



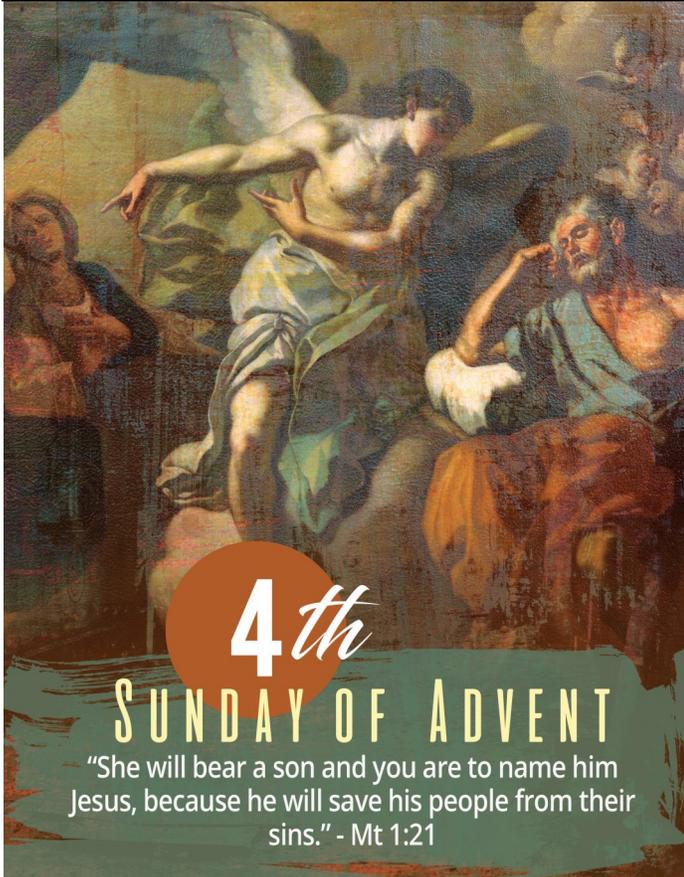
Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

December 18, 2022



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 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

Please 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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Convent

101 N. Spring Street, Falls Church, VA 22046
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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 Pray

The answer to everything is prayer. That is a simple truth that often comes across as simplistic. We shouldn't understand it as just a pious, knee-jerk reaction to any trouble or difficult question. It is simply true that our lifting the mind to God and surrendering ourselves to him brings answers to all things. Maybe not the answers we expect or desire, but answers nonetheless.

Such is the case with the virtue of hope. To hope is to pray. If we don't pray, we shouldn't be surprised if our hope languishes. But what exactly is the connection?

Hope depends on prayer, first, because it is a God-given virtue. We call it a *theological virtue* because it comes *from* God (*Theos*). At our Baptism, when we receive the new life of Christ, our soul is given this virtue. God has given us the power to hope in him in any and every situation we encounter. But we still need to exercise and strengthen this God-given virtue. One essential way of doing so is to go back to the source and ask him to strengthen and increase what he has already given. That's prayer.

Hope is a theological virtue also because it is directed *to* God. We don't hope in any worldly power, wealth, or influence. We hope in God. The more we exercise this muscle for the purposes it was given to us, the stronger it will become. Isaiah gives a beautiful description of the strength of the hopeful: "They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint" (Is 40:31). Again, we exercise this muscle most of all in prayer.

In the end, prayer is the best expression of those characteristics of hope we've already discussed: waiting, watching, and preparing.

Prayer is waiting. Everyone who has prayed knows that we cannot force God to respond or to act. We open ourselves to him and appeal to him...and wait. Sometimes a long time. Which is why prayer is also watching — watching for his coming. Prayer vigils have been important in the Church's history because by keeping vigil for a certain time (for example, for the 40 hours we just completed), we strengthen our ability to wait and watch more generally. Prayer requires vigilance, wakefulness, lest we miss the coming of the Lord.

Prayer is preparing. First, because we have to prepare for prayer itself. We have to plan ahead, recollect ourselves, and settle our hearts before we can really enter into prayer. More to the point, prayer itself is a preparation for every gift that God intends to give us. By prayer we increase our longing and widen our hearts to receive what he desires to give. The fulfillment of his promises is the perfection of his divine life within us. Prayer is the preparation to receive that. It is the beginning of the conversation here on earth that will continue in eternity. If we don't prepare now and begin that conversation now, we shouldn't expect to be ready to receive his gifts when he comes.

The birth of Christ fulfills this time of hope — of waiting, watching, and preparing. But we can enter into it only by prayer. So, as you place the final touches on your Christmas plans, make sure you precede and follow everything with prayer. So that at his birth Christ will find your soul waiting, watchful, and prepared.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fourth Week of Advent

Saturday, December 17

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

Monday, December 19

Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent

6:30am +Frank Giaccio

8:30am +Howard Priebe

Noon +Lizzie and Bernie O'Hara

Tuesday, December 20

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

6:30am +Primitivo and Linda Sido

8:30am +Ann Marie Carney

Noon +Pashk and Marija Kcira

Wednesday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

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

8:30am +Don Cedergren

Noon Daniel McGarvey

Thursday, December 22

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent

6:30am +Mary Robinson

8:30am +Angela Sido Bulandres

Noon Florencia DeLuna

Friday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

6:30am Special Intention

8:30am +Joel Batista

Noon +Gregorio Urmeneta and Felipe Brazil

Saturday, December 24

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Advent

8:30am +James and Martha Carney

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00pm +Katherine and Lucy Alicea

7:00pm +Lillian Marie Klant

9:00pm +George J. Martini

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12:00am +Elizabeth Katherine Bonanno Bunker

7:30am People of Saint James

9:00am +Danny Diaz and Ana Diaz

10:30am +Zacharia T. Coipuram

Noon Thanksgiving for the Arciaga and the Sheppard Families

2:30pm People of Saint James

Today's Readings

First Reading **Is 7:10-14**

"The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the..."

Psalms **Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.**

"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

Second Reading **Rom 1:1-7**

"Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle..."

Gospel **Mt 1:18-24**

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about."

Readings for the Week

Monday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: SG 2:8-14; PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; LK 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

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	Ramon Vilamajo
Raymond "Buddy" Donaldson	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

Food for Others Seeking Volunteers

Food For Others provides food to charitable organizations to restock their food pantries and to families referred by churches, the county, and other organizations. It runs a daily food distribution outreach program to the community. **Food For Others is seeking volunteers to assist in delivering food to two Falls Church sites every Wednesday and Friday of the month.** The volunteer job takes approximately two hours once a month from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Volunteers pick up food at the FFO Merrifield warehouse and deliver the food to two sites in Falls Church. During the distribution process, volunteers work with 2-3 other individuals. There are volunteer opportunities both days throughout the month. Interested individuals can contact Kate Altmeyer at thealtmeyers@gmail.com.

Register for WorkCamp 2023 Before January 15th

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. **The deadline to register is January 15th.**

Adult volunteers are needed as well. We need to secure adult volunteers since the number of students is limited based on how many adults come. For every 1-5 girls, we need one adult female crew leader. For every 1-5 boys, we need one adult male crew leader. In addition, 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. Email Karen Graffam, klgraffam@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating.

Roaring Return: New Year's Eve 2022 at the Knights

The traditional New Year's Eve party is back at the Knights of Columbus Arlington Council! Break out your beads, flapper dresses, and dancing shoes for the "Roaring Return" party in the Main Ballroom at 7:00pm, December 31st, at 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington. Tickets are \$80 per guest, including beer and wine, one celebratory cocktail, hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner, a dessert buffet, live music and dancing, and a midnight champagne toast. Visit <https://square.link/u/PTRyLrqp> to purchase tickets no later than Monday, December 19th. Contact Rene Padilla with questions at 703-536-9656, ext. 311.



Dominican Corner

Holiness of the Mind

In *The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality*, Fr. Paul Murray, OP, writes, "Whereas goodness may be the holiness of the heart, truth is holiness of the mind." The truth, like new wine, inebriates us with the joy of the gospel. Here is something we can count on. Here is the truth, whose power will never diminish. As we look to the birth of Truth himself, we thank God for this gift!

We invite you to join the St. Mary Magdalene Lay Dominicans for **Evening Prayer on Sunday, December 18th, at 6:15pm** in the Parish House. If you have questions, email InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com.

Parish End-of-Year Reminders

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.

Reminder on Parish Sacraments

- **Baptism Classes**—Baptisms are held weekly but registration is required through the Rectory Office in advance. Both parents are required to attend an instructional session before the baptism. Details and information will be provided about baptism at that scheduled session. Contact Ginny Beauchamp, gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org, in the office or visit our website, stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/baptism.
- **Weddings**—Marriage preparation is a six month program. Note: The Sanctuary Restoration and Renewal Project will impact the scheduling of weddings (January through April). Please call the office for further information.
- **Funeral Planning**—The first step in planning a funeral should be to contact a funeral home. The funeral home will coordinate with the church to plan the date and time and contact the music director. The priest who celebrates the funeral Mass will contact the family to set up a meeting with the family and to discuss details of the Mass.
- **Anointing of the Sick**—Parishioners can request this sacrament of healing for themselves or a loved one by calling the Rectory office at 703-532-8815. For an emergency requiring the sacraments of the Church outside of the Rectory office hours, call our office and follow the menu prompts for the priests' emergency line. This sacrament is not limited to those near death and may be received more than once by a person who is ill or suffering.

Parish Registration

Are you registered at Saint James? Whether you are new to Falls Church or have been attending Mass at Saint James for years, retired or just starting a family, single or married, it is important that you register with a parish. Being registered with a parish is necessary for your sacraments to be properly documented and enables us to provide you with the sponsorship letters necessary to be a confirmation sponsor or a godparent. Registering also guarantees that you will receive parish mailings including communications from Father Scalia. Please consider becoming a registered parishioner at Saint James.

If you are not sure if you are registered, call the office. The registration form is available on our website under the **About Us** menu, www.stjamescatholic.org/home-2/registration-boundaries.

Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Available

Traditional Christmas wafers, known as Oplatek, are part of every traditional Christmas Eve supper in central Europe. The wafers are now available for your Christmas Eve supper here in the Saint James community.

If you would like to include this traditional wafer in your dinner, please contact Connie Donnelly at 703-237-7935.

To learn more about the Oplatek Wafers, visit <https://n.pr/2EgzU8p>.



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



Saint James Catholic School

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“Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child.”



Sister Helen Maureen Campbell

Next year on September 17, 2023, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) serving Saint James Catholic School. In preparation for this special event, we will be sharing stories about the impact these dedicated Sisters have had on the students of Saint James Catholic School.

Next month we will honor Sister Helen Maureen Campbell who was assigned here from 1976-1984 as principal of Saint James School.

Sister Helen passed away at Camilla Hall on November 9, 2022, in the 67th year of her religious life, just shy of her 86th birthday.

If you have a story or experience to share about Sister Helen, please contact Kathleen Anderson, kanderson@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815 x223.

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

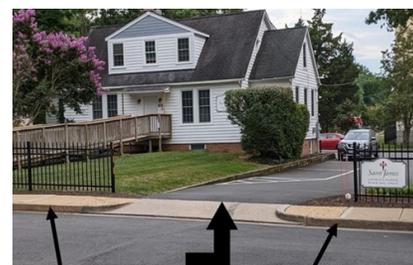
Saturday, December 24 – 5:00pm *Children's Mass,*
7:00pm, 9:00pm, and Midnight
Sunday, December 25 – 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, Noon, and**
2:30pm *Spanish Mass***

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).* 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

Monday, December 19		
10:00am-11:30am	Well-Read Mom's Book Club	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	ESOL Classes	School
7:30pm-8:30pm	Creation Care Ministry	Parish House
Tuesday, December 20		
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
6:00pm-8:00pm	Advent Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:15pm	PREP High School Classes	School Library
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA Classes	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, December 21		
School Early Dismissal 11:00am		
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht
10:00am-12:00pm	Confessions	Church
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	Last ESOL Class	School
7:00pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
Thursday, December 22		
School Closed		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, December 23		
Parish & School Offices Closed		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Saturday, December 24		
Christmas Eve (see page 8)		
10:00am-12:00pm	Confessions	Church
Sunday, December 25		
Christmas Day (see page 8)		

Upcoming January Events

First Saturday All Night Adoration

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

STARTING 7:30PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH
TO 8:30AM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

Please sign up for a time to spend an hour with Him on our website under WORSHIP-->Eucharistic Adoration



**The Next Monthly
Donut Sunday**

January 8th



**After 9:00am &
10:30am Masses in
Monsignor Heller Hall**