



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

December 11, 2022



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Vu, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joel Kwame, In Residence
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence

Rectory Office Hours

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, and 7:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:30pm

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

Saturdays: 8:30am

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

Holy Days:
6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, 4:00pm,
and 7:30pm

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm-8:00pm

First Fridays: 9:00am-Noon

First Saturdays All Night
Adoration: 7:30pm to 8:30am on
First Saturdays

Holy Hours

Sundays: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays and 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 parish office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required one month 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

Please contact the parish office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a six month program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

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

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Convent

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Sister Mary Sue Carwile, IHM, Superior

To register with the parish, update your contact information, or request Fr. Scalia's email communications, email rectory@stjamescatholic.org.

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations -

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Follow Us on Social Media

Social media is a quick, effective way for the parish to communicate reminders and time-sensitive notices.

- Facebook-@StJamesCatholicChurch
- Instagram-@stjamescatholic
- Twitter-@St_James_CC



On The Way

A Catechesis on Hope: to Prepare

The virtue of hope keeps us from two deadly extremes. The first is obvious: hope keeps us from despair. No matter how desperate the situation may be, hope buoys us up with the confidence that God will act and deliver us... although he may seem to delay or remain hidden. No matter how great our sins might be, hope gives us confidence that God will forgive us when we turn to him and ask for mercy. No matter how weak and unequal to a situation we may be, hope assures us that God is in control.

Christian hope is designed for not just difficult but impossible situations. It keeps us from despair because it looks to God's promises and power. "Abraham believed, hoping against hope" (Rom 4:18), that he would be given descendants even though both he and his wife were advanced in age. Isaiah prophesied, "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse" (Is 11:1). That's the stuff of hope – to look at a stump, a lifeless piece of wood whose fruitfulness has been cut away, and have confidence that salvation will come from it. This is not natural optimism, but a divine power given to the soul. G.K. Chesterton famously wrote, "Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all."

The second extreme that hope guards against is presumption. The presumptuous man thinks that he doesn't need to do anything to receive what God has promised. He expects salvation without repentance and glory without sacrifice. Even the secular world considers it bad to be "presumptuous." It's at the very least bad manners to presume on another's goodness.

Hope guards against presumption because it requires our cooperation with God's grace. We don't expect his promises to be fulfilled or his grace to be effective without our cooperation. Hope requires not only waiting and watching but also preparing for God's coming. Just as we might be preparing the house for guests at Christmas, so hope diligently prepares the soul for the coming of Christ at any moment.

Last Sunday we heard John the Baptist warn the Pharisees and Sadducees, "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'" (Mt 3:9). Those two groups presumed that they would receive the Lord's blessings by the mere fact of their being descendants of Abraham. So, the Sadducees grew comfortable and wealthy in their compromise with the world, not worrying that it might damage their relationship with God. The Pharisees presumed that they only needed external observance of the law, no need to invest the heart. Jesus' rebuke is good for us to hear as well. Like the Sadducees, we allow the ways of the world to distract us from Christ's coming. Like the Pharisees, we try to substitute external observance for that interior devotion.

A concrete and immediate application of this truth is in our reception of the sacraments. We know that, as he promised, Christ comes to us in the sacraments, especially in Confession and Holy Communion. That certainty of his coming doesn't dispense us from action. On the contrary, it should prompt us to prepare ourselves *more* diligently – to examine our conscience and make a good confession, to stir up devotion to receive the Eucharist. The sacraments benefit us to the degree that we are disposed to receive them. To grow in the virtue hope, we do well to prepare more diligently for every Confession we make and every Communion we receive.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Third Week of Advent

Saturday, December 10

Mass for Third Sunday in Advent

5:00pm +Elizabeth Meehan

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Deceased Members of the Jennings Family

9:00am People of Saint James

10:30am +Beth Bove

Noon +Donn Hart

2:30pm +Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm +James Nolan

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30am John L. Harshfield

8:30am +Jackie Greeves

Noon +Deanna Dulka

Tuesday, December 13

St. Lucy

6:30am +Nancy Oliver

8:30am +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon +Herbert Neyland

Wednesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

6:30am +Andrew Lukas Weichert

8:30am +Kenneth Whitehead

Noon +Victoria Fuster

Thursday, December 15

Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

6:30am +Catherine Staub

8:30am +Roy Smith

Noon +Lena Sugalski

Friday, December 16

Friday of the Third Week of Advent

6:30am +Devin Patrick Flaherty

8:30am +Diana Doherty

Noon +John Scaria

Saturday, December 17

Saturday of the Third Week of Advent

8:30am +Larry F. Napolitano, III

Mass for Fourth Sunday in Advent

5:00pm +Deceased Members of the Franey Family

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Dorothy Fleming

9:00am +Laura Hicks

10:30am +Bernard and Virginia Donnelly

Noon +Frederick Wall

2:30pm +Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm People of Saint James

Today's Readings

First Reading Is 35:1-6a, 10

"The desert and the parched land will exult;"

Psalm Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.

"Lord, come and save us."

Second Reading Jas 5:7-10

"Be patient, brothers and sisters until the coming of the Lord."

Gospel Mt 11:2-11

"When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the..."

Readings for the Week

Monday: ZEC 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38 or
Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 AND
23; MT 21:28-32

Wednesday: IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25; PS 85:9AB AND 10,
11-12, 13-14; LK 7:18B-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;
Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Terrell Blodgett	Laura Lareau	Joe Poels
Chip Clarke	Frances McDonald	Russell Ross
Will Consovoy	Rachel Noonan	Ben Schwind
Stephen Donnelly	Janet Owen	Mary Schwind
Joan Huff	Jim Owen	Robyn Stewart
Judy Karinshak	Phillip Perot	Richard Ziegler
Peggy Kurtzke		

the deceased of our parish family

Peter Badalati Christopher Louloudakis Robert Seoane

and those serving our country

(this includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service)

CDR Thomas Dixon Mary Kenney
Veronica Elkins Major Albert C. Young



Email bulletin@stjamescatholic.org for changes/updates.

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. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email along with suggested prayers for each intention.

- Sign-up to be a praying member—<http://eepurl.com/gURddD>
- Prayer requests or questions—PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org



Parish News

Rectory and Administrative Offices' Christmas Schedule

The Rectory and administrative offices will close at noon on Friday, December 23rd, through Monday, January 2nd. For an emergency requiring the sacraments of the Church, call our office at 703-532-8815 and follow the menu prompts for the priests' emergency line.

If you need assistance with funeral arrangements before Tuesday, January 3rd, email Susan Ramsel, sramsel@stjamescatholic.org, and include a daytime phone number.

Support Falls Church Homeless Shelter

Saint James' Social Outreach Committee provides support for the winter emergency Falls Church Homeless Shelter located at 217 Gordon Road in Falls Church. The shelter's mission is to provide shelter, food, and counseling services for 12 adults in need during the winter season. **This year the Shelter will open from December 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023.** Members of our parish serve on the board and volunteer their time to help the shelter.

How can you support the Shelter? In addition to monetary support, parishioners can donate food, personal hygiene items, paper supplies, meals, and their time to work with our residents. Their website, www.fcshelter.org/, provides all the information regarding volunteer work and how to sign up for the different opportunities. There is also an option to donate your time and spend an evening at the shelter. **Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00pm-midnight.** The volunteer will be working hand in hand with the professional staff and residents. The website also provides the opportunity to go to the Falls Church Homeless Shelter Amazon Wish List and order items to be delivered directly to the Shelter. Thank you in advance for your help and volunteer services.

If you have questions, email Luis Frontera, luismifrontera@gmail.com, and put 'FC Shelter' in the subject line.

Seven Corners Children's Center Support

Social Outreach is asking for your support for the Seven Corners Children's Center. It is a private, non-profit organization that partners with Fairfax County to provide childcare and preschool for working families who require financial assistance. The children range in age from 2-5. We are asking for the following gifts: clothing in sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, 5, and 6/7 including shirt and pants, sweaters, gloves, hats and scarves, winter jackets, pajamas, socks, and underwear. Donations can also be made for books, games, or puzzles for ages 2-5. The Center has asked for winter jackets and other clothing items in sizes 8-14 for older siblings.

Items should be new and not wrapped. **Please drop off donations in the bins in the back of the Church through December 18th.** Call or text Caroline Sparks, 703-862-2074, for more information.

Advent Season Gift Card Donations

Support our Social Outreach's Advent Gift Card Project. By donating, you will help our parish provide gift cards to needy families at homeless shelters and receiving support from Catholic Charities. You can contribute by donating \$25 gift cards (Walmart, Target, Giant, and Safeway) or sending a check for the parish to purchase gift cards on your behalf. On the memo line, write **SOC gift card donation**.

Place a card or check in an envelope marked **Social Outreach Gift Card Project**. Place the envelope in the collection basket, hand deliver to the Rectory Office, or mail the envelope to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to families during this difficult time of year.

Young Professionals/Young Adults

Diocesan Young Adults' Holy Hour at Saint James

All young adults throughout the diocese are invited to Saint James on **Thursday, December 15th, from 7:00pm-8:30pm** for *Exalt: An Evening of Worship*. Together at Saint James, we will spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by music and periods of silent meditation. Confessions will be available during Adoration. The Facebook link for the event is www.facebook.com/events/282415337338194 or scan the QR code.



Eucharistic Adoration will end at 5:00pm on this day, December 15th, due to event set up.

All young adults, both single or married people and 18 years and older, are welcome to join Saint James' Young Professionals. If you are interested in learning more about this group, you can

- join their email list, contact the coordinators Aaron Tishkoff, aaron@umich.edu, or Molly Loesel, mollyloesel@gmail.com.
- join their Facebook group, www.facebook.com/groups/1422442654568301.
- visit their web page on our parish website under the Service & Fellowship menu, stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/young-professionals.

Youth Ministry

Sign up for Flocknotes

Get the latest news and updates via text and email from Youth Ministry by signing up for Flocknotes via the Youth Ministry web page or by clicking app.flocknote.com/group/727309/addToGroupFromOutside.

Handel's Messiah Concert

We have 12 tickets available for *Handel's Messiah Concert* at the Kennedy Center on **Friday, December 16th, from 7:00pm-11:15pm**. High school students and chaperones will leave from Saint James. The cost is \$15. Face masks are required. Visit the Youth Ministry page on our website to download the permission form. Please RSVP ASAP to Amy Bigart, abigart@stjamescatholic.org, if your student will attend.

WorkCamp 2023 Registration

Registration for WorkCamp is open for all high school teens currently in grades 9-12. **WorkCamp will be held from June 17-23, 2023**, in Frederick County, Virginia. In addition to attending the entire week of camp, teens are required to attend four preparation meetings and participate in fundraising activities. The cost is \$525, but the fundraising covers a large part of this. Each parent should plan to volunteer in some way such as helping with fundraising, spending one afternoon at camp as a security volunteer, being a crew leader, or helping in some other way.

Adult volunteers are needed as well. We need to secure adult volunteers since the number of students is limited based on the number of adult volunteers. For every 1-5 girls, we need one adult female crew leader, and the same ratio for males, plus for every 1-5 teens, we need one contractor. If you are 25 or older, please consider volunteering as a crew leader to join us for the week, or if you have basic home repair or building skills, please consider volunteering your time as a contractor (Monday-Thursday). WorkCamp is a big commitment, but it comes with lots of personal rewards.

Please email Karen Graffam, klgraffam@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating.

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Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection December 10-11

This weekend's second collection is for our diocesan run Catholic Charities. Their mission is to serve and transform the lives of the men, women, and families who come to Catholic Charities for assistance. They rely on 125 dedicated staff members, nearly 3,000 generous volunteers, and hundreds of sacrificial donors to enable them to serve others with the transformative love of Christ. The need in our diocese for additional services for poor and vulnerable people is great and growing. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. To learn more, visit www.cdda.net/about-us/our-core-values/. To donate via Faith Direct, visit membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1495.



Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to last week's second collection for the SJS Annual Appeal. By now, all registered parishioners should have received the 2022-2023 Annual Appeal newsletter in the mail. This year's appeal is off to a great start, thanks to the generosity of a donor couple who have issued a \$20,000 challenge match. **Every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$20,000!** Our donors hope that by issuing this challenge match we can reach—or even exceed—our \$100,000 goal in record time. Please be as generous as you can in supporting our award-winning parish school.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit [https:// membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/ VA50/22645](https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/22645) or make out a check to Saint James Catholic Church with "Annual Appeal" in the memo line and mail/drop off at the Rectory to the attention of Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Companions Needed to Accompany Persons in Need

Do you have some extra time and would like to help a person in need? Saint James assists some of the lost and the least among us, people who struggle with poverty, homelessness, mental and emotional challenges, and the lack of a support network of family and friends. We are looking for volunteers to help with transportation, shopping, doctor visits – and just being a good listener. The work is challenging and rewarding because you develop a relationship with the person you are helping.

No particular experience or skills are needed – just compassion and patience!

Please email Rich, rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org, if interested.

Companions Needed



**to Accompany Persons
in Need**

*"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit,
and so prove to be my disciples." (John 15:8)*

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." James 1:22



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"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

**From all of us at Saint James Catholic School,
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Advent and Christmas at Saint James

****Masses with red asterisks will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook and website.**



Saint James Catholic Church Christmas Week 2022



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Confessions

Tuesday, December 20 – 6:00pm-8:00pm
Wednesday, December 21 – 10:00am-Noon,
7:00pm-8:30pm
Thursday, December 22 – 7:00pm-8:30pm
Friday, December 23 – 11:00am-11:45am,
6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday, December 24 – 10:00am-Noon

Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 24 – 5:00pm *Children's Mass*,
7:00pm, 9:00pm, and Midnight
Sunday, December 25 – 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am**, Noon, and
2:30pm *Spanish Mass***

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 – 5:00pm *Vigil Mass*
Sunday, January 1 – 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am**,
Noon, 2:30pm *Spanish Mass***, and 7:00pm

Parking Reminders During Advent and Christmas

If you park on the Church side of Park Avenue, please be aware of our Parish House driveway at 913 Park Avenue. The driveway is to the right of the wooden ramp entrance to the Parish House. Make sure that your car is not parked too close to the driveway opening. Leaving space between your car and the driveway opening improves visibility for cars entering and exiting the driveway and gives them more space to turn in and pull out.

Please keep in mind that we have five lots available for Church parking:

- A Lot—on the corner of Park Avenue and Spring Street
- B Lot—on the corner of Park Avenue and Oak Street
- C Lot—on Broad Street, in front of the School
- Parish House Lot—at 913 Park Avenue
- SUNDAY MORNINGS ONLY (until 1:00pm)—the top level of the garage at Founders Row

Founders Row Garage Parking—Our neighbors at Founders Row, beside the Parish House, have given us additional reserved parking in their garage on Sunday mornings. *The parking on the top floor of the Founder's Row garage is effective only Sunday mornings until 1:00pm (7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and noon Masses).* Signage clearly states that the spaces are reserved for Saint James on Sunday mornings. Parishioners who wish to park there should enter Founders Avenue, either from Broad Street or Park Avenue.

From Founders Avenue, turn into the parking garage entrance next to the Modera offices (big sign). Once in the parking garage, turn left and follow the overhead signs that say “Ramp Up – Additional Parking” – this will involve an eventual right turn, then go straight to the back and turn up the ramp to the right. You’ll make another right at the top of the ramp, and then you will see the signs on the pillars saying, “St. James Church Parking Sundays 7:00am to 1:00pm.” *There is one set of elevators to take you back down after leaving your car.* Leaving from the parking garage allows you to exit on Broad Street and miss all the traffic on Park Avenue.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 11

10:00am-12:00pm	Donut Sunday	Monsignor Heller Hall
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Monday, December 12

6:30pm-9:00pm	Fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Monsignor Heller Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm	ESOL Classes	School

Tuesday, December 13

10:00am-11:30am	Seniors Steering Committee	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:00pm-8:15pm	PREP High School Classes	School Library
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Mom's Bible Study	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA Classes	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, December 14

10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	ESOL Classes	School
7:00pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht

Thursday, December 15

9:30am-11:30am	Co-ed Scripture Study	Knecht
12:30pm-5:00pm	Adoration (ends early)	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Diocesan Young Adults Exalt Holy Hour (see page 5)	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Library

Friday, December 16

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group	Parish House

Saturday, December 17

3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
4:00pm-5:30pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Parish House
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Monsignor Heller Hall

Parish Bulletin Notices for January Submissions

Due to early submission deadlines by the publishing company and the Rectory offices being closed Christmas week, **new notices for the January 1st and 8th bulletins must be submitted by Thursday, December 15th.**

Notices must be submitted online via our bulletin page. [Click here](http://www.stjamescatholic.org) to submit a bulletin notice or visit www.stjamescatholic.org and click on the **Bulletin** button.