

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

# December 25, 2022



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11 www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor Rev. Joseph Vu, Parochial Vicar Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar Rev. Joel Kwame, In Residence Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence

#### **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, and 7:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:30pm

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

#### Saturdays: 8:30am

**Federal Holidays:** 6:30am and 8:30am only

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, 4:00pm, and 7:30pm 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 and 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

Please 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, <u>stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/</u>.

#### Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff

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To register with the parish, update your contact information, or request Fr. Scalia's email communications, email <u>rectory@stjamescatholic.org</u>.

### **December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

**Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations -**We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

#### 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

Christmas: Hope Fulfilled and Furthered

One of the most beautiful Christmas carols, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, sings of that graced place, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." That small town, unknown except for the birth of Christ, becomes the crossroads for all of humanity's fundamental sentiments. By his birth, our hopes are fulfilled. They meet our fears and triumph over them. This day brings Advent's hope to fulfillment. The waiting, watching, preparing, and praying of the past four weeks all realize their purpose at the birth of Christ.

The Israelites, whom the prophet Zechariah describes as "prisoners of hope," are freed from their confinement. Their Messiah and Lord, as foretold by all the prophets, has come into the world to free them from sin, lead them out of slavery, and bring them into his Kingdom.

But it's greater than just that, because Israel is a microcosm of the whole world and all of history. In the Israelites and their waiting, we should see every person and every people, longing for freedom from sin, hoping to be saved from death and brought into life.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. We should bring our fears to Bethlehem, to the crib of the Savior. Whatever burdens and frightens us is met by him, the object and fulfillment of our hopes. Let us contemplate the Christ Child and consider how, despite so many difficulties and dangers, his birth was richly provided for – with angels and animals and a loving father and mother around him. This puts our fears in perspective. We will never encounter a trial, challenge, or struggle beyond the reach of our Father. Because the Son of God is born into this world, we have confidence in the Father's divine assistance here and now.

At the same time, the birth of Christ stretches our hope beyond this world. He has come and made his dwelling among us so that we in turn can make our dwelling with him. Christian hope draws its inspiration from Christ's life, beginning with his Birth. But it reaches further, into eternity. He is born in this world so that we can be born into eternity. By his birth he fulfills the promises of old so that we can hope more confidently in the promises of grace and eternity.

So, our entire Advent exercise of hope was meant for more than just one season. It was a season of training focused primarily on Christmas but looking into heaven itself. Strengthened in hope by those weeks of preparation, we can better hope for the last coming of Christ and the eternal dwellings he will grant to those who give him a dwelling place here.

Dear friends, may the birth of Christ confirm and increase your hope to receive "grace upon grace" (Jn 1:16). In the midst of our culture's indulgence, may the poverty of his birth enrich you with all spiritual riches. In the midst of the world's busyness, may the peace announced by the angels be yours. In the midst of the world's noise, may the silence of this night settle your hearts.

Please know of my gratitude, and that of all the priests at Saint James, for your prayers and generosity. A special thanks to all the volunteers who serve the parish so generously throughout the years but especially at this time. May the Lord bless you all with a joyful and merry Christmas!

Fr. Scalia

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Noon	+Rufino and Rosalina Llavore		
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5:00pm	The Giaccio Family		
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10:30am	+Ramiro and Flora Lopez		
Noon	+Lena Sugalski	(t.	

+Souls in Purgatory

+Sonia Bagos

# Today's Readings

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Visit the USCCB Daily Readings for the various options for Christmas Day, <u>https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar</u>

# Readings for the Week

Monday:	ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17; MT 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

# <u>Remember in Your Prayers</u>

### the sick of our parish family

Beatriz Basso Terrell Blodgett Chip Clarke Will Consovoy Stephen Donnelly Joan Huff Judy Karinshak Peggy Kurtzke Laura Lareau Frances McDonald Rachel Noonan Janet Owen Jim Owen Phillip Perot Joe Poels Russell Ross Ben Schwind Mary Schwind Robyn Stewart Richard Ziegler

## the deceased of our parish family

Raymond "Buddy" Donaldson James McFalls John O'Neill, Jr. Nadia Potter Ramon Vilamajo

## and those serving our country

(this includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service)

CDR Thomas Dixon Veronica Elkins Mary Kenney Major Albert C. Young

Email <u>bulletin@stjamescatholic.org</u> for changes/updates.

2:30pm 7:00pm

# **Parish News**

### **Rectory and Administrative Offices' Christmas Schedule**

The Rectory and administrative offices will close at noon on Friday, December 23rd, through Monday, January 2nd. For 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.

If you need assistance with funeral arrangements before the office opens again on Tuesday, January 3rd, email Susan Ramsel, <u>sramsel@stjamescatholic.org</u>, and include a daytime phone number.

### **Reminder on Parish Sacraments**

- **Baptism Classes**—Baptisms are held weekly but registration is required through the Rectory office in advance. Both parents are required to attend an instructional session before the baptism. Details and information will be provided about baptism at that scheduled session. Contact Ginny Beauchamp, <u>gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org</u>, in the office or visit our website, <u>stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/baptism</u>.
- **Weddings**—Marriage preparation is a six month program. Note: The Sanctuary Restoration and Renewal Project will impact the scheduling of weddings (January through April). Please call the office for further information.
- **Funeral Planning**—The first step in planning a funeral should be to contact a funeral home. The funeral home will coordinate with the church to plan the date and time and contact the music director. The priest who celebrates the funeral Mass will contact the family to set up a meeting with the family and to discuss details of the Mass.
- Anointing of the Sick—Parishioners can request this sacrament of healing for themselves or a loved one by calling the Rectory office at 703-532-8815. For an emergency requiring the sacraments of the Church outside of office hours, call our office and follow the menu prompts for the priests' emergency line. This sacrament is not limited to those near death and may be received more than once by a person who is ill or suffering.

### 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. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email along with suggested prayers for each intention.

- Sign-up to be a praying member—<u>http://eepurl.com/gURddD</u>
- Prayer requests or questions—<u>PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org</u>

You can also access the Prayer Chain via our home page, www.stjamescatholic.org.

### Register for WorkCamp 2023 Before January 15th

Registration for WorkCamp is open for all high school teens currently in grades 9-12. WorkCamp will be held from June 17-23, 2023, in Frederick County, Virginia. In addition to attending the entire week of camp, teens are required to attend four preparation meetings and participate in fundraising activities. The cost is \$525, but the fundraising covers a large part of this. Each parent should plan to volunteer in some way such as helping with fundraising, spending one afternoon at camp as a security volunteer, being a crew leader, or helping in some other way. The deadline to register is January 15th.

Adult volunteers are needed as well. We need to secure adult volunteers since the number of students is limited based on the number of adult volunteers. We need one adult female crew leader for every 1-5 girls, one adult male crew leader for every 1-5 boys, and one contractor for every 1-5 teens. If you are 25 or older, please consider volunteering as a crew leader to join us for the week, or if you have basic home repair or building skills, please consider volunteering your time as a contractor (Monday-Thursday). WorkCamp is a big commitment, but it comes with lots of personal rewards. Email Karen Graffam, <u>klgraffam@gmail.com</u>, if you are interested in participating.



# **Upcoming January Events**



# Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1st

Saturday, December 31st

5:00pm Vigil

Sunday, January 1st

7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass\*\* 12:00pm Mass 2:30pm Spanish Mass\*\* 7:00pm

\*\* Will also be livestreamed on Facebook and parish website

# Youth Ministry Middle School Epiphany Party



Friday, January 6th 4:30pm-6:30pm Parish House Middle Schoolers are invited to join Father John Paul for an Epiphany party on Friday, January 6th.

Students should bring their Advent Mass & Rosary cards as a gift for Jesus as we celebrate the arrival of the three Magi.

We will have pizza, s'mores, and games.

# First Saturday All Night Adoration SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

STARTING 7:30PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH TO 8:30AM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH



Please sign up for a time to spend an hour with Him on our website under WORSHIP-->Eucharistic Adoration

# The Next Monthly Donut Sunday

**January 8th** 



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

# Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

### The Saint James School Annual Appeal for 2022-2023

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Annual Appeal. We are off to a good start but still have a ways to go to achieve our \$100,000 goal. To donate online via Faith Direct, visit <u>https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/22645</u> or mail a check to the Rectory Office to the attention of Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development. Please include "Annual Appeal" in the memo line of the check. As a reminder, a generous donor couple has offered to match every dollar you donate up to \$20,000. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



### The Saint James Sanctuary Restoration & Renewal Fund

Thank you to all who have contributed to *the Sanctuary Restoration & Renewal Fund.* We are awed and humbled by your many generous gifts. If you would like to contribute, you can do so at <u>membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/48767</u> or mail a check to the Rectory Office to the attention of Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development. Please include "Sanctuary Restoration" in the memo line of the check. God bless you for your generosity and goodness!





### The Bishop's Lenten Appeal – Last Chance to Give!

Thank you to all who made a pledge to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The BLA supports many important programs in our diocese, including Catholic Charities, Project Rachel, Seminarian education/formation, and many other works of charity. To fulfill your BLA pledge before year-end or to make a one-time gift, go to <u>https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA/BLA/donate.aspx</u>.

### **Merry Christmas to our Dear Parishioners**

On behalf of Father Scalia, Father Vu, and Father John Paul, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed, holy New Year. If you would like to donate online to our Annual Christmas Collection, you can do so at <u>https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3371</u>.



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



"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

#### **Sisters Renew Their Vows**

On December 8th, all of our IHM Sisters, along with Sister Karl Ann Homberg, SSJ, renewed their vows at the 10:00am Mass. Each year, the Sisters renew their vows on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate this feast as their Community Patronal Feast.

We wish to thank all of the Sisters for their selfless, dedicated, and joyful service to our parish, our school, and the broader community of Northern Virginia (or of Falls Church).

In particular, we wish to thank all of the IHM Sisters for their nearly 100 years of service to Saint James Catholic School. We look forward to celebrating their legacy on September 17, 1923, after the Noon Mass. If you have any special stories, photos, or memories to share, please email Kathleen Anderson at kanderson@stjamescatholic.org.



Left to right: Sister Mary Sue Carwile, Sister Karl Ann Homberg, SSJ, Sister Helen Delores Gilroy, Sister Kathryn Teresa Clemmer, Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, Sister Patricia Healy, and Sister Patricia Helene Earl





# **IHM Sisters**

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Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we rejoice in the birth of Our Savior! His arrival, foretold by prophets throughout the centuries, brings to the world a great mystery of our faith: this tiny baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a humble manger - born of a virgin - was both human and divine. He is both our Creator and our Savior; both the Eternal Word, who existed before the beginning, and a man, who dwells among us.

In response to this mystery, our Blessed Mother proclaims, "*My soul rejoices in the Lord!*" These words are also the theme for this second preparatory year toward our diocesan Golden Jubilee celebration in 2024. We rejoice with her, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the incarnate Savior.

Jesus' birth was marked by a star shining in the sky. The light that Christ brought into the world on this day has shone brightly for two millennia. It has revealed God's glory as it has guided Christians to love one another, protect the vulnerable, care for the poor, serve those in need, educate children, heal the sick, welcome the newcomer, work for justice and live in peace with our neighbors.

As we celebrate the true Light coming into the world, may we strive daily to walk in that light always! May we also renew our promise to bring others into the light by sharing the love that God has for us, his beloved sons and daughters.

Please be assured of my prayers for you! May *your* soul rejoice in the Lord and may his peace and abundant blessings be yours this Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington

	Parish Calendar	
Monday, December 26	Parish & School Offices Closed	
	No scheduled activities	
Tuesday, December 27	Parish & School Offices Closed	
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, December 28	Parish & School Offices Closed	
10:00am-12:00pm	Confessions	Church
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, December 29	Parish & School Offices Closed	
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, December 30	Parish & School Offices Closed	
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Saturday, December 31	Parish Office Closed	
10:00am-12:00pm	Confessions	Church
Sunday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary (see page 5)	

On behalf of our Priests, Sisters, Faculty, and Staff of Saint James Catholic Church and School, we wish everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests."

Isaiah 9:6







