



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

August 17, 2025



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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

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, 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 six-month 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/.

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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: The City of God

In 410AD, the unthinkable happened. The city of Rome fell. The Visigoth King Alaric, an on again/off again ally of the Empire, sacked Rome and loosed his men upon the city for three days. They pillaged the city of its treasures and led many citizens into captivity. Rome had not fallen to a foreign army in nearly 800 years. Although some years earlier Rome had ceased to be the administrative capital of the Empire, it continued as its symbol of enduring power and majesty. Its fall sent shock waves and refugees throughout the mediterranean world.

The fall was felt keenly by the Northern Africans, not only because of the refugees who arrived on their shores but also because of just how Roman their culture was. In his youth, Augustine himself had become an expert on the Roman orators and writers. He had gone to Rome itself because that was *the* place to advance in scholarship and renown.

Now, decades later, having become a Christian and having tended Christ's flock for years, Rome's fall has a different meaning for him than it would have before. The world had been shaken by the event, and Augustine needed to help make sense of it for his people. So the fall of Rome occasioned one of his greatest works, *The City of God*. It was, in his own words, "a massive and arduous work," and took him almost 15 years to complete. Once complete, it served as one of the most important texts for the rest of Christian history. Charlemagne, for example, used to listen to reading from the book when at table.

The first purpose of *The City of God* was to exonerate the Christians. In the aftermath of Rome's fall, many blamed the Christians. The city fell, so they argued, because the worship of and sacrifices to pagan gods had been abandoned for Christianity. Augustine spends almost fully half the book reviewing the history of Rome and observing that their cruel and capricious – indeed, dehumanizing – gods had never quite cared for the city.

More importantly, *The City of God* wrestles with the perennial question of how Christians are to live in this world with their hearts and minds set on another – how to be in the world but not of it. The fall of Rome, the "Eternal City," had shaken people's confidence in the seemingly almighty empire. If Rome had fallen, where was one to find anything lasting and enduring? It's not an irrelevant question for us, who live in times of similar upheaval and societal change.

Scripture tells us that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil 3:20) and that "here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come" (Heb 13:14). Building on these teachings, Augustine explains how the two cities vie for our hearts. Or, rather, how they are based on our hearts, as each city is founded on a different love. The city of man is based on self-love. The city of God is based on love of God. Augustine traces out how devotion to these cities has characterized the history of angels and men.

Now, it's not simply that we are to live here in the city of man until the city of God appears on the last day. Rather, we are to live according to that true eternal city, to shape our lives and our communities according to its truths and structure. Because the city – the Kingdom – of God is a present but not yet perfected reality. It is present here already in the Church. Christians form what Augustine calls a "civitas peregrina" – a pilgrim city, a community of believers that makes its way through this world while already living according to the City of God.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 16

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

Monday, August 18

Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Susan Boblitz

8:15am James McCool

Noon +Barbara Curtin

Tuesday, August 19

St. John Eudes

6:30am +Kristin Pratt

8:15am Special Intention

Noon +Fr. Clement Balashunmugam

Wednesday, August 20

St. Bernard

6:30am +Rev. Carlo Zanoni

8:15am +John Breffni Walsh

Noon Deepening the love for married couples

Thursday, August 21

St. Pius X

6:30am +Dr. Peter V. and Mary A. Caruso

8:15am Stefano Biancaneillo

Noon +Joseph and Patricia Reinkemeyer

Friday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am +Barbara Biagi

8:15am Robert Matzelle and William Gephart

Noon +John Scully

Saturday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima

8:30am Rosa Cristina Grebogi

Mass for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Rolando Jose Vega Mendez

Sunday, August 24

The Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am Dianne Garcia

9:00am +Anthony D'Andrea

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Bertha Bahr

2:30pm Carlos Antonio Ayala and Jacqueline
De Lion and family

7:00pm +Kathleen Hurley

Today's Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

"In those days, the princes said to the king:"

Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

"Lord, come to my aid!"

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

"Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a..."

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on...'"

Readings for the Week

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

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Mona Demien

Julie Neil

Joyce Babiak

Thomas Duncan

Rachel Noonan

James Banks

Roberta Dunn

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Katherine Garren

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Anthony L. Gerena

Colman Rowan

Betty Brunton

Silvia Guevara

BJ Salinas

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

Kathleen Seroskie

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Robyn Stewart

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Lauren Vinci

Grace Coipuram

Jose G. Martinez

Liv Wash

Brendan Collins

Gloria Mora

Anne Marie Willis

John Cormany

Mildred Melmer

the deceased of our parish family

Regina DePalma

Kathy Thomas

and please pray for all active duty military

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF

Cpl. James Murray, USMC

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC

Lt. j.g. William Conroy, USN

2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA

Cmdr. Thomas Dixon, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

2nd Lt. Finn Roou, USA

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

Col. Jay Hildreth, USA



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 <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org.

Thank You to Saint James Parishioners

Shelter House would like to express their appreciation for our parish's overwhelming support of their Amazon wish list site this summer. Our Social Outreach Committee has supported this organization for years which helps the homeless and/or victims of domestic violence. This is the only family shelter that needed every day essential items including hygiene items, formula, diapers, and detergent. In June, the shelter received over \$700 in donations and almost \$1,000 in July thanks to our parishioners.



Shelter House closed their one location in April and relocated to Fair Ridge which allows 85 residences versus 9 in the old location. There are currently 49 families living there and they can stay for up to one year. Families are given bed linens and cleaning supplies when they move in.

Your support allows families of domestic abuse to be in a safe environment like Fair Ridge. To support this shelter, visit their Amazon link anytime at <https://amzn.to/4fnM525> or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support.

2025-2026 Altar Servers and Training

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 and to sign up for training. If you have questions about altar servers, please contact Father Pavlick, 703-532-8815 or frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org.



Below are the training sessions which will explain the basics of this wonderful mission in divine worship. All servers, new and returning, must attend one of these sessions to serve. Email Amy Bigart, ym@stjamescatholic.org, with questions about training.

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



Adult Faith Formation Classes Begin Soon

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 on 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 frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org.

Parish News (Continued)



Dominican Corner

Come and See!

You are invited to join the Mary Magdalene community of Lay Dominicans for prayer, fellowship, and discussion this **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, contact Rose Folsom at InquiryVeritas510@gmail.com.

Life Corner

Be informed and join the Virginia Catholic Conference so you can stay informed on legislation which affects us as Catholics on both the state and federal levels.



Go to vacatholic.org, click on "Join us!" to receive email or text notices on proposed legislation in our state and federal legislative bodies. Not only will you stay up-to-date with legislation currently being considered, but this site also allows for you to easily contact your representative if you so desire. This is a handy site to stay aware of what is happening in our elected bodies.

Moms Meet Up Group

All current moms with babies and toddlers, as well as new moms to the parish, 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 as well as plan special events like speakers and local trips. Join us when you can!

Email Ally, dickmanallyson@gmail.com, or Adele, adele1@gmail.com, to learn more or get on our email list.



Back by Popular Demand...
A Fall Prevention Presentation
Thursday, September 18th
5:00pm-7:30pm
Monsignor Heller Hall (Door 13)

Presented in Partnership with:



The Saving Claire Falls Prevention Project starts with a groundbreaking documentary. The film explores the complex nature of aging, resistance to change, and all the relatable patterns that increase fall risk. The film explores Claire's attitudes and actions, the spiral after her fall, and the dramatic events that follow.

Dr. Sara Pappa from Marymount Center for Optimal Aging will lead a lively interactive discussion and Q&A with local experts on fall prevention!

The Seniors Young at Heart are presenting this meeting which is **open to all Saint James parishioners who may be a senior or have a senior parent/loved one** who could benefit from this presentation.

Due to space limitations, attendees must RSVP by Monday, September 15th, for the dinner and/or presentation to Kathleen McPhilomy at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com.

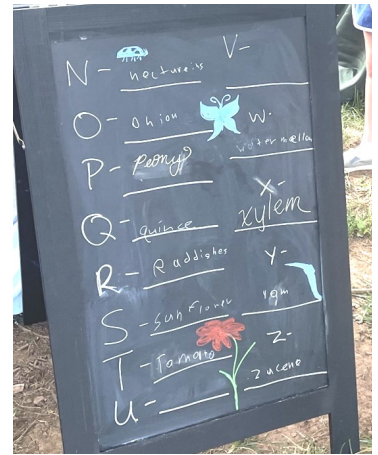
- **5:00pm-5:45pm – Pizza dinner and drinks will be provided**
 - Each guest is asked to bring a dessert or salad for six to complement the dinner.
- **5:45pm-7:30pm – Presentation and panel discussion**

Creation Care Ministry's "Science Night" Recap

Can YOU come up with a fruit or vegetable for every letter of the alphabet? The kids who came to Science Night gathered around the chalk board and took up the challenge. They may have slipped in a flower or two, but that's OK because they worked together to fill in all the blanks!

Joining the always popular microscope station were new additions including garden bingo featuring pictures of vegetables, herbs, and hidden gnomes, the Catholic Garden Network table offering colorful stickers and clever puzzles, posters detailing what was growing in each bed, sectioned vegetables to compare their structures, and a hands on station about the lifecycle of earthworms—featuring live resident earthworms at work—all of which were a huge hit.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and to those who joined us on this picture-perfect summer evening.



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). Please 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)
 - ⇒ \$140 for one child
 - ⇒ \$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

Tuesday Catechists and Assistants 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 dre@saintjameschool.org.

Sacramental Preparation for Children with Special Needs

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.

Volunteers—We are looking for teenage and adult volunteers who would like to be partnered with a child during the class to assist with activities. In addition, we can use volunteers for 30 minutes before and after class for set up and clean up. Setting up is a greater need.

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 ntschellman@gmail.com or Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director of PREP, at dre@saintjameschool.org.

Registration Forms (English and Spanish)

All forms (English, Spanish, and children with special needs) and calendars are posted on our website under the FAITH FORMATION menu as well as on the home page, click the **Religious Education (PREP) Registration** button.

Late Registration Notice

In order for your child(ren) to begin all PREP classes starting Tuesday, September 23rd, your registration form must be in the PREP Office no later than Friday, August 29th. **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 krider@stjamescatholic.org.

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

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?

Contact Ginny Beauchamp, 703-532-8815 or
gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org, on how to register or
visit our home page NEWS at www.stjamescatholic.org.



Sunday October 19, 2025

Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist



The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | [@arlingtonfamily](https://twitter.com/arlingtonfamily)

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 18

7:30pm-8:30pm Creation Care Ministry Parish House

Tuesday, August 19

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 20

12:30pm-8:00pm Adoration Church
7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions Church

Thursday, August 21

12:30pm-8:00pm Adoration Church
5:00pm-7:00pm Seniors August Meeting Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm Holy Hour Church
7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions Church

Friday, August 22

11:00am-11:45am Confessions Church

Saturday, August 23

3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm Confessions Church
6:00pm-8:30pm Hispanic Prayer Group Msgr. Heller Hall

Sunday, August 24

11:30am-1:30pm Young Professionals Brunch after 10:30am Mass Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm Hispanic Legion of Mary Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm Holy Hour Church



Saint James Catholic Church

PLEASE JOIN US
Parish Ministry Fair
(Donuts and coffee will be served.)

Sunday, September 21st

after 9:00am & 10:30am Masses
Monsignor Heller Hall



Everyone has a talent or gift to share!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10



To register your ministry/group, visit StJamesCatholic.org or scan the QR code.



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