



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

March 29, 2026



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.' And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, 'Who is this?'" Mt 21:9-10

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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/.

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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 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 Apostles: Listening with Peter

We hear more about Peter's interaction and conversations with Jesus than we do about any other Apostle's. Their exchanges – so candid and sincere – make great fodder for meditation and prayer. By entering into the conversations between Jesus and Peter, we grow to appreciate their affection for one another. We learn more about both our Lord and Peter. Most importantly, we learn to pray better. Now, since the first step of prayer is to listen to God, let's begin with a consideration of what our Lord says in these exchanges. Sometimes He speaks directly and only to Peter. Other times He speaks to all the Apostles, but Peter alone responds. Either way, we want to listen with Peter to the words of the Lord.

Put out into deep water... (Lk 5:4) Jesus speaks this directly to Peter. He clearly means more than just the physical act of rowing out, away from the shore. It's an invitation to a greater spiritual depth. Saint Josemaria observes, "There are few things more at odds with Christianity than superficiality." Indeed, many (most?) of us splash around the shallow end of the pool, content with little thought of the supernatural. Christ's words are a command to think more often and more deeply about Him; to trust Him more strongly, to believe in Him more profoundly.

Take heart, it is I; have no fear (Mt 14:27). Here's another exchange on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' words express one of the most familiar themes in scripture: *Do not be afraid*. Those who trust do not fear. But Jesus' statement is not merely a consolation. It's also an exhortation, as Peter's response will make clear. Jesus doesn't want the Apostles – or us – to remain inert and comfortable. He doesn't ease our fear so that we can do nothing. He consoles us with His presence and power so that we can dare great things. So that we can again put out into the deep.

Who do you say that I am? (Mt 16:15) Jesus asks many questions in the Gospels. Not because He doesn't know the answer but because we need to put out into the deep and think about them. This question is the most important and, in a sense, the purpose of all the others. Jesus asks first for our sake. Because we receive grace and salvation by knowing Who He is – by knowing *Him*. He asks also for His sake, because His Sacred Heart desires to be known by us. It is a question of the Lover to the beloved.

Do you also wish to go away? (Jn 6:67) In the Bread of Life Discourse, Jesus taught about the Eucharist, *the Mystery of Faith*. "After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him" (Jn 6:66). Filled with sorrow at their reaction, Jesus directs this question to the Twelve – and to us. He wants to know that those who have trusted in Him will continue and persevere in that trust – even as everyone else abandons Him. It's a question specifically about the Eucharist. Will His disciples continue and persevere in their devotion?

Do you love me?... Do you love me? ... Do you love me? (Jn 21:15-17) Coming as they do at the end of John's Gospel, these questions have a summary character about them. In the end, Jesus desires to know that we love Him. Or, at the very least, that we want to and will try to love Him. When we make that our goal, our very purpose in being, then everything else falls into place. We begin to order and organize our lives and our days toward this purpose, the Love of God.

Next, we will turn Peter's responses to these words of Christ, so that we know how to respond in prayer.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for Holy Week

Saturday, March 28

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

Monday, March 30

Monday of Holy Week

6:30am +Matthew Klena

8:15am +John and Mary McGlone

Noon Elizabeth Fuller

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30am +Marjorie Wall

8:15am +Zacharia Coipuram and Thomas Coipuram, Sr.

Noon +Patrick Burno and Edward Paoella

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30am +Karl and Margaret Vanarsdall

8:15am Patricia Pope

Noon +Honesto Ong Loo

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm Pro Populo

7:00pm Pro Populo (Spanish)

Friday, April 3

Friday of the Passion of the Lord; Good Friday

No Masses

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil

8:00pm Pro Populo

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30am +Danny and Ana Diaz

9:00am +Mrs. C.T. Thomas Zacharia Coipuram and
Thomas Coipuram, Sr.

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Kenan Kreiner

2:30pm +For the deceased family members of the
Amaya family

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

"The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue,"

Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,"

Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

"One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot,"

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

James Banks

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Charles A. Burke

Jim Buscher

Christopher Butzgy

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Matthew Coffin

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

Olger Benavides

Juan Alfredo Rosa Berillo

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

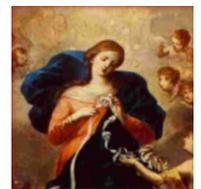
1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

For changes, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

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@saintjameschool.org.



Parish News

Parish Speaker Series---Next Speaker

**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 this Friday, April 3rd, by contacting Susan Ramsel at sramsel@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815.



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.**

Holy Week Changes and Reminders

 Saint James Catholic Church

PARISH LIBRARY



**Closed Easter Sunday,
April 5th**

CHURCH EVENTS SUSPENDED



**First Friday
All-Night Adoration
April 3-4**



**Holy Hour
Sunday, April 5**

Parking Reminder for Holy Week

For Easter weekend we have **five lots** available for church parking:

- **A Lot**—Corner of Park Ave. and Spring St.
- **B Lot**—Corner of Park Ave. and Oak St.
- **C Lot**—on Broad St., in front of the School
- **Parish House Lot**—913 Park Ave.
- **Founders Row Top Level Garage**—Located to the right of the Parish House, Founders Row has reserved space for us on the top garage level **Sunday mornings only until 1:00pm** for parishioners.

Visit our *Registration, Boundaries, & Directions* page under *About Us* menu on our website, stjamescatholic.org/home-2/registration-boundaries/#parking.

No Food Distribution in April

Due to Holy Week, there will be no Food Distribution in April. **The next Food Distribution will be on Friday, May 1st.** Thank you for your continued support.

Donut Sunday April 12th

(2nd Sunday due to Easter)



**After the 9:00am & 10:30am Masses
in Monsignor Heller Hall**

First Saturday Devotion

Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. Instituted by Christ at the Last Supper, the Holy Eucharist is Jesus, His Real Presence, body, blood, soul, and divinity. It is the source and the summit of our Faith. Just as we need food to sustain our bodies, we need food to sustain our souls. The Holy Eucharist is that food.

April 4th is a great day to grow deeper in your love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and begin the First Saturday devotions as requested by Jesus to Sr. Lucia of Fatima in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

1. Go to confession (within 8 days) and receive Holy Communion
2. Pray the Rosary
3. Keep Me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary
4. Do all of this with the intention of making reparation to Me.

All to Jesus through Mary!

"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph."



April 25th Events

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



**FEATURING SJS CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM!**

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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!



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Lenten and Holy Week 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 selected fund to donate.

- March 22 Easter Flowers Fund (see below)
- 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



****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.fcswe care.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

Last weekend, **March 21-22**, was our second collection for Easter flowers. You can still add to the beauty of our Sanctuary by making a donation to our 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 office 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

Tenebrae Service
Servicio Tenebrae

April 1st @ 7:00pm

1 de abril a las 7:00pm

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!

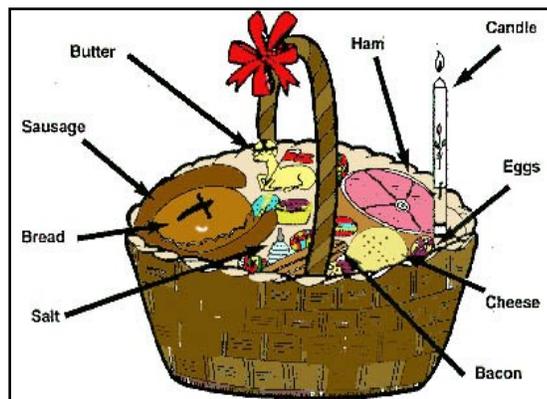
Blessing of the Easter Food

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 one of 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

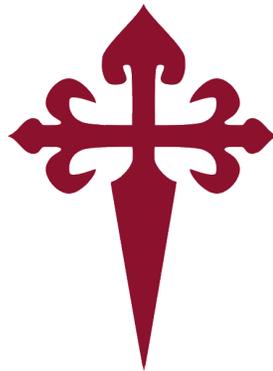
Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated throughout the Church eight days after Easter or the second Sunday of Easter. Just as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection during Lent, we can also prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday especially by doing works of mercy which may include praying for the world.

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.**

See the next page on 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.

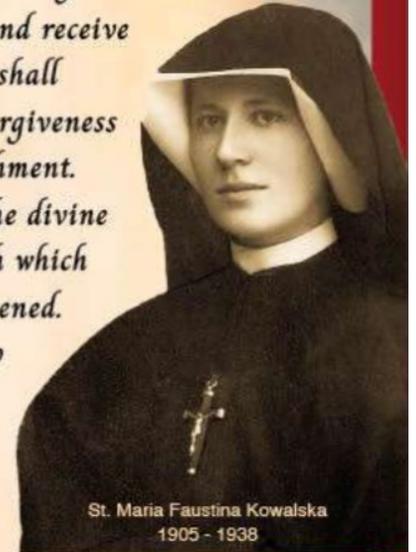
"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy" (299).

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:

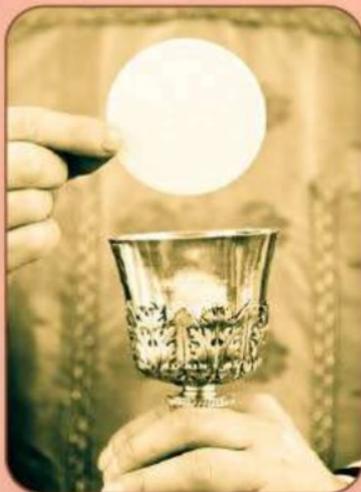
"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even 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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School Positions for This Year and Next Year

Saint James Catholic School, a preschool through eighth grade school, 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

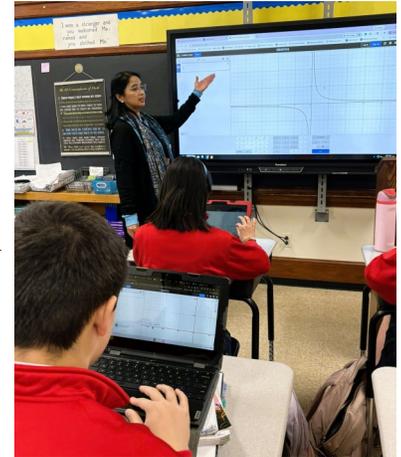
for the current school year (through June 16, 2026):

- 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, with a cover letter and resume.



There is still time to support the 2026 School Gala & Auction

You can still donate items for the Gala Auction by April 22nd. Email ptoauction@saintjameschool.org before the deadline. Or, if you would like to advertise your business, see the rates below. Email ompach@yahoo.com to reserve your space.



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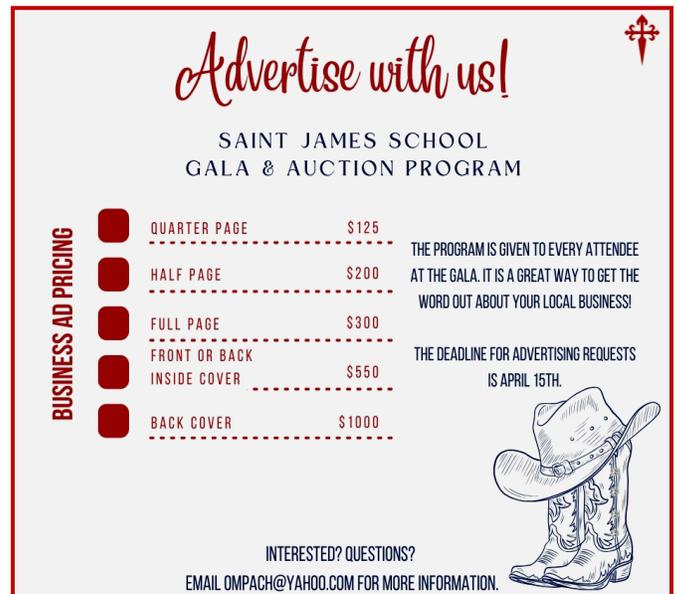
Do you have tickets to a sporting event or concert, provide a service or own a local business?

Consider donating an item to our 22nd Annual Saint James School Gala & Auction!

We accept donations of gift certificates, company services, gift baskets, electronics, restaurant gift cards, entertainment gift cards, sports tickets or vacation packages.

DONATIONS REQUESTED BY APRIL 22.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL PTOAUCION@SAINTJAMESCHOOL.ORG



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	 HALF PAGE	\$200	
	 FULL PAGE	\$300	
	 FRONT OR BACK INSIDE COVER	\$550	
	 BACK COVER	\$1000	

INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?
EMAIL OMPACH@YAHOO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 30		
6:00pm-7:30pm	Lenten 10:10 Challenge (registered participants only)	School Library
6:30pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Reach More Training (registered participants only)	Parish House
Tuesday, March 31		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
6:30pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Gym Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, April 1		
9:00am-11:00am	Confessions	Church
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lenten 10:10 Challenge (registered participants only)	Rectory Conference Room
12:30pm-6:00pm	Adoration ends early	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Tenebrae (see page 9)	Church
8:00pm-9:00pm	Confessions	Parish House
Thursday, April 2		
7:00pm	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	Church
7:00pm	Misa de la Cena del Señor (Spanish)	Knecht Gym
8:00pm-Midnight	Adoration	Msgr. Heller Hall
Friday, April 3		
9:30am-11:30am	Confessions	Church
12:00pm-1:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
1:00pm-1:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena begins (see page 10)	Church
3:00pm-4:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Church
5:00pm-6:30pm	Via Crucis (see page 9)	Church lawn
6:30pm	Veneracion de la Cruz	Church
Saturday, April 4		
9:00am-9:30am	Blessing of Easter Food (see page 9)	Church
9:30am-11:30am	Confessions	Church
3:00pm-3:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena	Church
8:00pm-11:30	Easter Vigil and Reception	Church/Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, April 5		
1:00pm-1:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena	Church
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	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/, 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.

