



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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

703-532-8815

## March 22, 2026



### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

#### 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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### 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 March Prayer Intention

**For disarmament and peace**—Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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## On The Way

*The Apostle: Peter the Martyr*

Peter drops out of the narrative about halfway through Acts of the Apostles. The only other scriptural evidence we have is from his own two letters. Extra-biblical history helps fill in the gaps. From ancient sources, we know that Peter spent some time in Antioch. Indeed, tradition regards him as the founder of that ancient and important see.

There is even greater evidence for Peter's presence and eventual martyrdom in Rome. His first letter contains the enigmatic words, "She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings" (1 Pt 5:13). "Babylon" was often used in Jewish and early Christian literature to indicate the city of Rome. The exact year of Peter's arrival is unclear. At the very least, we know that Peter was in Rome by the time Emperor Nero blamed the fire of Rome on the Christians.

In July of 64 AD, a fire broke out in Rome and raged through the city for over a week. Soon after, the rumor began that Nero himself had ordered the fire so that he could rebuild the city in his image. The historian Tacitus writes, "[T]o stifle rumor, Nero made scapegoats of, and marked out for most particular punishment, those whom the masses called Christians, and who were loathed for their abominations. First those who confessed were arrested, then, on their testimony, vast numbers were convicted, not so much on the charge of arson, but because of their antipathy towards the rest of the human race. And derision accompanied their end: covered with wild beast skins and torn to pieces by dogs, or crucified, or set alight and, when daylight failed, burned to serve for nocturnal illumination."

Peter was caught up in this persecution in the year 67 or 68 AD. Ancient sources attest that Peter was crucified upside down in an arena (a *circus*) and buried nearby. Christians preserved knowledge of the site and began making pilgrimage to his grave.

Three centuries later, when Constantine came to power, legalized Christianity, and set to build a church in Rome, the Christians knew exactly where he should: over Peter's grave. Problem was, that was at the foot of a large hill, not the ideal location for a church. An indication of early Christian devotion to Peter and knowledge of his grave is the fact that Constantine – instead of building on the nearby level ground – undertook the enormous task of removing half of *Mons Vaticanus* – Vatican Hill – to build the first Basilica of Saint Peter. Despite the cost, it was essential to build over Peter's grave.

The altar was situated directly over Peter's bones. Subsequent renovations and rebuildings followed suit such that today the cross on the dome of the Basilica sits directly above the bones of Peter. The church is a witness to our Lord's words: "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16:18). Indeed, those words are written inside the dome of Saint Peter's.

An ancient legend says that the Christians urged Peter to flee during the persecution, lest they lose their head. As Peter started to make his way out of Rome, he encountered Jesus carrying the Cross. Peter said, "Lord, where are you going?" *Domine, quo vadis?* To which our Lord responded, "To Rome, to be crucified anew." Peter then turned around and went to endure the martyrdom Jesus had foretold on the shore of Sea of Tiberias: "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go" (Jn 21:18).

– Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Fifth Week in Lent

**Saturday, March 21**

*Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00pm +Nancy Lee

**Sunday, March 22**

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:30am +Stephen McTeague

9:00am Alicia Carmody

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Taylor Draim

2:30pm +Manuel Espinal

7:00pm +Fausto G. Hidalgo

**Monday, March 23**

*St. Turibius*

6:30am +Dilsa Ramirez

8:15am +Harry R. Shinock

Noon +For the Repose of the Soul of Michael White

**Tuesday, March 24**

*Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Lent*

6:30am +Henryk Bukowski

8:15am +Stephen Rentschler

Noon +Jim Sober

**Wednesday, March 25**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

6:30am Thomas Thibeau

8:15am +Louise Moriarity

Noon +Teresa Ngo

**Thursday, March 26**

*Thursday of the Fifth Week in Lent*

6:30am +Evan Motta

8:15am Amir N. Khattak

Noon +Emily Grace Vazquez

**Friday, March 27**

*Friday of the Fifth Week in Lent*

6:30am +Tristan Boccucci

8:15am +Paul Dommell

Noon Aidan Burgess

**Saturday, March 28**

*Saturday of the Fifth Week in Lent*

8:30am +Garland Brock

*Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

5:00pm +Hugh Joseph Rodgers

**Sunday, March 29**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

7:30am +Ann Marie Valenti

9:00am +Magdalena Banez

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Dominic Corley

2:30pm +Valdomiro and Nair Maoski

7:00pm +Fausto Hidalgo

## Today's Readings

**First Reading**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

"Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your..."

**Psalm**

**Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:8-11**

"Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot..."

**Gospel**

**John 11:1-45**

"Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany,"

## 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

James Banks

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Charles A. Burke

Jim Buscher

Christopher Butzgy

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Grace Coipuram

John Cormany

Mona Demian

Charles Duggar

Thomas Duncan

Roberta Dunn

Dora Dee Estes

Liana Farrell

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove

Scott Herman

Susan Jackson

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

BJ Salinas

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Christopher Szara

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

### the deceased of our parish family

Purnamasari Fnu

Olger Benavides

### and please pray for all active duty military

MAJ Sean D. Brocato, USA

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

Maj. Michael Conrad, USA

LTJG William Conroy, USN

CDR Thomas Dixon, USN

PO3 Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN Pvt.

Luke Harvey, USA

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

Col. Jay Hildreth, USA



Capt. Sierra Lancaster, USAF

Cmdr. Bruce Lee, USN

Cpl. James Murray, USMC

2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC

1LT Paul Murray, USA

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

LT Anthony James Pala III, USN

LTJg Kathleen Marie Pala, USN

1LT Finn Roou, USA

1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

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@saintjameschool.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org).



# Parish News

**Next Parish Speaker Series  
Monday, April 20th, 7:00pm  
Monsignor Heller Hall**

**Chris Vander Woude  
“No Greater Love: The Story of Tom  
Vander Woude”**

Come hear the inspiring story of how local husband and father Tom Vander Woude crowned a lifetime of faith by laying down his life to save his youngest son. Visit <https://tvwguild.org/> for more information on this story.



Chris Vander Woude, one of his sons, has begun a mission to share this powerful story of great sacrifice in the hopes of a possible canonization to sainthood of the first American husband and father. Chris has worked in Catholic education and Youth Ministry for many years.

Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks for the event.

## Adult Confirmation Classes

After Easter, Saint James will offer three classes to prepare adult candidates for Confirmation.

Classes will be held on the following **Mondays from 7:00pm-9:00pm** in the Parish House:

- **April 13th**
- **April 27th**
- **May 11th**

Candidates will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost. Baptized, practicing Catholics who received First Communion but have not had the chance to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Saint James welcomes you to partake in this grace-filled Sacrament.

**Register by Friday, April 3rd**, by contacting Susan Ramsel at [sramsel@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:sramsel@stjamescatholic.org) or 703-532-8815.



 **Saint James Catholic Church**

**PARISH LIBRARY**



**Closed Easter Sunday,  
April 5th**

SAINT JAMES PTO  
PRESENTS:

**ALL DAY FUNDRAISER  
FOUR PROVINCES**

105 W BROAD ST #200  
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046

28 MARCH 2026  
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

**DINE IN ONLY**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MENTION  
SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS



# Parish Group News

## Study the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church

The Ecumenical Planning and Study Group invites you to join them in reading and discussing Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.

We will meet on the following **three Mondays** at the home of John and Julie Conroy:

- **March 23rd**
- **April 27th**
- **May 18th**

One of the primary documents of Vatican II, Lumen Gentium discusses the Church as "the People of God" and presents "the universal call to holiness."

Please email Julie at [jmtconroy@gmail.com](mailto:jmtconroy@gmail.com) for information, including a reading schedule.

## Life Corner

### **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Wednesday, March 25th—**

In modern times, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord has taken on special meaning in Respect Life ministry. Scientific advances have allowed us to confirm that human life begins at conception. This solemnity calls us to reflect on how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).



**A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers** (in English and Spanish) is available at the main entrance to the church. Pray this prayer for pregnant mothers, especially for mothers in a crisis pregnancy.

**The Gabriel Project** is a Diocesan Ministry providing help for Pregnant Women. Contact them at 703-841-3810, [info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org), or visit their website, [www.helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://www.helpforpregnantwomen.org).

## Lenten Food Collection

*"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?'"*  
Matthew 25:37

Food donated by Saint James' parishioners during Lent will be shared with the [Falls Church Community Service Council](#) (FCS), a local non-profit founded by area faith communities including Saint James. FCS maintains a food pantry at Knox Presbyterian Church which provides food to families in need. Volunteer staff at the food pantry deliver food to families six days a week. Please consider donating the following:

- 1 lb. bags of rice and beans
- boxes of cereal
- canned tuna or chicken
- peanut butter
- jelly
- hearty soups
- canned ravioli and spaghetti
- canned vegetables and fruit
- pasta
- tomato sauce
- pancake mix (only add water type)
- pancake syrup
- apple sauce
- cooking oil (canola/vegetable)



Your donations can be placed in the boxes near the doors of the church.

***Thank you for your generosity.***

# Youth Ministry



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

# DODGEBALL

MARCH 22 4-6 PM **DOCTRINE & DESIGN**

IN THE KNECHT GYM

TOPIC: EVANGELIZATION: THE CHURCH'S MISSION

SIGN UP 



## WORKCAMP SCHEDULE 2026

- ✓ **Teen & Parent Interest Meeting**  Thursday, October 23 at 7:30 pm  
Knecht Conference Room
- Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 am  
Knecht Conference Room  **VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING** ✓
- ✓ **Teen Meeting**  Sunday, January 11 at 8:15 pm  
Parish House
- Sunday, February 22 at 8:15 pm  
Parish House  **TEEN MEETING** ✓
- ✓ **Teen Meeting**  Sunday, March 8 at 8:15 pm  
Parish House
- Friday, April 3  
Saint James Catholic Church **VIA CRUCIS** 
- Tool Training**  Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 am  
B-Lot
- Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 pm  
B-Lot  **DEPART FOR WORKCAMP 2026!!**

 WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. 

 Visit our website for more detail or email [workcamp@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:workcamp@stjamescatholic.org)

## D.C. UNITED FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

JOIN SAINT JAMES TO WATCH THE GAME  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH – 7:30 PM  
D.C. UNITED VS. ORLANDO  
\$30 TICKETS  
EMAIL [YM@STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:YM@STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG)





SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

FEATURING SJS CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM!



# BASH

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

**ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED!**





AN EXCITING DAY FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GATHER WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE TO CELEBRATE THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH!

-  Vigil Mass with Bishop Burbidge
-  Message from Rachel Leininger
-  Illusionist Giancarlo Bernini  Inflatable Games
-  Pizza  Ice Cream  Fun with Friends!

EMAIL [YM@STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:YM@STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG) TO REGISTER 

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

## Lenten and Easter Collections at Saint James Parish

Thank you all so much for your generosity to our parish and diocese during Lent and Easter. If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the following collections, you can do so via ParishSOFT. Visit <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/FD-50> or scan the QR code. Then scroll down to select the Easter fund to donate.



- March 29 Palm Sunday
- April 2\*\* Holy Thursday collection for Falls Church Community Service Council
- April 3 Holy Land Shrines Collection (Good Friday)
- April 5 Easter Sunday
- Ongoing Bishop's Lenten Appeal, [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla)

**\*\*This year's Holy Thursday collection on April 2nd will be for the Falls Church Community Service Council, a local charity that aids the poor and suffering in our Falls Church Community.**

For many years, our Social Outreach Committee has partnered with the council to serve individuals and families in need of food and financial support. To learn more about the Falls Church Community Service Council, visit [www.feswecare.org](http://www.feswecare.org).



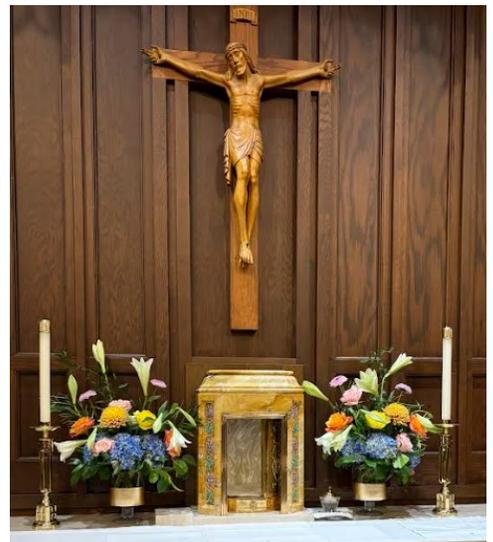
As always, thank you for your kindness and goodness to Saint James Parish and to our special Diocesan and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) collections. We are so blessed!



## Second Collection for Easter Flowers March 21-22

This weekend, **March 21-22**, is our first Lenten/Easter season second collection for Easter flowers. Please add to the beauty of our Sanctuary by making a donation to this Annual Easter Fund.

We invite you to enhance the charm and splendor of our beautiful Sanctuary this Easter season by contributing to our Annual Easter Flower Fund. Your generous donation will help us adorn our sacred space with vibrant and fragrant flowers. Each contribution, no matter the size, plays a crucial role in transforming our Sanctuary into a beautiful space in honor of our Lord's resurrection. Thank you for your generosity and support.



## Holy Week (Semana Santa)

Weekday Masses at 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday only during Holy Week. (Las misas entre semana a las 6:30am, 8:15am y al mediodía se llevarán a cabo los lunes, martes, y miércoles solo durante la Semana Santa.)

**Please note the Confession schedule for this week. (Tenga en cuenta el calendario de confesiones para esta semana.)**

### Monday, March 30

- 6:30pm-8:00pm Confessions

### Tuesday, March 31

- 6:30pm-8:00pm Confessions

### Wednesday, April 1

- 9:00am-11:00am Confessions
- 12:30pm-6:00pm Adoration
- 7:00pm Tenebrae Service
- 8:00pm Confessions

### Holy Thursday (Jueves Santo), April 2

- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Adoration in Monsignor Heller Hall until Midnight*
- 7:00pm Misa de la Cena del Señor  
*(gimnasio Knecht) (español)*  
*(Adoración en el Salón Monseñor Heller hasta la medianoche)*
- No Confessions

### Good Friday (Viernes Santo), April 3

- 9:30am-11:30am Confessions
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 5:00pm Vía Crucis (español)
- 6:30pm Veneración de la Cruz

### Holy Saturday (Sábado Santo), April 4

- 9:00am Blessing of the Easter Food (Church)
- 9:30am-11:30am Confessions
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Misa de Vigilia Pascual)

### Easter Sunday (Domingo de Pascua) Masses, April 5

- 7:30am
- 9:00am
- 10:30am Livestream
- 12:00pm
- 2:30pm (español) transmisión en vivo

### Rectory Office Closed Easter Weekend

The Rectory offices will be closed **Friday, April 3rd, through Monday, April 6th**, in observance of Easter weekend. During this time, if there is 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.

### La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el fin de semana de Pascua

Por motivo de la celebración de la Pascua, la Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada desde el **viernes 3 de abril hasta el lunes 6 de abril**. Durante este tiempo, si hay una emergencia que requiera los sacramentos de la iglesia, por favor comunicarse al 703-532-8815 y dejar un mensaje cuando escuche las instrucciones del menú para la línea de emergencia del sacerdote.



## Holy Week (Semana Santa)

Wednesday of Holy Week  
Miércoles de Semana Santa

April 1st @ 7:00pm  
1 de abril a las 7:00pm

Tenebrae Service  
Servicio Tenebrae

A solemn service with candlelight, hymns, & readings led by our Saint James Choir

Es una ceremonia solemne con velas, himnos, y lecturas dirigido por nuestro coro de Santiago.



VIA CRUCIS EN VIVO Y PROCESIÓN  
LIVING STATIONS & PROCESSION

Friday, April 3 / viernes, 3 de abril  
5:00pm

Begin in front of the church  
Comienza al frente de la iglesia

¡All are Welcome!  
¡Todos están Bienvenidos!

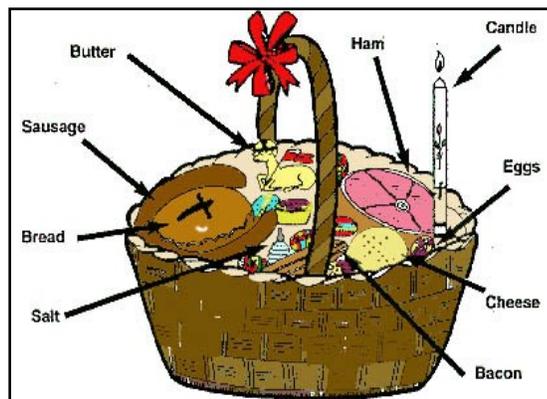
### Blessing of the Easter Food

Bring your Easter Baskets to church on **Holy Saturday, April 4th, at 9:00am** for a blessing of the “first foods” of Easter. This blessing—a long tradition of Christians in Poland and the Slavic countries to thank God for the gifts of creation and grace—marks the end of the Lenten fast when eggs were among the foods that could not be eaten.

Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons, flowers, and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and the Resurrection of Jesus.

Traditionally, the baskets are filled with

- **Decorated hardboiled eggs** representing Christ’s Resurrection
- **Bread** reminding us that Jesus is the “Bread of Life”
- **Salt** to remind Christians that they are to “season” the Earth
- **Meat** symbolizing joy and abundance
- **Lamb-shaped butter or sugar** representing Christ as the “Lamb of God”
- **A white candle** is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the “Light of the World.”
- **Wine** symbolic of the Blood of Christ
- **Finally, the basket is covered with white linen** to symbolize the shroud in which Christ’s body was wrapped.



## Join Saint James in Praying the Divine Mercy Novena

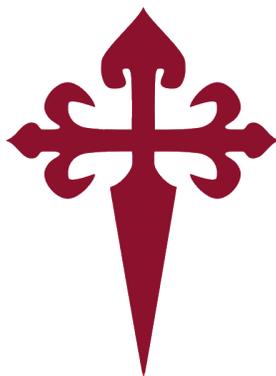
Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated throughout the Church eight days after Easter or the second Sunday of Easter. Just as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection during Lent, we can also prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday especially by doing works of mercy to include praying for the world.

In preparation for this great feast, **the Divine Mercy Cenacle members will lead the novena prayers starting on Good Friday, April 3rd, in the church.** Please come and pray the novena which includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us.

For those that cannot attend, we will email the Novena prayers using Fr. Scalia's email list each day.

Below is the Novena schedule. **Saint James will have a special Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, at 5:00pm.**

Read the next page to see how to receive the Graces for Divine Mercy Sunday.



## Divine Mercy Novena

Pray the Novena with our Divine Mercy Cenacle each day starting on Good Friday.

4/3, 1:00pm	Good Friday (after Stations of the Cross)
4/4, 12:30pm	Holy Saturday
4/5, 1:00pm	Easter Sunday (after Noon Mass)
4/6-10, 12:45pm	Easter Monday to Friday (after Noon Mass)
4/11, 3:00pm	Easter Saturday
4/12, 5:00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour

# The Feast of Mercy - A Day of Extraordinary Grace

## The First Sunday after Easter

In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord repeatedly called for the celebration of the Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter. He promised an ocean of graces to be poured upon the world. Today, we know this feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

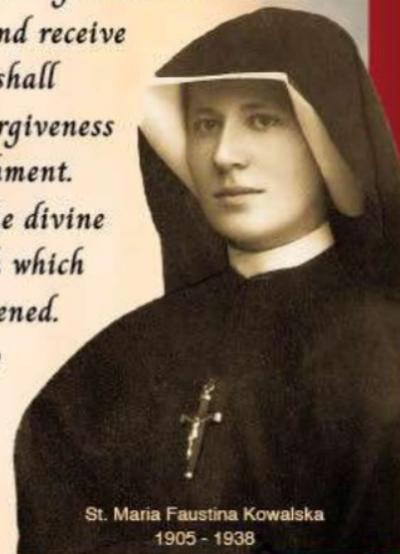
*"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy" (299).*

Every family needs God's mercy. Lenten prayers, fasts, alms giving, and good deeds afford us the opportunity to prepare well for extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday.

*"No soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed or brought to shame" (1541).*

## Jesus to St. Faustina:

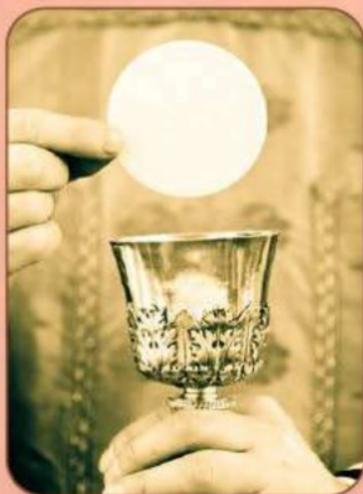
*"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (699).*



St. Maria Faustina Kowalska  
1905 - 1938

"Ordinarily, only the sacrament of Baptism effects in the soul the 'complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.' Reception of the Eucharist in a state of grace ordinarily remits only venial sin, while strengthening the soul against both venial and mortal sin (Catechism, 1394-1395). But on Mercy Sunday reception of Holy Communion worthily and with trust in God's Mercy pours out upon the soul a complete renewal of baptismal grace." - Rev. Ignacy Rozycki, STD, Former Member of the Holy See's International Theological Commission

Turn to the Lord with trust for all of your needs, spiritual as well as temporal. Ask for much and join the hundreds of thousands that have received hope, healing and answers to many prayers on this special day. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Rejoice in God's Mercy.



## How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

In addition, if we want to receive mercy we must be merciful. Our Lord told St. Faustina:

*"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy" (742).*

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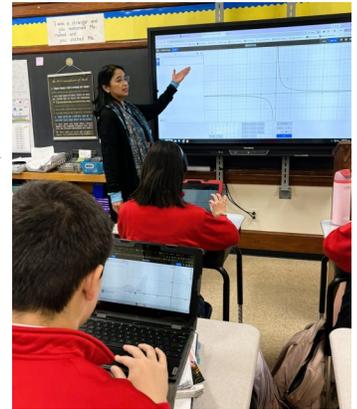
Saint James Catholic School, a preschool through eighth grade school located in Falls Church, VA, is seeking dynamic, qualified individuals to join their school team for both the current school year (through June 2026) and for the next academic year (August-June).

Applicants should have a minimum of one to three years of work experience at a school and be committed to Saint James Catholic School's Mission which is to help students grow in virtue, service, and academic excellence (Saint James Mission Statement), enjoy working with preschool through middle school aged children, show flexibility and creativity, and be committed to upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Saint James is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions**

- **for the current school year (through June 16, 2026):**
  - School Counselor
  - Substitute Teachers
- **for the 2026-2027 academic year (August 10, 2026-June 18, 2027):**
  - Instructional Assistant—First Grade (Full-time position)
  - Paraprofessional/Instructional Assistant (Part-time position)
  - Resource Teacher (Part-time position)
  - Substitute Teachers

Interested applicants should email Mrs. Melissa Manaker, [mmanaker@saintjameschool.org](mailto:mmanaker@saintjameschool.org), with a cover letter and resume.



# Thank You Saint James Parishioners

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM OUR PTO, FACULTY AND STAFF, AND STUDENTS**



Thank you to those who donated to our 24-hour Day of Giving during National Catholic Schools Week. Our goal was to raise \$10,000.

**Thanks to your generosity, we raised almost \$28,000 for the school!**

We are grateful to you for your generosity and support!



**Almost \$28,000 raised!**

## Parish Calendar

<b>Monday, March 23</b>		
6:00pm-7:30pm	<b>Lenten Morning Prayer 8:00am (Mon.-Sat.)</b>	
7:00pm-9:00pm	Lenten 10:10 Challenge (registered participants only)	School Library
	Reach More Training (registered participants only)	Parish House
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Seniors Planning Meeting	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School/Msgr. Heller Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Gym Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>		
9:00am-12:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Gym Conference Room
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lenten 10:10 Challenge (registered participants only)	Rectory Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
6:30pm-8:00pm	Extended Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Msgr. Heller Hall
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room
<b>Friday, March 27</b>		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
5:00pm-8:00pm	Last Fish Fry	Msgr. Heller Hall
6:00pm-7:00pm	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Church
7:30pm-8:30pm	English Stations of the Cross	Church
<b>Saturday, March 28</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 & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>		
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		
10:00am-11:15am	PREP Special Needs	Gym Conference Room
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
8:30pm-9:30pm	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90 Group 2	Parish House

## Comunidad Hispana

### 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.

### Página web parroquial en español

Haga clic en el código QR para visitar la página de la comunidad hispana, [stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/](http://stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/), y obtener más información, incluyendo próximos eventos, sacramentos, misas, servicios religiosos, confesiones y contactos ministeriales.

El boletín hispano quincenal también está disponible en la sección "Español" del sitio web de la parroquia.

