



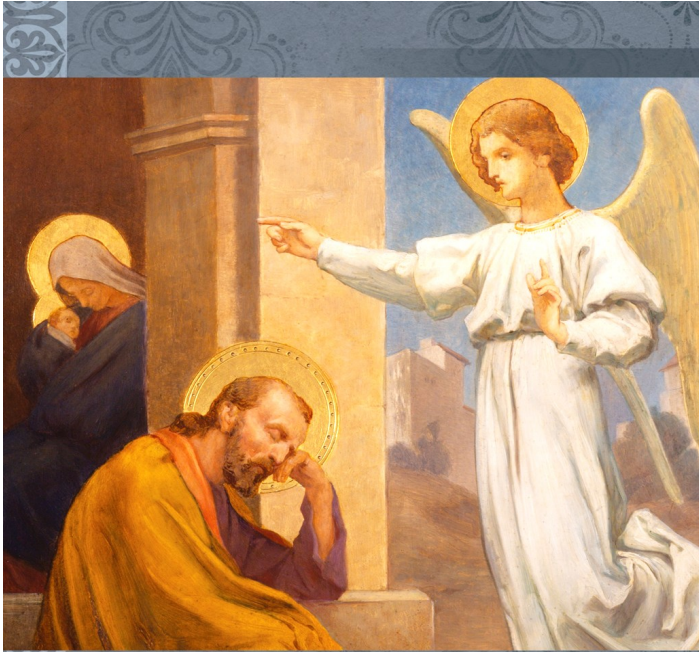
# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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

703-532-8815

## December 21, 2025



### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." - Mt 1:20

#### 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

#### Rectory Office

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

## **Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff**

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### **Convent**

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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](mailto:receptionist@stjamescatholic.org).

### **The Pope's December Prayer Intention**

**For Christians in areas of conflict**—Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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## **On The Way**

*Redeeming Word and Body: Our Redeeming Body*

The flesh, Tertullian says, is the “hinge of salvation.” Christ redeemed us by way of His Body. He continues this work, sanctifying us by nourishing us with His Body in the Eucharist and incorporating us into His Body, the Church. These works of His call for our response and participation. The human body is not only redeemed but redeeming; not only restored to God but a participant in our sanctification. Not only is the human body sanctified by God’s assuming it to himself, but it is also the means by which we cooperate in our own sanctification.

This occurs primarily in our reception of the Sacraments. Pope Saint Leo the Great says, “What was visible in our Savior has passed over into his sacraments.” Christ’s physical, tangible presence that brought sight to the blind, wholeness to lepers, and life to the dead continues in the sacraments of the Church. A sacrament is an “outward sign,” something seen, heard, smelled, felt, or tasted. That is, something received by way of the body. It is by way of the sacrament’s contact with your body – water poured over the head; the Bread of the Eucharist placed on your tongue – that Christ sanctifies your soul.

This gift of grace by way of the body calls for a corresponding response. As He has communicated His grace to our souls by way of our bodies, so we respond to that grace by our bodies. As His Body was the instrument of redemption, so our bodies are the instruments of sanctification and salvation. “So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor 6:20).

This is why we involve the body so much in our prayer and worship. Standing, kneeling, bowing, genuflecting, even just sitting in a posture of reverence – it’s the entire person who prays. Just as “body language” in other contexts might help or hurt a relationship, so in our conversation with God the body matters. Prayer is the lifting of the heart and mind to God, but it’s also the body giving expressing to it and cultivating that interior disposition. The Sign of the Cross, for example, is a pray in and of itself. By way of it, we confess the Triune God and the Crucifixion by way of our bodies.

The redeemed and redeeming body is also the reason for the Church’s sacred art. That kind of beauty is not a luxury for the few but the patrimony of all Catholics. We need physical beauty to teach us about God’s eternal beauty. Sacred art (from the most sublime to the most modest) is both a manifestation of our interior devotion and an aid to it. Further, it is a way by which we extend the redemption of our bodies into the broader physical world, bringing the beauty of Christ’s risen Body to others.

A counterintuitive but profoundly important aspect of our redeeming bodies is the ability to offer even our physical suffering. Indeed, suffering is a kind of theological stress test of the body’s meaning. Elements of the body’s meanings can be found in other religions. Pagans both old and new have a sacramental sense, an awareness of the body’s role in worship. The aesthetic knows that art is important for the soul. But only the Christian knows of the body’s ability *especially in its suffering* to participate in Christ’s act of redemption.

The body participates in Christ’s redemption not only when we are healthy and beautiful but also – and more so – when we are united with Him in our suffering. Saint Paul captures the redemptive power of the body in his famous words to the Colossians: “[I]n my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church” (Col 1:24).

– Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Fourth Week of Advent

**Saturday, December 20**

*Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent*

5:00pm +Rosemary Sales

**Sunday, December 21**

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30am +Suzanne Brown

9:00am +Elizabeth and Robert Schoenberger

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Nicole Flanagan-Ayers and Tara

Flanagan-Koenig

2:30pm Elizabeth Cash and family

7:00pm Special Intention

**Monday, December 22**

*Monday of the Fourth Week in Advent*

6:30am +Angela Bulandres

8:15am +Barbara Pedati

Noon +Bernard C. Castillo

**Tuesday, December 23**

*St. John of Kanty*

6:30am +Deceased members of the Doherty and  
Cash families

8:15am Lessandro Antonio Grebogi Pampuch

Noon +Art Clark

**Wednesday, December 24**

*Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Advent*

6:30am +James and Martha Carney

8:15am Alfred Kahlfeldt

5:00pm +Edward O'Laughlin

7:00pm Eleanor Cripps

9:00pm +Diane Lewis

**Thursday, December 25**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

12:00am +Deceased members of the Giovanni  
Bernardone family

7:30am Thanksgiving for the Arciaga and Sheppard  
families

9:00am +Dani and Ana Diaz

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Zacharia T. Coipuram, Thomas T.  
Coipuram, Sr., and Karuvilla Zacharia

2:30pm +Christopher Arias

**Friday, December 26**

*St. Stephen*

6:30am +Stephen J. Donnelly

8:15am +Tomas Poloso, Sr.

Noon +Katharina Leibundgut

**Saturday, December 27**

*St. John*

8:30am +Bernice and Howard Parrill

*Mass for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

5:00pm +Jo-Ellen Zawada

**Sunday, December 28**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

7:30am +Danny Go

9:00am +Edward J. Murn, III

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +John McGlone

2:30pm +Oscar R. Geron

7:00pm +Diane Paar

## Today's Readings

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 7:10-14**

"The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:"

**Psalm**

**Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

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

**Second Reading**

**Romans 1:1-7**

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

**Gospel**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert..."

## Readings for the Week

Visit [bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar](http://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

Thomas Duncan

Mildred Melmer

Joyce Babiak

Dora Dee Estes

Julie Neil

James Banks

Rachel Noonan

Jerry Parker

Beatriz Basso

Esther Olivos

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Roberta Dunn

Phillip Perot

Betty Brunton

Katherine Garren

Colman Rowan

Jim Buscher

Anthony L. Gerena

BJ Salinas

Patricia Cavasina

Monica Giove

Kathleen Seroskie

Jane C. Checkan

Silvia Guevara

Robyn Stewart

Chloe Clagg

Scott Herman

Lauren Vinci

Grace Coipuram

Laura Lareau

Liv Wash

John Cormany

Yolanda Machiado

Anne Marie Willis

Mona Demian

Jose G. Martinez

Mary Winslow

Charles Duggar

Gloria Mora

### the deceased of our parish family

James Fritz

Mary Lou Seeger

Robin Sue Purcell

Barbara Jean Swartz

Ramone Eleuterio Rozada

### and please pray for all active duty military

CPT Sean D. Brocato, USA

Col. Jay Hildreth, USA

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF

Capt. Sierra Lancaster, USAF

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

Cmdr. Bruce Lee, USN

Maj. Michael Conrad, USA

Cpl. James Murray, USMC

LTJG William Conroy, USN

2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC

CDR Thomas Dixon, USN

2LT Paul Murray, USA

PO3 Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

Pvt. Luke Harvey, USA



1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

For changes, email [communications@stjamescatholic.org](mailto: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](http://www.stjamescatholic.org).



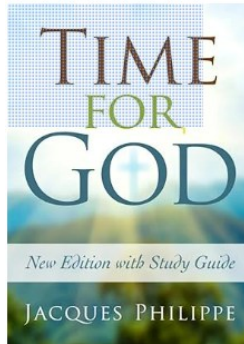
- Sign up to be a praying member at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to [PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org).



## Parish News

### Women's Wednesday Weekly Bible Study

Women are invited to a new weekly study group on **January 7th from 10:00am-11:30am** in the Knecht Conference Room. The group will have an ambitious session and will start with *Time for God* by Fr. Jacques Phillippe (a very easy read about how to succeed in meditative prayer). The group will continue into Lent with *No Greater Love*, a study of the Passion from Ascension Press. All women are welcome to attend.



Contact [mcsmurray@gmail.com](mailto:mcsmurray@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

### Rectory Office Notice

The Rectory and administrative offices will be **closed from Wednesday, December 24-January 1**.

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 Friday, January 2nd, please email Susan Ramsel at [sramsel@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:sramsel@stjamescatholic.org), and include a daytime phone number.

### Schedule Changes for Advent/Christmas

- **Christmas Eve/Day**
  - ◊ No adoration on December 24-25
- **December 26th, Friday**
  - ◊ Normal weekday Mass schedule (6:30am, 8:15am, and noon)
- **December 31st, New Year's Eve**
  - ◊ No adoration/confessions
- **January 1st**
  - ◊ Note the modified Mass schedule on page 6 and our website. No adoration/confessions.

Please see the schedules on pages 6 and 9.

### Epiphany House Blessing

Saint James will offer blessed chalk for parishioners with a house blessing prayer for Epiphany after **all the Sunday Masses on January 4th**.

Families can pick up a packet from the ushers after Mass.

Each year, using blessed chalk, families can mark the door post of their home with an inscription of the **new year** separated by the letters,

C, M, and B—i.e., **20+C+M+B+26**.

C+M+B stands for the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedictat*, which means “May Christ bless this house.”

The letters can also stand for the traditional names of the Magi who visited Christ: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

#### Epiphany Home Blessing



### Special Blessing of Epiphany Water



**Bring  
a  
container  
with water**

**Monday, January 5th  
7:00pm-8:00pm**

## Parish News (Continued)

### Inclement Weather Policy

**Mass takes place as scheduled regardless of the weather.** Use your best judgement in severe weather conditions when main roads and neighborhoods may not be safe to drive or walk. Remember on Sundays we livestream the 10:30am English Mass and 2:30pm Spanish Mass on our Facebook page and our website.

**Park Avenue is an emergency snow route.** Please use our lots (A Lot, B Lot, C Lot, and the Parish House parking lot) and avoid parking there during a snow emergency. Details about snow emergency policy are available on the Falls Church City website.

During inclement weather, our rectory office follows the Falls Church City Government. If the city government is closed or operating on a delay, our rectory will follow the same schedule. The city communicates during emergencies via several outlets, including local news media as well as the city's website and social media platforms.

The school and religious education program (PREP) follow Falls Church City Schools.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society—Interest Meeting for Three Parishes

The parishes of Saint James, Saint Philip, and Saint Anthony of Padua are exploring the possibility of starting a single, joint conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) to serve the poor in all three parishes. SVDP members grow in holiness while bringing financial resources, friendship, and hope to those in need.

If you are interested in learning more, come to our big Three-Parish SVDP Interest Meeting on **Tuesday, January 27th, 7:00pm**, in Monsignor Heller Hall.



Visit <https://bit.ly/SVDPMeeting> or scan QR code to RSVP which is optional but appreciated. You will be added to our email communications.





**WE ARE THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Are you looking for a ministry where you can:

- Grow in holiness
- Build friendships
- Serve the poor right here, in our own neighborhood

We are men and women of every age, every race, every income level, who share our blessings of time, talent, and

treasure with those who need help and hope, regardless of their religion, age, or background.

No work of charity is foreign to the Society. Join our mission, and grow in spirituality, friendship, and service.

### Saint James 40 Hours Devotion

Thank you to all who participated in our Parish 40 Hours Devotion earlier this month. It was wonderful to see so many people adoring our Lord, even during the wee hours of the morning. Father Scalia would like to especially thank the different parish groups, our guest speakers each night, and Julie Marx who coordinated Adoration.

# MOVIE NIGHT



**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 15TH  
5:00PM - 8:00PM  
MSGR. HELLER HALL**

## SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

**Meatloaf dinner. Guests are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or a dessert to share for six people. A \$5 donation is appreciated.**

**RSVP by Monday, January 11th to**

- Susan at [jacksonsusan765@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonsusan765@gmail.com) or
- Kathleen at [kmcphilomy2@gmail.com](mailto:kmcphilomy2@gmail.com)

**If Saint James School is closed, the event is cancelled.**



## Parish News (Continued)

### Catholic Trivia Night for Catholic Charities

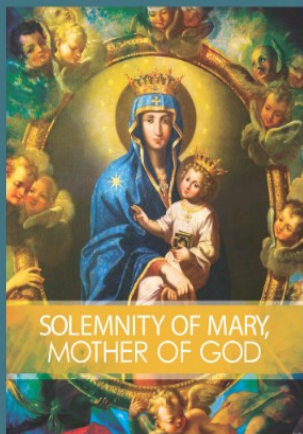
A huge thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and helped to sponsor the third annual Catholic Trivia Night for Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Food Project. Twenty teams and over 160 folks participated. Team Names were quite creative and included *The Swiss Guards*, *Laities and Gentlemen*, *B-Attitudes*, *Camino Friends*, and *Good Intentions*. The winning team was *The Holy Hand Grenades of Antioch* in a very close game.

Over 1,900 pounds of hygiene items (entry fee per person) were collected. Categories included The World of Catholicism, Better Call Paul, and 'Merica at 250.

*Starred pictures courtesy of Catholic Charities.*



## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God - January 1st



### Wednesday, December 31st\*

5:00pm Vigil

### Thursday, January 1st\*

9:00am Mass

10:30am Mass\*\*

12:00pm Mass

2:30pm Spanish Mass\*\*

5:00pm

\* No adoration or confession

\*\* Will also be livestreamed

## March for Life 2026—"Life is a Gift"

Saint James' parishioners are invited to join our parish Respect Life group for the National March for Life in D.C. on **Friday, January 23rd**. The parish will provide a chartered bus for this event. The schedule will be as follows:

- 10:15am—Attendees begin boarding 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 at Stanton Park in D.C. for the return trip
- 4:30pm—Expected time to return to Saint James

**The cost of the bus is \$15 per person/\$30 per family and \$5 for a Saint James beanie if you do not have one.** If you have your red beanie from last year, please bring it. We have a limited supply of beanies left. Try to wear red on the day of the march. Bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks and water.



### Payment options:

- **Cash** paid at the Rectory Office
- **Check** made payable to Saint James Catholic Church with "March for Life" on memo line
  - If mailing the check, send it to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046  
ATTENTION: Susan Ramsel
- **Parish PayPal** at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/stjamescatholic> and note it is for March for Life
- **If paying on the day of the march**, please go to the Rectory Office to pay before boarding the bus.

Register for the bus using our online sign-up at <https://bit.ly/StJames2026MFL> or scan the QR code.

Contact Rich Hunter, 571-423-6482 or [StJamesLife@gmail.com](mailto:StJamesLife@gmail.com), with any questions about the march. For questions about bus registration, contact Susan Ramsel, 703-532-8815 or [sramsel@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:sramsel@stjamescatholic.org).



## Comunidad Hispana

### **Posada Navideña – martes 23 de diciembre a las 6:00pm, salón Heller Hall**

Se invita a toda la comunidad de Santiago (Saint James) a unirse al noveno y último día de las Posadas Navideñas que se llevará a cabo **el martes 23 de diciembre comenzando a las 6:00 pm** en el salón Heller Hall. Habrá reflexión, predica, drama del nacimiento así como un compartir con música, comida y refrigerios.

### **Bautismos**

Para bautizar a su hijo, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 preferiblemente antes de la llegada del bebé. La familia debe estar registrada en la parroquia y ambos deben asistir a la clase prebautismal, preferiblemente también antes de la llegada de su bebé. Para más información sobre los bautizos y clase de preparación para dichos bautizos, comuníquese con Víctor Méndez al 571-239-5772.

### **Enfermos de la Comunidad**

Cada domingo podemos llevar la Sagrada Comunión a los feligreses que viven en los límites de la parroquia y que están enfermos, confinados en sus hogares o que están en hogares de ancianos. Si es necesario, un sacerdote puede visitarlo para ofrecerles la Reconciliación y la Unción de enfermos. Para más información, comuníquese con Patricia Flores al 703-371-5695.

### **Matrimonios**

Para aquellos interesados en matrimonio, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 para recibir información y comenzar la preparación matrimonial con uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Dicha preparación es un programa de seis meses y no se fijará una fecha para la boda hasta que un sacerdote haya tenido una reunión con la pareja.

**Haga clic en el código QR para visitar la página de la comunidad hispana para obtener más información, incluidos los sacramentos, la misa, la adoración, las confesiones y los puntos de contacto.**







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## Christmas 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas shines as a season of joy, unity, and renewed hope. The Child of Bethlehem comes to draw us together as one family of faith, bridging every distance and healing every division. His radiant light pierces the darkness reminding us that in Christ love triumphs and peace endures.

As we gather once more around the manger of Bethlehem, our hearts are filled with awe and gratitude for the gift of God's love made visible in Jesus Christ. At Christmas, we rejoice in the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation—God made man, dwelling among us to share our humanity, joys, and sorrows. In Him, heaven and earth are united, and through Him, we are reconciled to our Creator. The birth of our Savior reveals that God's love knows no boundaries.

I invite you to celebrate this holy season with renewed thanks for the gift of one another. May we follow the example of the Holy Family, who in faith and love welcomed the will of God with trust and serenity.

May the joy of this Christmas strengthen the bonds of unity among us and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and homes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



## Advent and Christmas Schedule



### Christmas Eve

*Wednesday*

*December 24*

5:00pm Children's Mass (4:30pm Carols)

7:00pm

9:00pm

Midnight (11:30pm Carols)



### Nativity of the Lord

*Thursday*

*December 25*

7:30am (No music)

9:00am

10:30am\*\*

Noon (Contemporary Choir)

2:30pm (Spanish)\*\*

***\*\*Masses will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and website.***

### Confessions

*Wednesday, December 17:* 7:00-8:00pm

*Thursday, December 18:* 7:00-8:00pm

*Friday, December 19:* 11:00am-12:00pm

*Saturday, December 20:* 9:00-10:00am, 3:30-4:30pm, & 6:30pm

*Monday, December 22:* 7:00-8:00pm

*Tuesday, December 23:* 7:00-8:00pm

*Wednesday, December 24:* 9:00-10:00am



## A Blessed and Merry Christmas

The Clergy, Religious, and Staff at Saint James Parish wish you and yours a blessed and merry Christmas.

May the grace and peace of the Christ Child be with you now and throughout the year.

# Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

## An Important Notice about our Faith Direct and ParishSOFT Transition

Please note: Previous users of Faith Direct can still access their old Faith Direct accounts to check their tax records and giving history. **However, please do NOT make or update donations in the old Faith Direct platform.** It will allow you to do so but it will NOT process your financial donations.



To increase or make changes to your online gifts, you MUST do so in the ParishSOFT e-Giving platform at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-50>. Once in the ParishSOFT giving platform, please scroll down to choose the fund(s) you want to give to.

## Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the School Annual Appeal. Thanks to our many supporters, we have reached our \$25,000 challenge match and are half way to our \$125,000 goal. The Annual Appeal makes up the “financial gap” between the school’s tuition and what it costs to educate each student.

To view the Saint James School Annual Appeal online or donate to it, please visit the school website at [saintjamescatholic.org/giving-events/](http://saintjamescatholic.org/giving-events/).



You can also scan the QR code to donate or mail a check to Saint James Catholic Church to the attention of Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Please include “Annual Appeal” in the memo line of the check. Thank you for your generosity and support!



## Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Last weekend’s second collection was for our diocese’s Catholic Charities Christmas Collection. Their mission is to serve and transform the lives of the men, women, and families who come to them for assistance. They rely on 125 dedicated staff members, nearly 3,000 generous volunteers, and hundreds of sacrificial donors to enable them to serve others with the transformative love of Christ.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. To donate online, visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-50> or scan the QR code.



## IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

A Qualified Charitable Distribution or “QCD” is a way to donate up to \$108,000 annually from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity, such as Saint James Parish or School. You will find a form on the next two pages that explains how to designate a gift to the parish and/or school via your traditional IRA. We have also posted this form on our website under the Stewardship menu, <https://stjamescatholic.org/stewardship/>.

If you are interested in making a donation to the parish and/or school via your traditional IRA, please fill out the form and send it to Kathleen Anderson at the Rectory Office. For additional questions or assistance, contact Kathleen at 703-532-8815 x223 or [kanderson@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:kanderson@stjamescatholic.org).







## IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is an opportunity to make a gift from your traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA). The QCD limit for 2025 is \$108,000 per individual.

### Avoid paying Income Tax

Beginning at age 70 ½, IRA owners can make an impact on the parish and at the same time reap significant tax benefits. Using your IRA can be tax advantageous because gifts from your IRA directly to a charity are not subject to ordinary income tax.

### Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Beginning at age 73, IRA owners are typically subject to a taxable Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Funds you transfer to the parish with a Qualified Charitable Distribution can help satisfy your RMD but are not counted as taxable income.

### Your IRA distribution must

To avoid paying income taxes, the distribution must come from the administrator to the parish. You cannot receive the funds first.

### Example:

Assume you are 73 years of age or older and your required minimum distribution for the year, which you are required to take by December 31, is \$25,000.

You make a \$15,000 Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to the parish, designating \$10,000 to support the parish offertory and \$5,000 for the school, maintenance, or another ministry of your choice. Additional Qualified Charitable Distributions could be made to the Diocese of Arlington for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, or to other charities you support.

The QCD satisfies your \$25,000 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.

While the \$25,000 distribution is generally not tax deductible, your tax benefit comes from excluding the \$25,000 from your annual gross income.

*Please contact the administrator of your IRA with any tax or account-specific questions.*

*Complete the form on the reverse and return to Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development, [kanderson@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:kanderson@stjamescatholic.org)*

[www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org) | 703-532-8815x223



# LETTER OF INTENT

## IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Please complete and return this form to Kathleen Anderson, Director of  
Development, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church VA 22045  
or call/email 703-532-8815 x223/kanderson@stjamescatholic.org

I plan to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from my IRA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To be credited to St. James:

Please accept my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to benefit:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Offertory                   | <input type="checkbox"/> School Annual Appeal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Angel Fund     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. James Parish<br>Endowment      | <input type="checkbox"/> St. James School<br>Endowment | <input type="checkbox"/> Ann Cook Education Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. James Legacy/<br>Building Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |  |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions for the administrator of your IRA:

#### STEP 1

Make checks payable to:

St. James  
905 Park Avenue  
Falls Church, VA 22046

#### STEP 2

Contact Kathleen Anderson for Tax ID #  
kanderson@stjamescatholic.org

[www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org) | 703-532-8815x233

## Parish Calendar

<b>Monday, December 22</b>	<b>Advent morning prayer at 8:00am ends December 24</b>	
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
<b>Tuesday, December 23</b>		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
<b>Wednesday, December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve (see page 9)</b>	
9:00am-10:00am	Confessions	Church
<b>Thursday, December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day (see page 9)</b>	
	No scheduled events	
<b>Friday, December 26</b>		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
<b>Saturday, December 27</b>		
7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
<b>Sunday, December 28</b>		
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

## Youth Ministry

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

**Middle School**

**Epiphany Party**

with Father Tim

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**1:00pm-3:00pm**  
**in the Parish House**

*Bring signed Advent cards and enjoy s'mores, pizza and games*



**Scan to RSVP**



*College Coffee*

**COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR WINTER BREAK!**



Join our College Coffee group for Mass followed by coffee and conversation at Godfrey's

**Monday, January 5, 2026**  
**8:15 am at Saint James Church**

Scan QR code to RSVP  
email [ym@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:ym@stjamescatholic.org) with questions