

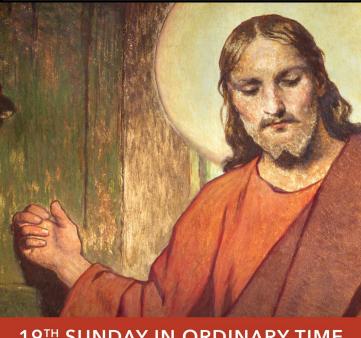
# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

# August 10, 2025



# 19<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

#### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar Rev. Timothy D. Banach, Parochial Vicar Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence Rev. Daniel Reuwer, In Residence Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence

Deacon Marvin Muhat

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Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)

Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

Noon, 2:30pm (Spanish),

and 7:00pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and 8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,

5:00pm, 7:00pm, and 8:30pm (Spanish)

#### **Low-Gluten Hosts**

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

#### Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:

12:30pm-8:00pm

#### First Fridays:

9:00am-Noon

7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday

(All-Night Adoration)

#### **Holy Hours**

Sundays: 5:00pm

Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

#### **Confessions**

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Thursdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am

Saturdays: 3:30pm-4:30pm and

6:30pm-7:30pm

#### **Baptisms**

Baptisms are done every Sunday. Please contact the Rectory office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling. Both parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child.

#### Marriage

Contact the Rectory office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a sixmonth program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit our Worship menu for more details, stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

# Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff

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Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Superior of Saint James Convent

#### Parish Registration

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the Rectory office or email them at receptionist@stjamescatholic.org.

#### The Pope's August Prayer Intention

For mutual coexistence—Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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# On The Way

Saint Augustine: Pelagianism and Grace

In the Church's tradition, Saint Augustine is often called the "Doctor of Grace." The title comes from his defense of grace against the Pelagians' teaching. Their hyper-exalted view of the human person made grace unnecessary. For if our human nature is still fully intact and perfection is within our reach (as they thought), then we don't need God's grace. Christ provides a good example, and in the end that's all we need.

That view of salvation empties Christ's words and work of meaning. Throughout His ministry our Lord reserved the harshest words for the Pharisees and all who "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous" (Lk 18:9). We are saved by grace, not by our own efforts. Saint Paul, who knew this from hard personal experience, says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast" (Eph 2:8-9).

Still, we know that some effort on our part is necessary. As Augustine himself preached, "God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us." So how do these two - God's grace and human freedom – interact?

Most of us view grace as just auxiliary to our own efforts. We do our best and, if that's not enough, grace kicks in. Unfortunately, this leads us to see God's grace as contrary to our freedom; if we could only do better, we wouldn't need Him. Or we think that God's grace needs to be coaxed out of Him, as if He's holding back until we get it right. These errors, while not Pelagianism strictly speaking, are akin to it. They foster a view of God's grace as foreign to and even in competition with our freedom.

The better way to understand the relationship is that God's grace is the overall context and ambit within which our freedom operates. Without His grace, we would have no freedom at all. So, we shouldn't imagine grace and free will as side by side with one another. Nor are they intersecting circles like a Venn diagram. The better image is of our freedom functioning within the circle that is grace. As the *Catechism* puts it, "The divine initiative in the work of grace precedes, prepares, and elicits the free response of man. Grace responds to the deepest yearnings of human freedom, calls freedom to cooperate with it, and perfects freedom" (CCC 2022).

To defend the dignity of the human person, the Pelagians played down the reality of God's grace. In so doing they presented these two realities as in competition with each other. In reality, it is because of God's grace that we have freedom, and it is by His grace that it is perfected.

All this touches on our Lord's words, "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). What Jesus means here is Christian perfection, being perfectly configured to Him. The Pelagians contended that such perfection is within our reach; we just had to try harder to achieve it. Many still make that mistake, which leads inevitably to discouragement.

The reality is that Christian perfection is impossible on our own. We need His grace to be conformed to Him. Yes, we say our prayers, we receive the sacraments, we strive for holiness. All of this is due to His grace. But then we stumble and fall, which reminds us of our need to rely entirely on His grace. The spiritual life isn't a doit-yourself program. Christian perfection is in the striving. In T.S. Eliot's words, "For us, there is only the trying. The rest is not our business." Our efforts are the necessary response and cooperation with His grace. We do our inevitably imperfect part and leave the rest to Him.

Fr. Scalia

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# Mass Intentions for the Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 9

Mass for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Henry M. Schiller, Jr.

Sunday, August 10

The Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Jean Bianco

9:00am +Elizabeth and Robert Schoenberger

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Nicole Flanagan-Ayers and Tara

Flanagan-Koenig

2:30pm + Maria Luzmila Chiappe Medina

7:00pm +Kenneth Earley

Monday, August 11

St. Clare

6:30am +Valorie Schretter 8:15am +Charles McMahon Noon +Charles McMahon

Tuesday, August 12

St. Janes Frances de Chantal

6:30am Mary Ann Caruso 8:15am White family Noon +Brian McNiff

Wednesday, August 13

SS Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus 6:30am +Vincent McAlevy 8:15am Silvia Guevara

Noon +Deceased members of the Muskett and

Williams families

Thursday, August 14

St. Maximilian

6:30am +Paul and Catherine Ornburn

8:15am Andrew McCool Noon Women's Rosary Group

Friday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am +Helen Curtin

8:15am +Simone Cherian, Omana Jose, Thomas

Coipuram, Sr. & Zacharia T. Coipuram

Noon +Carlos Turza 5:00pm Pro Populo

7:00pm +Peruvemba Sundaresan 8:30pm Familia Lobos Alvarado

Saturday, August 16 St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am +JoAnn Carwile Zygmant

Mass for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time 5:00pm Ellen Marie Quigley O'Connor

Sunday, August 17

The Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am Nancy White 9:00am +Christopher Arias 10:30am Pro Populo Noon +Brian Morris

2:30pm Carlos Antonio Ayala and Jacqueline De Lion

and family

7:00pm +Valorie Schretter

# **Today's Readings**

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

"The night of the passover was known beforehand to our..."

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

"Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is..." or "Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is..."

**Gospel Luke 12:32-48** 

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not be afraid any longer..."

# Readings for the Week

Visit <u>bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar</u> for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

# **Remember in Your Prayers**

# the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon Julie Neil Mona Demien Joyce Babiak Rachel Noonan Thomas Duncan James Banks **Esther Olivos** Roberta Dunn Beatriz Basso Carter Parry Katherine Garren Cory Bautista Colman Rowan Anthony L. Gerena Betty Brunton BJ Salinas Silvia Guevara Patricia Cavasina Kathleen Seroskie Scott Herman Jane C. Checkan Robyn Stewart Laura Lareau Chloe Clagg Lauren Vinci Yolanda Machiado Grace Coipuram Liv Wash Jose G. Martinez Brendan Collins Anne Marie Willis Gloria Mora John Cormany Mildred Melmer

# the deceased of our parish family

Regina DePalma Kathy Thomas

Jonathan Funez

## and please pray for all active duty military

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF
1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF
Lt. j.g. William Conroy, USN
Cmdr. Thomas Dixon, USN
FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN
Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN
Col. Jay Hildreth, USA

Cpl. James Murray, USMC
2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC
2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA
Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC
2nd Lt. Finn Roou, USA
1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

For changes, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

#### **Saint James Prayer Chain**

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the *Saint James Prayer Chain* page under Faith Formation on www.stjamescatholic.org.



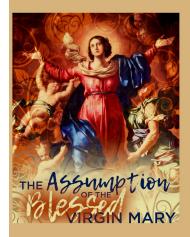
- Sign up to be a praying member at <a href="http://eepurl.com/gURddD">http://eepurl.com/gURddD</a>.
- Submit a request to <u>PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org</u>.

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# **Parish News**

# Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

# Friday, August 15th Holy Day of Obligation



<u>Masses</u>
6:30am
8:15am\*\*
Noon
5:00pm
7:00pm
8:30pm (Spanish)

\*\*This Mass will also be livestreamed on Facebook and parish website

# **2025-2026 Altar Servers**

Boys in grades 4 through 11 are invited to become altar servers. If you are interested in serving at the altar and joining in this sacred brotherhood, visit the *Liturgical Ministries* page under the *WORSHIP* menu on our website or scan the QR code to complete the online interest form as well as to sign up for training.

See the training session options below which will explain the basics of this wonderful mission in divine worship. Attendance at one of these training sessions is needed to begin or to continue serving as an altar server at Saint James. All servers, new and returning, must attend one of these sessions. For questions regarding training, email Amy Bigart at <a href="mailto:ym@stjamescatholic.org">ym@stjamescatholic.org</a>.

- Tuesday, September 16th, 4:00pm-5:00pm
- Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm

If you have questions about altar servers, contact Father Pavlick at <a href="mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org">frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org</a> or 703-532-8815.

# Seniors Young at Heart Ice Cream Social

Main Menu: Rotisserie chicken with cold beverages and ice cream with toppings

Each guest is asked to bring a hearty salad for 4-6 people. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

Speaker: Falls Church Police Officer Feliciano will speak about "Senior Safety in our Growing City".

RSVP by Monday, August 18th, to Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com

> Thursday, August 21st 5:00pm-7:00pm Msgr. Heller Hall

## **Adult Faith Formation Classes**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program is available for adults who are not Catholic and wish to receive more education in the Faith, especially in preparation for the reception of the sacraments. The program is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith with the intention of entering the Catholic Church.

The OCIA program for the 2025-2026 year will be held weekly on Wednesdays, and begins on September 3rd, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room at the school and continues through May. We ask that people who intend to enter the Church attend the classes regularly, live in a manner consistent with the faith, and discern prayerfully their calling. If one cannot attend the regular classes on a consistent basis, call the parish for other arrangements.

To register or speak with Father Pavlick about the OCIA program, contact him at 703-532-8815 or <a href="mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org">frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org</a>.

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# **Parish News (Continued)**



# **Come and See!**

You are invited to join the Mary Magdalene community of Lay Dominicans for prayer, fellowship, and discussion on **Sunday**, **August 17th**, **from 5:00pm-6:45pm** in the Parish House. We meet the third Sunday of every month.

Lay Dominicans are single or married members of the Dominican Order who have responded to a call to live the Dominican way of life in their own families and occupations.

The Dominican charism is one of prayer, study, community, and apostolate. Of these, study is perhaps the most distinctive element, as Dominicans are constantly called to study scripture, the teachings of the Church, and contemporary issues in the light of Faith. We are life-long learners, who put that thirst for Truth at the service of our apostolic efforts.

For more information, please contact Rose Folsom at InquiryVeritas510@gmail.com.

## **Life Corner**

Every Life is Worth Living—During the coming weeks, pray especially in gratitude for the precious gift of life we all share. Prayer cards (in both English and Spanish) are available at the front entrance of the church.

"Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living."

Every Saturday morning at 6:45am—Come and pray the Rosary, led by our parish priests, in front of 900 S. Washington Street in Falls Church, for the protection and sanctity of human life

# Former Parishioner's New Catholic Novel

Sister Allison Regina Gliot, FSP, former parishioner of Saint James and daughter of our previous Deacon Ed, is publishing her first Catholic novel this month.

The Curse He Chose asks the question: is any soul beyond saving? Urban fantasy meets the Christian drama of sin and redemption in this genre-bending vampire novel perfect for ages 14+. Learn more about her other books for children and teens at gliot.pauline.org.

## Moms Meet Up Group

Recently, the Moms Meet Up group gathered for a special presentation by Mary Anne Wahle, style consultant from *Your Best Style*, who offered wisdom and inspiration on reclaiming personal style in the midst of motherhood.

Rooted in joy, dignity, and practicality, her message was a meaningful encouragement to those navigating the early years of parenting. We are thankful for her presence and for the vibrant community of mothers and little ones who filled the room with warmth.

All new and current moms of babies and toddlers are invited to join our Moms Meet Up group to connect with other parish moms (with babies and toddlers in tow). We meet weekly at playgrounds and coffee shops. In addition, we plan special like local trips and guest speakers.

Join us when you can! We would love to meet you. Email Ally at <u>dickmanallyson@gmail.com</u> or Adele at <u>adele1@gmail.com</u> to learn more or get on our email list.





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# **Parish News (Continued)**



# **Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal**

Last weekend, our second collection was for the mission organization Carmelite Fathers of the Province of St. Elias which has missions in Vietnam and Trinidad. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs—like food, shelter, and healthcare. Your support of this mission helps form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church.

You can donate at membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/60345. To donate by check, make it payable to Saint James Catholic Church and put "MCP" in the memo line.

Your generosity in supporting the Carmelite Friars' missionary work is greatly appreciated.



One person can ave up to 3 lives!

Brothers studying at Catholic University of America attending the March for Life in D.C.

#### **INOVA/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

Thank you to all the blood donors who continue to make our Knights of Columbus Arlington Council 2473 quarterly blood drives a success. Your act of charity continues to help INOVA replenish its low blood supply, which is shared with all area hospitals to save the lives of patients in need. The INOVA doctors and medical staff continue to be grateful for your charitable "Gift of Life."

Sunday September 7th

All donors, new and returning, are invited to our next blood drive on **Sunday**, **September 7th**, **8:30am to 2:30pm** in the Main Hall. Walk-ins are also most welcome!

To sign up for your selected time,

- Call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 6216
- Call/email Bob Muschamp with your preferred time at 703-489-2856/bobpatmuschamp@yahoo.com or
- Visit https://bit.ly/KOC0601.

Please mark your calendars for our last 2025 blood drive on November 9th. Let's keep going with our long-standing tradition of lifesaving work! God bless you for what you do for others, as you do for Him. If you have any questions, call Len Sese, Knight and Saint James parishioner, at 301-793-8184.

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# Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Begins September 23rd

# **Registration for Religious Education Classes**

We are accepting registrations for new students for the 2025-2026 religious education program.

Tuesday classes are held at 4:45pm-6:00pm (afternoons) and 7:00pm-8:15pm (evenings). Call 703-533-1182 x104 to make an appointment.

In addition to your child's birth certificate, you will need to provide the following:

- Baptismal certificate if your child was not baptized at Saint James
- Tuition (check or cash)
  - $\Rightarrow$  \$140 for one child
  - $\Rightarrow$  \$190 for two or more children
- Letter from the school or parish program if your child was in another Catholic school or Religious Education Program

### **Catechists Needed**

We are currently looking for dedicated faith-filled people to teach in our Parish Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm-6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm-8:15pm).

We also need assistants in both the afternoon and evening sessions.

If you would like to share your faith with our young people as a way of actively participating in the Church's mission of evangelization, contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 x103 or <a href="mailto:dre@saintjamesschool.org">dre@saintjamesschool.org</a>.

# <u>Sacramental Preparation for Children with</u> <u>Special Needs</u>

The Disability Inclusion Committee, in conjunction with our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), is offering classes for all Saint James parishioners who have children with special needs (ages 5-18 years old) who have not yet received the sacraments.

We are looking for teenage and adult volunteers who would like to be partnered with a child during the class to assist with activities. Classes will be held on Sundays starting September 21st from 10:15am-11:00am. Sessions will run from mid-September through early December and again in mid-January through May.

If you are interested in volunteering or registering a child, contact Tina Schellman at <a href="mailto:ntschellman@gmail.com">ntschellman@gmail.com</a> or Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director of PREP, at <a href="mailto:dre@saintjamesschool.org">dre@saintjamesschool.org</a>.

# **Registration Forms (English and Spanish)**

Required forms and the PREP calendars are posted on our website under the FAITH FORMATION menu as well as on the home page, just click the **Religious Education** (PREP) Registration button.

In order for your child(ren) to begin PREP classes on Tuesday, September 23rd, <u>your registration form must be in the PREP Office no later than Friday, August 29th.</u>

### Late Registration Notice

The children of those families who register after August 29th will be contacted by the Religious Education Office as to when they will begin and where their classroom will be.

#### All Adult Volunteers

Adults must be Virtus-compliant through the Arlington Diocese which includes a background check and a 4-hour Virtus class. If you need assistance with this, please contact Kara Rider at <a href="krider@stjamescatholic.org">krider@stjamescatholic.org</a>.

We will be offering a 4-hour Virtus class here at Saint James on Saturday, September 13th. Classes fill up quickly.

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# They have answered the call. Will you? Help Educate Our Future Priests

# The Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

is a permanent fund established to ensure continual resources for educating and training seminarians to serve as the future leadership of the Diocese of Arlington.

# Endowment Funds: The Gift That Keeps On Giving

The SEEF money is invested and 4% annually is distributed to pay for seminarian education while the rest of the fund continues to grow in value.

# Commit To Our Seminarians Today

Please make check payable to:

Foundation for the CDA (include SEEF on memo line)

and mail to:

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington

200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203



To make a gift online, scan the QR code or go to: ArlingtonDiocese.org/Donate\_SEEF

The value of a priest is truly infinite. The cost of educating and forming him, while not infinite, is still substantial:

\$50 K/YEAR tuition, room, board, formation for 1 seminarian

X 6 YEARS OF FORMATION

\$300,000

X 48 SEMINARIANS

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." Hebrews 13:16

# Contact:

John French, Office of Development john.french@arlingtondiocese.org (703) 841-3819

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	Parish Calendar	
Monday, August 11		
7:00pm-9:30pm	Young Professionals Men's Small Group	Parish House
Tuesday, August 12		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, August 13		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Thursday, August 14		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, August 15	Holy Day of Obligation (see page 4)	
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group	Parish House
Saturday, August 16		
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, August 17		
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-6:45pm	Lay Dominicans (see page 5)	Parish House



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