



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

January 12, 2025



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
2:30pm (Spanish), Noon,
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, and 7:00pm

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 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/](http://www.stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/).

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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 January Prayer Intention

For the right to an education—Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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On The Way

The Theological Virtues: What Hope is Not

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb 11:1). This classic definition of faith already indicates a relationship between faith and hope. Specifically, that faith comes first, and hope follows. By faith we know God and by hope we strive for him. Unless we first know him, we cannot strive for him.

Now, since we have already considered faith, we now turn to the theological virtue of hope. Unfortunately, like the word “faith,” the word “hope” is often misunderstood. Our use of it here, to indicate a theological virtue, differs drastically from the world’s use. So, we should first clarify what we *don’t* mean by “hope.”

Hope always involves the expectation of or striving for some difficult good. So, people “hope” for good weather or a Commander’s victory or to do well on a test. None of these expresses the *theological* virtue of hope. Rather, in these instances people say, “I hope” when what they really mean is “I want.” It’s not so much a confidence about attaining some future good but a *desire* that it will happen or be accomplished.

There is also the emotion of hope by which we feel confident about attaining something that is good but difficult to reach. We can think of it as an optimistic feeling about things. This emotion (like any emotion) is neither morally good nor bad. It depends on what we do with it. If this optimistic feeling is in accord with reality (Actually, yes, I *am* able to make that putt!), then it should be encouraged. In those instances, the emotion can assist the will. If this optimism is not in accord with reality (I’m going to play in the PGA!), then it should be rejected. Either way, it’s not a virtue but just a feeling.

Another distinction is that the theological virtue of hope is not founded on our own abilities, or those of anyone else, or any earthly power or resource. Again, we often speak of “hoping” in what others – people, programs, science, medicine – can do for us. This might be a natural kind of hope that looks to natural realities and strengths and sees reason for confidence in the future. But it is wholly unsuited to the kind of content necessary for authentic Christian hope. It often fails on a natural level also. The sadness of many during the pandemic was caused precisely by a misplaced confidence – hope – in what medicine, science, and the state can accomplish.

Marxism famously dislocated hope from eternity to time, from heaven to earth. It introduced the thought that we ourselves can correct things and achieve the perfectly just society. Every politician traffics in this false notion of hope, putting himself forward as the one who can solve all the problems or proclaiming that “we are the ones we have been waiting for.”

Or, more sentimentally, people speak of children as “the hope of the future.” (Which is ironic in a culture that expends enormous amounts of money to *avoid* having children.) Now, there’s a certain truth to this outlook, since having children is a vote of confidence in the future. P. D. James’s novel *The Children of Men* shows how hopeless (naturally speaking) society becomes without children. Still, in the end we don’t hope in children. Indeed, we shouldn’t impose on them the burden of all our hopes. Nor should we do that to any other human person.

No, the glory for which we hope cannot be attained by any human or worldly power. So, our hope must come from beyond ourselves and beyond our world.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 11

Saturday after Epiphany

8:30am +Gaudencio Q. Farrales

Mass for the Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm +Edward O'Laughlin

Sunday, January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30am +Gerald C. Brown

9:00am +James Comerford

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Bill Brooks

2:30pm +Alicia Knust

7:00pm +Kathryn Zinzi Etzel

Monday, January 13

St. Andre Bessette

6:30am +Suzanne M. Brown

8:15am +Zacharia T. Coipuram and Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon +Fr. Peter Williams

Tuesday, January 14

St. Raymond of Penyafort

6:30am +Stephen and Jean McTeague

8:15am +Catherine Luhr

Noon +Donna Casey

Wednesday, January 15

Wednesday of the First Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Rosemary Sales

8:15am +Geraldine LaNasa

Noon +Jane Ho Pan

Thursday, January 16

Thursday of the First Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Rogerio Arajo

8:15am +Kathryn Zinzi Etzel

Noon Christina Lebron

Friday, January 17

Friday of the First Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Sarah Ann Auther

8:15am +Rita Funk

Noon 65th Year of Ordination of Fr. Bill Wyndaele

Saturday, January 18

Saturday of the First Week of Ordinary Time

8:30am +Michael Patrick Dimmick

Mass for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00pm +John Hoffman

Sunday, January 19

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am +Kevin Anthony Harley

9:00am +Sharon Christen

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Deacon Dominic Heesang Chai, S.J., and Deacon Joshua Yew Khean Choong

2:30pm +Sildana Rodriguez

7:00pm +Wayne Gamotis

Today's Readings

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Visit www.bible.usccb.org/readings for the options for each reading, responsorial psalm, and gospel for this day.

Readings for the Week

Visit www.bible.usccb.org/readings for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Joyce Babiak

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Carmine Carosella

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Brendan Collins

Mona Demien

Mike Dudzik

Roberta Dunn

Clare Dunne

Erik Funk

Katherine Garren

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Alex Lohman

Jose G. Martinez

Nicholas McDonough

Mildred Melmer

Gloria Mora

Julie Neil

Rachel Noonan

Esther Olivos

Janet Owen

Jim Owen

Carter Parry

Russell Ross

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Kathy Thomas

Julia Umana

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Renato Tambungui Garcia

William (Bill) George Teed

Victoria Perez

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth

CPL James Murray, USMC

2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC




For changes or updates, 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 <http://cepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org.



SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

Meatloaf dinner. Guests are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or a dessert to share for six people. Please bring \$5.00 to play.

*RSVP by January 13th to one of the following:
Susan at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com or
Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH
5:00PM-7:00PM
MSGR. HELLER HALL**

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, Bingo will be held on February 20th.



A PRAYERFUL
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION
IDEA:

**SPEND AN
HOUR AT
ADORATION
EVERY WEEK.**

Schedule Update for Pew Removal for Reupholstering

During this week of January 13th, the remaining pew seats will be reupholstered. Half were redone last week.

- Monday, January 13th and Friday, January 17th, the Noon Mass will be held in Monsignor Heller Hall.
- The pews removed on January 13th will be returned on January 17th.
- As a result, our weekday Mass seating capacity of 800 will be reduced by about half.

The reupholstering is being performed at no cost to the Church due to a problem with the original installation of the seat cushions in 2017.

There will be no School Mass this week. This work impacts only our weekday Masses.



All pews will be available for our Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Parish News (Continued)

Parish Inclement Weather Policy

Now that winter is here, please remember that **Mass takes place as scheduled regardless of the weather.** Please use your best judgment in severe weather conditions when main roads and neighborhoods may not be safe to drive. Remember that the 10:30am and 2:30pm (Spanish) Sunday Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page and parish website.



Park Avenue is an emergency snow route. Use our parking lots and avoid parking on the street during a snow emergency. Details about the snow emergency policy are available on www.fallschurch.gov.

During inclement weather, our Rectory office follows the Falls Church City Government.

The school and religious education program (PREP) generally follow Falls Church City Schools. You can find the school district's operating status at www.fccps.org. The school and PREP also have their own notification systems.

Adult ministries and formation programs will generally follow the city government, but may decide to cancel sessions or meetings based on a consensus of members or leadership. In that case, every effort will be made to notify participants, including ministry email lists.

Social Outreach Thank You

Our Social Outreach Committee wants to thank the generous Saint James parishioners for your support of Social Outreach projects throughout Advent including donated gift cards given to the Food Distribution families/Catholic Charities/residents served by local shelters, Adopt-A-Family, toy/clothes donations for Seven Corners Children Center Christmas Drive, and donations to our monthly Food Distribution. Our parish community has shown their generosity and support for those less fortunate.

Our parish always comes together as a community to help to serve those in our area who are in need. **Thank you for all your support!** May God bless you in this new year.



National March for Life in D.C.

Join the Saint James Respect Life group for the National March for Life in D.C. on **Friday, January 24th**. The parish will provide a chartered bus for this event.

- 10:15am—Attendees begin loading on the bus in front of the church
- 10:30am—Bus departs for D.C.
- 3:15-3:30pm—The bus will pick us up
- 4:30pm—Expected return to Saint James

There will be a \$10 fee per person for a seat on the bus and a Saint James beanie to wear to the event. Try to wear red on the day of the march. It is best to bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks and water.



Register for the bus using our online sign-up at <https://bit.ly/Jan24Bus> or scanning the QR code.

Contact Rich Hunter, 571-423-6482 or StJamesLife@gmail.com, with any questions.

Virginia Pro-Life Day

A state constitutional amendment to enshrine legalized abortion rights in Virginia has been introduced, and unless stopped in the process, will be on the Virginia state ballot in 2026. Help stop this amendment by attending Virginia Pro-Life Day in Richmond, on **Wednesday morning, January 29, 2025**.

Meet with our state legislators and speak out to defend life. Learn more at vaprolifeday.org.

The schedule is listed below.

- 8:00am—Doors open
- 8:30am-9:00am—Opening programming
- 10:00am-11:00am—Visits to legislators
- Noon—You may choose between visiting galleries or Mass at St. Peter's Parish
- 2:00pm—After adjournment of floor sessions, there will be visits to legislators for late arriving participants

Contact Rich Hunter, 571-423-6482 or StJamesLife@gmail.com, if you're interested in attending. *We may organize transportation, depending on interest.*

Parish News (Continued)

Moms Meetup/Toddler Playdate

Calling all moms of babies and toddlers! Is it your new year's resolution to make more mom friends? Join our weekly meetups to connect with other mothers in the parish. We get together most Friday mornings, with babies and toddlers in tow, and have occasional meetups in the evening. We would love to see you! Now that the holidays are over, join us.

To learn more, email adele1@gmail.com or dickmanallyson@gmail.com.

Attention for All Men in the Parish

Our Saint James Fraternity is hosting Exodus 90 as an extended and intensive Lent for men again this year starting Monday, January 20th. Our first meeting will be the following **Tuesday morning, January 21st from 7:00am-7:45am** at the Parish House and we will meet each week at the same time and place until Easter. Visit exodus90.com/ for more information.

Contact Dony Mac Manus at 202-766-7428 or donymacmanus@gmail.com.



A Women's Study of Ephesians

All women are invited to join the Wednesday Women's Bible Study of St. Paul's "*Letter to the Ephesians*" beginning **January 22nd from 10:00am-11:30am** in Knecht Conference Room. Bring your Catholic study Bible and join a lively group as we read and discuss the writings of this brilliant and passionate disciple of Jesus.

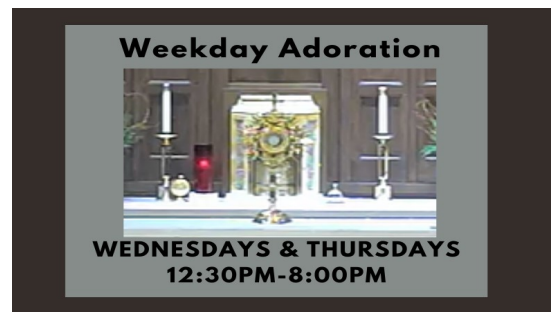
If you have questions or are interested in participating, please email Jane Harvey at harveyjmc@gmail.com.

Weekly Afternoon Eucharistic Adoration

We offer Adoration on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30pm-8:00pm.

Please consider committing to come and be in our Lord's presence—to adore, thank, atone, and petition. The exposition of Jesus in the monstrance leaves Christ vulnerable and must always be properly attended. Since He is exposed out of love for us, it is our duty to make sure He is protected. For that reason, at least one person must be in the church while He is exposed.

For more information or to sign up, email Julie Marx, juliemarx14@gmail.com.



Explore Our Website







Check out the **Faith Formation** menu on our website for suggestions for spiritual readings.




We have suggested a list of spiritual readings on our website, www.stjamescatholic.org/faith/recommended-spiritual-reading. You can increase your knowledge of our Catholic faith and deepen your relationship with our Lord. Download a list of recommended spiritual reading from Fr. Scalia here. This list was updated in May 2023 with notations of readings that can be found in our Parish Library.

Also, you can visit our Parish Library in the Parish House at 913 Park Avenue (to the right of the Rectory) the **first and third Sundays of the month from 10:00am-2:00pm**. There are books for all age levels and topics from saints, scripture, theology, daily devotions, church history, vocations, and more. To view the available books, CDs, and DVDs, visit their web page at stjamescatholic.org/faith/parish-library/. There is even a reading room beside the library.

Youth Ministry Events

2025 WORKCAMP CALENDAR MEETINGS
June 21-27, 2025

 <p>JANUARY 15 Teen Meeting 7-8 pm Parish House</p>	 <p>FEBRUARY 19 Teen Meeting 7-8 pm Msgr. Heller Hall</p>
 <p>MARCH 19 Teen Meeting 7-8 pm</p>	 <p>APRIL 17 Teen Meeting 7-8 pm</p>
 <p>MAY 21 Teen Meeting 7-8 pm Parish House</p>	<p>TOOL TRAINING TBD</p> 



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BOYS IN GRADES 4-11
JOIN US FOR TRAINING IN THE CHURCH



**TUESDAY
JANUARY 21
AT 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM**



VISIT
[HTTPS://STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG/WORSHIP/LITURGICAL-MINISTRIES/#ALTARBOYS](https://stjamescatholic.org/worship/liturgical-ministries/#altarboys)

**RSVP TO
YM@STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG**

Community & Parent Meeting
January 13, 2025

Join Father John Paul to learn about our Middle & High School Youth Ministry programs and how we can work together!

**7 pm-8 pm
Knecht Conference Room**



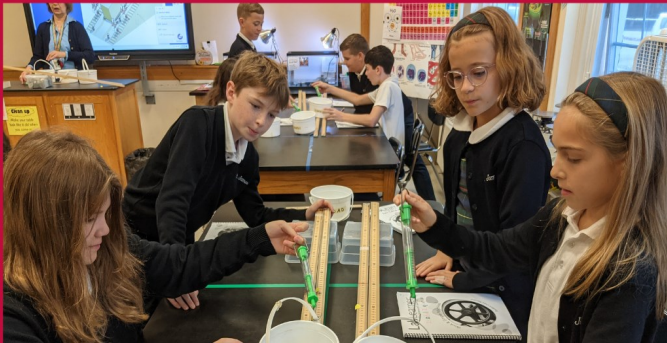
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Join us for our Catholic Schools Week

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 26th
10:00am-Noon
(After 9:00am Mass)

21ST ANNUAL SAINT JAMES SCHOOL GALA & AUCTION

DONATIONS WANTED

DO YOU HAVE TICKETS TO A SPORTING EVENT OR CONCERT, PROVIDE A SERVICE OR OWN A LOCAL BUSINESS?

CONSIDER DONATING AN ITEM TO OUR LIVE OR SILENT AUCTION!

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF GIFT CERTIFICATES, COMPANY SERVICES, GIFT BASKETS, ELECTRONICS, RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS, ENTERTAINMENT GIFT CARDS, SPORTS TICKETS OR VACATION PACKAGES.

DONATIONS REQUESTED BY FEBRUARY 15.
QUESTIONS? EMAIL PTOAUCTION@SAINTJAMESCHOOL.ORG



Parish Calendar

Monday, January 13

7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Ministry Parent/Community Meeting (see page 7)	Knecht
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School Theology	School Library

Tuesday, January 14

7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Well-Read Mom's Book Group	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, January 15

10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	WorkCamp Meeting (see page 7)	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House

Thursday, January 16

9:30am-11:45am	Co-ed Bible Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
5:00pm-7:00pm	Seniors Young at Heart Bingo Night (see page 4)	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall

Sunday, January 19

10:00am-11:15am	Special Religious Ed (SPRED)	Knecht
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	Parish House

Youth Ministry Teen Event

Our high schoolers attended Handel's Messiah at the Kennedy Center with Father John Paul in December.

