



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

July 19, 2026



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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
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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: See Parish website

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:
10:00am-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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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 July Prayer Intention

For respect for human life—Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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On The Way

Saint Francis of Assisi: Poverty

When Francis divested himself of his father's clothes and took on the cloak of a beggar, he displayed the charism most associated with him: *poverty*. But, like so much of Francis's life, his poverty is misunderstood. We filter it through the lens of our own culture, seeing his poverty as a rebellion against his father, society, and/or the Church.

More reflection on his poverty is necessary. After all, being poor doesn't automatically make a person holy. The cynics of ancient Greece lived a form of poverty. But it had nothing to do with Jesus Christ. The word *cynic* comes from the Greek for *dog*. The cynics rejected custom, flouted convention, and chose to live, well, as dogs. Francis's poverty was a different sort, and to appreciate him we need to understand it.

A life of poverty wasn't new with Francis, just more conspicuous. As he wrote in his last testament, "Those who presented themselves to observe this kind of life distributed all that they might have to the poor. They contented themselves with a tunic, patched within and without, with the cord and breeches, and we desired to have nothing more."

This is what the Church calls *Evangelical Poverty* because, unlike that of the cynics, it's inspired by the Gospel (Evangelium) and helps make the Gospel known. Francis embraced poverty in imitation of Christ. "The Son of man has nowhere to lay his head" (Mt 8:20). And in obedience to Christ's command: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Mt 19:21).

This poverty does not arise from a hatred of created goods. It comes from a deep awareness that our wealth – however small – gives us the impression that we are our own masters. Possessions bring a sense of power and control. Francis renounced his goods because he wanted to be, in effect, naked before God, without means of his own, entirely dependent on God's Providence. His declaration of independence from possessions was simultaneously a declaration of dependence on God.

Poverty is a powerful but unstable charism. Powerful, because it calls us to what one biographer of Francis calls a "radical unprotectedness" before God. We have to trust in Him and His Providence. We have to surrender control. At the same time, poverty is an unstable charism – because you can always be poorer. Even in Francis's day, controversy erupted about the meaning and requirements of Franciscan poverty. Shortly after his death, the *Fratricelli* or Spiritual Franciscans made the heretical claim that *no one* in the Church could own anything. Several centuries later, the Capuchin Franciscans were formed, in large part to return to a stricter poverty. Then in our own day, the Franciscan Friars of the renewal were founded as, again, a return to stricter poverty.

Now, contrary to what the *Fratricelli* claimed, not everyone in the Church has to embrace radical poverty. We are allowed to own things. Indeed, we must if we are to direct them to God's glory. At the same time, the spirit of poverty – that is, detachment or simplicity of life – must inform every Catholic soul. Those who live radical poverty serve as a reminder of our need to surrender the control (or the illusion thereof) we have by way of our possessions. One concrete way of surrendering that control is to part with some of our possessions.

"The love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10) because it is really love of autonomy, control, and independence from the Providence of God. There will come a day when each of us is divested of all material wealth and stands naked before the Lord. Francis simply anticipated that day and showed forth the holiness and joy that material detachment brings.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 18

Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Mary and Rives Tilman

Sunday, July 19

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Rita Harley

9:00am Charles Prickel

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Adela Rocha and Isabela Baron

2:30pm +Frank Spector and Josefina Meraz

7:00pm +George Arnold Heller, Jr.

Monday, July 20

St. Apollinaris

6:30am +Patricia Colevas

8:15am +Dolores Walter

Noon +John Kowski

Tuesday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

6:30am +Antonin Scalia

8:15am +Therese Van Rafelghem

Noon +Agnes Magruda Randolph

Wednesday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

6:30am +Reynaldo Madiedo

8:15am +Dolores Walter

Noon +Jeffrey Craney

Thursday, July 23

St. Bridget

6:30am +Mark Cambell

8:15am Matthew Whitehead

Noon +Barry Haddox

Friday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf

6:30am +Dolores Walter

8:15am +John McGlone

Noon Socorro Fuster

Saturday, July 25

St. James

8:30am +Louise Wheeler

Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Marjorie Wall

Sunday, July 26

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Brian Scott Newman

9:00am +Rosemary and Floyd Spangler

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Mervyn Alles

2:30pm +David Cabarrocas

7:00pm +Eileen McCormack

Today's Readings

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

"There is no god besides you who have the care of all,"

Psalm

Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

"Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

"Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our..."

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

"Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:"

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

James Banks

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Charles A. Burke

Jim Buscher

Christopher Butzgy

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Matthew Coffin

Grace Coipuram

Raul Crespo

Matthew Davis

Mona Demian

Charles Duggar

Thomas Duncan

Roberta Dunn

Dora Dee Estes

Liana Farrell

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Patricia McFarland

Mildred Melmer

Julie Neil

Gloria Mora

Francis Neumann, Jr.

Rachel Noonan

Esther Olivos

Jerry Parker

Carter Parry

Charley Roberts

BJ Salinas

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

The deceased of our parish family

Gillian Ward Regal

Charles Borremeo Molineaux

Linda Woolfenden Ricca

Please pray for the members of our parish serving in the military both home and abroad.



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@saintjameschool.org.



Celebrate Our Patron Saint With Us



**THE FEAST OF SAINT JAMES
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH
8:30AM MASS**

**FOLLOWED BY A PARISH SOCIAL WITH COFFEE,
DONUTS, AND MIMOSAS ON THE LAWN**

Prayer Mini-Retreat August 1st

Join the Lay Dominicans for a morning of prayer, reflection, and discussion, including a simple way to make a more intimate connection with God and how the saints handled distractions on **Saturday, August 1st, from 9:30am-noon** in the Parish House. This event is free, registration is not required. Please email Rose Folsom at InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com with questions.



For a closer connection with God

Prayer Mini-Retreat

Sat, Aug 1 / 9:30-Noon / Parish House

Sponsored by Lay Dominicans

Free. No registration required.

Rose: InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com

The Church Springs Eternal: How Christ Has Guided the Church Through Over Two Millenium

Join our summer seminarian, Tyler Boreani, as he guides us through Church History from Apostolic Times to the Modern Age over the course of three sessions. We'll dive into the evangelical reach of the apostles, the persecution of the Early Church, the Scholastic Period (Middle Ages), the Crusades, the Protestant Revolution, and much more.

Each talk will be followed with a period of Q&A and discussion. We hope to see you there!

All talks will be held on Wednesday evenings on the following dates:

- **July 22nd, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room**
- **July 29th, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room**
- **August 5th, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room**

Join Us for Summer Seminars on the...

**"Church History from Apostolic
Times to the Modern Age"**

With Seminarian Tyler Boreani



St. James Young Professionals

**Young Professionals
Happy Hour**

Thursday, July 30th, 7:00 P.M.
Columbus Club Beer Garden
Arlington, VA

[@arlingtonkofc](https://www.instagram.com/arlingtonkofc)

Join us for a social evening of fellowship, networking, games, and libations in the outdoor beer garden!

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. All young adults are welcome!



Parish News (Continued)



**First Friday
Food Distribution
August 7th**
We support ~200 families

List of donations needed

Reusable shopping bags also needed
Donate only items listed please
***Items in black are a critical need

Rice (1-2 lb bags)***

Canned Hearty Soups

Canned Tomato Sauce

Mac 'n Cheese (small boxes)

Canned Fruit

Cereal (boxes)

Peanut Butter

THANK
YOU

Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)***

Canned Chicken & Tuna***

Pasta (plain, boxes)***

Canned Ravioli

Canned Spaghetti

Canned Green Vegetables
Jelly

All donations may be placed in the baskets in church vestibules. We can accept only non-perishable items.

Please Note: No produce or fresh items (includes bread), no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items

(All items must be in original packaging. No items packaged at home.)

Visit bit.ly/AugustFD or Scan QR code to volunteer. Adults and teens can sign up.



FAITH Y FÚTBOL

SUMMER 2026

SOCCER

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

 PIZZA

JULY 26TH 4:00-6:00PM @ ROCKET FIELD

Join Father Tim for
games, food, & faith discussion
every last Sunday of the
month this summer

Creation Care Committee Summer Engagement Events

Open Garden—This Weekend, July 19th

Please join us in the Parish Garden behind the Parish House for coffee and sweets **following the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses**. The garden is already taking off, and we are seeing the first signs of vegetables beginning to grow! Come and catch up with old and new friends, take pictures with our lovely wildflowers, and enjoy a relaxing morning surrounded by God's glorious nature.

5th Annual Science Night—Wednesday, July 22nd

Calling for Volunteers! Do you need community service hours? Rising juniors and seniors, as well as Virtus-trained adults, are needed to help at activity stations and orienting visitors to the garden. **No formal education in science is required.** We will prepare you just before the event. Please visit bit.ly/CCMScienceNite or scan the QR code for details or to sign up.

This popular summer evening is a favorite of kids from Pre-k to 5th grade. Enjoy hands-on educational activities, smell and taste our veggies and herbs, and get a little crafty all in one place! We will have tasty snacks, and you can also bring your own nibbles to share. **The event begins at 6:00pm in the Parish Garden.**

For any questions about these events, email maggie.lechleitner@gmail.com.

The 5th Annual Science Night at our Giving Garden

**July 22nd | 6:00pm-8:00pm
Back of Parish House**

The Creation Care Ministry cordially invites parents and kids (target audience 12 and under) to an evening of exploration of the garden ecosystem.

Volunteers needed for the event.
Please visit
bit.ly/CCMScienceNite or scan QR
code for details or to sign up.



**We look forward to
seeing you!**

**Hands-On Exploration
& Experimentation!**



The world is charged with
the grandeur of God.

- G.M. Hopkins

WorkCamp 2026

Our WorkCamp crew spent June 20-26 in Quicksburg, VA, participating in a week of service and devotion. Prior to leaving, the teens spent a day in 'Tool Training' in the gym parking lot with our adult volunteers and contractors.

WorkCamp is administered by the Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries and combined prayer, great speakers, games, daily Mass, confession, evening formation, and tons of fun, making it an integrated experience of true Christian community and one of the most transformational opportunities of the year! This year teens helped to repair and build decks, roofs, wheelchair ramps, and other needed work throughout the Quicksburg area. We had a record number of 26 teens who joined WorkCamp this year.

The success of our WorkCamp was due to the wonderful and dedicated adult volunteers including security volunteers who drove and spent the day helping, lunch volunteers who made 175+ lunches, and selfless WorkCamp volunteers (crew leaders and contractors) who spent the week with the teens, and our parish clergy who provided spiritual guidance. **Our crew says "Thank You" to everyone who made this week possible.**



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Special Collection for Venezuelan Humanitarian Relief July 18-19

On behalf of Bishop Burbidge, we are taking up a second collection this weekend for emergency humanitarian relief for the devastation wrought by the earthquake in Venezuela. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Catholic Church to deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected.

CRS is also accepting direct donations on their website at <https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake>. As a reminder, parishioners donating by check, should make them payable to the Parish, (not the Catholic Diocese of Arlington or Catholic Relief Services). Please note on the memo line “Venezuela Earthquake”.



Photo courtesy of Ariana Cubillos/AP Photo

Mission Cooperative Plan Second Collection August 8-9



Each year, our diocese’s Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) assigns a Catholic mission to each parish. In the past, we have hosted missionaries from Banica, Vietnam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, who have been graciously welcomed and supported by our generous parishioners.

This year, our Mission is the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, which consists of 20 parishes and 3 missions. A large part of their diocese, including Black River, was decimated by Hurricane Melissa in late October, 2025. This Category 5 Hurricane caused severe damage and flooding to the island. People lost their homes and businesses and were left without food, water, electricity, and medicine/medical care—the basic essentials of life.

Father Gary Wiesmann will speak at all the masses on August 8-9 about the Mandeville Mission—its purpose, its people, and its programs—and how our brothers and sisters in Christ are coping in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa. Evangelization is a primary goal of the Diocese of Mandeville. Approximately 50% of the people are illiterate and catechesis is time consuming and personal. The Mission also provides food, clothing, and housing for the poor throughout the diocese. Several have lived their lives in rubble-like shacks made of boards, tin, cardboard, and palm fronds without running water, electricity or bathrooms. So this year’s Mission really is for the poorest of the poor.

Please join us in welcoming Father Gary Weismann to Saint James Parish!



Gentleman in his post-hurricane makeshift house

Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

Park Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Soak City Hours: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

July 29, 2026

**The day will begin at 9:00 a.m.
with Mass celebrated by
Bishop Burbidge at
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception in Fredericksburg**

For more information, please contact
Cristina at (703) 841-2559 or
cristina.catterton@arlingtondiocese.org



Sponsored by the Office of
Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries



Tickets are \$40



Parish Calendar

Monday, July 20

7:00pm-8:30pm	Creation Care Ministry	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	Presidio #2 Legion of Mary	IHM Conference Room

Tuesday, July 21

7:00am-8:00am	Saint James Fraternity	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	IHM Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, July 22

12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
6:00pm-8:00pm	Creation Care's Science Night in the Garden (see page 5)	Parish House Garden
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	3-Part Seminar with Summer Seminarian (see page 4)	IHM Conference Room

Thursday, July 23

10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church

Friday, July 24

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, July 25

	Feast of Saint James (see page 4)	
7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm/6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall

Sunday, July 26

11:30am-1:30pm	Young Professionals Brunch	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
4:00pm-6:00pm	Faith y Futbol for Middle School (see page 5)	Rocket Field
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Life Corner

Every Saturday morning at 6:45am come and pray the Rosary for the protection and sanctity of human life, led by our parish priests in front of 900 S. Washington Street in Falls Church.



Commit to build the culture of life and safeguard the future of Virginia: Join the Catholic Diocese of Arlington in protecting human life and upholding the truth about marriage.

The "Catholics Vote No" campaign invites you to pledge to vote no on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage on the ballot September 18-November 3, 2026. Visit catholicsvoteno.com, arlingtondiocese.org/vote, or scan the QR code to learn more, access resources, and pledge to vote. Encourage your family and friends to pledge.

Join the Virginia Catholic Conference. You can stay informed on legislation which affects us as Catholics on both the state and federal levels. Visit vacatholic.org, click on "Join us!" to receive email or text notices on proposed legislation in the VA State legislature and US Congress.

To protect human life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS VOTE NO

on the

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"

Pledge to Vote: CatholicsVoteNo.com

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Early Voting begins September 18
Election Day November 3