

This Week at Saint James Parish

Sunday, February 21

The Altar Society is serving coffee and goodies this morning. Join us in the Lower Hall after the morning Masses.

Religious Education Classes, including Adult Confirmation Preparation — Upper Hall, after the 11 am Mass

Wednesday, February 24

Tai Chi Class — 1 pm, Upper Hall
Soup Supper and Lenten Series
— 6 pm, Lower Hall, then 7 pm Upper Hall

Thursday, February 25

RCIA — Rite of Election, 7:30 pm at St. Johns

Friday, February 26

Church Cleaning — 7:30 am, Church
Stations of the Cross — 11:30 am, Church

Saturday, February 27

Reconciliation — 3:30 pm, Church

What's happening at St. James

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 11:30 am followed by Mass.

Soup Supper and Lenten Series

Each Wednesday during Lent we will have a Soup Supper, which will begin at 6 pm in the Lower Hall. Each week you can try out the wonderful soups that are provided by our parish groups. This week a variety of soups will be made by our parish staff.



Diners are asked to contribute to Operation Rice Bowl. It is a wonderful way to have a weekly reminder of the needs of others during Lent.

If your time constraints do not allow you to come for the whole evening, come to the part that fits into your schedule.

After the supper we will have our Lenten Series at 7 pm in the Upper Hall. In this year's series, entitled "A Journey with Jesus," we will look at various

aspects of Christ's life. See the *Adult Faith Formation* column to the right for more information about this week's session.



A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Adult Faith Formation

A Journey with Jesus Lenten Series Week 1: *The Path of the Messiah*

Wednesday, February 24, 7-8:30 pm, Upper Hall

We will begin our Lenten Series by retracing Jesus' footsteps as we take a virtual tour of the Holy Land. We will experience a multimedia journey with EWTN's Raymond Arroyo and Jeff Cavins as they follow the path of Jesus from his birth to his resurrection.

In this week's part 1 of 2, they'll explore Bethlehem, sail on the windy Sea of Galilee, and make their way through Jerusalem. Your guides will share their pilgrim experiences with such feeling that will capture the beauty and drama of Christ's mission as never before. The Path of the Messiah is a journey of faith.

Here is what one reviewer had to say.

The Path of the Messiah is partly a guided tour and partly a meditation on the Gospels. When I watched the DVD I was instantly captivated and started taking notes. In this tour of the Holy Land they visit the many sites that Our Lord once visited. Their stops at St. Peter's home, the location of the wedding feast, the synagogue Jesus taught in and the Sea of Galilee help bring the stories of Christ in the Scriptures to life. In total you get to see over 25 historical sites from Bethlehem to Jerusalem.

Aside from being interesting, this production is also entertaining. Jeff Cavins is very genuine as he leads prayer and meditation and talks about the historical significance of where he is. He has a natural way of speaking and is very easy to relate to.

I have never been to the Holy Land, but this DVD makes me feel like I've been there. Show this to your Bible study or prayer group. It will greatly enhance your understanding of the Gospels. From tibberiver.com

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Offerings of Treasure for February 14th

Regular Offering	_____	\$6,014.47
Capital Campaign	_____	\$4,605.00
St. Vincent de Paul	_____	\$372.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE CATHOLIC NORTHWEST
PROGRESS

Subscription Drive

This weekend parishioners are invited to subscribe to the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Seattle. During the "Progress Sunday" weekend \$10 of each subscription will be donated back to our parish. For more information call 206-382-7313, or e-mail circulation@seattlearch.org.

Black and Indian Mission

In your pew you will find envelopes for the Black and Indian Mission Collection, which provides yearly grants to the U.S. Bishops to promote evangelization and catechesis among Native Americans and African American peoples, with an emphasis on serving economically challenged areas within dioceses. For more information visit www.blackandindianmission.org



You are invited to use provided envelopes for your donation to this effort. You may place your donation in the Sunday collection during Mass.

Operation Rice Bowl

Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Rice Bowls with calendars inside are available at the doors of the Church. Take one, put it on your table and remember those less fortunate than you. There are many reflections and suggestions to help you and your family experience Lent and participate in the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church. At the end of Lent, please return the Rice Bowl with your donation for this great charity.

Shrove Tuesday — Thank You

The Altar Society thanks all who made the Shrove Tuesday dinner and raffle a terrific success. A special thank you goes out to the Men's Club for all their hard work. They would also like to congratulate the winners of this year's raffle.

<p>Holy Humor:</p> <p>Just before the temptation in the desert</p>	
<p>JUST LOOK AT HIM ... HE TOTALLY THINKS HE'S GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD</p>	

1st Sunday of Lent: The Desert Journey

- *1st Reading:* Deuteronomy 26:4-10
(Brought out of Egypt)
- *2nd Reading:* Romans 10:8-13 (The Lord of All)
- *Gospel:* Luke 4:1-13 (The Temptation of Jesus)

Questions for Reflection:

- ♦ *For Adults:* What areas of my life do I need to fully surrender into God's hands?
- ♦ *For Children:* How does Jesus show us a way to be close to our heavenly Father?

COMMUNITY UPDATE

40 Days for Life

Through March 31, 8 am to 3 pm

40 days for Life is an opportunity to pray for the women and children victims of abortion at Planned Parenthood in Vancouver (5500 NE 109th Ct.). We have hosts for each day of the week Monday through Saturday. Please join us if you can. Information contact: Jerry Ross 360-673-2376.

St. John Vianney—Live Performance

Thursday, March 4th, 7pm

St. John's Church, 8701 NE 119th St., Vancouver
A free-will offering will be taken. Suitable for ages 9+. Information contact: 573-3325.

Grief Recovery Weekend

March 5-7, The Griffin Center

Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death or a divorce? A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for 2 nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangement may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available.

Information contact: Margi Harp — 503-390-7971, email — margi8280@comcast.net, or visit online at www.beginningexperience.org. Registration by March 2nd is recommended.

Lenten Evenings of Reconciliation

The Southern Deanery is offering the following Penance Services for Lent. The services all begin at 7 pm. Each evening begins with communal prayers and ends with individual confessions. Several priests are available at each church.

- ✦ Saint John, Vancouver Mon. March 8
- ✦ Holy Redeemer, Vancouver Wed. March 10
- ✦ Saint Rose, Longview Thurs. March 11
- ✦ Saint James, Vancouver Thurs. March 16
- ✦ Saint Joseph, Vancouver Thurs. March 18
- ✦ Saint Thomas, Camas Mon. March 22
- ✦ Sacred Heart, Battle Ground Thurs. March 25