

As we come to this second weekend in January, we have come to the conclusion of our Advent and Christmas seasons and we have once again returned to Ordinary Time.

I want to begin this week by offering my gratitude to a number of individuals. I first want to thank all the people that were involved in decorating our beautiful church. Every year I continue to be amazed by how amazing our church looks during the different holidays. It takes a small army of people to make this happen and they are always looking for fresh ideas and some new helpers. If you would be interested in helping, please let the parish office know.

I also want to thank all of our musicians that worked so hard over December to practice and offer such uplifting music at all of our many liturgies that took place over the past month. Their voices certainly helped to lead our singing and prayer during our celebration of the birth of the Christ child. Thank you!

Additionally, I want to thank each and every one that sent cards and greetings of Christmas cheer, not only to me but also to our parish staff. I am extremely grateful for all of you who thought of me at Christmas, brought me sweets and cookies, and other Christmas treats and gifts. I am humbled by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Finally, I want to end my list of thank you's by saying thank you to all that have responded and turned in your St. Francis Stewardship form that I talked about last weekend. I am grateful for your response. By your generosity with your gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the light of Christ in 2018 will continue to burn brightly here in Sherwood, Oregon. If you have not had the opportunity to turn your stewardship commitment in yet, you may drop it into the collection basket or bring it by the parish office.

Blessing in 2018!!!

Fr. James