



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

January 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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
Deacon Marvin Muhat

Rectory Office Hours

Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)
Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

Rectory Office

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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/.

Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff

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Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Superior of Saint James Convent

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 January Prayer Intention

For prayer with the Word of God—Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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On The Way

Redeeming Word and Body: Our Redeeming Word

We all know the power of words. They can build up or tear down, enlighten or deceive. Unfortunately, in our weakness we often use our words not to build up or enlighten but to tear down and deceive. Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, has redeemed human words. He has brought healing to this wound of original sin that leads us to abuse human speech. What is more, the human word is not only healed by the divine Word but is also made an instrument of extending His redemptive grace.

This means first and foremost that we can speak truly about God. Which might seem to be obvious. Yet there are so-called intellectuals who claims that human words have no meaning, that they are just instruments of power and not truth. (Oddly, they use words to make this claim...) Further, what Cardinal Newman called “liberalism” in religion holds that human speech doesn’t capture anything true about God. It only expresses opinions or sentiments about the divine. The deeper and more threatening claim, of course, is that there is nothing true in religion anyway.

Contrary to these views that empty human speech of its power, the Church holds that the human word has been entrusted with the power to communicate not just natural but divine truth. Indeed, the Church’s entire mission of teaching saving doctrine is founded on this principle. The Word of God breathed life into the Church, so it should not surprise us that His Church has always been the defender of the interior word of human thought and the external word of human speech. We can know the truth about God, we can express it, and we can communicate it to others. The creeds we profess (e.g., the Apostles and the Nicene) and the catechisms we read express the truth about God. That truth — that comes to us in human words — makes the act of faith possible.

Using our words to communicate God’s truth is more than just passing on information. As Saint Paul writes to the Ephesians, “Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, *that it may impart grace* to those who hear” (Eph 4:29, emphasis added). Our words can impart, can be the vehicles of, God’s grace.

Further, the manner of our speech should be in accord with its content. Nobody says “I love you” in a hostile tone or with a frown. Nor should we speak of divine truths in a manner that lacks charity or joy. Jesus’ human nature was the instrument worthy of His divinity. So also, we should speak (as much as we are able) in a manner worthy of divine content.

The dignity of the human word is nowhere more in evidence than in our prayer. “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth” (Jn 4:24). Human speech’s highest use is in conversation with God. We pray true things. First of all, the truth about ourselves. In our prayer, we are to be honest and authentic with God. Not putting on a face for Him but allowing Him to see us as we are, in the sometimes-brutal truth of our condition.

To worship in spirit and truth also means that we pray according to the truth about God. This is how creeds and catechisms intersect with prayer. “There is an organic connection between our spiritual life and the dogmas. Dogmas are lights along the path of faith; they illuminate it and make it secure” (CCC 89). Any relationship requires truthfulness. The Church teaches us the truth about God so that we can pray to Him not as we imagine or hope Him to be, not as an opinion or sentiment of ours, but as He is.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3

Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm +Diane Paar

Sunday, January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am +Sheila Zipse

9:00am +Jane D'Arcangelo

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +John William Mantz, Jr.

2:30pm Living members of the Grebogi and Sare families

7:00pm +Coleman O'Brien

Monday, January 5

St. John Neumann

6:30am +Manley E. Rogers

8:15am +Jane D'Arcangelo

Noon Olivia Pope

Tuesday, January 6

St. Andre Bessette

6:30am +Eleanor Bromley

8:15am Joseph Stone, in Thanksgiving

Noon +Carl Berger, Jr. and Cathryn Summer

Wednesday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort

6:30am +Mary Jo Durand

8:15am +Michael and Christina Szayniak

Noon +Nancy Fishenden

Thursday, January 8

Thursday after Epiphany

6:30am +Phyllis Conklen

8:15am +Nancy Fishenden

Noon +Esperanza Espinal

Friday, January 9

Friday after Epiphany

6:30am +Cardinal Pio Laghi

8:15am +Haley Susanne Curtis

Noon +John J. Nolan

Saturday, January 10

Saturday after Epiphany

8:30am +Sami Bajraktari

Mass for the Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm +Edward O'Laughlin

Sunday, January 11

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30am +Gerald C. Brown

9:00am +Chi Won Yun

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Nancy Fishenden .

2:30pm +Deceased members of the Grebogi and Sare families

7:00pm Francis Coyle and family

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,"

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

"Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of..."

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,"

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

Francis Neumann, Jr.

Joyce Babiak

Roberta Dunn

Rachel Noonan

James Banks

Dora Dee Estes

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Katherine Garren

Jerry Parker

Cory Bautista

Anthony L. Gerena

Carter Parry

Betty Brunton

Monica Giove

Phillip Perot

Jim Buscher

Silvia Guevara

Colman Rowan

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

BJ Salinas

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Kathleen Seroskie

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Robyn Stewart

Grace Coipuram

Jose G. Martinez

Lauren Vinci

John Cormany

Mildred Melmer

Liv Wash

Mona Demian

Gloria Mora

Anne Marie Willis

Charles Duggar

Julie Neil

Mary Winslow

the deceased of our parish family

Edward Michael Gleeson

Barbara Jean Swartz

and please pray for all active duty military

CPT Sean D. Brocato, USA

Col. Jay Hildreth, USA

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF

Capt. Sierra Lancaster, USAF

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

Cmdr. Bruce Lee, USN

Maj. Michael Conrad, USA

Cpl. James Murray, USMC

LTJG William Conroy, USN

2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC

CDR Thomas Dixon, USN

2LT Paul Murray, USA

PO3 Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

Pvt. Luke Harvey, USA

1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

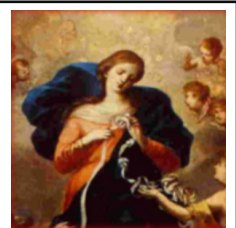
For changes, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.



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

Women's Wednesday Weekly Bible Study

Women are invited to a new weekly study group starting this week on **January 7th from 10:00am-11:30am** in the Knecht Conference Room. The group will have an ambitious session and will start with [Time for God](#) by Fr. Jacques Phillipe (a very easy read about how to succeed in meditative prayer). The group will continue into Lent with [No Greater Love](#), a study of the Passion from Ascension Press. All women are welcome to attend.

Contact mcsmurray@gmail.com with questions or to register.

Altar Server Training

Boys in grades 4 to 11 who are interested in becoming altar servers should join Father Pavlick for training at one of the times listed below on **Tuesday, January 13th**. Veteran servers are also invited to join and refresh their skills. Please plan to meet inside the church.

- 4:30pm-5:30pm
- 7:00pm-8:00pm

Email Colleen Sullivan, ym@stjamescatholic.org, to RSVP and fill out the interest form.

One VIRTUS-trained parent or adult requested for each session.

Life Corner

Virginia Pro-Life Day will take place in **Richmond on the morning of Thursday, January 15th**, the second day of the VA General Assembly session. More than ever, citizen advocates are needed to speak to state senators and delegates against the extreme abortion “rights” constitutional amendment.



Register at vaprolifeday.org. You will receive updates on the morning events. At this site you can also view the schedule, map, parking, and FAQs. You will not be alone. Upon arriving at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, you will join other advocates in your state district with whom you will visit your senator's and delegate's offices. Remember our representatives represent us too, so it is important that we voice our concerns against the extreme abortion amendment.

If you would like to be on the parish email list for Life News, email stjameslife@gmail.com.

Special Blessing of Epiphany Water



Bring
a
container
with water

Monday, January 5th
7:00pm-8:00pm

MOVIE NIGHT



**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 15TH
5:00PM - 8:00PM
MSGR. HELLER HALL**

SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

Meatloaf dinner. Guests are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or a dessert to share for six people. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

RSVP by Monday, January 12th, to

• **Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com**

or

• **Susan at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com**

If Saint James School is closed, the event is cancelled.

Join Us in Helping Those in Need

Want To Do More for Love of God and Neighbor?

The parish office receives many calls from the less fortunate in our community, seeking assistance to pay their rent, utilities, cars repairs, medical prescriptions, and other pressing needs for which they lack resources. This creates temporary family crises for which they turn to us for help. We would love to give you the opportunity to serve the poor in our community as an avenue for your continued spiritual growth. The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Society, operating across the country and in 13 parishes in our Diocese, seems to offer the opportunity we're looking for.

Join the pastors and parishioners of Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint James, and Saint Philip, at our big **Three-Parish Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Society Interest Meeting on Tuesday, January 27th, 7:00pm**, in Monsignor Heller Hall. In addition, Larry Ferguson, President of the Arlington Diocese District Council Saint Vincent de Paul Society, will be there to explain how SVDP can assist our parishes.

If you wish to learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/SVDPMeeing> or scan the QR code to RSVP. You will be added to our email communications.

See the face of Christ
As we grow in Holiness through service

Be the face of Christ
To those in need we serve



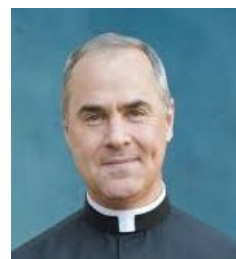
THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Learn more, and join us
in spirituality, service, and friendship!!





Fr. Zuberbueler



Fr. Scalia



Fr. Donahue



Larry Ferguson



Pope Leo XIV said the Church must 'walk poor with the poor' to serve Christ.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Happy New Year!

**Catholic Schools Week is coming soon
January 25-31**

Save The Date for Our Open House

**Tuesday, January 27th
9:30am-11:00am
RSVP Required**

Interested families must RSVP to Teresa Ivanauskas, Director of Admissions, no later than Friday, January 23rd, at 703-533-1182 x102.



Youth Ministry

LIFE IS VERY GOOD RALLY

January 22nd at 7:30pm
on the eve of the March for Life



High Schoolers are invited to join us for
speakers, adoration, and a live concert by Scythian
Limited number of \$15 tickets



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Colleen Sullivan
ym@stjamescatholic.org

College Coffee

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME
FOR WINTER BREAK!



Join our College Coffee group for Mass
followed by
coffee and conversation at Godfrey's
Monday, January 5, 2026
8:15 am at Saint James Church



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

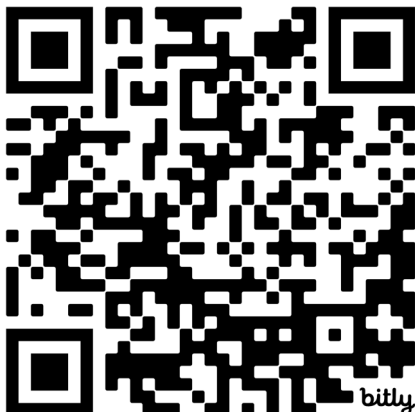
Scan QR code to RSVP
email ym@stjamescatholic.org
with questions



Next WorkCamp Meeting

Teens and adult volunteers planning to attend WorkCamp
this summer should join us next **Sunday, January 11th, at
8:15pm** in the Parish House for a meeting.

Email workcamp@stjamescatholic.org with questions or
scan the QR code to visit our WorkCamp web page as well
as to sign up for Flocknote, our email communications
system.



WORKCAMP SCHEDULE 2026

Sunday, January 11 at 8:15 pm
Parish House



**TEEN & ADULT
VOLUNTEER
MEETING**

Sunday, February 22 at 8:15 pm
Parish House



**TEEN
MEETING**

Sunday, March 8 at 8:15 pm
Parish House



**TEEN
MEETING**

Friday, April 3
Saint James Catholic Church



**VIA
CRUCIS**

Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 am
B-Lot



**TOOL
TRAINING**

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.



March for Life 2026

Saint James' parishioners are invited to join our parish Respect Life group for the National March for Life in D.C. on **Friday, January 23rd**. The parish will provide a chartered bus for this event. The schedule will be as follows:

- 10:15am—Attendees begin boarding the bus in front of the church
- 10:30am—Bus departs for D.C.
- 3:15-3:30pm—The bus will pick us up at Stanton Park in D.C. for the return trip
- 4:30pm—Expected time to return to Saint James

The cost of the bus is \$15 per person/\$30 per family and \$5 for a Saint James beanie if you do not have one. If

you have your red beanie from last year, please bring it. We have a limited supply of beanies left. Try to wear red on the day of the march. Bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks and water.



Payment options:

- **Cash** paid at the Rectory Office
- **Check** made payable to Saint James Catholic Church with "March for Life" on memo line.
 - If mailing the check, send it to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046 ATTENTION: Susan Ramsel
- **Parish PayPal** at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/stjamescatholic> and note it is for the March for Life
- **If paying on the day of the march**, please go to the Rectory Office to pay before boarding the bus.

Register for the bus using our online sign-up at <https://bit.ly/StJames2026MFL> or scan the QR code.

For questions about the march, please contact Rich Hunter, 571-423-6482 or StJamesLife@gmail.com. For questions about the bus, contact Susan Ramsel, 703-532-8815 or sramsel@stjamescatholic.org.



Comunidad Hispana

Bautismos

Para bautizar a su hijo, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 preferiblemente antes de la llegada del bebe. La familia debe estar registrada en la parroquia y ambos deben asistir a la clase prebautismal, preferiblemente también antes de la llegada de su bebe. Para más información sobre los bautizos y clase de preparación para dichos bautizos, comuníquese con Víctor Méndez al 571-239-5772.

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.

Matrimonios

Para aquellos interesados en matrimonio, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 para recibir información y comenzar la preparación matrimonial con uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Dicha preparación es un programa de seis meses y no se fijará una fecha para la boda hasta que un sacerdote haya tenido una reunión con la pareja.

Confesiones

- Miércoles y jueves 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Viernes 11:00am-11:45am
- Sábados 3:30pm-4:30pm y 6:30pm-7:30pm

Adoración

- Primeros viernes: 10:00am-12:00pm
- Primeros viernes (Adoración Nocturna): 7:30pm a 8:30am de sábado
- miércoles y jueves: 12:30pm-8:00pm

Página web parroquial en español

Haga clic en el código QR para visitar la página de la comunidad hispana y obtener más información, incluyendo próximos eventos, sacramentos, misas, adoración, confesiones, personas de contacto de los ministerios e información de contacto.



Parish Calendar

Monday, January 5

8:15am-10:00am	College Students—Mass and Coffee (see page 7)	Church/Parish House
7:00pm-8:00pm	Blessing of Epiphany Water (see page 4)	Church

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
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 Monthly Bible Study	Parish House

Thursday, January 8

10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room

Friday, January 9

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, January 10

7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
9:00am-10:00am	Confessions	Church
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church

Sunday, January 11

11:00am-1:30pm	Young Professionals Coffee and Donuts	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic OCIA	Knecht Conference Room
1:00pm-2:00pm	Religion Classes for Parents of Hispanic PREP	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
8:15pm-9:30pm	WorkCamp Meeting (see page 7)	Parish House

A New High School for Catholics in Falls Church

St. Jerome Institute (SJI) aspires to provide a classic liberal education that is grounded in a strong Catholic identity. They have a campus in D.C. and are opening a second campus here in Northern Virginia at St. Philip Catholic Church in Falls Church in the fall of 2026.

St. Jerome invites families to schedule a tour, especially those who have a current 8th or 9th grader since **SJI will be opening at the St. Philip's campus with 9th and 10th grades this fall.** All students will take Latin, music, art history, physical education, and fine art studio to assist them in becoming both fully cultivated men and women.

St. Jerome Institute offers significant scholarship opportunities as well as financial aid to families who demonstrate need. **Founding Family Scholarships are being offered to all families who enroll a 9th or 10th grade student by February 1, 2026.**

For more information, visit <https://stjeromeinstitute.org/nova/> or email them at info@stjeromeinstitute.org.

