



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

November 30, 2025



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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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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 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: Man's Wounded Body

Immediately after they sin, man and woman experience a profound wound to their original integrity of body and soul: "Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons" (Gen 3:7).

As a result of their sin, the gift and meaning of the human body have been wounded. Man is no longer at peace with being embodied as God created him to be. Man and woman are no longer comfortable with their own bodies...or one another's. The body that was once a sign of the gift that they were to each other – *This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh!* – is now a sign of mutual suspicion. At first, they were *naked and were not ashamed*. Now their nakedness is a source of shame. The human body no longer fully communicates the complementarity and self-gift of man and woman.

This wound to the body afflicts motherhood as well. "To the woman he said, 'I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children'" (Gen 3:16). Bearing new life wasn't meant to be painful. The pangs of birth are a consequence of original sin, a disharmony introduced into the mother/child union.

Further, the human body, the summation of God's physical creation, is now at odds with it. "And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden" (Gen 3:8). Man was once placed in the garden to till it and to keep it, to be the Creator's coworker. Now he uses that same physical creation to hide from His Creator. All creation was to find a voice of praise and thanksgiving through man. Now it is mute because of man's rebellion.

Indeed, because man has rebelled against his Creator, so the physical world rebels against him. God proclaims to him, "cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:17-19).

Because of original sin, we live at odds with our bodies. We don't recognize or appreciate the meaning that is inherent in the human body. Now, that's been the case for every culture ever since the fall. People have always experienced a discomfort with and alienation from their bodies to some degree or other. But modern technology makes that alienation far worse by enabling us to indulge it. We can more easily manipulate, distort, deny, and flee our embodied reality – even convince ourselves that we are not our bodies at all.

Our biotechnology makes us think that we can manipulate the body into whatever we want it to be. More and more time spent on our digital devices accustoms us to an incorporeal existence. Life lived through screens doesn't really require a body. So, now people speak of transhumanism, of uploading their souls to the cloud so that they can live on after the unnecessary body has failed.

The shape of the wound determines the healing needed. The effect of the sin calls out for a particular kind of redeemer. This wound to the meaning of the human body calls out for a healing and redemption that is not only spiritual but bodily as well.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the First Week of Advent

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

Monday, December 1

Monday of the First Week in Advent

6:30am +Jaime A. Ponce Morales

8:15am +Eloina Tapia

Noon +Sylvia Tilton

Tuesday, December 2

Tuesday of the First Week in Advent

6:30am +Dennis Kane

8:15am +Caterina Cuoto

Noon +Thomas Kuehne

Wednesday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

6:30am +Barry Haddox

8:15am +Eugene and Doris Carney

Noon +Don Bauman

Thursday, December 4

St. John Damascene

6:30am +John William Mantz, Jr.

8:15am +Helen Check

Noon +Katharina Leibundgut

Friday, December 5

Friday of the First Week in Advent

6:30am +Ann and Joe Russo

8:15am +Souls in Purgatory

Noon +Dr. Frank Whitesell III

Saturday, December 6

St. Nicholas

8:30am +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller

Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm +Giovanni and Maria Bernardone

Sunday, December 7

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Deceased members of the Jennings family

9:00am +Theresa Messersmith

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Concetta Gaudiosi

2:30pm +Fernando and Carmen Arze

7:00pm +Jane D'Arcangelo

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

"This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz,"

Psalms

Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

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

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

"Brothers and sisters: You know the time;"

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in the days of Noah,'"

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

Joyce Babiak

James Banks

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Jim Buscher

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Grace Coipuram

John Cormany

Mona Demian

Thomas Duncan

Dorra Dee Estes

Rachel Noonan

Esther Olivos

Roberta Dunn

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove

Silvia Guevara

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Gloria Mora

Mildred Melmer

Julie Neil

Jerry Parker

Carter Parry

Phillip Perot

Colman Rowan

Ramon Rozada

BJ Salinas

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Barbara Jean Swartz

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

Mary Winslow

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

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

2LT Paul Murray, USA

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

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.



Join our priests for

Morning Prayer during Advent
Beginning Monday, December 1st

Monday through Saturday
8:00am

A limited number of booklets will be available. Download the Ebreviary app for the prayers.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8th

Holy Day of Obligation



Mass Schedule

6:30am

8:15am (Livestream)

Noon

5:00pm

7:00pm

8:30pm (Spanish)

Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Available

Traditional Christmas wafers, known as Oplatek, are part of every traditional Christmas Eve supper in central Europe.

The wafers are now available for your Christmas Eve supper here in the Saint James community from Connie Donnelly, a parishioner.

Many wafers are decorated with religious scenes, such as the Nativity or with Polish monuments.

To place your order, please call Connie at 703-237-7935.



HOLY HOUR
EVERY SUNDAY @ 5:00PM

JOIN US FOR THE PRAYING OF VESPERS
DURING THE 5:00PM HOLY HOUR. BOOKS
WILL BE PROVIDED!

PRAYING AND MEDITATING

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 PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS.

RSVP BY DECEMBER 8TH TO:
KATHLEEN AT KMCPHILOMY2@GMAIL.COM
OR
SUSAN AT 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, &
COOKIE DECORATING

DECEMBER **14** 4-6 PM
SAINT JAMES GYM



SCAN TO RSVP



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 3rd.



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

Parish News (Continued)

First Saturday Devotion

Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

December is the month that the Church has dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

“The Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the omnipotent God, in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of Mankind was preserved from all stain of original sin” (Pope Pius IX, Ineffabilis Deus, Denzinger n. 1641)

December 6th is the first Saturday of the month (and St. Nicholas’ Day). Remember Our Lord’s request to make the Five First Saturday Devotions in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All to Jesus through Mary!

December 10, 2025 is the 100 year anniversary of Our Lord’s request to Sr. Lucia to make the First Saturday devotion.

“In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”



First Friday All-Night Adoration

Won't you give 1 hour of your time in prayers of adoration, reparation, and petition?



**7:30PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
TO
8:30AM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FriAdoration> or scan QR code



First Friday Food Distribution

See how you can help.

List of donations needed by December 5th. Donate only the items listed and not others. Items in black are needed.

Rice (1-2 lb bags)

Canned Hearty Soups

Canned Tomato Sauce

Mac 'n Cheese (small boxes)

Canned Fruit

Cereal (boxes)

Peanut Butter



Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)

Canned Chicken & Tuna

Pasta (plain, boxes)

Canned Ravioli

Canned Spaghetti

Canned Green Vegetables

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.)



Volunteers are always needed to set up, fill/distribute the bag sets and crates, clean up, and help those who need groceries. Scan QR code to volunteer.





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
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. Andrew Clark: *Mirror of Justice*

Benediction to conclude 40 Hours

Please see www.stjamescatholic.org for more information and to sign up for Adoration.

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 29-December 17.

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

Thank you in advance for assisting these families in need.

A Filipino Christmas Mass

Simbang Gabi, A Filipino Christmas Mass

The celebration of a traditional Philippine Mass at Saint James Catholic Church known as "Simbang Gabi" (evening Mass) will be observed on **Friday, December 19th, at 7:00pm.**

Kababayan and all are invited to worship together at this Mass, accompanied by the choir, Serenata Fil/Am Community Music Ministry, singing hymns in Tagalog.

Following Mass we invite everyone to gather (salo salo) in Monsignor Heller Hall to enjoy a variety of Filipino dishes.

We invite anyone who would like to contribute a dish or volunteer to help our fellowship by contacting Deacon Marvin Muhat at mmuhat@stjamescatholic.org or scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/SimbangGabi2025>.



Simbang Gabi 2025

A cherished Filipino Catholic tradition of nine joyful evening Masses before Christmas, celebrating faith, hope, and community - please join us in worship and fellowship



Join us Friday
December 19th
Mass at 7pm and
followed by a reception
at Heller Hall



Scan to register &
volunteer
Deacon Marvin Muhat:
mmuhat@stjamescatholic.org



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Giving Tuesday is December 2nd. Support the 2025-2026 Saint James School Annual Appeal

Established in 2012, the Saint James School's Annual Appeal keeps our 100+ year old school competitive and affordable to all who desire a Catholic education.

\$25,000 Challenge Match for Giving Tuesday

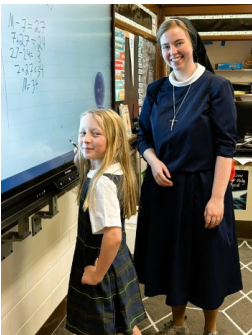
Giving Tuesday is a national giving program held each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to encourage charitable donations to non-profit organizations. This year, it will be on **Tuesday, December 2nd**. Any gifts received on this day will be allocated to our school's Annual Appeal.

As an added incentive, a generous couple has once again offered to kick off this year's Annual Appeal with a \$25,000 challenge match for "Giving Tuesday." **This means that every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$25,000!**

We are grateful to the generosity of this donor couple who fervently believe in the importance of Catholic education. We hope you all will participate in this year's Giving Tuesday challenge match.

To donate online, go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/53940> or mail a check to Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Please include "MG/Annual Appeal" in the memo line of the check.

All checks received by Sunday, December 14th, will qualify for the "Giving Tuesday" matching gift. As always, thank you for your generosity and support!



YOU can give the gift of a Catholic education



Come Visit Our School Book Fair

Saint James Catholic School is hosting a book fair from **December 4th through the 9th**. The school would like to extend an invitation to parishioners to join us on the following days and times:

- After school on Thursday (12/4) from 3:30pm-5:00pm
- After school on Friday (12/5) from 3:30pm-5:00pm
- Sunday (12/7) from 8:30am-12:30pm
- After school on Monday (12/8) from 3:30pm-7:00pm
- After school on Tuesday (12/9) from 3:30pm-5:00pm

This is a great opportunity to not only support our school, but also promote reading. We look forward to seeing you!

Shoppers should use door #1 (which faces Broad Street) to enter the school.



Saint James School Job Openings—Apply Now

Saint James Catholic School is always looking for great people to join our school team! Saint James is not just a school. It is a vibrant, joyful, and faith-filled community of students, families, teachers, and staff.

Substitute Teachers—We are currently seeking dynamic, qualified substitute teachers as well as extended day staff. All teacher applicants should have a minimum of three years teaching experience with a bachelor's degree and enjoy working with children 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). Applicants should enjoy working with elementary and middle school aged children, show flexibility and creativity, and have a positive, can-do attitude.

Part-Time Extended Day Staff are needed for our after-school program from 2:45pm- 6:00pm Monday through Friday and 11:00am-6:00pm on early dismissal school days. Extended day applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have experience working with children, and show a willingness to promote the purpose of Catholic education.

All positions are mid-August through mid-June. Please email Mrs. Manaker, Acting Principal, mmanaker@saintjameschool.org, for more information.



Diocesan Week of Service—Thank You for Your Support

Once again, our parish and school showed their strong level of spiritual and corporal works of mercy during the diocesan week of service. Young and old participated. It was a busy week of helping others through donating, volunteering, and praying. The Arlington Catholic Herald came on Veteran's Day when most of the service projects occurred and were amazed at the efforts of our parish and school for this inaugural diocesan event. When Father Scalia was asked by the Herald about this opportunity to serve, the Herald wrote that Father Scalia "credited his parishioners' zeal for service. 'We already have a robust social outreach and other charitable activities. So, I simply reached out to a few key people involved in those works. And they did the rest'".

One could see the theme "*Love in Action – Service in Community*" throughout the week. The students at the school participated in many events including a coat and diaper drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive, making cards for the Sisters at Camilla Hall and our homebound parishioners, and praying the Rosary for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

At the parish level, we prepared and delivered meals to the Christ House, raked leaves for older parishioners, conducted drives for blood donations, baked cookies for a men's prison, prayed the rosary for souls in purgatory at the parish cemetery, and collected coats for kids as well as diapers/wipes/formula for babies. **To see the results of all the service at Saint James, visit our Diocesan Service Week page at <https://stjamescatholic.org/diocesan-week-of-service/>.**



Parish Calendar

Monday, December 1	Advent morning prayer begins (Mon-Sat) at 8:00am	
7:00pm-8:45pm	Reach More Training	Parish House
Tuesday, December 2		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School Theology	School Library
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, December 3		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm	Mother's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, December 4		
9:30am-11:30am	Co-ed Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room
Friday, December 5		
10:00am-11:45am	First Friday Exposition and Benediction	Church
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
4:45pm-6:30pm	Food Distribution	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm	Men's Group	Parish House
7:30pm-11:59pm	First Friday All-Night Adoration (see page 6)	Church
Saturday, December 6		
12:00am-8:00am	First Friday All-Night Adoration	Church
7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
8:30am-1:00pm	Young Professionals Advent Retreat	Parish House
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
10:00am-12:00pm	Pastoral Council	Knecht Conference Room
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, December 7		
10:00am-11:15am	PREP Special Needs Classes	Knecht Conference Room
10:00am-12:30pm	Donut Sunday	Msgr. Heller Hall
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic OCIA	Knecht Conference Room
1:00pm-2:00pm	Religion Classes for Parents of SPREP	Cafeteria
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Join us for...
Donut Sunday Next Sunday, December 7th



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