



St. Juan Diego Parish

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon



Year for Priests

December 25, 2009

Nativity of the Lord

Where is Christ?

The Christmas story is not just about looking back 2000 years. But we remember so that we may live better lives today and into the future. That is the purpose of every liturgical action. Remembering the birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and living that faith today is the way we worship the Savior of the World. May we endeavor to serve Christ every day in prayer, worship and in our service to others.

Have a blessed Christmas.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. John Kerns
Parish Priest



Do not be afraid:
Open your hearts in welcome
to the Light of Christ.

Christina Jackson, Grade 5

No Room at the Inn

By J.W. Kerns

Winter's cold, dark night sought the God of Light
Yet a child in Mary's womb with Joseph by her side
There was no place to stay. They were turned away.
No one let them into their heart.

*There was no room at the inn, no room at the inn
Jesus come in to my heart*

Who will care for those lacking food and clothes?
Facing all life's struggles on path they never chose.
They'll have no place to stay if they're turned away.
Who will let them into their heart?

*There was no room at the inn, no room at the inn
Jesus come in to my heart*

All our busy days, and our sinful ways
They make God feel distant when its our hearts that stray.
God longs for us to stay, yet we turn away,
Will we let God into our hearts?

*There was no room at the inn, no room at the inn
Jesus come in to my heart*



Prayer Intentions

For those who are ill:

Mike Meyer, father of Don Meyer
Mark Weston, parishioner
Allison Novinger, parishioner
Kristi Claeys, daughter of Don & Ardith Claeys
Robin Aylesworth, niece of Pat Bigcraft
Helene Johnsen, parishioner

Our Mission

We are St. Juan Diego Parish,
a welcoming Roman Catholic community
empowered by the Holy Spirit, who worship, serve and
evangelize as we gather a vibrant, diverse, multi-cultural
People of God dedicated to proclaiming
the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Scripture Readings

December 25
Nativity of the Lord

December 27
Feast of
the Holy Family

<i>First Reading</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
<i>Second Reading</i>	Hebrews 1:1-6	Colossians 3:12-21
<i>Gospel</i>	John 1:1-18	Luke 2:41-52

Mass Schedule


Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM at St. Gabriel Episcopal Church, 17435 NW West Union Rd., Portland, OR.

Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM at Portland Community College Rock Creek Campus Gym, Portland, OR.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 AM Mass at Fr. Kerns' home at 17189 NW Stoller Dr. Look for the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe near the front door. *See schedule below.*

If you would like to have a Mass offered for anyone, contact or email Nanette Martin at the office. The suggested donation of \$10 usually accompanies an intention.

Masses Intentions for this Week:

Dec 28	Mon	No AM Mass
Dec 29	Tue	No AM Mass
Dec 30	Wed	Open Intention
Dec 31	Thur	Hung & Phuong Nguyen by Teresa & Tam Vo-Nguyen
Jan 1	Fri	Open Intention 9am St. Gabriel's Church
Jan 2	Sat	Open Intention
Jan 3	Sun	 Missa pro Populo

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. Kerns will be available on Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM before Mass.

Visitations to the Sick and Homebound: Please call Kathy at the office if you know of someone who needs Communion taken to them at home or in the hospital.

Home Mass: Sign up to attend one of the Home Masses.

St. Juan Diego Directory

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Faith Formation

2010 Schedule:

No class: Dec 27, Jan 3

Class: Jan 10, 17, 24, 31

For complete schedule www.stjuandiego.org/abc.htm

Confirmation Retreat: January 8-10, 2010 in Lincoln City. Permission slips are required and can be found on the website: www.stjuandiego.org/confirmation.htm. Please turn in registration forms and payment to Bridget's Basket or the parish office by January 3rd. We could use a few more chaperones, especially to help with transportation. Contact Bridget if you can help, bbecker@stjuandiego.org.

Called to Protect Safe Environment Training: Every day we are bombarded with news stories about child abuse and neglect. The U.S. Department of Health estimates over 89,000 cases of child abuse annually. An American is sexually assaulted every 2.5 minutes. 44% of rape victims are under the age of 18. We can be proud that as a church, we are truly leading the way in child abuse prevention. We ask for your support and participation in our efforts. Together we can follow God's calling and help make abuse stop.

Please join us at an informative educational meeting, *Called to Protect for Parents and Families*. It is our goal to educate all parish families on steps you can take to protect your children: warning signs to look for in adults in our community, and how teaching your children boundaries which can help protect them when you are not there. Please join us as we work together to stop child abuse.

Parent meeting: January 10, 2010

Time: 11:00- 12:15

Location: Auditorium of Building 7



SJD Middle School service project. This project was founded in 1993 by Dr. Greg Mortensen, author of *Three Cups of Tea*. Proceeds will support his mission to build and furnish schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Please consider supporting our middle-schoolers as they promote peace through education. Donation canisters will be at the entrance of church.. www.penniesforpeace.org.

SJD Job Search Group meets on Mondays from 11:30am to 1pm at the Bethany Village Godfathers. For information contact Mike Cooney at mike@cooneys.us. All are welcome.

Calling all Girl Scouts: I'm updating my database of Girl Scouts and Leaders who attend St. Juan Diego parish. I use this list to coordinate Girl Scout Sunday, cookie sales, and any additional service projects. Do you have a daughter who is a Girl Scout? Are you a Girl Scout leader? Please email Lynn Parker, Lynn@iParker.net. Thank you!



Rosary Prayer Group: Sat, Jan 2, 4:30pm Youth Room at St. Gabriel's and Sun, Jan 3, 9am, bleachers at PCC.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

December 19 & 20

\$3581.00

619 People

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

✦ Thursday December 24, Family Mass
5 pm, PCC Rock Creek Gym

Christmas Day Mass

✦ Friday, December 25
9:30 am, PCC Rock Creek Gym

Feast of the Holy Family

✦ Saturday, December 26
5 pm, St. Gabriel Church
✦ Sunday, December 27
9:30 am, PCC Rock Creek Gym

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✦ Friday, January 1, 2010
9:30 am, St. Gabriel Church

Epiphany of the Lord

✦ Saturday, January 2, 2010
5 pm, St. Gabriel Church
✦ Sunday, January 3, 2010
9:30 am, PCC Rock Creek Gym

Building Campaign Update, December 6, 2009

Visit our Building Blog, www.stjuandiego.org.

And view the link below

GIFT CATALOG CHRISTMAS SEASON 2009

This Christmas Season, St. Juan Diego would like you to consider making a gift toward the furnishing of our new church. View our gift catalog and you will find a variety of items ranging from \$750 to \$25. In looking through the catalog as a family, an individual or on behalf of a loved one, please consider allocating some of your Christmas dollars to help furnish St. Juan Diego's new church. A gift acknowledgement that you can put in a stocking or under the tree will be sent.. To make your gift, please contact the parish office. 503.644.1617.

Thank You! We have received donations totaling over \$10,000. There is still time to donate the following items from the gift catalog: *Minister's Ciboria, Minister's Cup, Altar Server Robes & Cintures, Lobby Display Racks, Collapsible Tables, Wooden Easels, Trays.* Please contact the office or send in a check noting which item you would like to donate. Thank You for your prayerful consideration and generosity!

Construction costs are estimated at \$5,150,00 and we have received pledges totaling \$4,933,928. The Campaign Continuation Committee continues to seek new pledges. Please be open to their calls. If you would like to make or extend a pledge please contact Nanette. We appreciate the generous support of all of our parishioners. Thank you and thank God!

End of the Year Donation: Complete your Parish or Building Pledges by the end of the year to be included in your 2009 tax donation report. Many have inquired about making stock donations. This is beneficial to both you and to the parish. You have an opportunity to take advantage of the value of your stock and make a donation without taxation. Call Kathy or Nanette at the office to email you the forms or pick them up from the Admin table at Mass. Thank you for your faithful support to the parish.



Do you know someone that wants to reconnect with their faith? Do you want to grow in your faith? There will be a program just for you during Lent. Look for more information on **Awakening Faith on Awakening Faith Sunday February 14!**

For more information contact Bridget Becker, bbecker@stjuandiego.org.

Next Baptism Prep Sessions: Tuesdays, Jan 12, 19, 26, 2010, 7 – 8:30pm, for parents and godparents preparing to have a child baptized in the spring. There will be no baptisms scheduled during Lent (Feb 17 – April 2). To sign up and to get directions to the meeting sites, email Almira Ko at almirako@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, call Kathy Yee at the office, 503.644.1617.

From the Social Justice Committee

You Can Make a Difference

"The mystery of poverty is that by sharing in it, making ourselves poor in giving to others, we increase our knowledge of and belief in love."

~ Dorthy Day

Thanks to the generosity of St Juan Diego parishioners:

- ✦ \$300 of gift cards were distributed to the needy for Thanksgiving meals through the Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club.
- ✦ 500 pounds of food was collected for St. Matthew's St. Vincent De Paul.
- ✦ 300 meals, desserts, and overnight stays have been provided for the homeless at the Shelter at Orenco Station.
- ✦ 20 needy families in our community have been adopted and will be provided with food and more than 60 gift cards.
- ✦ 12 families from Jerry's apartments will be provided with many needed items and gifts for Christmas.

Thank you for your acts of generosity and kindness! You have made a difference.