



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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## November 23, 2025



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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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/).

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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 November Prayer Intention**

**For the prevention of suicide**—Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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## **On The Way**

*Redeeming Word and Body: A Lie about Word and Body*

God communicates Himself to us by word and body, by speaking into being the physical world that manifests Him. Man, created in God's image and after His likeness, also communicates by word and body. Satan, envious of man as the embodied image of God, leads him astray. And he does so precisely by way of the gifts God gave him. So, one way of understanding the account of the fall is that the evil one manipulates the spoken word and the physical world to lead man and woman into sin (see Gen 3:1-6).

The deceiver begins with a distortion of words: "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" It's an innocent enough sounding question...as if he just wants to know. But he is actually using the words not to convey or seek the truth but to introduce doubt into the woman's mind.

For her part, she responds faithfully: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" To which the serpent continues his deception: "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

As always the case with a lie, there's enough truth in the serpent's words to make them believable. Evil is always parasitic, relying on good for existence. So also lying feeds on truth. Indeed, the man and woman will not die...immediately. Their eyes will in fact be opened...but not in a good way. Point is, he's using human language to deceive, to sow doubt, and ultimately to divide from God.

Likewise, in the temptation of the woman, the devil misrepresents God's physical creation. The conversation centers primarily on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but by extension on the meaning of the garden and all creation.

The *Catechism* explains that the forbidden tree "symbolically evokes the insurmountable limits that man, being a creature, must freely recognize and respect with trust" (CCC 396). It is a reminder of man's dependence on God, that he receives his real authority in the garden and over creation from God. The garden is a place of communion with God. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is a reminder of our dependence on God for that communion.

*God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God...* The devil distorts the meaning of the physical, of the created world. He characterizes the garden – that privileged place of creation and communion – as a place of competition and rivalry instead. He implies that in His creation God is holding something back from Adam and Eve. Creation is no longer a gift but a constraint. "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate."

The bitter irony here is that God wanted them to become like Him. He created them after His likeness, meant to grow more and more into that reality. But now, instead of receiving that likeness as a gift, they seize it as an entitlement. At the heart of this temptation is the devil's distortion and manipulation of the created world. What was meant to reveal God and be the place of His communion with man is now a realm of suspicion and rebellion.

—Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

**Saturday, November 22**

*Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
5:00pm +Donna Hain

**Sunday, November 23**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30am +John William Groschen  
9:00am +Shirley Grayson  
10:30am Pro Populo  
Noon +Alberto Suarez  
2:30pm Michael Cash  
7:00pm +Stephen Leitao

**Monday, November 24**

*St. Andrew Dung-Lac*

6:30am +Thomas Patrick Jeffers  
8:15am +Matthew Charles Schoenecker  
Noon The living and deceased members of  
the Trojan family

**Tuesday, November 25**

*St. Catherine of Alexandria*

6:30am The Anthony family  
8:15am Mass of Thanksgiving  
Noon +Pedro and Teofista Guadamor

**Wednesday, November 26**

*Wednesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am +Michael Hennessey  
8:15am +John Zacharias  
Noon +Tara Flanagan-Koenig

**Thursday, November 27**

*Thursday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am The living and deceased members of the  
Romano and Saffelle families  
9:00am +Brenda Johnston

**Friday, November 28**

*Friday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am +Edward Oron  
8:15am +Deceased members of the Gruta and  
Guadamor families  
Noon +Gabor F.L. Hariss

**Saturday, November 29**

*Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:30am +Charles R. Miller  
*Mass for the First Sunday of Advent*  
5:00pm Clara Neiger and family, living and  
deceased

**Sunday, November 30**

*The First Sunday of Advent*

7:30am +Stephen and Nora McTeague  
9:00am +Virginia Razon  
10:30am Pro Populo  
Noon +Carlos Infante  
2:30pm The living and deceased members of the  
Cash family  
7:00pm +Kathleen Thomas

## Today's Readings

**First Reading**

**2 Samuel 5:1-3**

"In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David..."

**Psalms**

**Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5**

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

**Second Reading**

**Colossians 1:12-20**

"Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father,"

**Gospel**

**Luke 23:35-43**

"The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,"

## 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      | Dorra Dee Estes   | Julie Neil          |
| Joyce Babiak      | Rachel Noonan     | Jerry Parker        |
| James Banks       | Esther Olivos     | Carter Parry        |
| Beatriz Basso     | Roberta Dunn      | Phillip Perot       |
| Cory Bautista     | Katherine Garren  | Colman Rowan        |
| Betty Brunton     | Anthony L. Gerena | BJ Salinas          |
| Jim Buscher       | Monica Giove      | Kathleen Seroskie   |
| Patricia Cavasina | Silvia Guevara    | Robyn Stewart       |
| Jane C. Checkan   | Scott Herman      | Barbara Jean Swartz |
| Chloe Clagg       | Laura Lareau      | Lauren Vinci        |
| Grace Coipuram    | Yolanda Machiado  | Liv Wash            |
| John Cormany      | Jose G. Martinez  | Anne Marie Willis   |
| Mona Demian       | Gloria Mora       | Mary Winslow        |
| Thomas Duncan     | Mildred Melmer    |                     |

### the deceased of our parish family

Veronica Valencia de Chavez Hugo Rolando Siles

### 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         |
| FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN  | Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC   |
| Pvt. Luke Harvey, USA       | 2LT Finn Roou, USA           |
| Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN       | 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@saintjamescatholic.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org).

## Parish Thanksgiving Schedule

### Parish Offices Closed

Wednesday, November 26, at 11:15am through Saturday, November 29

### Thursday, November 27

Masses: 6:30am and 9:00am  
No Adoration or Confessions

### Friday, November 28

Masses: 6:30am, 8:15am, & Noon  
Confessions 11:00am-11:45am

THE CLERGY, STAFF, AND RELIGIOUS  
OF SAINT JAMES PARISH WISH  
EVERYONE A BLESSED AND HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

## Saint James Respect Life Group Greens & Candles Sale



### Benefits

**A Woman's Choice  
Pro-Life Crisis  
Pregnancy Centers**  
(Falls Church and Herndon)

## First Weekend in Advent November 29-30

After all Masses  
(Saturday evening & Sunday while supplies last)

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Noble Fir Wreath     | \$25.00 |
| Mixed Wreath w/Cones | \$30.00 |
| Mixed Bunch          | \$10.00 |
| Candleholder         | \$15.00 |
| Package of Candles   | \$10.00 |

Payment methods: cash or check only  
• Please make checks payable to AWC

### Thank you from our American Heritage Girls!

Thanks to the generosity of Saint James parishioner donations, AHG Pioneer level Holly Barrett completed her level-award project of providing more than 160 care packages for the needy at Christ House.

Fellow AHG scouts helped her sort donations of hats, gloves, and socks. They also crafted handmade cards for recipients.



### Wednesday and Thursday Parking Reminder

Parishioners attending Adoration should avoid parking in A Lot during the times listed below which include 30 minutes before and after dismissals due to the school dismissal and children in the parking lot. For everyone's safety, we appreciate your cooperation.

Below are dismissal time frames in which A Lot should not be used by parishioners.

- ◇ **Wednesdays**—1:30pm-2:30pm
- ◇ **Thursdays**—2:30pm-3:30pm



## Parish News (Continued)

### SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

### OLIVE GARDEN

RT. 7 - BAILEYS CROSSROADS  
3548 S. JEFFERSON ST.  
FALLS CHURCH, VA

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11  
1:00PM**

SENIORS ARE ASKED TO DONATE  
CLOTHING & SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR  
LUTHER JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS (AGES 12-14).  
SEE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS.

RSVP BY DECEMBER 8TH TO:  
KATHLEEN AT [KMCPHILOMY2@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KMCPHILOMY2@GMAIL.COM)  
OR  
SUSAN AT [JACKSONSUSAN765@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JACKSONSUSAN765@GMAIL.COM)

### Boy Scout Troop 681 Annual Christmas Tree Sale

We look forward to seeing everyone again this year. We thank you  
for your continued support.

**Saturday, November 29 to Saturday, December 20**

#### SALE HOURS

**Wednesdays:** 6:00pm — 8:00pm  
**Thursdays and Fridays:** 6:00pm — 9:00pm  
**Saturdays and Sundays:** 9:00am — 9:00pm

The sale is in the Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C).

Make All Checks Payable to "St. James Catholic Church"

Fraser Fir 4/5' \$55.00  
Fraser Fir 5/6' \$70.00  
Fraser Fir 6/7' \$85.00  
Fraser Fir 7/8' \$100.00  
Fraser Fir 8/9' \$150.00



MIDDLE SCHOOL

**DODGEBALL,  
DOCTRINE,  
& CRAFTS**

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



**SUNDAY NOV. 23  
4 - 6 PM IN THE GYM**

**\*CRAFT CARDS FOR  
SERVICE HOURS**

### MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

are invited to prepare your hearts during

## ADVENT

Attend Sunday Mass  
and pray the Rosary weekly.

Have a priest, religious sister or  
parent sign your Advent card  
and then join Father Tim for our  
Epiphany Party on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Advent Cards available in the  
church vestibule, school and Rectory office

# Social Outreach Advent Giving

## Adopt-A-Family Program

Parishioners can provide much needed holiday cheer by sponsoring a family and ensuring they have gifts for Christmas. Many of these families were previously homeless and need to conserve their income for rent, food and other necessities.

The names of families in need are provided by social service agencies and parish networks.

If you would like to participate, call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or 703-321-6854.



## Advent Gift Cards

During Advent, the Social Outreach Committee will be collecting gift cards to dispense to Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program and persons in homeless shelters (Home Stretch, Falls Church Winter Shelter, Fair Ridge Shelter, New Hope Housing, and Christ House). Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to families in need of assistance.

Two options for contributing:

- Donate **\$25 cards** for Giant, Safeway, Target, or Walmart stores
- Send a check payable to Saint James Catholic Church with **SOC gift card donation** on the memo line

Options for delivery:

- **Gift Cards**—Place them in an envelope marked **SOC Gift Card Project**
  - ⇒ Place the envelope in the collection basket
  - ⇒ Hand deliver to the Rectory Office
- **Checks**—Place them in an envelope marked **SOC Gift Card Project**
  - ⇒ Place the envelope in the collection basket
  - ⇒ Hand deliver to the Rectory Office
  - ⇒ Mail the envelope to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046



## Social Outreach Christmas Gift Collection

Saint James parishioners have supported the Seven Corners Children's Center at Christmas time for over 20 years. Unfortunately, the Center has closed due to a catastrophic roof failure which resulted in their building being condemned. They have been searching for a new location but have been unable to find a building that can support their needs. Therefore, the Social Outreach Committee will not be collecting Christmas gifts for the Center this year but is hopeful they will be back in operation next year.



**The Family Coordinator at Luther Jackson Middle School has reached out to the Social Outreach Committee concerning providing Christmas presents for their students from low income families.** The school serves a large number of these families and while Fairfax County provides a number of services to them, there are no resources for extras like gifts. Therefore, we are asking parishioners to donate new, unwrapped gifts for these middle school students. Ages range from 12 to 14 and the coordinator has suggested the following gifts:

- **Sporting equipment:** all types of balls, rackets, archery sets, nets, etc.
- **Toys:** age-appropriate board games, card games, Lego sets, and craft kits
- **Clothing:** winter and lightweight jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweaters, pants, leggings, pajamas, and socks
- **Other items suggested:** blankets and throws
- **Clothing sizes vary at this age** but general guidelines are
  - ◇ boy/girl sizes: L and XL (14-20)
  - ◇ men's sizes: S, M, and junior sizes XS to M (1-7)

**Boxes for donations will be in the back of the church from November 29th—December 17th.**

For more information, please call or text Caroline Sparks at 703-862-2074.

Thank you in advance for assisting these families in need.



# 40 HOURS DEVOTION

DECEMBER 9–11, 2025



## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Rosary and Reflection  
**Fr. Zinjin Iglesia: *Virgin Most Powerful***  
10:00pm Compline

*Adoration throughout the night*

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30am Mass  
7:00am Confessions  
8:00am Morning Prayer  
8:15am Mass  
9:00am Rosary (*Joyful Mysteries*)  
led by Legion of Mary  
12:00pm Mass  
12:30pm Rosary (*Luminous Mysteries*)  
led by Legion of Mary  
3:00pm Confessions  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Cenacle  
5:00pm Rosary in Spanish (*Sorrowful Mysteries*)  
led by Spanish Legion of Mary  
6:30pm Confessions  
7:00pm Rosary (*Glorious Mysteries*)  
and Reflection  
**Fr. Joseph Rampino:  
*Mother of Divine Grace***  
10:00pm Compline

*Adoration throughout the night*

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30am Mass  
7:00am Confessions  
8:00am Morning Prayer  
8:15am Mass  
9:00am Rosary (*Joyful Mysteries*)  
led by Legion of Mary  
12:00pm Mass  
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led by Legion of Mary  
3:00pm Confessions  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Cenacle  
5:00pm Rosary in Spanish (*Sorrowful Mysteries*)  
led by Spanish Legion of Mary  
6:30pm Confessions  
7:00pm Rosary (*Glorious Mysteries*)  
and Reflection  
**Fr. Andrew Clark: *Mirror of Justice***

*Benediction to conclude 40 Hours*

*Please see [www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org) for more information and to sign up for Adoration.*

## Parish Spotlight—Creation Care Ministry

Throughout the year, Saint James will be spotlighting our various ministries. We hope this will allow our parishioners to learn more about each of the ministries.

### AT A GLANCE

**Ministry:** Creation Care Ministry (CCM) founded in 2020

**Mission:** To provide a source of experiential education, a source of nutrition to feed the hungry, and a source of inspiration to protect our natural world.

**Origin:** CCM was born out of the environmental encyclical *Laudato Si*, written by Pope Francis in 2015, which emphasizes a moral duty to care for the created environment we find ourselves in and to manage our resources more effectively.

**Highlights:** CCM has demonstrated that for the small sacrifice of a grassy lawn, we can provide for the hungry. The giving garden is located behind the Parish House. Eagle Scout projects, including the raised beds, rainwater collection barrels, compost bins and owl boxes have greatly enhanced our efforts. Produce and herbs are donated to our own monthly Food Distribution as well as neighboring parishes—we've harvested over 250 lbs. this summer!

In addition, CCM leads educational sessions within Saint James School as well as other parish youth groups like the Girl Scouts (see below). Exposing the kids to both the simplicity of the growing process and the beauty that nature holds personalizes the “care” for the environment. Annually, CCM holds a summer 'Science Night' and invites parishioners with kids (target audience 12 and under) to explore the garden ecosystem.

**Biblical Roots:** The story of Genesis is a great place to start for those interested in Creation Care Ministry. Notice how the environment was created entirely before we were, and we were created to be stewards of it. Just as it was here before we were, it will also be here long after we are gone.

**Learn More:** Contact Adam Vogel, ministry chair, at [adam.vogel20@gmail.com](mailto:adam.vogel20@gmail.com). Adam moved here from Illinois after college graduation. In addition to the CCM, Adam is a member of the Young Professionals Core Team and leads the Saint James Running Club. Adam met his wife Tess at the Saint James Running Club and two years later they were married at Saint James.



### Creation Care Ministry and Saint James Girl Scouts

Saint James School 4th grade Girl Scout Troop 50-230 enjoyed a science lesson behind the Parish House with Dr. Karen Bushaw-Newton, a member of our Creation Care Ministry. She taught the troop about roots and shoots, chlorophyll, the best conditions for a harvest (2023; over 300 lbs.), earthworms, and where the food from the parish garden goes (to Food for Others). The girls were able to do the last harvest of the year and collected almost 5 lbs. in tomatoes and beans. This is a great example of the educational programs for youth that the Creation Care Ministry conducts at Saint James.



## Parish Calendar

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, November 24</b><br>7:00pm-8:45pm                                                                        | Reach More Training                                                                                                                          | Parish House                                                     |
| <b>Tuesday, November 25</b><br>7:00am-7:45am<br>4:45pm & 7:00pm<br>7:30pm-9:00pm<br>7:30pm-9:00pm                  | Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90<br>PREP<br>Charismatic Prayer Group<br>Legion of Mary                                                       | Parish House<br>School<br>Knecht Conference Room<br>Parish House |
| <b>Wednesday, November 26</b><br>12:30pm-8:00pm<br>7:00pm-8:00pm                                                   | <b>Rectory Closes at 11:15am (see page 4)</b><br>Adoration<br>Confessions                                                                    | Church<br>Church                                                 |
| <b>Thursday, November 27</b>                                                                                       | <b>Thanksgiving Day (see page 4)</b><br>No scheduled meetings.                                                                               |                                                                  |
| <b>Friday, November 28</b><br>11:00am-11:45am                                                                      | <b>Thanksgiving Weekend (see page 4)</b><br>Confessions                                                                                      | Church                                                           |
| <b>Saturday, November 29</b><br>7:15am-8:15am<br>10:00am-12:00pm<br>3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm<br>6:00pm-9:00pm | <b>Respect Life Greens &amp; Candle Sale (see page 4)</b><br>Men's Prayer Group<br>Co-ed Bible Study<br>Confessions<br>Hispanic Prayer Group | Parish House<br>Parish House<br>Church<br>Msgr. Heller Hall      |
| <b>Sunday, November 30</b><br>4:00pm-5:30pm<br>5:00pm-6:00pm                                                       | <b>Respect Life Greens &amp; Candle Sale</b><br>Hispanic Legion of Mary<br>Holy Hour                                                         | Parish House<br>Church                                           |

## Advent CALENDAR

