



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

September 28, 2025



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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
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Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
Noon, 2:30pm (Spanish),
and 7:00pm

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

Saturdays: 8:30am

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

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:

9:00am-Noon
7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday
(All-Night Adoration)

Holy Hours

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

Confessions

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Thursdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am

Saturdays: 3:30pm-4:30pm and
6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptisms

Baptisms are done every Sunday. Please contact the Rectory office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling. Both parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child.

Marriage

Contact the Rectory office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a six-month program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit our Worship menu for more details,
stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

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Parish Registration

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

The Pope's September Prayer Intention

For our relationship with all of creation—Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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On The Way

Saint Augustine: Memory

A distinctive element in Saint Augustine's thought is the role of memory. *Confessions*, his most famous work, is simply an exercise of his memory to recount God's work in his life and to praise Him for it. Later in *Confessions* Augustine delves into the mystery and the meaning of memory, this faculty of the soul that somehow makes present what we have seen, heard, felt, or even smelled in the past. The Church's greatest teacher, Saint Thomas Aquinas, doesn't place the same emphasis on memory, so it's worth giving some reflection to Augustine's insight.

His emphasis on memory is profoundly biblical. Indeed, the entire bible is a memory of what God has done for us. The ancient prophets constantly exhorted the Israelites, "Remember!" and "Do not forget!" As the *Catechism* observes, "In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, *they become in a certain way present and real*. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them" (CCC 1363).

Memory is a good way of understanding the Church as well. She is in effect a living memory of Christ's work. She makes Him present in her worship and communicates his truth faithfully by her teachings. The Eucharist most of all is not merely a recollection of the works of salvation but the making present of them. In her charitable works the Church makes Christ's love for the poor present and real. Her saints are those who have reproduced the life of Christ in their lives – who have made Him present.

Memory is essential to who we are. Without it, our lives become a series of disconnected historical data points. Unfortunately, our memory doesn't always work as it should. By which I mean not merely that we lose our keys or forget where we put our glasses but that we fail to remember God and His goodness. We become so obsessed with time and its passing that we become enslaved to each passing moment. We bounce from one instance to the next without anything to integrate or make sense of it all. Indeed, essential to the Marxist project of the modern world is a radical break with the past, the elimination of memory. What came before means nothing. All that matters is the chimerical "right side of history."

Worse still, our broken memory holds on to hurts and resentments, which in turn infect our intellect and will. We think and choose according to our enslaved memories. Or we labor under lies from the past (*I'm unloved, unworthy, incapable, rejected*) that determine our attitude in the present.

The only way out is to remember God and His goodness as scripture and the Church exhort us to do. We should surrender our memory to the Lord, asking Him to heal and purify it, to rid us of resentments and fill us with a knowledge of God's goodness. *Confessions* is a great example of how one man recovered his memory of God and thus reintegrated his life.

In his prayer the *Suscipe*, Saint Ignatius Loyola picks up on Augustine's view of the soul: *Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and Thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.* It's a great prayer – to free us from past hurts and root us in the truth of God's goodness.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 27

Mass for Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Humberto Daboin

Sunday, September 28

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Payton Logothety

9:00am +Irene Ulincy

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Michael Walsh

2:30pm Angela Doherty

7:00pm +Catherine Brown

Monday, September 29

SS Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

6:30am +Bridie McCabe

8:15am +Mary Rose Keating

Noon +Charles A. Roman

Tuesday, September 30

St. Jerome

6:30am +Mary Lynch

8:15am +Patricia Newman

Noon +Terrell Blodgett

Wednesday, October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

6:30am +Fabian and Maria Mushonga

8:15am +Patricia Hatch

Noon +Ike and Genevieve Gondeck

Thursday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30am Carol Jones

8:15am +Rita Macaulay

Noon +Orfelina Landeros Gonzalez

Friday, October 3

Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Lydia Kernitsky

8:15am +John Salibello

Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

8:30am +Mary Ann Beauchamp

Mass for Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Katie Burgess

Sunday, October 5

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Jack and Marilyn Manion

9:00am +Dorothy and Kerri Gallic

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Fran Myers

2:30pm +Margaret Rielly

7:00pm +Joan Herrera

Today's Readings

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

"Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:"

Psalms

Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

"Praise the Lord, my soul!"

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,"

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

"Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who...'"

Readings for the Week

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

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Thomas Duncan

Julie Neil

Joyce Babiak

Roberta Dunn

Rachel Noonan

James Banks

Katherine Garren

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Anthony L. Gerena

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Monica Giove

Colman Rowan

Betty Brunton

Silvia Guevara

BJ Salinas

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

Kathleen Seroskie

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Robyn Stewart

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Lauren Vinci

Grace Coipuram

Jose G. Martinez

Liv Wash

John Cormany

Gloria Mora

Anne Marie Willis

Mona Demien

Mildred Melmer

the deceased of our parish family

Patsy Jean Guditus

Sebastian Kurian

Carol Marie Keister

and please pray for all active duty military

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF

Capt. Sierra Lancaster, USAF

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

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

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN



2LT Finn Roou, USA

Col. Jay Hildreth, USA

1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

For changes, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

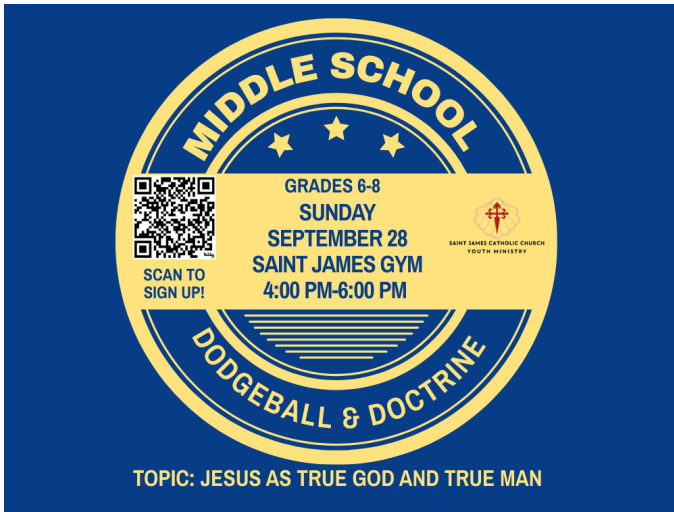
Saint James Prayer Chain

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.



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

Parish News



High School Theology Class: “Prayer: a Response of the Heart”

This semester, we will be studying prayer and reading from the 4th Section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Every **Tuesday** night from **7:00pm-8:15pm**

Starting **October 7th**

In the School library. Enter through door #16.

Contact Sister Regina, dre@saintjamesschool.org
or 703-533-1182 ext. 103, to register.

Taught by Sean Farrell
Theology Teacher at Bishop
O’Connell H.S.

Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting

A reminder for all Confirmation candidates and their parents that there will be a meeting **Wednesday, October 8th, 7:30pm-9:00pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please email the Religious Education office at religioused@saintjamesschool.org or call them at 703-533-1182 x104.

Life Corner

40 Days for Life

The fall campaign for *40 Days for Life* started on **September 24th** and goes through **November 2nd**.

Come and join peaceful vigils from 7:00am-7:00pm in front of the abortion clinic at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, located within our parish boundaries.

On Wednesday, our parish day, with your presence we can keep constant vigil. However, you can come any day of the week, at any time that fits your schedule. Come pray the Rosary peacefully and reverently for the protection and sanctity of human life on the sidewalk in front of the building.

To sign up for Vigil Hours in Falls Church (recommended), visit www.40daysforlife.com.



Saint James Life Chain

Sunday, October 5th, is Respect Life Sunday. Join us from **2:00pm-3:00pm** in our annual Life Chain—a peaceful and prayerful witness to life! We will gather at the corner of Broad Street (Rt. 7) and Spring Street (in front of Saint James School) where we will have positive pro-life signs available. After our opening prayer, take a sign, stand along Broad Street, and pray for an end to abortion. Broad Street is a long road. Let’s line the road with our presence.



Bring a chair, but do not block pedestrian traffic. Contact Rich Hunter, 571-423-6482 or StJamesLife@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Parish News (Continued)

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day Mass)

This year All Souls' Day falls on **Sunday, November 2nd**. All Masses that weekend will commemorate the faithful departed.

If you have lost a loved one since November 2024 and would like to have his or her name listed in the bulletin for that weekend, email communications@stjamescatholic.org by **October 18th**.

Due to space limitations and publication deadlines, please follow these guidelines:

- Limit your request to those who have passed away since November 1, 2024.
- Submit first and last name (plus suffix, if applicable)
- Submit month and year of their passing

We will honor those who have died since November 2024 with a special insert in the bulletin. We will include those who had funeral Masses and memorials here at Saint James.



St. Lucy Food Project FOOD DRIVE

Serving **24%** more client visits than last year





294,530 individuals in the diocese don't have enough to eat.

Source: Feeding America 2022



Sponsored by:
Saint James Social Outreach

**October 4, 2025
10 AM – 2 PM**

Spring Street
(front of Saint James Catholic Church)

Drive up; Pop your trunk; and we do the rest!

Blue bag distribution after Masses on September 27-28. Return filled on October 4th.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

(please use this list)

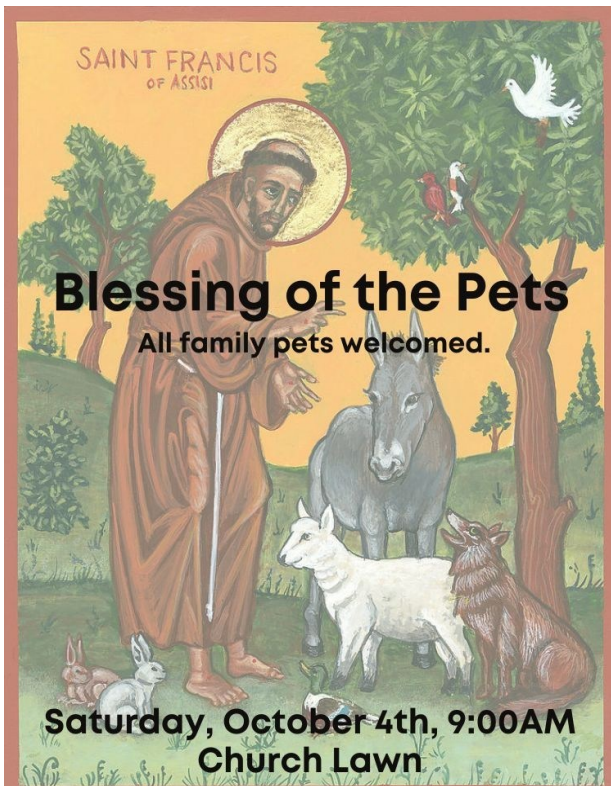
- ☐ Jam and Jelly*
- ☐ Cooking Oil*, Sugar, Flour, and Masa*
- ☐ Tortillas
- ☐ Canned Meat and Tuna*
- ☐ Rice and Dried Beans: 1-2 lb. bags
- ☐ Canned Beans (Dark, Kidney, Garbanzo)
- ☐ Canned Corn* and Green Beans *
- ☐ Canned Fruit *
- ☐ Tomato products*
- ☐ Shelf Stable Milk
- ☐ Cereal/Oatmeal packets
- ☐ Canned Pasta
- ☐ Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)

***Most Needed**

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!



To DONATE FOOD Virtually



All Mothers of Young Children

You are invited to our bible study this year on St. Paul Press' *The Bible and the Sacraments*. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:15pm** in the Parish House. We will meet the first Wednesday of the month through June 2026.

To join or if you have questions, email Liz Sites at elizabethosites@gmail.com or Bailey Mailloux at bailey.mailloux@gmail.com.

Moms Meet Up Group

All current moms with babies and toddlers are invited to join our Moms Meet Up group to connect with other parish moms (with babies and toddlers in tow). Join us when you can!

We meet weekly at playgrounds and coffee shops as well as plan special events like speakers and local trips. Email Ally, dickmanallyson@gmail.com, or Adele, adele1@gmail.com, to learn more or get on our email list.

Our Monthly Food Distribution Program

Please pray for the people in our community who are struggling with food insecurity. We serve over 150 families the first Friday of every month.

Food Donations—If you are able to contribute, please consider placing one of the non-perishable items (listed below) into the baskets at the back of the church which can be used for our **October 3rd Food Distribution**. **Please donate only the items listed and not others.** Our inventory is lower than normal for October. We especially need bags of rice and dried beans. Your support is greatly appreciated.



The Food Distribution preferred food items can always be found on our Social Outreach page under the SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP menu on our website, <https://stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/social-outreach/#volunteers>, or scan the red QR code. Parishioners may also make monetary donations to the Social Outreach Committee. Please note SOC on the memo line.

Remember—no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items, no produce or fresh items (e.g., bread) unless prior arrangements have been made, and no items packaged at home.

Volunteers Always Needed—Adult and teen volunteers are always needed to set up, fill and distribute the bag sets and crates, clean up, and help those who need groceries. There are shifts between 3:30pm-7:00pm. It is also a great opportunity for teens who need service hours.

Email Karen Bushaw-Newton, littlek@hxr.us, with any questions. Visit www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AABAE23A64-57967208-saint#/ or scan this QR code to **volunteer for Friday, October 3rd**. Thank you for helping those in our community.

ADULTS & TEENS
Food Distribution Needs Your Help



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For Friday, October 3rd



Scan QR for details or visit
StJamesCatholic.org



Saint James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Food Distribution

List of donations needed by October 3rd.
Donate only the items listed and not others.

*****Bags of beans and rice needed*****

Rice (1-2 lb bags)**

Canned Chicken

Pasta (plain, boxes)

Cereal (boxes)

Canned Spaghetti

Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)**

Canned Tuna

Mac 'n Cheese (small boxes)

Canned Green Vegetables

Peanut Butter

Canned Hearty Soups

Canned Tomato Sauce

Canned Fruit

Canned Ravioli

Jelly

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

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

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

**THANK
YOU!**


WorkCamp 2026

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for high school youth of our parish to serve those in need throughout the diocese. It is held in late June. We will begin the preparation process by holding interest meetings for teens and their parents as well as adult volunteers later this fall. See the schedule to the right.

Initial WorkCamp Interest meetings will be held in the Knecht Conference Room on:

- **Thursday, October 23rd, at 7:30pm** for **high school teens and their parents** and
- **Saturday, November 22nd, at 9:15am** for **adult volunteers**.

The number of teens able to participate in WorkCamp from Saint James is limited by the number of adults who volunteer. Please consider volunteering as an adult leader!



This information will also be posted on our Youth Ministry page under the FAITH FORMATION menu on our website, <https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry/>.

Email ym@stjamescatholic.org with any questions.

WORKCAMP 2026 SCHEDULE

TEEN & PARENT INTEREST MEETING		Thursday, October 23 rd at 7:30 pm Knecht Conference Room
Saturday, November 22 nd 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 2 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!!

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

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 details. Or email ym@stjamescatholic.org.

www.stjamescatholic.org

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON
WORKCAMP

WORKCAMP 2026

JUNE 20- 26, 2026

GENERAL INTEREST
MEETING



Join us! Teens & Adults interested in learning more about the Diocesan Summer WorkCamp



**Thursday
October 23
7:30 PM**

Join Father Tim and our WorkCamp Stakeholders to learn about WorkCamp 2026 and how you can sign up.

RSVP to ym@stjamescatholic.org

WORKCAMP 2026

JUNE 20- 26, 2026

ADULT VOLUNTEER
INTEREST MEETING



Adults interested in volunteering at WorkCamp as crew leaders or contractors.



**Saturday
November 22
9:15 am**

WorkCamp takes many volunteers to be successful. Adults interested in working with teens, join us to learn how you can help!

RSVP to ym@stjamescatholic.org

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Maintenance Fund Second Collection

This weekend, **September 27-28**, we will have a second collection for our Parish Maintenance Fund.

It is a challenge for our facilities staff to maintain seven buildings, all in constant, heavy use.

Your faithful support of our beautiful, historic church and school is greatly appreciated.

To donate, visit membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3365.



Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Second Collection

Next weekend, **October 4-5**, the parish will take up a second collection in support of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Each diocese in the country has been asked to contribute to this one-time special collection to defray the cost of the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal Project.

In order for the 100+ year National Shrine to continue to serve almost one million pilgrims each year, the task of updating its aged infrastructure has become a necessity. This project includes the modernization of heating and cooling systems which are essential to 365-day-a-year ministry.

To donate online via our one-time gift link, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/7745> and write “Shrine Collection” on the memo line.



Arlington Diocese Week of Service—Mark Your Calendar

Bishop Burbidge invites all members of the faith to participate in the inaugural Arlington Diocese Week of Service from **November 9-16, 2025**. The theme is “*Love in Action – Service in Community*”.

Together, we are building a faith-filled culture of generosity and solidarity—not only within our parish communities but throughout this diocesan region we call home. Join us in being the hands and heart of Christ to others. Let’s serve with purpose, pray with hope, and grow together in the love of God.

The Diocese of Arlington updated its Strategic Plan in 2022. Strategic Initiative No. 7 calls us to “Hold an annual Diocesan Service Week that unifies the diocese around a short list of service projects.” These projects are based on the seven corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

Watch the following video from Bishop Burbidge on his request to support this Diocesan Week of Service, <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/serviceweek>.

By early October, the Saint James Diocesan Service Week Committee will be sharing planned events during this week in November for parishioners to participate in individually or as a family via our website, bulletin, and social media. In addition to the scheduled community service events, we will list other ways for you to volunteer your time and talents to help others.



Read-A-Thon

We are almost at the end of our Read-A-Thon FUNdraiser! Throughout the read-a-thon, students are encouraged to share their favorites with others. Earlier this month, we had a visit from Mr. Pallotta, the author of the *Who Would Win* series and other children's books. The students were engaged as he shared stories and photos from all his travels. Then he asked the students, who would win, a blue whale or a mosquito? Afterwards, Mr. Pallotta signed books for the students. Later the same week, the children had a surprise visit by Curious George, The Cat in the Hat, and Pete the Cat. What fun!

If you would like to donate to our read-a-thon, donations will go towards more books in classrooms and the library, adding to the Book Room collection and keeping our inspiring author series going strong. Please know that no donation is too small and all levels of support are truly appreciated. Please email Julianne Corley at jasakura2002@yahoo.com.



Saint James Bazaar presents the

WHITE ELEPHANT

All proceeds benefit the
Ann Cook Education Fund
for Saint James Students
with Disabilities



WHITE ELEPHANT COLLECTION BEGINS
AT 1:00PM ON OCTOBER 10TH.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON.

Devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts

First Saturday Devotion—Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

October 4th is the first Saturday of the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady gave us the Rosary to pray and grow in holiness as we reflect on the life of her Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

St. Josemaria in the Forge no. 434 writes...

There are two reasons, among others, that friend was saying to himself, why I should make reparation to my Immaculate Mother every Saturday and on the eve of her feasts.

The first reason is that, perhaps due to the devil's influence, those of us who want to be good sons are not taking proper care in the way we live these days dedicated to Our Lord and to his Mother.

The second is that on Sundays and on feasts of Our Lady (which are often feasts in villages), instead of dedicating such days to prayer, so many people spend them—you have only to look around you and see—offending Our Jesus with public sins and scandalous crimes.

You'll realize that unfortunately these reasons are still very valid. And so we too should make reparation.

At Fatima, Our Lady said that the final attack of Satan will be against the family. Now more than ever, our Nation needs prayer warriors. Pray the Rosary daily. Commit to the First Saturday devotion.



Our Lady to Sr. Lucia, "I promise to assist at the hour of death, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall

- **Go to confession and receive Holy Communion,**
- **Pray the Rosary,**
- **Keep Me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary,**
- **Do this with the intention of making reparation to Me for the sins against my Immaculate Heart.**

In the end, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph.

First Friday Devotion—Sacred Heart of Jesus

Starting in 1693, Jesus appeared for over two years to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, a Visantine nun in France. During the apparitions Jesus showed her his Sacred Heart and lamented how sorrowful he was because so many people neither loved him nor trusted him. Many Catholics at the time rarely received Holy Communion, fearing they were not worthy. **Jesus asked her to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart and he made known his desire that the First Friday of every month be a time for special devotion to his Heart.** The faithful should receive him in Holy Communion with the intention of consoling him and making reparation for sins against him, especially in the Eucharist.

Jesus also made many promises to those who would consecrate the first Friday of the month to the Sacred Heart and who would make reparation for the sins of the world. To read the promises, visit this link, <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/12-promises-of-the-sacred-heart-13683>.



First Friday All Night Adoration for October

In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the **first Friday night, October 3rd**, at **7:30pm** and Adoration will continue throughout the night and conclude with the 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning, October 5th.

Please commit to spend some time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament—to receive his love, to return love for love.

The parish provides books and pamphlets for Adoration and for making reparation. See the basket in the foyer. Please return the materials to the basket when finished.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FriAdoration>.

First Friday All-Night Adoration
Friday, October 3rd



**7:30PM ON FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 3RD
TO
8:30AM ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4TH**

Adorers Needed!
Scan the QR code



Saint James will hold an Arlington Diocese-sponsored informational meeting on the Abortion Amendment that will be on the November ballot. The amendment will be explained on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:00pm in Monsignor Heller Hall.



Extreme Abortion Amendment to the Virginia Constitution

What you need to know



Because we failed to turn out the pro-life vote in November of 2023, when every seat in the Virginia General Assembly was on the ballot, we currently have an **extremely pro-abortion majority** in both the House of Delegates and the Senate which is fast-tracking this dangerous resolution. This year, every seat in the house of delegates is once again on the ballot.

**This amendment is out of step with the values of a majority of Virginians.
It goes far beyond what Roe v. Wade allowed.**

Amendment Process

1. *First Session - January 2025*

The amendment was approved for the first time by both legislative chambers. The Governor cannot veto an amendment.



We are here

2. *November 2025 Election*

A general election must occur before the amendment is taken up in the next session. On Tuesday, November 4th we have an opportunity to return a pro-life majority to the Virginia House of Delegates. This would stop the amendment from being passed a second time. *Are you registered to vote?*



3. *Second Session - January 2026*

The amendment is introduced for the second time and must pass both chambers with unaltered language. A pro-life majority of delegates would stop the amendment at this juncture.



4. *November 2026 Ballot Initiative*

The amendment, as passed twice, goes to the ballot for the people to vote "yes" or "no" to amend the Constitution.

- Parental consent laws: **Eliminated.**
- Abortions up to birth: **Guaranteed.**
- Religious liberty: **Denied.**
- Health of women and girls: **At risk.**
- Taxpayers: **Forced to fund abortion.**
- Predators: **Protected.**

This amendment could turn Virginia into the abortion destination of the South.



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"True perfection consists in the love of God and our neighbor."
– St. Teresa of Avila

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A scholar of the law once asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied with a parable about a robbery victim who was left for dead on the side of the road. Two travelers passed by him. Finally, a Samaritan tended to his wounds and paid for his lodging.

Jesus asked, "Who was neighbor to the robber's victim?" The scholar answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said,

"Go and do likewise."

"We find ourselves in front of others, faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong."

– Pope Leo XIV

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Parish Calendar

Monday, September 29

7:00pm-8:45pm	Reach More Training	Parish House
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Tuesday, September 30

7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, October 1

9:30am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:15pm-8:45pm	Mothers of Young Children Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht Conference Room

Thursday, October 2

12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
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Friday, October 3

9:00am-Noon	First Friday Exposition and Benediction	Church
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
5:30pm-6:30pm	Food Distribution (see page 6)	Msgr. Heller Hall/Lot B
7:30pm-11:59pm	First Friday All-Night Adoration	Church

Saturday, October 4

12:00am-8:30am	First Friday All-Night Adoration	Church
9:00am-9:45am	Pet Blessing (see page 5)	Church Lawn
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
10:00am-2:00pm	St. Lucy Food Drive (see page 5)	Spring Street
12:00pm-3:00pm	Parish Picnic	Msgr. Heller Hall/Lot B
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall

Sunday, October 5

10:15am-11:00am	PREP Special Needs Classes	Knecht Conference Room
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
1:00pm-2:15pm	Spanish PREP	Msgr. Heller Hall
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Saint James Parish Library

913 Park Avenue



Visit us before or after Mass

Next Sunday, October 5th

1st & 3rd Sundays 10:00am-2:00pm



Check out our
children's books

Visit Our Parish Library

Are you new to the parish? Check out our parish library on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of every month.

Our library has close to 2,000 volumes of spiritual information for all age groups. It is a great resource for our parishioners. There are books for all age levels and topics from saints, scripture, theology, daily devotions, church history, vocations, and more. We also have DVDs and CDs. Our parish library is operated and staffed with volunteers. If you would like more information or to volunteer, contact Pauline Hunter at pauline_kim@hotmail.com.