

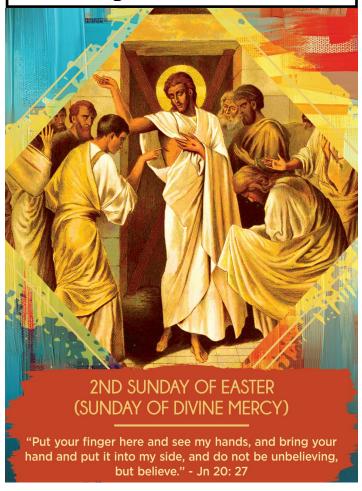
Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

April 7, 2024



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am,

10:30am, Noon, and

7:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:30pm

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

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and

8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am,

Noon, 5:00pm, and

7:00pm

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:

12:30pm-8:00pm

First Fridays: 9:00am-Noon

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

on First Saturdays

Holy Hours

Sundays: 5:00pm

Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm Thursdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am

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

6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptisms

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

Marriage

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

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

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

The Pope's April Prayer Intention

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

Follow Us on Social Media

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

- Facebook @StJamesCatholicChurch
- Instagram @stjamescatholic
- Twitter @St James CC







On The Way

Seven New Words: Whom do you seek?

"When [Christ] had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons" (Mk 16:9). That's the typically laconic account from Mark's Gospel. John's gives a more detailed version of the encounter between the risen Christ and this woman (Jn 20:11-18). As John tells it, after the others leave the empty tomb pondering what it means, Mary remains there weeping. Jesus then appears to her, but she doesn't recognize him. He then asks, "Woman, why are you weeping?" After her response, he asks again, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?"

Whom do you seek? The first words of the risen Christ to the Magdalene are not a statement or greeting but a series of questions, culminating in this most important one. His questioning picks up on a theme throughout Scripture. God's first words to Adam and Eve after the fall are a question: "Where are you?" (Gen 3:9) With this question he wants us to know that his response to our rebellion is not to reject us but to seek us out.

God also wants us to understand that even as he seeks us, we seek him. Problem is, the human heart is an undisciplined seeker. We know that we seek. We know that we desire something, perhaps even someone. But we don't know exactly what or who. And our undisciplined seeking – our grasping in darkness and ignorance – does great damage. We harm ourselves and others by our settling on things unworthy of us. Our seeking hearts need to be trained.

Thus, upon coming into the world he teaches us how, what, and whom to seek. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus asks the disciples, "What do you seek?" (Jn 1:38) He knows what they seek. It is they who need to learn the true desire of their hearts. Likewise in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus steps forward and asks the band of soldiers and guards, "Whom do you seek?" (Jn 18:4) Even they are seeking, but in ignorance. Their hostility and violence in the garden show how our undisciplined seeking causes grave harm, even to Christ himself.

Now on Easter morning, the same God who sought Adam and Eve in that first garden seeks Mary in the garden outside the tomb. Woman, why are you weeping? At the same time, he teaches her to seek him – or, rather, that he is the one she seeks. Whom do you seek? In the garden of the tomb, Mary seeks the One seeking her.

We can understand Mary not only as an example for all Christians but as an image of the Church herself. She went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. While the rest of the world sleeps, her heart is awake to the reality of Christ and goes to the tomb. Even as the others depart and, in a sense, give up the search, she remains there. She constantly seeks Jesus Christ and will not be content with anything less.

The world is in darkness. Most have lapsed into a moral slumber and seek fulfillment in base pleasures. But the Church – like the Magdalene – is ever awake to Christ, seeking him even in the darkness. While others have given up the search and turned aside to lesser things, the Church perseveres and remains.

Finally, Mary persevered in her witness despite opposition even from other disciples. "They did not believe" (Mk 16:11) and it "seemed like nonsense" to them (Lk 24:11). Like the Magdalene, the Church stands fast in her witness to the resurrection of Christ, despite the world's disbelief and ridicule.

- Fr. Scalia

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Mass Intentions for Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 6

Mass for Sunday of Divine Mercy 5:00pm Trojan family

Sunday, April 7

Sunday of Divine Mercy 7:30am Bob Caranci Special Intention 9:00am

Pro Populo 10:30am

+Rev. Canon Philip S. Majka Noon

In Thanksgiving for Fr. Mauricio Pineda 2:30pm

7:00pm +Larry and Irene Krell

Monday, April 8

The Annunciation of the Lord 6:30am +Cardinal Pio Laghi +Peggy Kurtzke 8:15am Noon +Andrew Weichert

Tuesday, April 9

Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter 6:30am +Bishop Pietro Sambi

8:15am +Jeannine Hubbard Noon +Joseph Elmer Nelson, Jr.

Wednesday, April 10

Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter 6:30am +Bishop Gabriel Montalvo

+Mrs. C. T. Thomas, Zacharia T. Coipuram, 8:15am

and Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon +Pjeter and Mrik Kadeli

Thursday, April 11 St. Stanislaus

6:30am

Living and deceased members of the

Romano family 8:15am +Gertrude LaRocque Noon +Charles Salvano

Friday, April 12

Friday of the Second Week of Easter +Alex and Theresa Korbeck 6:30am

8:15am +James W. Clarke, Jr.

Noon +Getulio, Sr., and Julieta Fuster

Saturday, April 13

St. Martin I

8:30am Celine Mihal and family, living and deceased

Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Andrew and Axel Weichert

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Living and deceased members of the 7:30am

Johnson family 9:00am Allan B. Antonio 10:30am Pro Populo

+Norma De La Rosa Noon +Justina Crespo 2:30pm 7:00pm +Peggy Kurtzke

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind,"

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

"Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is..."

Jn 20:19-31 Gospel

"On the evening of that first day of the week,"

Readings for the Week

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

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Tracy Adcox Roberta Dunn Janet Owen Juan Alarcon Erik Funk Carter Parry Gil Ascunce Rita Funk Phillip Perot Joyce Babiak Katherine C. Garren Russell Ross Beatriz Basso Judith Karinshak Kathleen Seroskie Cory Bautista Kenan Kreiner Robyn Stewart Terrell Blodgett Laura Lareau Genevra Strickler Jose G. Martinez Vincent Strickler Betty Brunton Carmine Carosella Mildred Melmer Kathy Thomas Jane Checkan Gloria Mora Julia Umana Julie Neil Maria Claffy Lauren Vinci Brendan Collins Rachel Noonan Anne Marie Willis Mona Demien Jim Owen Richard Ziegler Cameron DeMulder

the deceased of our parish family

Luis Arias Martha Garcia

Jennifer Curran O'Hare

and those serving our country

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

2nd Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF CDR Thomas Dixon Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN COL Jay Hildreth

CPT William H. Johnson, USA (Ret.)



Saint James Prayer Chain

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the Saint James Prayer Chain page under Faith Formation on www.stjamescatholic.org.

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

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Parish News



Assistant Director of Facilities Job Opening

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

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

Send resume to Rich Blickendorfer at <u>rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org</u>.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Saint James will be holding a series of three classes to prepare adult candidates for Confirmation. If you are a baptized Catholic who received First Communion but have not had the chance to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church welcomes you to partake in this grace-filled Sacrament.

Father Pavlick will prepare candidates to receive Confirmation this Pentecost.

To register, please email Father Pavlick at fraulick@stjamescatholic.org.

Young Professionals—April Holy Hour and Happy Hour

Join the Saint James Young Professionals and young adults throughout the diocese on **Thursday, April 18th, at 7:00pm** for *EXALT: An Evening of Worship*. Each month, Exalt travels throughout the regions of the Diocese to gather young adults for

a night of inspiring witness and worship.

Come and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by music and periods of silent meditation at Saint James.

Following the Holy Hour, there will be a Happy Hour in the Parish House with snacks and drinks.



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Parish News (Continued)

Food For Others Seeking Volunteers

Food For Others provides food to charitable organizations to restock their pantries and to families in need that are referred by churches and county and social service organizations. It also conducts a daily food distribution outreach program in our community.

Food For Others (FFO) is seeking volunteers to assist with deliveries to two Falls Church sites on Fridays <u>once a month</u>.

The volunteer job takes approximately two hours once a month from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Volunteers pick up food at the FFO Merrifield warehouse and deliver the food to two sites in Falls Church. During the distribution process, volunteers work with 2-3 other volunteers.

For more information about the FFO mission, visit www.foodforothers.org.

Interested individuals should contact Kate Altmeyer at thealtmeyers@gmail.com.



Faith Formation Groups at Saint James

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

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

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay organization devoted to sharing Jesus Christ through prayer and good works. Active members meet weekly on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm** in the Parish House for a rosary, reports, prayer, discussion, and perform regular service for the community, usually about two hours a week. Auxiliary members offer prayers on a regular basis.

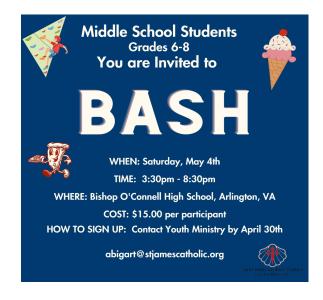
Visit our website under FAITH FORMATION, <u>stjamescatholic.org/faith/legion-of-mary/</u> or contact Nancy Parrotta, President, <u>nancyparrotta@hotmail.com</u>, or Sally Done, Vice President, <u>sally@donefamily.com</u>.



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Youth Ministry





WorkCamp Contractor Needed

WorkCamp is in need of a "Contractor." A WorkCamp contractor is an adult volunteer who is responsible for leading the work on the project but is not necessarily a "contractor" in the professional sense. Some background in basic construction or remodeling skills is very useful but not required. A person who is handy with tools and has experience doing hands-on home repair and maintenance is typically qualified. The Arlington Diocese will provide detailed instructions on how to complete every project and will pair contractors with projects matching their skill set.

Contact Andy Newton, <u>andy@hxr.us</u>, for more information.



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Our students in PREP and Saint James School are preparing to make their First Communion next month. Below is the schedule for the three groups. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

First Communion Dates

Saturday, May 4th, 10:00am—Group A Saturday, May 11th, 10:00am—Group B Sunday, May 26th, 2:30pm—Spanish PREP

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"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." James 1:22

Saint James Catholic School EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

Saint James School was blessed, once again, with a \$10,000 check from Porto Charities to help support our inclusion efforts. Porto Charities is dedicated to increasing the educational resources available to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Through their grant making program, Porto Charities provides financial support to Diocesan pre-schools, elementary, and secondary schools who embrace the practice of inclusive Catholic education and meaningful employment for all. Below, left to right, Sister Karl Ann and Sister Kathryn received the check from Porto Charities. In the second picture, a sixth grade student posed with his mentors. Thank you, Porto Charities!





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Saint James Confirmation Class of 2024

On Saturday, March 16th, the following candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde, former Bishop of the Arlington Diocese. Candidates prepared for this day for over two years, through a mix of education, prayer, reflection, and service. We are grateful to the parents and sponsors for their guidance and support of each candidate. We are also thankful for our Director of Religious Education, Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen and her assistants Pam Heid and Frances Wilson. In addition, Sister Regina would like to thank her team of catechists as well as Principal Sister Kathryn and the teachers at Saint James Catholic School for their support in preparing our students for Confirmation.

Lina Anne Acosta

Frida Maria Magdalena Aldana

Kimberly Sophia Alderman

Finnegan Francis Bailey

Nina Maria Goretti Barnett

John Maximilian Kolbe Barrett

Olivia Rose Bauer

Lucy Hildegard Bigart

Louisa Gemma Galgani Bisson

Jagger Peter Claver Bock

Gavin Andrew Bourdelais

Vincent John Paul Brinkman

Andrew Anthony Canady

Christopher John Bosco Capannola

Brendan Joseph Carney

Sebastian Juan Diego Casallas

Mia Rosella Castorina

Xavier Paul Christian

Angi Michael Claros

Miley Cecilia Claure

Declan Solanus Conley

Mia Thomas Conly

Leydy Guadalupe Contreras

Julia Maria Copsey

Madeleine Cecilia Corley

Matthew James Corrales

Santiago Juan Diego Correa

Sophia Gianna Correa

Bridget Brigid Creed

Nicole Michael Crone

Joseph Juan Diego Cruz

Joseph Juan Diego Cit

Sophia Clare Cuttica

Laure Teresa Benedicta DeMarcellus

Thomas Camillus DeVore

Calvin Expeditus Dillon

Margaret Joan Dunch

Veronica Maria Dupuy

James Ignatius Egan

James Ignatus Egan

Gabrielle Margaret Enriquez

Sofia Elizabeth Falsone

Desmond Peter Fay

Jude Augustine Fears

William Michael Ferreira

Lily Elizabeth Flanagan

Michael Miguel Pro Fleming

Santiago Vitus Flores

Kathleen Clare Fontenot

Magdalena Mary Magdalene Garneski

Christopher Augustin Gomez

Jade Maria Goretti Gomez

Abraham Michael Goodfellow

Jackson Patrick Griest

Emerson Juan Diego Guevara

Andres Michael Gutierrez

Laura Veronica Gutierrez

Alizon Rita Hernandez

Brian Michael Howard

Christopher Bernard Howard

Antoinette Malachy Katsas

John Andrew Kelley

Nerea Catherine Ladegui-Caldwell

Alexa Lily Lappe

Charles Francisco de Sales Lopez

Kevin Sebastian Lopez

Pedro Patrick Lopez

Junior Thomas Aquinas Marquina

Carlos Christopher Mazariegos

Declan Ignatius McCormack

Valentina Vita McQuillan

Marianne *Nicholas* Meade

Allisson Teresa Merino

Zachary Maximilian Miller

Vianey Guadalupe Montes

Magaly Mary Morales

Riley Teresa Murphy

Jude Stanley Rother Murray

Regan Cecilia Musolino

Evanny Augustine Najera-Sanchez

Colin George Nguyen

Michael Sebastian Nieves

Aiden Gregory Ortiz

Victoria Agnes Pareja

Aymeric Michael Pedronan

Charles Albertus Philip

Siobhan Joan Predmore

Matthew Martin de Porres Pritchard

Adam Joseph of Cupertino Ray

Stuardo Joseph Reyes

Adriana Mary Rodriguez

Lizeth Guadalupe Rosales

Liam Francis Rosedahl

Nicholas Nicholas Sadowski

Mariana Sebastiana Salazar

Alenah Teresa Sanchez

Erin Clare Scalia

Conor Michael Schied

Sophia Mary Schmittel

Patrick Patrick Scully

Taurick Turrick Scurry

Edward Sebastian Searby John George Shepherd III

Jake Francis Shumaker

Jake 1 Tunets Shamaker

Cornel Michael Snyder

Camila Gianna Soruco-Franco

Shannon Bridgid Stephens

Caroline Catherine Tobin

Gianna Maria Tramonte

Viet Isaac Jogues Tran

Luke Sebastian Upton

Cynthia Cecilia Vasquez

Fermin Peter Victoriano

Olivia Olivia Villalta

Servando Jose Villalta

Marshall Anthony Vogel-Rogers

Brenda Maria Goretti Wences

Laura Gemma Galgani Winters

Genevieve Pelagia Wisnieski

Cynthia *Philomena* Woda

Owen Francis Xavier Wolfe

Sara Rose Zelaya

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Parish Calendar		
Monday, April 8		
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School PREP	School Library
Tuesday, April 9		
8:00am-9:00am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School
7:15pm-9:00pm	Mothers of Young Children	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
Wednesday, April 10		
10:00am-11:30pm	Mothers of the Church	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, April 11	<u> </u>	
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00am	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Social Outreach Committee	Knecht
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library
Friday, April 12		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, April 13		
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, April 14		
11:30am-1:30pm	Young Professionals Coffee after 10:30am Mass	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Saint James School Gala & Online Auction

Some of the items you will be able to bid on for the school's Gala and Online Auction on April 20th include a Kentucky Derby basket, various types of jewelry, jeweled cocktail purses, private tour of the U.S. Capitol, private tour of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, summer camp options, gift cards to local businesses, vacation getaways & hotel stays, and more. Check out the preview that will be available this Wednesday, April 10th.



You're invited to participate in our online auction! Items available for preview Wed, Apr 10. Online bidding opens Tues, Apr 16. Register for free!

