

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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703-532-8815

December 4, 2022



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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

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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, 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 parish office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required one month 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 parish 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>.

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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



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On The Way

A Catechesis on Hope: To Watch

Waiting is essential to hope. But this kind of waiting isn't just biding the time — sitting around...looking out the window... checking your watch. Rather, the waiting of hope is also *watching*. The word "vigil" gets at the point most quickly. To hope is not to wait passively but to keep vigil, to fight against the drowsiness of the world and remain awake to the promises of the next.

The need for this watchfulness also calls to mind the sobering reality that it's possible for us to miss our Lord when he comes. The prologue of John's Gospel contains the haunting line, "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not" (Jn 1:11). They missed him. If we're not careful, we can allow our hope to become passive and inert rather than vigilant and expectant. It's not enough to wait for him; we must *watch* for his coming.

But *when* will he come? At his first coming Jesus fulfilled the hopes of the Israelites, but in such a way that only those truly watching for him with upright, sincere hearts could perceive him. He spoke only to those who had "ears to hear" (cf. Mt 13:9; Mk 4:9; Lk 8:8). The Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees failed to recognize him precisely because they were watching for what they wanted. To be watchful and vigilant means to have "ears to hear." It requires the willingness to changes one's life, the unconditional desire to do the will of God.

Then there's Jesus' coming at the end of time. Now, in one sense this doesn't require watchfulness because it will be so evident. "For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day" (Lk 17:24). We're not likely to miss that. But in another sense, we are always watching for that definitive coming, whose day and hour we don't know.

But between his first and second comings are other comings of our Lord. He comes to us daily in hidden, subtle ways. He promised to be with us: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" (Jn 14:18). So, we cultivate and strengthen hope by watching for opportunities to encounter him.

First and most importantly, he comes to us in the Sacraments. We usually (and rightly) think of the sacraments as bringing us the graces we need. But each sacrament is also an encounter with Christ himself or, better, his coming to us to bring us the graces he promised. We should, then, watch for opportunities to experience the fulfillment of his promises. He promised to nourish in the Eucharist and forgive us in Confession. When we watch for occasions to encounter him in those sacraments, we build up that muscle of hope.

Of course, Jesus comes to us — as promised — outside of the sacraments as well. "Remain in me, as I remain in you (Jn 15:4)... And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). We have, in fact, many moments throughout the day that he comes to us. It could be by a simple nudge to prayer, or in a conversation with a colleague, etc. Whatever the situation, it is an opportunity to turn our heart and mind to him and deepen our union. So, to increase in hope, we pray to be attentive, vigilant, and watchful for his coming — and that he grant us those ears to hear.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intent	ons for the Second Week of Advent	Today's Readings				
Saturday, Do		First Reading Is 11:1-10				
Mass for Second Sunday in Advent 5:00pm +Wanda Dahnk		"On that day, a	shoot sha	ll sprout from the stump	of Jesse,"	
5:00pm + wanda Dannk		Psalm Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17				
Sunday, December 4		"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever."				
Second Sund 7:30am	ay of Advent	Second Deadin	a Do	m 15.4 0		
7:30am 9:00am	+Mary Peplinski +Helen Check	Second Reading Rom 15:4-9 "Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was"				
10:30am	+William James Sharkey	broulers and sisters. Whatever was written previously was				
Noon	+Maria Le thi Ngoc-Hanh	Gospel		t 3:1-12		
2:30pm	People of Saint James	"Jesus said to hi	is disciple	es: 'As it was in the days	of Noah,"	
7:00pm	+Patrick Minix					
Monday, De	cember 5					
Monday of the Second Week of Advent		Readings for	the We	ek		
6:30am	+Daniel C. Gitt			10; 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;		
8:30am	+Judy Stevens	Monday:	IS 35:1-	10; 85:9ab and 10, 11-12	2, 13-14;	
Noon	+Dr. Frank Whitesell, III	Tuesday:	Is 40.1_	11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10a	c 11-12 13·	
Tuesday, De	cember 6	Tucsuay.	Mt 18:1		c, 11-12, 13,	
St. Nicholas			1011 10.1	2 17		
6:30am	+Jo Ann and Joe Tiller	Wednesday:	Is 40:25	-31; 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and	10: Mt 11:28-30	
8:30am	+Rosemary Anderson			-))-)-	- ,	
Noon	+Demetria and Eugenio Boyo	Thursday:	Gn 3:9-	15, 20; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-	4; Eph 1:3-6,	
Wednesday,	December 7		11-12; I	Lk 1:26-38		
St. Ambrose						
6:30am	+Gregory Breen	Friday:	IS 48:17	7-19; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 ANE	0 6; MT 11:16-19	
8:30am	+Huong Vu		a: 40.1	4 0 11 00 0 101	1. 16 10 10	
Noon	+Deceased Members of the Guadamor Family	Saturday:		-4, 9-11; 80:2ac and 3b,	15-16, 18-19;	
Thursday, December 8			MIL 17:9	a, 10-13		
The Immacu	late Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary					
6:30am	People of Saint James	<u>Remember in Your Pra</u>		Pravers		
8:30am	+Molly O'Donohue	the sick of our parish family				
Noon 4:00pm	+Jim Šober +Rose Marie Wiegand	-		•	T D 1	
7:30pm	+Louis Kreiner	Terrell Blodgett		Laura Lareau	Joe Poels	
, ie opin		Chip Clarke		Frances McDonald	Russell Ross	
Friday, December 9		Will Consovoy Stephen Donnelly		Rachel Noonan Janet Owen	Ben Schwind Mary Schwind	
St. Juan Dieg	go Cuauhtlatoatzin	Joan Huff	lly	Jim Owen	Robyn Stewart	
6:30am 8:30am	+Helena Hyuija Joo	Judy Karinshak		Phillip Perot	Richard Ziegler	
Noon	+MaryJane Liverman +Concetta Gaudiosi	Peggy Kurtzke		1 mmp 1 crot		
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Our Lady of Loreto						
8:30am Mass for Thi	+Dick Heid	the deceased o	the deceased of our parish family			
Mass for Third Sunday in Advent5:00pm+Elizabeth Meehan						
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Sunday, December 11		and those serving our country				
Third Sunday						
7:30am 9:00am	+Deceased Members of the Jennings Family People of Saint James	(this includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving				
10:30am	+Beth Bove	overseas in the military and foreign service)				
Noon	+Donn Hart	CDR Thomas Dixon Mary Kenney				
2:30pm	+Souls in Purgatory			Major Albert C. Young		
7:00pm	+James Nolan		1	J		
		Email <u>bulletin@</u>	mail <u>bulletin@stjamescatholic.org</u> for changes/updates.			
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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-PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org •



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Second Collection for Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

This weekend's second collection is for our School's Annual Appeal. Please be as generous as you can in supporting our award-winning parish school. As an added incentive, a generous donor couple has offered a \$20,000 challenge match for this year's Annual Appeal. Every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$20,000!

To learn more about the SJS Annual Appeal, please see pages 5 to 8 in this week's bulletin.

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. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection December 10-11

Next weekend's second collection is for our diocesan run Catholic Charities. Their mission is to serve and transform the lives of the men, women, and families who come to Catholic Charities for assistance. They rely on 125 dedicated staff members, nearly 3,000 generous volunteers, and hundreds of sacrificial donors to enable them to serve others with the transformative love of Christ. The need in our diocese for additional services for poor and vulnerable people is great and growing. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. To learn more, visit <u>www.ccda.net/about-us/our-core-values/</u>. To donate via Faith Direct, visit <u>membership.faithdirect.net/</u> givenow/VA50/1495.



Gabriel Project/Project Rachel "Gift for Life" Advent Campaign

Each year during Advent, the Arlington Diocese Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, hosts a "Gift for Life" campaign to help raise money for two important ministries. The first project, Gabriel Project pregnancy assistance, is for expectant mothers in need of support. The second project, Project Rachel, is for mothers and fathers in need of post-abortion healing. Both are wonderful ministries which do great work for the men, women, and children of our diocese. To give a "Gift for Life" to help expectant mothers in need or to help those who suffer after abortion, please scan the QR code or go to <u>arlingtondiocese.org/give/additional-ways-to-give/gift-for-life</u> to make your online, tax-deductible donation.

If you wish to mail your donations, please send a check to:

Gabriel Project/Project Rachel Catholic Diocese of Arlington P.O. Box 1960 Merrifield, VA 22116-1960







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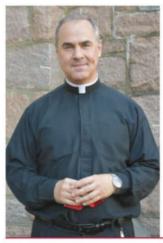
Dear Friends in Christ,

N SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, THE FEAST OF CHRIST the King, Bishop Burbidge will inaugurate the second year of preparation for the Diocese of Arlington's Golden Jubilee. The theme of this next year is *Rejoice!* As we look at how our Lord is currently blessing our Diocese, we unite ourselves with the Blessed Virgin Mary and say with her, "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" (Lk 1:47)

It seems odd at first to hear "Rejoice!" as a command. Rejoicing seems like something that should come naturally, not be commanded. But there is so much in our world that might distract us from the goodness of God that every so often we need to be reminded – even commanded – to rejoice. God's goodness is not a mere idea or a vain wish but a present reality. It's something we should recognize and rejoice in always.

You may have seen the reports the other week about the devastating effects of the pandemic on learning and student achievement. A notable exception – and a cause of rejoicing – were Catholic schools. So at Saint James, the faculty and staff made the sacrifices and efforts necessary to return as soon as possible to in person learning, to the benefit of the students. Now, after several years of remote learning and all the various covid restrictions, we're back to normal. Our school is full again this year, with all the opportunities and challenges that brings.

A particular cause for rejoicing in the coming year are the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 2023 will mark the centenary of their presence and work of the IHM Sisters at Saint James School. The Sisters strive to be "Joyful Bearers of God's Redeeming Love." We know that they have faithfully fulfilled that mission here for almost a century.



Perhaps you've heard the proverb, "Shared joy is a double joy." Well, we'd like to involve more children and more families in the joy and goodness of the school. So, I appeal to you for this year's Annual Appeal. Please help us bring the message *Rejoice!*

Through the intercession of our Lady, Saint Joseph, and Saint James, may the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Paul Scalic

Fr. Scalia

WINTER 2022



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- On September 17th, 1923, under the leadership of Mother Josepha Clarke, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) began teaching 92 students at Saint James Catholic School.
- They also began teaching 8 students at Villa Maria High School.
- The IHM Sisters quickly earned a reputation for being strong and innovative educators. The high school included a library, a science lab, and facilities for teaching music.
- They also opened a 2-year business program with 15 typewriters and adding machines.
- In addition to running two schools, the IHM Sisters provided catechetical instruction to most of the Catholic children in Northern Virginia, including parish missions (i.e., Front Royal).
- These significant accomplishments prompted Saint James Pastor, Father van Ingelgem, to call them "the most efficient and best Sisters in this country"
- Today, our school is at capacity with a waitlist. There are 514 students, including 54 in our preschool.
 All cited IHM history is from Carol Jone's book Doers of the Word.

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Dear Friends of Saint James Catholic School,

T E BEGAN THIS YEAR WITH GREAT HOPE AND

enthusiasm. Through the generosity of our PTO, we were able to purchase new desks for the entire school! As the summer months rolled in and were soon to roll out, the words "supply chain" filled my head often. One of the virtues of our IHM congregation is trust in Divine Providence, however, and our loving God did take care of us. Our desks were delivered just in time! Many volunteers came from all over and helped us unpack, attach legs and deliver desks to the classrooms. It was a challenge but one well worth it.

At Saint James Catholic School, we begin each day with prayer. We remember in our prayers all those who support our school and those who need our prayers. Our spiritual formation continues throughout the day, including the Angelus in the afternoon and a decade of the Rosary for peace. Academically, faculty and students are all putting forth their best efforts. The Diocese of Arlington Office of Catholic Schools implemented a new testing program this year. The NWEA MAP test is very similar to our previous program in that it tests the growth of each student in addition to their achievement. Although it is difficult to compare scores from two different tests, I am pleased to report that our grade percentile scores continue to be well above average and are at the same level or above the scores from last year. We attribute this success to in-person learning during the pandemic.

As I look back on the past two years, I am filled with awe and gratitude for all God has done for our school. Our parents, teachers, students, and administrative staff all faced the challenge of COVID together and the results have been inspiring. For almost 100 years, our goal has been "to educate the whole child within the Catholic faith tradition" and thanks to your faithful and generous support, we have been able to achieve this goal.

In closing, thank you for your past financial support and for any sacrificial gift you can extend this year. Please know that you are remembered daily in the prayers of our students, teachers, and staff. May God bless you in abundance for your wonderful and generous hearts!

Blessings,

Site Marfan Camile, OHM

Sister Mary Sue Carwile, IHM





ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

The 2022-2023 Saint James School Annual Appeal:



HOW CAN I GIVE?

You can give a one-time gift or monthly gift via the donate button on our website or scan the OR code.

Or you can mail a check to: Saint James Catholic Church Attn: Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development 905 Park Avenue Falls Church, VA 22046 Include "Annual Appeal" in the memo line.

WINTER 2022

\$100,000 GOAL!

HISTORY

For over a 100+ years, Saint James Catholic School has provided our students with academic excellence in a virtue-based environment where "Jesus is the Center and Mary is the Model." Our students are joyful, intelligent and engaged individuals who understand the importance of Christian leadership, service and gratitude.

PURPOSE

The SJS Annual Appeal makes up the "financial gap" between the school's annual tuition and what it actually costs to educate each student. We offer outstanding enrichment programs in *advanced math, music, art, technology,* and *robotics.* These programs keep our school competitive with other private schools but require yearly financial support. Our annual appeal helps provide this supplemental support.

\$20,000 CHALLENGE MATCH!

For the third year in a row, we have been blessed with a challenge match. A generous couple has offered to kick off this year's Annual Appeal with a \$20,000 matching gift. *Every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$20,000!* This couple has a particular affection for our award-winning parish school – the teachers, the students and the community it fosters. By providing this matching gift, they hope to inspire many donations to help us reach our \$100,000 goal in record time.

Thank you!





Igniting the Potential in Each Child

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SJS Annual Appeal



May God bless you all for your generosity and goodness. Saint James, pray for us!



Igniting the potential in each child for over a century

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Stay tuned for more information on our special centennial celebration in honor of our IHM Sisters.



GREAT NEWS!

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) just released its report showing that Catholic school students outperformed public school students in key academic categories (reading & math). The key to success

was in-person learning during the pandemic. To learn more: ncea.org/



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Advent and Christmas at Saint James

**Masses with red asterisks will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook and website.





Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. *There will be NO Adoration or Confessions* on this day due to the Feast. Masses scheduled for this day:

- 6:30am
- 8:30am
- 12:00pm**
- 4:00pm
- 7:30pm

Advent Confessions

To help you spiritually prepare for the joyous celebration of our Lord's birth, Saint James will be offering these additional Confession times during the Season of Advent.

- Tuesday, December 20th ◊ 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Wednesday, December 21st \$\displaystyle 10:00am - Noon
- Thursday, December 22nd \diamond 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Christmas Masses

- Saturday, December 24th
 - ♦ 5:00pm Children's Mass
 - ♦ 7:00pm Mass
 - ♦ 9:00pm Mass
 - ◊ Midnight

- Friday, December 23rd ◊ 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Saturday, December 24th \diamond 10:00am – Noon
- Sunday, December 25th
 - ◊ 7:30am Mass
 - ◊ 9:00am Mass
 - ◊ 10:30am Mass**
 - ◊ 12:00pm Mass
 - ◊ 2:30pm Spanish Mass**



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

- Saturday, December 31st \$\delta\$ 5:00pm Vigil
- Sunday, January 1st
 - ♦ 7:30am Mass
 - ♦ 9:00am Mass
- ◊ 10:30am Mass**
- ♦ 12:00pm Mass
- ♦ 2:30pm Spanish Mass**
- ♦ 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

Donut Sunday December 11th



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

Young Adults' Holy Hour at Saint James All young adults throughout the diocese are invited to Saint James on **December 15th from 7:00pm-8:30pm** for *Exalt: An Evening of Worship.* Together at Saint James, we will spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by music and periods of silent meditation. Confession will be available during Adoration. The Facebook link for the event is <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>events/282415337338194</u>.



Youth Ministry

Calling All Middle Schoolers

Father John Paul invites all Middle Schoolers to prepare for the gift of Jesus this Advent by meditating on this gift at Mass and in the Rosary. **Pick up a Mass Attendance Card and get it signed each week.** Cards will be available in the church vestibule, the Rectory office, and the Youth Ministry web page, <u>stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry</u>.

For those involved, there will be a celebration at our pizza and s'mores Epiphany Party in January.

Middle School Dodgeball

All middle school students are invited to the last dodgeball and pizza evening for this year this **Sunday**, **December 4th**, **from 4:00pm-6:00pm** in the school gym. VIRTUS-trained adults are welcome to stay. Please consider bringing a brand new book, puzzle, game, mittens, hats, or gloves (ages, 2-5) to donate to the Seven Corners Children's Center.

Handel's Messiah Concert

We have 12 tickets available for *Handel's Messiah Concert* at the Kennedy Center on **Friday, December 16th, from 7:00pm-11:15pm.** High school students and chaperones will leave from Saint James. The cost is \$15. Face masks are required. Visit the Youth Ministry page on our website to download the permission form. Please RSVP ASAP to Amy Bigart, <u>abigart@stjamescatholic.org</u>, if your student will attend.

Community Outreach

Companions Needed for Persons in Need

Do you have some extra time and would like to help a person in need? Saint James assists certain needy persons with transportation, shopping, doctor visits, and similar errands. These individuals also often desire socialization, such as having breakfast or lunch with you, attending parish social events, and so on. The work is rewarding because the helper develops a relationship with the individual needing assistance. For anyone interested in being a companion or for any questions, please email Rich, <u>rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org</u>.



"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples." (John 15:8).

Seven Corners Children's Center Support

Social Outreach is asking for your support for the Seven Corners Children's Center, a private, nonprofit organization that partners with Fairfax County to provide childcare and preschool for working families who require financial assistance. The children range in age from 2-5. We are asking for the following gifts: clothing in sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, 5,

and 6/7 including shirt and pants, sweaters, gloves, hats and scarves, winter jackets, pajamas, socks, and underwear. Donations can also be made for books, games, or



puzzles for ages 2-5. The Center has asked for winter jackets and other clothing items in sizes 8-14 for older siblings.

Items should be new and not wrapped. **Please drop** off donations in the bins in the back of the **Church through December 18th.** Please call or text Caroline Sparks, 703-862-2074, for more information.

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program

Parishioners can provide much needed holiday cheer by sponsoring a specified 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.

If you would like to participate, call Mary Ann Parker, 703-241-9128 or 703-321-6854, by December 8th.



Advent Season Gift Card Donations

Support our Social Outreach's Advent Gift Card Project. By donating, you will help our parish provide gift cards to needy families at homeless shelters and receiving support from Catholic Charities. You can contribute by donating \$25 gift cards (Walmart, Target, Giant, and Safeway) or sending a check for the parish to purchase gift cards on your behalf. On the memo line, write **SOC gift card donation**.

Please place a card or check in an envelope marked **Social Outreach Gift Card Project.** Place the envelope in the collection basket, hand deliver to the Rectory Office, or mail the envelope to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to families during this difficult time of year.



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SAINT JAMES PARISH 40 HOURS DEVOTION



In honor of OUR LADY OF THE TRINITY DAUGHTER, SPOUSE, MOTHER

DECEMBER 5–7, 2022

Vespers Preached by Father Dan Hanley

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30pm Exposition with Solemn Vespers & Homily 10:00pm Compline Adoration throughout the night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00am Morning Prayer 6:30am Mass 7:00am Confessions 8:30am Mass 9:00am Rosary—Joyful Mysteries School classes visit throughout the morning 12:00pm Mass 12:30pm Rosary—Luminous Mysteries 3:00pm Confessions Chaplet of Divine Mercy 5:00pm Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries 6:00pm Rosary in Spanish—Glorious Mysteries 6:30pm Confessions 7:30pm Solemn Vespers & Homily 10:00pm Compline Adoration throughout the night

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00am	Morning Prayer			
6:30am	Mass			
7:00am	Confessions			
8:30am	Mass			
9:00am	Rosary—Joyful Mysteries			
School classes visit throughout the morning				
12:00pm	Mass			
12:30pm	Rosary—Luminous Mysteries			
3:00pm	Confessions			
	Chaplet of Divine Mercy			
5:00pm	Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries			
6:00pm	Rosary in Spanish-Glorious Mysteries			
6:30pm	Confessions			
7:30pm	Solemn Vespers & Homily			
Benediction to Conclude 40 Hours				

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

Parish Calendar Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00am-2:00pm Parish House Parish Library Open 8:30am-12:30pm Breakfast with Santa & Secret Santa Workshop Monsignor Heller Hall/Cafeteria 12:00pm-2:00pm Hispanic RCIA Knecht 1:00pm-2:15pm Hispanic PREP School 4:00pm-6:00pm Youth Ministry Middle School Dodgeball & Pizza Gym 5:00pm-6:00pm Holy Hour Church Monday, December 5 40 Hours Devotion Begins (see page 12) ESOL Classes School 7:00pm-9:00pm Exposition with Solemn Vespers & Homily Church 7:30pm-8:30pm Compline Church 10:00pm Tuesday, December 6 40 Hours Devotion Continues (see page 12) 4:45pm & 7:00pm PREP Classes School 7:00pm-8:15pm PREP High School Classes School Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Young Mom's Bible Study Parish House 7:30pm-9:00pm **RCIA Classes** Knecht 7:30pm-9:00pm Parish House Legion of Mary Wednesday, December 7 40 Hours Devotion Ends This Evening (see page 12) 10:00am-11:30am Women's Bible Study Knecht 12:30pm-7:00pm Adoration Ends Early Church 7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions Church 7:00pm-9:00pm Men's Bible Study Parish House 7:00pm-9:00pm ESOL Classes School 7:00pm-9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht 7:30pm-8:30pm Solemn Vespers & Homily Church Thursday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (see page 9) No Adoration or Confessions due to Feast Day 10:00am-12:00pm Knecht Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm-9:00pm Women's Bible Study Library Friday, December 9 11:00am-11:45am Confessions Church Saturday, December 10 3:30pm-4:30pm Confessions Church Parish House 4:00pm-5:30pm Spanish Legion of Mary 6:30pm-7:30pm Confessions Church 6:30pm-8:30pm Hispanic Prayer Group Monsignor Heller Hall

Fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe—Emperatriz de las Américas

Se invita a toda la comunidad de Saint James a celebrar la Fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe que se llevará a cabo **el lunes**, **12 de diciembre comenzando con la misa a las 6:30pm** en la iglesia que incluye el drama del Milagro de las Rosas. Al finalizar la misa habrá una procesion hacia el Héller Hall con la imagen de la Virgen y mariachis para un compartir con música, comida y refrigerios. Se pide a todos los interesados vestir con sus atuendos típicos y traer sus imágenes ó artículos religiosos para bendecirlos en esta festividad. Donaciones de platos típicos y cualquier otra donación son bienvenidos.

Para mas información de este evento, favor de comunicarse con la señora Teresa Matos, missfaa@verizon.net.





