



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

February 9, 2025



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, 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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

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

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

Saturdays: 8:30am

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

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,
5:00pm, 7:00pm, and
8:30pm (Spanish)

Low-Gluten Hosts

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm-8:00pm

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

Holy Hours

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

Confessions

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

Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am

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

Baptisms

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

Marriage

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

Visit the Worship menu on our website 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 February Prayer Intention

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life—
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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- Instagram @stjamescatholic
- X @St_James_CC



On The Way

The Theological Virtues: Our Lady of Hope

Saturday is the day of the week traditionally dedicated to the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As on Sunday we remember Christ's Resurrection, so on Saturday we remember Mary's awaiting his rising. Because it was on that first Holy Saturday, when the rest of the disciples were despondent and despairing, that Mary persevered in hope. She hoped against hope that Jesus would rise as he promised. On Easter her hope is rewarded. So, we say to Mary in the Regina Caeli, "He has risen *as he said*." She trusted in his words, she hoped in his promise, and was rewarded.

Therefore, Mary is known as *Our Lady of Hope, Mother of Hope* (which title Pope Francis recently added to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary), and, as we say in the *Hail Holy Queen, Our Hope – Spes Nostra*. Her sinlessness didn't exempt her from the need to hope. And her fullness of grace means that she did so perfectly. And so, she in turn teaches us how to hope.

First, because she remembers. Luke tells us that, at the birth of her Son, "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Lk 2:19). Likewise, when she and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple and return to Nazareth with him, she "kept all these things in her heart" (Lk 2:51). Mary remembers all the events of her Son's life. She remembers all the words he speaks. She doesn't remember them as mere facts or data points but as truths that shape her and how she sees the world.

So, as Christ lies in the tomb on Holy Saturday, she remembers all he said about his resurrection. Not only that, but she also remembers all the ancient prophecies that announced it. She remembers all that God had done for her people and all that she has seen her own Son accomplish. These are not mere recollections but *living* memories that have an effect in the present. And the effect was to strengthen her heart in hope. The more she remembered, the more she hoped. The deeper our memory of God's goodness, the stronger our hope.

Second, because Mary prays with confidence. At Cana she speaks simply to her Son: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). She has such confidence in what he will accomplish that she need say no more. The prayer of hope is always said in confidence. Mary's confidence in prayer shows a complete trust in the goodness and power of God. Hope prompts boldness in prayer.

Third, because Mary suffered. Hope doesn't exempt us from the difficulties of the present. Mary was not spared the pain of Calvary, watching her own Son be executed. But she doesn't suffer as one despairing. As deep as her suffering and sorrow go, so also the hope of his Resurrection.

Fourth, and most importantly, because Mary herself is the icon of hope. More than anything she says or does, who Mary *is* teaches us about hope. She is the icon of man's waiting for God. In her Israel awaits the Christ who is to come. In her man awaits the promised redeemer.

Hope is confidence in what is *already* present but *not yet* fulfilled. In her very person, Mary is the *already* of what we are *not yet*. In her Immaculate Conception, she already enjoys the freedom from sin that we have not yet attained. In her Assumption into heaven, she is already the full flowering and perfection of Christ's grace that we have not yet reached. Indeed, she is already the perfect redemption and resurrection of the body that we do not yet enjoy. Mary is in effect the anchor of hope that has already entered heaven and whose weight of glory draws us up.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 8

Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +William Barrett

Sunday, February 9

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Anna Dalton

9:00am +Ann and Anthony Bott

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Zacharia T. Coipuram and Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

2:30pm +Cornelio Acabal Oshlaj

7:00pm +Martha Harshman

Monday, February 10

St. Scholastica

6:30am Kim Delgado

8:15am +Frank Formolo

Noon +Don Seybold

Tuesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30am +Judd Walter, Jr.

8:15am +Judith Elena Anson

Noon Sophia Maria Khattak and Jose Laertes Pampuch

Wednesday, February 12

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Jess M. Azores

8:15am +Kathy Kelly

Noon +Im Sun Fermoile

Thursday, February 13

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Alicia Knust

8:15am +Emmette Beauchamp

Noon +Mary Ann Benedett

Friday, February 14

SS Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

6:30am +Tom Kleinschmidt

8:15am +John William Connors

Noon +Bubba Stipe

Saturday, February 15

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

8:30am +Rita Funk

Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Martha Harshman

Sunday, February 16

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Judith Elena Anson

9:00am +Gervasio Sese

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Joseph Piechocki

2:30pm +Mumtaz Ajmal Khan and deceased family members

7:00pm +David Bruhweiler

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

"In the year King Uzziah died,"

Psalm

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

"In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord."

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11

"I am reminding you, brothers and sisters," or

"Brothers and sisters, I handed on to you..."

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

"While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening..."

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

Juan Alarcon

Joyce Babiak

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Mary Ellen Blodgett

Betty Brunton

Carmine Carosella

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Brendan Collins

Mona Demien

Mike Dudzik

Roberta Dunn

Clare Dunne

Erik Funk

Katherine Garren

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Alex Lohman

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Nicholas McDonough

Mildred Melmer

Gloria Mora

Julie Neil

Rachel Noonan

Esther Olivos

Janet Owen

Jim Owen

Carter Parry

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Kathy Thomas

Julia Umana

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Mary Clare DeWeid

Mary Ann Muratore

Russell Ronald Ross

Maria Zoila Salvador

Joan Mihalcik Toohey

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth

CPL James Murray, USMC

2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

CPT Jack Sinko, Army



For changes or updates, 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.

February Parish Guest Speaker

Join us for our parish guest speaker Father Conrad Murphy **Monday, February 10th, at 7:00pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington and currently serves as the Catholic Chaplain of the University of Maryland. Father Murphy will be talking about spiritual lessons from strange stories in Papal history.

Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks for the event.

Saint James Seniors Young at Heart



Thursday, February 20th
5:00pm-7:30pm
Msgr. Heller Hall

Jumbalaya dinner. Guests are asked to bring a vegetable or rice side or a salad for six people.

Seniors will celebrate Mardi Gras with the 2019 Movie "The Art of Racing in the Rain" starring Kevin Costner and Milo Ventimiglia.

RSVP by February 17th, to one of the following:

- Susan at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com or
- Kathleen at kmphilomy2@gmail.com

Early Mardi Gras Party and Movie

SAVE THE DATE

Saint James Parish
Vacation Bible School

TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World
Totally Catholic Edition

July 14-18, 2025

Natural Family Planning Group

Are you new to Natural Family Planning (NFP)? Rusty at NFP? A pro at NFP and wanting to encourage other couples?

The Saint James NFP group, *Way of Life*, invite you for good conversation and fellowship next Tuesday, **February 18th, at 7:00pm** at Godfrey's, 421 W. Broad Street, in the upstairs front room.

All are welcome to join! If you have questions, email Danielle Aguilar at daniellekaguilar@gmail.com or Laura Kirchgraber at LFKirch@gmail.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Dodgeball & PIZZA



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
4:00PM-6:00PM
SAINT JAMES GYM

SIGN UP:



JUNE 21-27, 2025

WORKCAMP

Sign Up before February 14. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT [HTTPS://STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG/FAITH/YOUTH-MINISTRY/](https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry/)

2025 TEEN MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 19 AT 7:00PM

MARCH 9 AT 8:15PM

APRIL 17

MAY 18 AT 8:15PM

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

Saint James Parish Reports

Behind the Scenes—Saint James Operations Update—Winter 2025

Through December 31st, the first half of our Fiscal Year 2025, our Offertory totaled \$1,232,802. This was +2% over our fiscal year-to-date budget. Thank you for supporting Saint James!

- Total Income for the first half of the fiscal year was \$3,575,779, about -1% under budget.
- Expenses totaled \$3,912,820, or +2% over budget.
- That left us with Net Income of -\$337,042, about -\$100,000 below where we planned to be in the year-to-date budget.

We trust that we will make up this shortfall during the second half of the fiscal year.

“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?” (Luke 14:28).

We are in the process of planning and counting the cost of our capital building projects for the next five years. We have heating/cooling systems, roofs, fire alarm systems, and plumbing systems that need replacement. Over the last ten years we invested \$5,320,597 in capital improvements touching every building on the Saint James campus. We expect to need another \$3M to \$5M for the next *five* years’ worth of projects.

If you have any questions or comments regarding parish operations, please feel free to contact Rich at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.



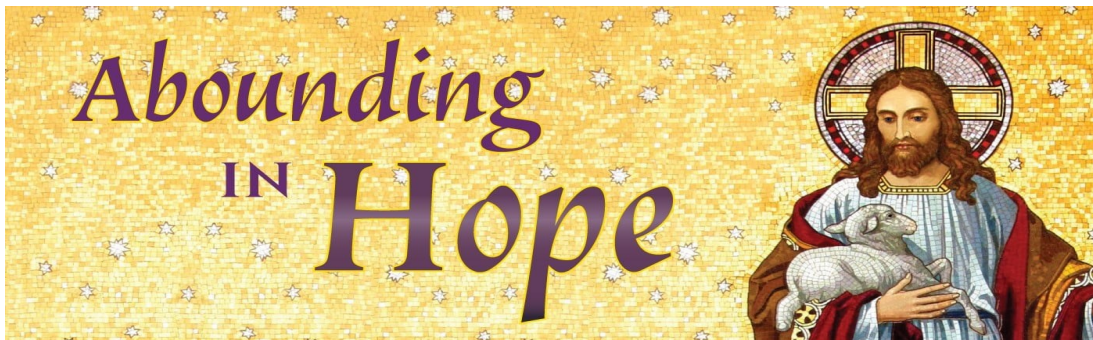
Saint James Charitable Works Update—July through December 2024

Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:40)

During the first half of our fiscal year, Saint James performed the following works of mercy in our community:

- Distributed two bags of food to 200+ people per month through our Food Distribution program
- Provided direct assistance totaling nearly \$11,000 for special situations that impact the needy in our community
- Collected and distributed 534 gift cards totaling \$13,350 to six homeless shelters
- Prepared and delivered meals serving 90 people per month for the Christ House shelter in Alexandria
- Provided hot meals weekly to the Falls Church Homeless Shelter since its opening in November
- Collected 10,400 pounds of food for the diocesan St. Lucy Food Project
- Visited and brought cheer to 15 homebound parishioners for Advent
- Collected personal care items for the Catholic Charities mobile unit
- Provided toys, clothes, and gifts to our “adopted” families in need
- Collected clothes, books, and puzzles for the Seven Corners Children’s Center

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure



2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins

The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The theme this year is shared with the theme of our Diocesan Jubilee: “*Abounding in Hope*.” After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. Our goal is to reach 100% participation for Saint James Parish.

This year's In-Pew Commitment Weekend will take place on March 1-2. All gifts, no matter the size, are gratefully and joyfully accepted!

You can make a gift by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA.

Donations for Relief Efforts for the Los Angeles Wildfires

Catholic Charities USA is accepting individual donations to support relief efforts in response to the devastation wrought by the wildfires in Los Angeles.

Donate online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/58539>. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Diocese of Arlington, identifying it as “L.A. Wildfire Relief” in the memo field, and mailed to:

Catholic Diocese of Arlington
P.O. Box 1960, Merrifield, VA 22116

Thank you for your support!



All Saints Church Annual Car Raffle—Tickets are Here!

Parishioners should have received their raffle tickets for the four-car raffle hosted by All Saints Church in Manassas. Prizes include four 2025 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas shown to the right:

- Escape
- Mustang
- Bronco Sport
- Maverick (hybrid) Truck

One \$5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win one of these four vehicles plus 21 cash drawings totaling \$40,000. **Last year's car raffle netted Saint James \$6,785 in support of our various outreach ministries.** The proceeds from this annual car raffle help Saint James serve the needs of our wonderful parish. If you need more tickets to sell, contact the Rectory office at 703-532-8815. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you.





St. Lucy Project



HYGIENE DRIVE

March 1st | 10 AM – 2 PM | Gym Parking Lot
(Corner of Park Ave. & Oak St, Falls Church)

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

SHAMPOO, DEODORANT
LAUNDRY DETERGENT,
TOOTHBRUSHES, BABY WIPES

Thank you!

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



“Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child.”

Each year, the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) sponsors a nationwide “Day of Giving” during National Catholic Schools Week—January 26 through February 1—to help foster awareness of the importance of Catholic education and to provide financial support for local Catholic schools.

This year’s “Day of Giving” began at 8:00am on January 29th and ended at 8:00am on January 30th. Thank you to everyone who supported our 24-Hour Day of Giving in honor of Saint James School! We hoped to raise at least \$10,000 towards this year’s \$120,000 Annual Appeal goal. **We exceeded our goal with \$16,000+ in donations.** We are so blessed to have such a supportive community for our wonderful school which is administered by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), who believe in the education of the whole child through virtue formation, service, and academic excellence.

Thank you again for your generous support. Go Rockets! Ignite the world with God’s love!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 24-HOUR DAY OF GIVING *Day of Giving Final Total*

Thank you for helping us exceed our goal!



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ADORATION + CONFESSION

NIGHT OF PRAYER

SUN. 2/23, 7-8:30PM
BISHOP O'CONNELL H.S.

Free event open to all high school students. RSVP to Amy, ym@stjamescatholic.org, if your student is interested in attending.

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 10		
7:00pm-8:30pm	Parish Speaker Series (see page 4)	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-8:30pm	High School Theology	School Library
Tuesday, February 11		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Well-Read Mom's Book Group	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, February 12		
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, February 13		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room
Friday, February 14		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, February 15		
President's Day Holiday Weekend		
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
6:15pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Marriage Prep	Knecht
Sunday, February 16		
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-6:45pm	Lay Dominicans	Parish House

Female Faith Formation: Rosé and Rosaries

Join the Saint James Young Professionals' Female Faith Formation to make custom rosary beads and honor the Holy Mother of God in our creations. All materials will be provided and no prior experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and creativity!

Thursday, February 20th
7:00pm
Parish House



Light refreshments, rosé, and snacks will be provided. All young adult women are welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please scan the QR code so they can ensure there are enough materials for everyone.

Life Corner

Reversing pro-abortion policies:

There is much in the news about the current administration on this topic. While this is positive for the pro-life cause, two areas closer to us need immediate focus.



1. Understanding the ramifications of the proposed VA constitutional amendment to enshrine abortion and reproductive freedom into the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This amendment is one-third on its way to becoming the law of Virginia (more to come).
2. The abortions which continue weekly in our own community.

Every Saturday morning: Come and pray the Rosary, led by our parish priests, at **6:45am** in front of 900 S. Washington St. in Falls Church, for the protection and sanctity of human life.