



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

April 28, 2024



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
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Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, Noon, and
7:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:30pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and
8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am,
Noon, 5:00pm, and
7:00pm

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm-8:00pm

First Fridays: 9:00am-Noon

**First Saturdays All Night
Adoration:** 7:30pm to 8:30am
on First Saturdays

Holy Hours

Sundays: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays: 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 the Worship menu on our website for more details, stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

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To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the office or email them at receptionist@stjamescatholic.org.

The Pope's April Prayer Intention

For the role of women—We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Follow Us on Social Media

Social media is a quick, effective way for the parish to communicate reminders and time-sensitive notices.

- Facebook [@StJamesCatholicChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurch)
- Instagram [@stjamescatholic](https://www.instagram.com/stjamescatholic)
- Twitter [@St_James_CC](https://twitter.com/St_James_CC)



On The Way

Seven New Words: Children, have you caught anything to eat?

The Gospels tell us about our Lord's resurrection appearances in Jerusalem. John's Gospel tells us also about how the risen Christ revealed himself to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias (Jn 21). The account begins with Peter's announcement, "I am going fishing." The others join him. Then, after a night of catching nothing, Jesus appears on the shore, although they don't recognize him. He calls out, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" and then gives them fishing instructions that leads to a miraculous catch of fish. With that, John recognizes Jesus, Peter jumps overboard to race to him, and the other disciples follow to enjoy a breakfast of grilled fish and bread.

The scene should be familiar. It reprises our Lord's first calling of Saint Peter three years earlier on that same lake (Lk 5:1-11). Peter and his companions encountered him in the morning, after they had fished all night and caught nothing. The Carpenter from Nazareth told them, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." The resulting catch was so enormous that it took two boats to haul it in. On that occasion Jesus had likened fishing to catching souls: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men... Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." The miracle was a promise of what he would bring them to do spiritually.

Here they are again, failed fishermen who need the assistance of Christ. Once again, they receive from him a miraculous catch that imparts a lesson. And that lesson turns on the first word of his greeting: *Children*.

It's an odd thing for him to say. They were grown men, after all. And he wasn't any older than they. Well, at least not according to his human nature. According to his divine nature, he is the Ancient of Days (cf. Dan 7:22) and thus considerably senior to them. It is from his divine authority and agelessness that he calls them *children*. Yes, even as he calls us *friends*, he is still Lord and Master, able to call us *children*.

In this context, the word "children" is not so much a term of affection as it is a description of their helplessness. It's similar to what we mean by the phrase "a babe in the woods." These grown men, these experienced fishermen were now like helpless children on the lake. They couldn't catch enough even for breakfast. At the Last Supper, he had told them, "Apart from me you can do nothing," (Jn 15:5). Now they experience that truth themselves.

Children, have you caught anything to eat? When they got to the shore and saw the breakfast laid out for them, perhaps the Apostles remembered another meal of loaves and fish. Maybe they thought back to that day when Jesus fed the thousands with five loaves and two fish that a child had given them. Nothing wrong with being a child in that case. It is the child who knows his littleness and entrusts it all to the Lord. It is the child who creates room for the Lord to by acknowledging his own insufficiency.

Children, have you caught anything to eat? His words are a commentary on the apostolic fruitfulness of the Church: everything depends on the risen Christ. Without him, the nets remain empty. Souls are not won by fundraising, administration, policies, or any worldly expertise (no matter how good these are in their place). Souls are brought to Christ only by dependence on Christ, by a recognition of our helplessness. In this sense, only children are effective in the work of evangelization.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 27

Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Diana Canales Enciso

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Margaret Kurtzke

9:00am Thanksgiving for Arciaga and Sheppard families

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Bill Beauchamp

2:30pm +Jesus Alberto

7:00pm +Barry Bender

Monday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

6:30am +John and Mary McGlone

8:15am +Ralph Leon

Noon +Rizalina D. Farrales

Tuesday, April 30

St. Pius V

6:30am +Jean Stumpf

8:15am In Thanksgiving for Joseph Stone

Noon +Jim Sober

Wednesday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

6:30am +Mary J. Crone

8:15am +Antonio Soriano

Noon +Muntaz Ajmal Khan

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius

6:30am +Robert M. Crone

8:15am In Thanksgiving for Jacqueline and Marie Stone

Noon +Lorna May Infante

Friday, May 3

SS Philip and James

6:30am +Anna Diederich

8:15am +Marie Stone

Noon Suzanne Trachtman

Saturday, May 4

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:30am +Christine Snyder

Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Victoria Prokopiak

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Stanislaw Grygiel

9:00am +Donna Bohn

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Patricia Burke

2:30pm +Jesus Alberto

7:00pm +Judith Elena Anson

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

"When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,"

Psalms

Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

"I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father...'"

Readings for the Week

Visit www.bible.usccb.org/readings for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Gil Ascunce

Joyce Babiak

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Terrell Blodgett

Betty Brunton

Carmine Carosella

Jane Coleman Checkan

Maria Claffy

Brendan Collins

Mona Demien

Cameron DeMulder

Roberta Dunn

Erik Funk

Rita Funk

Katherine Garren

Judith Karinshak

Kenan Kreiner

Laura Lareau

Jose G. Martinez

Mildred Melmer

Gloria Mora

Julie Neil

Rachel Noonan

Jim Owen

Janet Owen

Carter Parry

Phillip Perot

Russell Ross

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Genevra Strickler

Vincent Strickler

Kathy Thomas

Julia Umama

Lauren Vinci

Anne Marie Willis

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Tracy Adcox

Keith Dadison

Robert Joseph Lucas

and those serving our country

This includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service. For changes or updates, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

2nd Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth

CPT William H. Johnson, USA (Ret.)



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.

- To sign up to be a praying member, visit <http://eepurl.com/gURddd>
- To submit a request to the Prayer Chain, email PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org

Parish News

Adoration Suspended for Three Weeks

Just a reminder that as of Monday, April 22nd, **weekday Adoration** on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and the first Friday in May have been **suspended for three weeks through May 10th** to allow for completion of the confessionals renovation.

Our confessionals will be altered to provide more room for the penitent (and less for the priest!). There will be only one entrance for the penitent, for confession both behind the screen and face to face.

If you want to confess face to face, then a screen is raised so that you can see the priest and speak with him that way.

A chair will also be provided for those who have trouble kneeling.

Attention Law Enforcement Professionals

Saint James seeks current or retired law enforcement professionals to join our volunteer church security team. The team works closely with Father Scalia, our ushers, and the Falls Church Police Department to raise awareness and monitor concerns related to the peace and safety of all who attend Mass at Saint James.

If interested, please contact Rich Blickendorfer at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

Assistant Director of Facilities Job Opening

Saint James Catholic Church and School seek an Assistant Director of Facilities. The position requires basic repair skills in various trades and a proven track record showing strong customer service orientation and ability to manage staff and contractors.

- Position is full-time.
- Hours are tentatively Monday through Friday, 10:00am-6:00pm
 - * Must be available on call other times.
 - * Some early morning, late night, and weekend hours will be required.
- Position includes full benefits.

Send resume to Rich Blickendorfer at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

May Donut Sunday – Special Invitation!

On **May 5th**, our monthly Donut Sunday will have designated tables for families with children who have special needs to fellowship with one another.



We hope you will stop **after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses** in Monsignor Heller Hall to meet families like yours and learn about the **Disability Inclusion Committee of Saint James**. Our committee members will be there to answer any questions and/or get feedback from you on how to make Saint James a more inclusive and accessible place for our special needs families.

For questions, email Tina Schellman at Ntschellman@gmail.com.

Saint James May Crowning

It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Heavenly Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers to signify her honor as Queen of Heaven and Earth.



As a parish, we renew our devotion to Mary with a May Crowning next **Sunday, May 5th, at the 10:30am Mass**.

Diocesan Middle School BASH

All Saint James parish and school students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in the Arlington Diocese's BASH on **Saturday, May 4th, from 3:30pm-8:30pm** at Bishop O'Connell High School. The cost is \$15 per participant. Adult chaperones are needed as well.

The deadline to register is Tuesday, April 30th. Email our Youth Ministry Coordinator Amy Bigart, abigart@stjamescatholic.org, if you will attend or have any questions.

Parish News (Continued)

Our students in the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and Saint James School are preparing to make their First Communion next month. Below is the schedule. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

First Communion Practices

Group A
6:30pm-8:00pm
Monday, April 29
Thursday, May 2

Group B
6:30pm-8:00pm
Monday, May 6
Thursday, May 9

Spanish PREP (SPREP)
6:30pm-8:00pm
Wednesday, May 1
Wednesday, May 8
Wednesday, May 22

First Communion Dates

Group A
10:00am
Saturday, May 4

Group B
10:00am
Saturday, May 11

Spanish PREP (SPREP)
2:30pm
Sunday, May 26



Seniors Young at Heart

Thursday, May 16th
5:00pm-7:00pm

Come Join The Party!

Main entrée will be lasagna.

Attendees are asked to bring a hearty salad that will complement the lasagna (fruit salad, spring salad, veggie salad, etc.)

RSVP to one of the following:

- Susan Jackson, jacksonsusan765@gmail.com
- Cae Gilley, 703-533-3845

Our Saint James American Heritage Girls (AHG) will provide entertainment and dessert.

Faith Formation Groups at Saint James

In our upcoming bulletins, we will be introducing you to our faith formation groups. If you are new to the parish, you may not be aware of the many groups and ministries at Saint James. We encourage you to become involved in one or more of our ministries. Visit the **Faith Formation** menu on our website.

For other parish ministries and groups, visit our **Service & Fellowship** menu. We have also posted the persons to contact for all of our ministries and groups at Saint James.

Ecumenical Planning and Study Group

The Ecumenical Planning and Study Group meets **monthly on Thursdays** to pray for, study, and promote the Holy Spirit's work of Christian Unity. We take to heart the words of St. Paul, echoing Jesus himself, that Christians "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Cor. 1:10).

Currently, we are reading and discussing *Moving into the Ecumenical Future: Foundations of a Paradigm for Christian Ethics*, by John W. Crossin, OSFS.

For more information, please contact Julie Conroy, jmtconroy@gmail.com.





Thank you Sponsors!



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We couldn't do it without you!

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL LIBRARY UPDATE

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE ROSEMARY BURNS SCHOOL LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER



HIGHLIGHTS

- New furniture: tables, chairs, circulation desk, plus low and display bookshelves
- Walls repainted
- New carpet and area rugs
- Author and illustrator visits, writing workshops for Fall 2024

PRODUCTION

Priority furniture is ordered first, followed by additional pieces dependent on funding. All work will be completed this summer, with the new library ready to invite students in August 2024!

PURPOSE

A library isn't just for checking out books anymore! With added online resources and books aplenty, this upgraded library will be the ideal spot for research, writing, playing, collaborating and reading. The larger open space will welcome speakers, groups and visitors to our school.

Accepting all donations - large or small!
Scan this code to contribute!



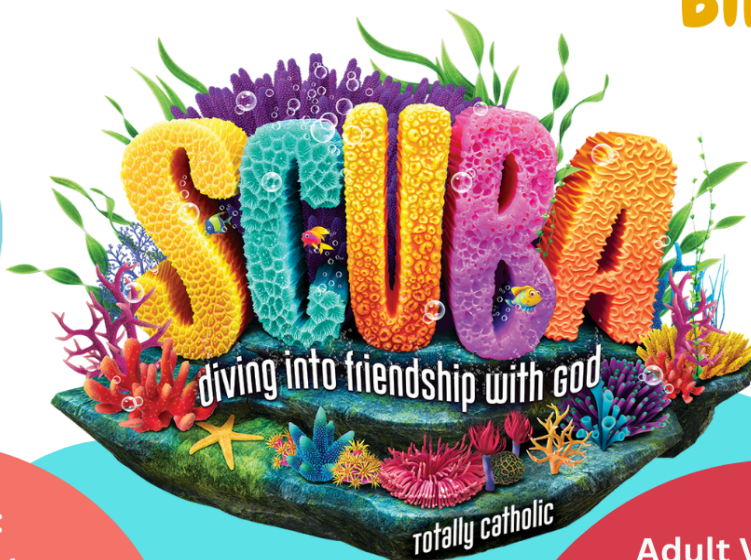


Saint James Catholic Church

Vacation Bible School

July 15-19
2024

9am-12pm



Campers:
Rising Kindergartners -
5th graders

\$85-1 camper

Family discounts

\$115-2 campers

\$155-3 or more campers

Adult Volunteers
needed
as well as rising 6th-12th
grade volunteers

\$30 per student volunteer

Must be available to work the
entire week 8:30am to 12:30pm.
Great opportunity for service
hours!

Registration is now
open until June 1st

Scan the QR Code or visit
StJamesCatholic.org



Any questions? Contact Julie Marx at juliemarx14@gmail.com.

Behind the Scenes—Saint James Operations Update



Spring 2024

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!...
Blessed are the people whose strength is in you....
They go from strength to strength.
Psalm 84:1,5,7*

Easter joy to you and your families! Thanks to your tremendous support, Saint James continues to go from strength to strength. In fact, we finished another strong quarter on March 31st. For the fiscal year-to-date, revenues totaled \$6.1 million (10% over budget), while expenses totaled \$5.5 million (2% under budget). Offertory represented \$1.9 million of the revenue total—14% over budget. Tremendous support!

Our campus infrastructure continues to benefit from the strong financial support. We have invested \$1.4 million so far this year in the following capital improvement projects:

- Replacement of middle school heating/cooling system (almost completed)
- Renovation of Rocket Field (partly funded by PTO)
- Installation of new entrance vestibule for Rectory Office (completed)
- Waterproofing of the Church Sacristy and basement (completed)
- Final touches on the Sanctuary Restoration (completed)
- Installation of outdoor school classroom (funded by PTO)
(This was last year's School Gala's Fund-A-Cause)
- Renovation of IHM Convent Chapel (just beginning)
- Renovation of Church confessionals (just beginning)
- Replacement of School fire alarm system (coming up)



I would also like to highlight our parish's spending on charitable works. Over the last two years, we have increased our support for people in need by 27%. Of course, all of the funds Saint James spends on charitable works come from you.

If you have any questions or comments regarding parish operations, please feel free to contact me.

Rich Blickendorfer
rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 29		
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice Group A	Church
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School PREP	School Library
Tuesday, April 30		
8:00am-9:00am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
Wednesday, May 1		
Weekday Adoration suspended (see page 4)		
10:00am-11:30pm	Mothers of the Church	Knecht
10:00am-12:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Parish House
6:30pm-8:00pm	Spanish PREP First Communion Practice	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, May 2		
Weekday Adoration suspended (see page 4)		
9:30am-11:45am	Co-ed Scripture Study	Knecht
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice Group A	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library
Friday, May 3		
First Friday Adoration suspended (see page 4)		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
12:00pm-1:00pm	Disability and Accessibility Committee	Parish House
5:30pm-6:30pm	Food Distribution	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:30pm-11:59pm	First Saturday Overnight Adoration	Church
Saturday, May 4		
12:00am-8:30am	First Saturday Overnight Adoration	Church
10:00am-11:00am	First Communion Group A	Church
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, May 5		
May Crowning at the 10:30am Mass (see page 4)		
10:00am-12:30pm	Donut Sunday—Special (see page 4)	Msgr. Heller Hall
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church



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St. James Parish Pilgrimage

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