

# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARISH

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 13, 2009*



## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning

7:30, 9, 11 AM,

& Life Teen Mass at 6 PM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 6:30, 8:15 AM

Saturday 8:15 AM

Recitation of the Rosary

Monday-Saturday after 8:15 Services

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

or by Appointment

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Call the Parish Office

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*The Chambers family prepares symbols to hang on the Jesse Tree at OLL's 2009 Advent Festival.*

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# BUILDING BLOCKS

*A Campaign for Our Lady of the Lake Parish*

December 13, 2009

## Upcoming Calendar

Information Sessions will be held in January.

If you have not pledge by the end of December you will be invited to one of 20 information sessions hosted in various parishioner's homes. Look for your invitation in the mail in early January.

Remember, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email us directly.

We're here to help!

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## This Week's Reflection

God, our Father,  
We ask your special blessing  
on the volunteers of our  
parish, who will be visiting  
with other members of our  
parish.

May they find a warm  
welcome in the homes  
they visit.

May our people do their very  
best in the way of a financial  
commitment so that the work  
of your Church may be  
strengthened and fortified by  
their generous gifts.

We ask this in Jesus name,  
in union with the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

*Total Pledges to Date - \$8.8 million*



## Volunteers are the Lifeblood of the Campaign

*"I'm not good at that. I'd be uncomfortable. This is a bad time for me. I can't take on another project. I've done my share over the years. Let someone else do it."*

It's likely that the majority of our current *Building in Faith* campaign volunteers echoed at least some of those sentiments as they initially considered their involvement.

But after more than 50 parishioners did commit to the effort, they each discovered something wonderful -- new relationships, renewed sense of community and deep personal satisfaction in building a legacy for others.

For many of us, our parish is the place where we worship as well as devote considerable time volunteering in one or more of sixty different parish ministries. Our capital campaign volunteers recognize the great need for expanding our facilities and are willing to work on one more ministry, sacrificing for this campaign, in order to meet those needs.

We have a need for more volunteers, perhaps you could host an information session in your home in January or make follow up phone calls or help with stuffing envelopes for mailings. If you would like to volunteer to help with the campaign please contact Kim or Keith in the Parish office.

## Capital Review

As you can see by the header above we are almost at \$9 million in pledges, \$8,875,934 to be exact. We are happy to report that we have 100% participation from the teachers and school staff. We have received over 200 pledge cards from parishioners. Having said that we still have 1800 people to contact.

In January we will have a series of information meetings hosted in parishioners' homes and hope to connect face to face with parishioners. Face to face meetings provide every parishioner the opportunity to ask questions, personally evaluate the project with a trained volunteer and gives the volunteer the opportunity to thank you in person for your commitment. We are asking parishioners to welcome the volunteers, they call on behalf of Fr. Joe, and to consider a sacrificial pledge.

**New...A short animation of the design for the new Parish Center  
is now available on the parish web site.**

**The *Building in Faith* Capital Campaign video is also on the parish website.**

**[www.ollparish.com](http://www.ollparish.com)**



**This Week**

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Cantor Practice 7-7:30 AM (PH-carp)  
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast  
 7-11:30 AM (PH-kit,mid)  
 Cantor Practice 8:30-9 AM (PH-carp)  
 Children's Lit. of the Word 9 AM (PH-carp)  
 RE Classes PreK & K 9-10 AM (SCH)  
 Choir Practice 10-11 AM (PH-carp)  
 Parish Library Open 10-11:30 AM (LIB)  
 RE Classes 10:15-11:30 AM (SCH, FSR,OR)  
 Oregon Children's Choir 3-4:30 PM (CH)  
 Edge 4-5:45 PM (PH)  
 Musicians for Life 5-5:45 PM (CH)  
 Life Teen 7-9 PM (PH)

**Monday, December 14, 2009**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket  
 Assembly 8 AM-8 PM (PH)  
 CYO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30 PM (PR)  
 Knights of Columbus Mtg. 6-9 PM (FSR)  
 RE Parent & Child Prayer Service  
 6:30-7:15 PM (CH)  
 Cantor Meeting 7-9 PM (CH)  
 Facilities & Development Mtg. 7-9 PM (OR)  
 Boy Scouts 7:30-9 PM (SCH-LIB)

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket  
 Assembly 8 AM-8 PM (PH)

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket  
 Assembly 8 AM-8 PM (PH)  
 WINGS Group 9-11 AM (LIB)  
 6th Grade Speech 11 AM (PH-carp)  
 Womens' Charism. Pr. 11 AM-12 PM (PR)  
 Choir Rehearsal 7-9 PM (CH)  
 RCIA 7-9 PM (CH)

**Thursday, December 17, 2009**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket  
 Assembly 8 AM-8 PM (PH)  
 Job Seekers Meeting 9-11 AM (LIB)  
 School Christmas Program (CH)  
 6:30 PM — doors open at 6:00 PM

**Friday, December 18, 2009**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket  
 Assembly 8 AM-8 PM (PH)

**Saturday, December 19, 2009**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket  
 Distribution 8 AM-8 PM (PH)  
 Disciples of God's Spirit 7-8 AM (PR)  
 Cantor Practice 4-4:45 PM (PH-carp)

**Sunday, December 20, 2009**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Cantor Practice 7-7:30 AM (PH-carp)  
 Cantor Practice 8:30-9 AM (PH-carp)  
 Coffee & Donuts 8:30 AM-12:30 PM (PH-kit)  
 Children's Lit. of the Word 9 AM (PH-carp)  
 RE Classes PreK & K 9-10 AM (SCH)  
 Choir Practice 10-11 AM (PH-carp)  
 Parish Library Open 10-11:30 AM (LIB)  
 RE Classes 10:15-11:30 AM (SCH, FSR,OR)  
 Edge/Life Teen Caroling 3 PM (meet at PH)  
 Musicians for Life 4-5:45 PM (CH)

Parish Office Bldg., 650 A Ave.: FRS= Fireside Room,  
 R=Oak Room, PR=Patio Room, LIB=Library;  
 B1/B2=Basement; PH=Parish Hall (kit, tile or carp),  
 CH=Church; SCH=School

**Retirement Fund for Religious - Share in the Care**

*Religious Face Rising Costs*

Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to the religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care.

Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection.

[www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)



**SALT  
AND  
LIGHT**

**Select From The Giving Tree  
One Week Left!**

**Final week to JOIN us to help the homeless . . .**

Please select a gift tag or envelope from one of the beautiful giving trees located at the entrances of the church and Parish Hall.

Return your new, unwrapped gifts to the red boxes near the trees by Sunday, December 20.

Send your financial donations to the Parish Office or put in the Sunday Mass collection basket by Sunday, December 20.

*Thank you!*



**The Oregon Children's Choir  
and Youth Chorale**

*Proudly Presents*

**"Angels"**

Sunday, December 13, 2009 - 3:00 PM

Our Lady of the Lake Church

Admission \$15 General, \$10 Students & Seniors

The Oregon Children's Choir and Youth Chorale have sung in many of the finest cathedrals and concert halls: Carnegie Hall, St. Peter's in Rome, St. Stephen's in Vienna, Notre Dame in Paris, Canterbury Cathedral in England. They will present their 16th annual Christmas Concert at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Oswego, considered the finest acoustical setting in the city of Lake Oswego. Please support church members Niki Petroff, Bridget Rayburn, Joshua Allen, Duncan Naylor, Sarah Sedgewick, Isabella Somers, Emma Valderrama, and Vanessa Viuhkola, who are such a vital component to the success of the choir.

**RCIA**

Last week we welcomed 16 people who have asked to continue their faith journey in the Catholic community. All their names were listed in the bulletin except:

*Corinna Burt and Colin Mitchell.*

Please take a look at the bulletin boards in the main and east entrances to see a photo of the group.

**Jesse Tree Symbols**

The Jesse Tree in our church is “fruitful” with symbols. This is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Daskalos family has placed a harp on our church tree. The harp is a symbol of David, the greatest King of Israel. God gave David many talents. Among them was the gift of music. David played the harp and composed psalms in praise of God. God promised David that the Messiah would be one of his descendants.

If you have been reading the scripture passages each week you have learned a great deal about the story of the people who waited for the coming of Jesus. If you do not have a Jesse Tree at home come and take a look at the symbols on the church Jesse Tree. How many symbols do you recognize? Can you tell the story behind the symbol?

**Sunday:** *Harp of King David*, 1 Samuel 16:14-23

**Monday:** *Rope of Rahab*, symbol of protection, Joshua 2:1-21

**Tuesday:** *Crown of David*, God's chosen King, 2 Samuel 5:1-5

**Wednesday:** *Throne*, prophets reminded kings and people to keep his laws, Isaiah 9:2-7

**Thursday:** *Lion & Lamb*, one day people and animals will live in peace with each other, Isaiah 11:6-9

**Friday:** *Zachary & Elizabeth*, parents of John the Baptist, Luke 1:5-25

**Saturday:** *Dove*, symbol of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 3:1-6

**Important Dates**

**December 14**

6:30 - 7:15 PM

Reconciliation Prayer Service for families preparing children for the Sacrament of Penance, Church

**December 20:**

Last day of RE classes and End of collection for JOIN

**January 3, 10:00 AM - Noon**

Catechists' In-service, School Library

**January 10**

RE Classes Resume

Noon - 2:30 PM, Parent Baptism Classes, Parish Office Building

**January 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Parent Baptism Session Continued Parish Office Bldg.

**MASS INTENTIONS 2009**

Monday, *December 14*

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:15 AM +Int. Michael Brannan

Tuesday, *December 15*

6:30 AM +Maria Tue Nguyen

8:15 AM +Ken Becker

Wednesday, *December 16*

6:30 AM +Bernard & Helen Ochs

8:15 AM +Ruth Elliot

Thursday, *December 17*

6:30 AM +Maria Tue Nguyen

8:15 AM +George Wright

Friday, *December 18*

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:15 AM +Mildred Cooney

Saturday, *December 19*

8:15 AM +Stephen Donati

5:00 PM +Ken Poggi

Sunday, *December 20*

7:30 AM +Norma Foy Stockpool

9:00 AM For the Parishioners

11:00 AM +Venka Porter

6:00 PM +John Cooney

**Knights of Columbus  
Breakfast December 13!**

The Knights of Columbus will be serving our famous breakfast from 7:30 to 11 AM, Sunday, December 13.

Please come join your fellow parishioners and enjoy a delicious top quality meal before or after Mass. French toast, strawberry topping, whip cream, sausage, scrambled eggs, and fresh orange juice.

Adults \$7, 7-12 years old \$5, 6 years & under Free.

Family fee is \$19.

All proceeds go to various charities.

*Please join us!*



**Building in Faith Envelopes**

The capital campaign *Building in Faith* envelopes are now in your regular Sunday offertory packet, week four of each month. Use these envelopes for your monthly, quarterly or annual contributions. Your gift will go directly to the campaign office. Thank you for your continued support of the Building in Faith project.

**Offertory**

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church.

**THIS YEAR:** Week ending 12/06/09

Weekly: \$27,601

Year to Date: \$497,334

**LAST YEAR:**

Weekly: \$24,799

Year to Date: \$514,871

### Fill a Stocking - Fill a Heart

At the beginning of Advent our student body took on a project to benefit the needy in Clackamas County. The project, entitled "Fill a Stocking - Fill a Heart" involved the students taking home a stocking and filling it with goodies. The students could identify whether they were selecting items for a male or female and they could choose an age range. The stockings you see pictured hold personal items, e.g. shampoo, deodorants, as well as a surprise small gift or two.

Our students were as enthused about their project as they hope the recipient will be as well. Their generosity (and that of their parents) filled over 220 stockings for the needy!



**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$4000 TOWARDS  
TUITION TO THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE.  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OLL ENDOWMENT.**

Cost: \$50/ticket or 3 for \$125 in support of the OLL School Endowment Fund.

Call Lisa Hanna-Choquette  
503-320-7920  
to purchase your ticket(s).

#### Important Dates

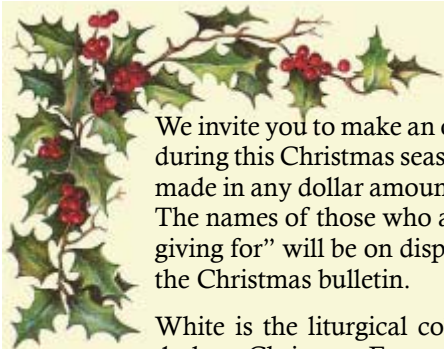
**Advent Prayer Service**  
NEED A DATE - 8:15 AM,  
School Gym  
Special Invitation to Grandpar-  
ents of OLL Students  
Please RSVP - 503-636-2121

**Christmas Program**  
Thursday, December 17, 2009 -  
6:30 PM, Church  
(doors open at 6:00 PM) -  
Reservations required

**Christmas Break**  
December 18, Begins at 3:00 PM

**School Resumes**  
Monday, January 4, 2010

#### Christmas Environment Offerings



We invite you to make an offering in remembrance of your loved ones during this Christmas season. If you wish to participate, a gift may be made in any dollar amount to benefit the environment of the Church. The names of those who are honored "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" will be on display on the side altars in Church and also in the Christmas bulletin.

White is the liturgical color of Christmas time, which begins after dark on Christmas Eve and lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The color red is a symbol of the passion in the midst of Christmas joy. Evergreens announce the eternal promise of life and the trees in the Church profess our belief in eternity and in the power of God.

Your remembrance gifts at Christmas make it possible for us to enhance the beauty of the Church at this most sacred time of year when we celebrate Christ's feast. You will find the envelopes in baskets at the side entrances to the Church as well as in baskets at the main entrance. Please write clearly your intentions on the envelope. The cut-off date is Sunday, December 20.

Thank you for supporting the adornment of the Church.

*Art & Environment Committee*

#### Help Yourself Find That Next Job

Whether you are working or not, come and share ideas, support, and encouragement in the **OLL Job Seekers' Group**. Discussions include resume writing, networking, interviewing, using the internet, and other helpful resources. We meet each Thursday at 9 AM in the Parish Library. For more information, call Richard Howell at 503-577-3358.

## Third Sunday of Advent

### Liturgical Minister's Schedule— December 12 and 13

#### 5:00 PM VIGIL MASS

*Captain:* Kay Edens

*Altar Servers:* Katie Kilpatrick, Matt Kilpatrick, Michael Kilpatrick

*Lectors:* Beth Corey, Sara Szwac

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Sandy Cobb, Anna Maher, Barbara O'Neil, Mirella Rizzatti

*Ushers:* Jonathon Brumbaugh (HU) Frances

Hein, Peter Kombol

*Sacristan:* Kay Edens

*Cantor:* Barbara Kotz

#### 7:30 AM MASS

*Captain:* Ann Phillips

*Altar Servers:* Joey Hoyt, Janet Hoyt

*Lectors:* Terry Amato, Mike Hewlett

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Daniel Ferebee,

Margaret Matthies, Julie Stoltz, Musa Wolcott

*Ushers:* Ron Wyffels (HU), Robert Koch,

Maxine Labs, Donya Wyffels

*Sacristan:* Michael Elder

*Cantor:* Karen Miles, Renee Edwards

#### 9:00 AM MASS

*Captain:* Alice Gregoire

*Altar Servers:* Nathan Brown, Reed Sandblast

*Lectors:* Kevin Barton, Kate LeBlanc

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Tom Foy, Ronald

Garcia, Alice Gregoire, John Sanders, Anne

Sanders, Ila Thornton

*Ushers:* Thomas Gregoire (HU), Charles

Brown, Bernie Sheely

*Sacristan:* Michael Elder

*Cantor:* John Naylor

#### 11:00 AM MASS

*Captain:* Bernadette Golson

*Altar Servers:* Kyle Cerri

*Lectors:* Kenneth Faris, Ron Hillenbrand

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Arthur Henderson,

Patricia Henderson, Susan Lange, Joan

Lauren, Genevieve Wendorf

*Ushers:* Patricia Williams (HU), Kevin Cerri, Cassie Jarrell

*Sacristan:* Michael Elder

*Cantor:* Tom Morse, Choir Cantors

#### 6:00 PM MASS

*Captain:* Angela Price

*Altar Servers:* Christopher Pozzi, Emily Pozzi

*Lectors:* Kevin Welch

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Paul Duwelius, Michael

Price, Steven Price, Susan Welch, Celia

Wheeler

*Ushers:*

*Sacristan:* Angela Price

*Cantor:* Jerry Wheeler

#### ALL MINISTERS:

You are responsible for your substitute. You may need to let the Ministry Coordinator or the Mass Captain know. The Ministry coordinators are:

**Altar Servers**—Dee Hill, 503-636-2956.

**Eucharistic Ministers**—Beth Corey, 503-516-2818 [bcorey@pru-nw.com](mailto:bcorey@pru-nw.com)

**Lectors**—Irene Junga, 503-635-0949, [ireneJunga@aol.com](mailto:ireneJunga@aol.com)

**Mass Captains**—Beth Corey, 503-516-2818

**Ushers**—Wendy Wright, 503-636-8224, [WendyWright97034@msn.com](mailto:WendyWright97034@msn.com)

### LITURGY and MUSIC DIRECTOR—Tom Carawan

If you have questions or inquiries regarding serving as a Liturgical Minister, or participating in Music at Mass, please call or send an email to the Parish Office — 503-636-7687, or email [office@ollparish.com](mailto:office@ollparish.com).

#### Liturgy

##### Liturgical Ministers for Christmastide:

We need ALL ministers for the Masses of Christmas:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 PM in the Church and 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall,  
8:00 PM in the Church, 10:00 PM in the Church

Christmas Day: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon (we need a full  
complement of ministers for this usually "very full" Mass).

December 31: 5:00 PM Mass for Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Eve)

January 1: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM for Mary, the Mother of God  
(New Year's Day)

Please sign up on the schedules posted on the Ministers' Bulletin Board or let the head of your ministry know that you are willing to serve.

#### Music Ministry

**Cantor Meeting**—Monday, December 14, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Church.

**Choir**—We rehearse Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Church, and Sundays at 10:00 AM in the PH Carpet area.

**Musicians for Life**—Today, December 13, we rehearse at 5:00 PM in the Church for the 6:00 PM Mass. We resume regular Sunday Rehearsals on December 20 from 4:00-5:45 PM in the Church. Please contact Jerry Wheeler, [jerwheels@comcast.net](mailto:jerwheels@comcast.net), if you are unable to attend.

### R E S P E C T L I F E C O R N E R

**Health Care Reform:** For information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding health care, go to [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare). "Genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all is a moral imperative and a vital national obligation" - Bishop William F. Murphy

**Save the Date:** January 17, 2010 (Sunday), 2-3 PM - Roe v. Wade pro-life rally at Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland

*God of Life,  
We rejoice in the promise of your coming.  
You have sent your Son, born in Bethlehem.  
He is the Prince of Peace, and  
The one in whose name all oppression shall cease.  
May we welcome his coming each day  
And prepare for his coming at the end of time.  
May we build a culture that welcomes him  
By welcoming every child, born and unborn.  
We pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**The Pregnancy Support Center of Catholic Charities is asking for your help.** We have a mother that is pregnant with triplets. This is a high risk pregnancy. The doctor suggested abortion, because of the risk to the mother, but the Catholic mother and father refused. They have 3 other children and the father works 7 days a week. The babies are close to being full term and due very soon. We need help in acquiring them 3 new car seats, (by law they must have car seats for each baby in order to bring them home from the hospital) and a triplet stroller (new or used). If you would like to contribute please call Sherry Gonnella, Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services of Catholic Charities, 509-993-2428. Or send check to Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services, 447 NE 47th Ave. Suite 100 Portland OR 97213-2362 please mark on the check "for triplets".



**Trailblazer Game:** 12/17 - Thursday Night... Come watch the Portland Trailblazers take on and lose to the much better Phoenix Suns (Jason's Team).

Parents (and Confirmation Sponsors) are welcome to attend with us.

**ONLY 18 TICKETS LEFT**

Get \$15 (per ticket) into the parish office ASAP to reserve your spot!

### SERVE PORTLAND

Join us as we share our resources like the Wiseman did with the Infant King. Edge (at 4 PM) and Life Teen (at 7 PM) will be packaging the St. Vincent de Paul food baskets on Sunday, 12/13. Parents are invited to join us for this time of worship and service in honor Jesus' coming.

Baskets will be delivered the following Saturday morning. See ad below for delivery information.



**Christmas Caroling** on December 20,  
3:00 PM meet at OLL — carpool to assisted living centers

### Advent Conspiracy [AC]

The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas?



What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?

**[Give More]** God's gift to us was a relationship built on love. So it's no wonder why we're drawn to the idea that Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable ways possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers us, and no matter how hard we look, it can't be found at the mall. Time to make a gift that turns into the next family heirloom. Time to write mom a letter. Time to take the kids sledding. Time to bake really good cookies and sing really bad Christmas carols. Time to make love visible through relational giving. Sounds a lot better than getting a sweater two sizes too big, right? Need a few ideas? Just click here and see what others have done to give more during the advent season.

Check out [www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org).



### Volunteers Needed

Drivers are needed to deliver **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Boxes!**

Deliveries will be made between 9 AM and noon on Saturday, December 19. Please contact the Parish Office—503-636-7687.

We'll be delivering to 150 families - about 50 in Lake Oswego. We can use as many car and drivers as necessary to distribute all of the boxes.

### Westside Young Adults

*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.*

*Matthew 5:43-45*

Greetings fellow Westsiders!

It's been another week and we have a brand new lineup of upcoming activities for Catholic Young Adults in the Portland Metro Area.

St. Anthony's Forest Grove parish has also informed us of an upcoming retreat for young adults It will take place in Silverton, Oregon between January 29th and 31st. the Cost will be 90 dollars for registration and the flyer will be sent as an attachment to this email.

Well I don't know about you Westsiders, but I (Westside) am pooped. The Christmas season certainly has demonstrated in this message that aside from holding the Lord ever-closer to our hearts we Catholics take this time of year to plan activities and get together. This time is always busy with friends, office parties, and family get-togethers, but it's also an amazing time to get together with a wonderful group of like-minded young adults!