



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

April 14, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joel Kwame, In Residence
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
Deacon Marvin Muhat

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Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-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, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

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

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am,
Noon, 5:00pm, and
7:00pm

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: 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/.

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Sister Patricia Healey, IHM, Superior

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

The Pope's April Prayer Intention

For the role of women—We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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

Seven New Words: Was it not necessary?

It's fascinating how many resurrection appearances of our Lord include not only questions but even rebukes. "Whom do you seek?" was one. This week we turn to another. When Jesus appears in a hidden manner to the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35), he joins their conversation about "all the things that had occurred" in Jerusalem in those days. In response to their despondency and disappointment, our Lord gives a rebuke: "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Was it not necessary? This rhetorical question might sting us as well. We typically see our Lord's passion and death as an unfortunate event in an otherwise wonderful ministry. We miss the point that he entered into the world *in order to sacrifice his life* and that his life and ministry were marked by opposition from the start. *Was it not necessary?* In a sense, Jesus asks us this question to free us from this superficial view and deepen our understanding of his life and ministry.

So, in what sense was it necessary that Christ suffer? Why does our redemption necessitate that? We have to proceed carefully here, because some responses depict God inaccurately. There's a line of thought that presents Jesus' sufferings as the necessary appeasement of the Father's wrath. The Father was in effect taking out his anger on his Son, exacting from him the necessary pound of flesh. This is not Catholic teaching.

By sin – original and personal – we incur a debt to God. We have taken something from him, and it must be restored, redeemed. Problem is, that debt is eternal because it's owed to the eternal God. We've denied him the glory that is his due. But we're finite and can't pay it. We limited, wounded creatures cannot restore the glory we've taken from the eternal, holy God. Only the eternal One can redeem, can bridge the gap. Man must pay this debt, but only God can. So God becomes man to pay the debt. As man, Jesus pays this debt on our behalf. As God, his obedience in the offering of his life has infinite value.

Still, was the particular *manner* of redemption – the Lord's passion and death – absolutely necessary? After all, if Jesus' obedience and offering have infinite value, then one drop of his Precious Blood would have sufficed. One act of obedience of the Son of God would have sufficed. God chose instead a path of extraordinary obedience, sacrifice, and humiliation. "[He] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:7-8).

Why this self-emptying? This was to manifest the extent of God's love for us, to show forth what we are worth to him. It is a necessary teaching about both the gravity of our sins – that they separate us from God and lead to death – and also the extent of his love. His love prompts him to manifest his mercy in this extreme manner.

This self-emptying also reveals that God has come to heal us at the source of our misery. In place of our rebellion, he obeys in the extreme. He goes to the place of death to restore life. The redemption he has wrought is no superficial covering over of our sins but the descent to the depth of our guilt, shame, and even alienation from God. Thus, it was "necessary" to satisfy the demands, not only of God's justice, but also of his mercy.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 13

Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Andrew and Axel Weichert

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am Living and deceased members of the
Johnson family

9:00am Allan B. Antonio

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Norma De La Rosa

2:30pm +Justina Crespo

7:00pm +Peggy Kurtzke

Monday, April 15

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am Living and deceased members of the
Romano family

8:15am +Patricia Madden

Noon +Ann and Anthony Bott

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +William Anderson

8:15am +Kenneth Whitehead

Noon +Dr. Frank Whitesell III

Wednesday, April 17

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +Ann-Cecile McDermott

8:15am +Margaret Kurtzke

Noon +All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 18

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +Pat and Judy Krell

8:15am +Eleanor Perih

Noon +All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 19

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +Judy Krell

8:15am +Eleanor Perih

Noon +Gerda D. Hurley

Saturday, April 20

Saturday of the Third Week of Easter

8:30am +Caitlin Sheltry Roche

Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm McPhilomy family

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Jane and Michael Checkan

9:00am +Lewis and Helen Starr

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Norberto Bonini

2:30pm Teresa Matos and Ministry Volunteers

7:00pm +John Paul Schwarz

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

"Peter said to the people: 'The God of Abraham,'"

Psalm

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

"Lord, let your face shine on us."

Second Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5a

"My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not..."

Gospel

Lk 24:35-48

"The two disciples recounted what had taken place..."

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

Tracy Adcox

Roberta Dunn

Janet Owen

Juan Alarcon

Erik Funk

Carter Parry

Gil Ascunce

Rita Funk

Phillip Perot

Joyce Babiak

Katherine C. Garren

Russell Ross

Beatriz Basso

Judith Karinshak

Kathleen Seroskie

Cory Bautista

Kenan Kreiner

Robyn Stewart

Terrell Blodgett

Laura Lareau

Genevra Strickler

Betty Brunton

Jose G. Martinez

Vincent Strickler

Carmine Carosella

Mildred Melmer

Kathy Thomas

Jane Checkan

Gloria Mora

Julia Umana

Maria Claffy

Julie Neil

Lauren Vinci

Brendan Collins

Rachel Noonan

Anne Marie Willis

Mona Demien

Jim Owen

Richard Ziegler

Cameron DeMulder

the deceased of our parish family

Luis Arias

Martha Garcia

and those serving our country

This includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service. For changes or updates, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

2nd Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth

CPT William H. Johnson, USA (Ret.)



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.

- To sign up to be a praying member, visit <http://eepurl.com/gURddd>
- To submit a request to the Prayer Chain, email PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org

Parish News

WorkCamp “Contractor” Needed

A WorkCamp contractor is an adult volunteer who is responsible for leading the work on the project but is not necessarily a "contractor" in the professional sense. Some background in basic construction or remodeling skills is very useful but not required. A person who is handy with tools and has experience doing hands-on home repair and maintenance is typically qualified. The Arlington Diocese will provide detailed instructions on how to complete every project and will pair contractors with projects matching their skill set.

Contact Andy Newton, andy@hxr.us, for more information.

Assistant Director of Facilities Job Opening

Saint James Catholic Church and School seeks an Assistant Director of Facilities. The position requires basic repair skills in various trades and a proven track record showing strong customer service orientation and ability to manage staff and contractors.

- Position is full-time and includes benefits.
- Hours are tentatively Monday through Friday, 10:00am-6:00pm
 - ⇒ Must be available on call other times.
 - ⇒ Some early morning, late night, and weekend hours will be required.

Send resume to Rich Blickendorfer at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.



JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY
SAINT JAMES AFTER MASS
BRUNCH
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY
BRUNCH MENU 10:00AM-4:00PM
IRELAND'S FOUR PROVINCES
105 West Broad Street, Falls Church, VA

Come on over and join fellow Saint James parishioners and school families every third Sunday for brunch after Mass at 4P's in Falls Church.
All are welcome!

Questions?
Email: ptoauction@saintjamescatholic.org

Parish Vegetable Garden Planning Monday, April 15th, 7:30pm Parish House



Join the Creation Care Ministry as we finalize the parish vegetable garden plans.

Email Adam Vogel, adam.vogel20@gmail.com, to see how you can get involved or be added to our email list.

Young Professionals—April Holy Hour

Join the Saint James Young Professionals and young adults throughout the diocese this **Thursday, April 18th, 7:00pm** for *EXALT: An Evening of Worship*. Each month, Exalt travels throughout the regions of the Diocese to gather young adults for a night of inspiring witness and worship.

Following the Holy Hour, there will be a **Happy Hour** in the Parish House with snacks and drinks.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1422442654568301>.

AHG Krispy Kreme Donut & Bake Sale

Please support the American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA0681 by buying a box of Krispy Kreme Donuts or some baked goods on **Sunday, April 28th**, after the Masses.



Proceeds will go towards supporting troop camping including a planned camping trip in Shenandoah National Park for at least three nights this summer.



Parish News (Continued)

Falls Church Homeless Shelter Thank You

I want to say “Thank you” to our parish community for your support of the Falls Church Homeless Shelter during the 2023-2024 open season and the 2024 Shelter Gala. Your donations of food, money, and volunteer time made this another great year for the shelter and our residents. The Gala was a fantastic event allowing people to learn more about the Shelter.

A special thanks to Father Scalia who visited us at the Shelter and was able to meet our guests and witness the participation of Saint James parishioners as volunteers and food donors during his visit.



Remember that even if the shelter is closed, you can still access our web page, <https://fcshester.org>, for updates on our activities and opportunities to support our cause. The shelter is open mid-November to late March.

Thanks,
Luis Frontera
Falls Church Shelter Board member

SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

BINGO NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

5:00PM-8:00PM

MONSIGNOR HELLER HALL

Pizza will be served for dinner. Each attendee is asked to bring a hearty salad (potato, fruit, pasta, cole slaw, etc.) or dessert for six people to complement the dinner. Please bring \$5.00 to play.

Please RSVP to one of the following:

- Susan Jackson, jacksonsusan765@gmail.com
- Cae Gilley, 703-533-3845

Faith Formation Groups at Saint James

In our upcoming bulletins, we will be introducing you to our faith formation groups. If you are new to the parish, you may not be aware of the many groups and ministries at Saint James. We encourage you to become involved in one or more of our ministries. Visit the **Faith Formation** menu on our website.

For other parish ministries and groups, visit our **Service & Fellowship** menu. We have also posted the persons to contact for all of our ministries and groups at Saint James.



Dominican Corner

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. We are four professed members who gather at Saint James on the third Sunday of the month.

You are warmly invited to join us for prayer, fellowship, and discussion in the Parish House at **5:00pm-6:45 pm** on any **third Sunday**. Join us next **Sunday, April 21st**. Feel free to contact us at InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com.



Youth Ministry

WorkCamp Bake and Crafts Sale

Next weekend, **April 20th and 21st**, our WorkCamp will be hosting a Bake & Crafts Sale after Masses. All funds raised will go to lower the costs of the registration fees.

This year Saint James hopes to send its largest cohort of young, eager parishioners, so please think about buying some yummy baked goods or a handmade craft.

Students can sign up for time slots for the sale, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AABAE23A64-48514074-saint>.

Cookies Brownies Cupcakes Crafts & More!



WorkCamp


Bake & Crafts Sale!

April 20th & 21st
(Outside, by the church)


Thank you!



All funds raised will lower the costs of camp




Middle School Students
Grades 6-8
You are Invited to



BASH

WHEN: Saturday, May 4th
TIME: 3:30pm - 8:30pm
WHERE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA
COST: \$15.00 per participant
HOW TO SIGN UP: Contact Youth Ministry by April 30th

abigart@stjamescatholic.org



Middle School

April 28th
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Saint James Gym

Dodgeball & Pizza

Parents Sign Up to chaperone!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A9A92EA7FDC25-44264446-youth>

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Our students in PREP and Saint James School are preparing to make their First Communion next month. Below is the schedule for the three groups. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

First Communion Dates

Saturday, May 4th, 10:00am—Group A

Saturday, May 11th, 10:00am—Group B

Sunday, May 26th, 2:30pm—Spanish PREP

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



Saint James Catholic School

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

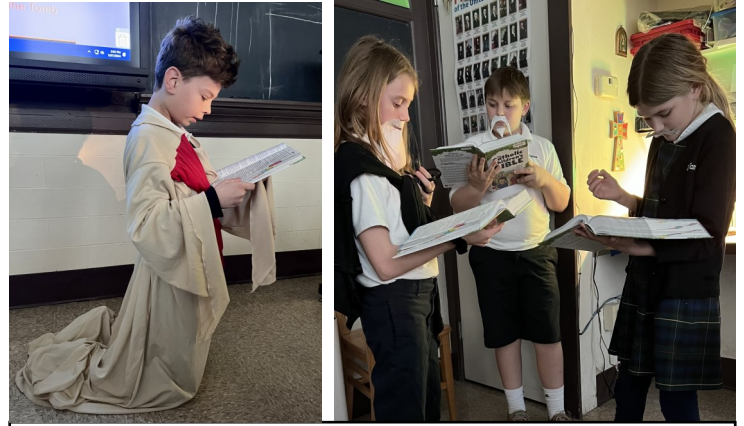
"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

Holy Week

During Holy Week, our students participated in religious activities focused on the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It was a great way to prepare our students for the holiest week of the year.



Our second graders performed the *Lenten Play*.



Our fifth graders read the *Passion Play* in class.



Our seventh graders beautifully led the school in the Living Stations of the Cross.

Saint James School Gala & Online Auction

Our 20th Annual PTO Gala is this Saturday, April 20th. Even if you are not attending, you can still participate in the online auction. Items include a Kentucky Derby basket, jeweled cocktail purses, private tour of the U.S. Capitol, private tour of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, summer camp options, gift cards to local businesses, vacation getaways & hotel stays, and more. **Check out the online items now by scanning the QR code.** Register for free.

20th Annual
SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
GALA & AUCTION

Online bidding
opens on
Tuesday, April
16th.



Welcome New Members to Saint James

Congratulations to over 30 candidates in our OCIA program who received the sacraments at our Church during our Easter Vigil. OCIA is a spiritual journey which begins by responding to God's call to seek the living God. Please welcome them into our parish.



Catechumens:

Silvana Abousaedi
Jennifer Kathryn Blakemore
Samuel Cory Brooks
Leslie Jasmin Castro
Jonathan Kyle Jura
Supranee Kamjaroen
Angela Ma Lentini
Kaveh Dastan Moasser
Elisabeth Pawluk
Kiersten Elise Pawluk

Lauren Rose Pawluk
Jenna Michele Quader
Seung Yeon (Erika) Shin

Confirmandi:

David Martell
William Medick

Full Communion:

Jordan Brewer
Charles Carlson

Tony Dale
Kathleen Dale
Patrick Drummond
Ryan Lacey
April Lynch
Michaela Martell
Sherrod McKenzie
Ryan Payne
Jack Sinko
Samantha (Sami) Youaw



Vacation Bible School Registration Begins April 25th

Saint James Vacation Bible School returns July 15-19, 2024, from 9:00am-Noon. Registration begins April 25th and closes on June 1st. Visit the parish homepage, www.stjamescatholic.org, for more details. Next week, we will have a full-page flyer as well. This year's theme is 'Scuba Diving into Friendship with God.'

The Vacation Bible School registration link will be available starting April 25th.



Parish Calendar

Monday, April 15		
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School PREP	School Library
7:00pm-8:30pm	Creation Care Ministry	Parish House
Tuesday, April 16		
8:00am-9:00am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
Wednesday, April 17		
10:00am-11:30pm	Mothers of the Church	Knecht
10:00am-12:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Parish House
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, April 18		
9:30am-11:45am	Co-ed Bible Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00am	Adoration	Church
5:00pm-8:00pm	Seniors Young at Heart (see page 5)	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals Diocesan EXALT (see page 4)	Church/Parish House
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Friday, April 19		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group	Parish House
Saturday, April 20		
	WorkCamp Bake Sale (see page 6)	
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
5:00pm-11:00pm	School Gala and Auction	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, April 21		
	WorkCamp Bake Sale (see page 6)	
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	School
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-6:45pm	Lay Dominicans Evening Prayer	Parish House

Youth Pilgrimage to France

Young college students and recent high school graduates are invited to **five weeks of travel** around the religious marvels of France and a glimpse of Spain from **June 22nd through July 27th**. St. Joan of Arc Academy, ASJA France is a five week Catholic program, combining a unique discovery of the French historical and religious heritage, intellectual studies, spiritual life, community experience, and a pilgrimage including parts of the famous "Camino de Compostella" (Way to Santiago).

The Académie St. Joan of Arc Summer Camp is particularly designed for new high school graduates before they begin their university curriculum, and students already in their higher studies, who wish to take the time to discern and position themselves in their adult, family, social, and professional lives. The age range for this program is 18-23.

