join in our song.

Now a bare altar awaits, majestic and ready, between the cradle and the Cross. On it, our lives are offered, and given back to us in return. Our work, the "fruit of the earth and work of human hands", is given to God and is received anew, transfigured. On this altar, Christ comes to nourish his flock. Angels, signified in the candle flames, stand their trembling, luminous watch over this place of sacrifice, gift, and communion.

And all of us, newly scoured by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, await the coming of the Life, the Light, the Child.



## **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**

- Sat. at 10:00AM Scripture and Liturgy Reflection with Elizabeth in the library of the Hilltop Center.
- Sundays, Now thru-Dec. 22 between the masses - Fr. Jon will be giving a talk each week on the letter to the Romans in the Hilltop Center.
- Tue., Dec.10 at 7:00PM - Evening Encounter: Co-director of Salem Pastoral Counseling Center, Judy Tuttle Zollner, will speak on laughter and joy.
- Sun., Dec 15 at 5:00PM - Healing Prayer and Adoration for Advent in the Church with a potluck afterward in the Parish Hall.
- Wed., Dec. 18 at 7:00PM - Evening Encounter: Joe Lieberman discusses his book about "Jesus, first century rabbi", at Fr. Jonah's.
- The Giving Tree - This year we will focus on helping 1st Way Pregnancy Resource Center provide support for women and girls and their infants and toddlers. It's easy - simply take a tag and shop for items requested. We will be stocking 1st Way's supplies for the year. Baby Layette ingredients are posted by the tree. Return unwrapped by Dec.15 Contact Karla at 541.868.4782.
- This year St. Jude's will "adopt" 10 families served by Catholic Community Services to help make their Christmas a happy one. Details posted by the tree in the church.
- Fri., 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.

**Mass Intentions:** Please pray for Maria Franco

**Thanks!** A special note of thanks to Karla for orchestrating our first monthly Birthday and Anniversary celebration. The cupcakes were delicious and fun to see the B-Day Saints.

**Collection:** Thank you for your contributions of \$3,036 last week. Jeanne and Jim Savage will be presenting a financial picture of our parish at each mass this weekend. If you have questions, members of the Finance Committee will be available after the masses.

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