

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

January 8, 2023



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a www.stjamescatholic.org

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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>.

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

January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis For Educators — We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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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

A Catechesis on Marriage: Created, Wounded, Redeemed

On occasion we still use the old phrase that a man and a woman "enter into marriage." It's a significant expression because it indicates that marriage is something distinct from the couple. The bride and groom don't invent marriage but enter into a reality that pre-exists them. Thus, the phrase touches on the first and most fundamental truth of marriage: it is *created*. It is not the invention of any culture, philosophy, or religion. It is something we receive on its own terms, as we do the rest of creation.

We discern this truth first by way of human reason, when we see the distinction between man and woman. It is evident in the very design of the human person that man and woman are created for one another. The difference between the sexes is designed and ordered toward their union. Indeed, the male and female bodies cannot be fully understood except in relation to one another.

The physical and biological complementary of man and woman is increasingly foreign to our culture. People speak of the "sex assigned at birth" as if our sex were a decision and not a created reality. Obviously, this confusion makes it harder to teach the truth about marriage. At the same time, the confusion comes from the decline in marriage. If we don't encounter healthy marriages (i.e., husbands and wives striving to live the truth of it), then we won't see the purpose of our being male and female. We won't understand the purpose of the distinction between the sexes, why we are created man and woman.

This simple scientific truth about being created male and female is confirmed and defended by scripture. "Male and female he created them" (Gen 2:27). Marriage comes from the hand of God himself. Respect for the truth of marriage is part of respect for God's creation. As we often speak about our obligation to respect the environment, so also should we realize our duty to respect this aspect of God's creation.

Second, we can discern by natural reason that marriage is *wounded*. The relationship between man and woman is often characterized by envy, resentment, and mutual recrimination. Their complementarity often becomes competition and even conflict. Again, this is not a uniquely Catholic truth so much as a simple observation that all people of good will can make.

Divine revelation helps to make sense of this woundedness. Scripture reveals to us that the disharmony we see and often experience in marriage doesn't come from God's plan or the nature of marriage itself but from the effects of sin. After man's rebellion, God says to the woman, "your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you" (Gen 3:16). The meaning and sanctity of marriage remain, but from that point on selfishness, distrust, and domination come to characterize the relationship between man and woman.

Finally, marriage has been *redeemed*. And this is something that we rely entirely on divine revelation to know. Jesus Christ accomplishes his mission as the "Bridegroom" (cf. Mt 9:15; 25:1-13; Jn 3:29). He begins his work at the wedding at Cana in Galilee (Jn 2:1-11) and brings it to completion at the "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rev 19:9). In his argument with the Pharisees (Mt 19:1-12), Jesus explains that divorce (a violation of the truth of marriage) was allowed because of their hardness of heart. But he has come to restore the original meaning of marriage, what was intended "from the beginning."

- Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the First Week of Ordinary Time		Today's Rea	<u>dings</u>			
Saturday, January 7 Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord 5:00pm +Charles Scellato		First Reading "Rise up in sple		s 60:1-6 rusalem! Your light has co	me,"	
Sunday, January 8The Epiphany of the Lord7:30am+George and Madalen Murcko9:00am+Martha Murphy Corcoran10:30amPeople of Saint James		Psalm Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."				
		Second Reading Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 "Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship"				
Noon 2:30pm	+Jack McQuillen +Jesus Alberto +VJ Hangemanole	Gospel Mt 2:1-12 "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,"				
Monday, January 9 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>		Readings for the Week				
6:30am 8:30am Noon	+James Gannon +Mary Mallison Maria Theresa Baric	Monday:	Is 42:1	-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; P); Mt 3:13-17	s 29:1-2, 3-4,	
Tuesday, Jan	mary 10	Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28			
<i>Tuesday of th</i> 6:30am	<i>he First Week in Ordinary Time</i> +Mary Mallison +Michael Stenger +Antonio Romualdez	Wednesday:	Heb 2:	Heb 2:14-18; 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39		
8:30am Noon		Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45			
Wednesday, January 11 Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time		Friday:	https://bible.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/4?1; 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12			
6:30am 8:30am Noon	+James J. Cuddy +Mary Mallison +Gaudencio Q. Farrales	Saturday:	Heb 4:	12-16; 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk	2:13-17	
Thursday, January 12Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time6:30am+Skip Fulton0:00am+Skip Fulton		Remember in Your Prayers the sick of our parish family				
8:30am Noon	Special Intentions +David Whalen	Beatriz Basso Terrell Blodgett		Peggy Kurtzke Laura Lareau	Joe Poels Russell Ross	
Friday, Janu <i>St. Hilary</i>	ary 13	Chip Clarke Will Consovoy		Frances McDonald Rachel Noonan	Ben Schwind Mary Schwind	
6:30am 8:30am Noon	+Wilbrod Gravel +Zacharia T. Coipuram +Maria Yu	Stephen Donnel Joan Huff Judy Karinshak	ly	Janet Owen Jim Owen Phillip Perot	Robyn Stewart Richard Ziegler	
Saturday, January 14Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time8:30am+George J. MartiniMass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time5:00pm+P.J. O'Reilly		the deceased (of our p	arish family		
Sunday, January 15 <i>The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 7:30am +Judi Mecsis		and those serving our country				
9:00am 10:30am	+Margaret Kemp +Genevieve Starkweather (this includes vectralis, initially refleces, and those service)		serving			
Noon 2:30pm 7:00pm	People of Saint James +Matthew Thomas +Grace and John Mulligan	CDR Thomas D Veronica Elkins		Mary Kenney Major Albert C. Young		
		Email <u>bulletin@stjamescatholic.org</u> for changes/updates.				
Saint James	Praver 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

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

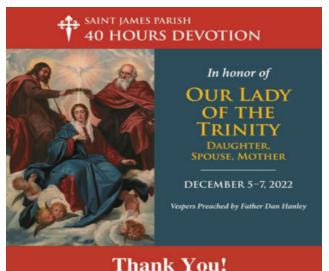


Parish News

Saint James 40 Hours Devotion

Thank you to all who participated in our Parish 40 Hours Devotion last month. It was wonderful to see so many people adoring our Lord, even during the wee hours of the morning.

Father Scalia would especially like to thank the different parish groups that led the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Father Dan Hanley who preached at our Vespers, Don Carolina and our choir for their beautiful chant at Vespers, and Julie Marx who coordinated our Adoration signup. We hope you will join us for our next 40 Hours Devotion in December 2023.



Parish Inclement Weather Policy

Now that winter is here, please remember that **Mass takes place as scheduled regardless of the weather**. Please use your best judgement in severe weather conditions when main roads and neighborhoods may not be safe to drive. Remember that the 10:30am and 2:30pm (Spanish) Sunday Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page and website.

Park Avenue is an emergency snow route. Use our parking lots and avoid parking there during a snow emergency. Details about snow emergency policy are available on the Falls Church City government website at www.fallschurch.gov.



During inclement weather, *our Rectory* office follows the Falls Church City Government. The school and religious education program (PREP) generally follow Falls Church City Schools. You can find the school district's operating status at <u>www.fccps.org</u>. The school and PREP also have their own notification systems.

State and National Pro-Life Events

Virginia Pro-Life Day

Join the Saint James Pro-Life group for Virginia's Pro-Life Day. The group will meet lawmakers in the morning and gather at noon for Virginia's March for Life. There will be a bus to and from Richmond on Wednesday, February 1st, from 6:15am-4:00pm.

National March for Life in D.C.

Join the Saint James Pro-Life group for the National March for Life in D.C. on Friday, January 20th. A bus will depart at 10:45am and return around 4:00pm. Please plan on arriving by 10:30am. The bus will begin loading at that time.

To register or get more information on either of these pro-life events, please email Rich Hunter, <u>StJamesLife@gmail.com</u>.

Parish Improvements Coming Soon!

Construction begins this month on two projects in the church. Both projects will cause some disruptions during the construction period. Please be patient as we navigate these disruptions together.

First, we are renovating the public restrooms. We are adding ventilation and hot water, two amenities these restrooms have never had. And we are making both restrooms more accessible to patrons with mobility challenges.

The second project is our Sanctuary Restoration & Renewal, which you have read about in the bulletin and in a mailing sent to your home.

As a result of these construction projects, the following schedule changes will occur:

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

- Effective Monday, January 9th,
 - the 8:30am weekday Mass will be moved to 8:15am,
 - the Noon weekday Mass will be moved to Monsignor Heller Hall.

These changes are to accommodate our Restroom Renovation and Sanctuary Restoration construction projects and will extend through at least March 23rd. During this period, the new weekday Mass schedule will be as follows:

- Temporary weekday Mass schedule during construction
 - January 9th through at least March 23rd
- Monday through Friday
 - ♦ 6:30am in the Church
 - \diamond 8:15am in the Church
 - ◊ Noon in Monsignor Heller Hall

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note there will be no weekday Eucharistic Adoration during the construction period. We will still have our monthly First Saturday Overnight Adoration as well as the Young Adults Holy Hour on the third Thursdays.

WEEKDAY CONFESSIONS

Wednesday and Thursday confessions will continue as usual. First Friday confessions will move to Monsignor Heller Hall.

CHURCH RESTROOMS CLOSING JANUARY 9th-MARCH 23rd

Church restrooms will be closing on or around Monday, January 9th. Construction will begin at that time on our Church Restroom Renovation project which is expected to continue through at least March 23rd.

- During this construction period, there will be no public restrooms available for use in the Church.
 - The closest usable restrooms will be in Monsignor Heller Hall, accessible through Door 14, and will only be available during the noon Mass and weekends due to school security.

We will continue to provide parishioners updates via our bulletin, social media, website, and Father Scalia's parish emails.

Parish News (Continued)



THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH 5:00PM - 8:00PM

SINGO NIGHT IS BACK!

Dinner will include soup, salad, and bread. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

Bring \$5 to play.



- Mary Anne Stallings, 703-244-2610
 or
- Cae Gilley, 703-533-3845

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PRESENTING THE 2023

CHERRY BLOSSOM FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

MARCH 11TH

ELEMENTARY 5:30pm-7:00pm
 MIDDLE SCHOOL 7:30pm-10:00pm

PRESENTED BY CADETTE GIRL SCOUT TROOP #50048



Please join Girl Scout Troop 50048 for a Father/Daughter Dance with a dad, grandfather, uncle, brother, or any other special male role model in your life.

Ticket sales begin February 1st.

More details in upcoming bulletins.



Exciting News! The engineering site plan for a new-and-improved Rocket Field has been completed and submitted to the City for permitting. The plan includes soil modifications and leveling of the field to improve drainage, giving the school students many more days when the field will be dry and usable for them.

To protect the new sod that we will install, a built-in irrigation system will be included as a site plan amendment; the irrigation contractor has already been out to confirm the water connection point and the route which the system will take from the Convent to the Field.

The site plan also includes replacement of the currently unusable walking path surrounding the field with a wider path for walking and running laps.

Now that the site plan has been submitted, we wait for the City to review it and respond with their comments and changes. We expect that process to take about five weeks. We are still on track to break ground in the spring!

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



"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."



Happy New Year!

Catholic Schools Week is coming soon January 29th — February 3rd

> Save The Date for Our Open Houses

Sunday, January 29th 10:00am-Noon Join us at the 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, January 31st 9:00am-11:00am



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Youth Ministry

Please RSVP to Amy Bigart, <u>abigart@stjamescatholic.org</u>, if you are planning on attending any events or if you have questions.

High School Upcoming Sunday Events

- January 8th, from 4:00pm-6:00pm Come enjoy a fun afternoon of board games in the Parish House. Feel free to bring your favorite board game as well.
- January 22nd at 6:30pm We will play indoor soccer in the gym. St. Anthony of Padua's Youth Ministry will join us.

Youth Ministry Planning Meeting

Father John Paul invites all Youth Ministry volunteers to attend a planning meeting for the second half of the year on **Wednesday**, **January 25th**, **6:00pm-7:00pm** in the Parish House. If you are interested in volunteering in some capacity for Youth Ministry, please join us.

Father John Paul welcomes input on ideas for youth events for the remaining school year. If you are unable to attend but have suggestions, email Amy Bigart.

Middle School Lenten Bible Study

Please contact Amy Bigart if your middle school student would like to join our Youth Ministry Lenten Bible Study group on Thursdays during Lent at 6:30pm.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

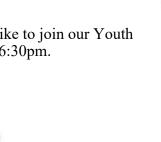
Register for WorkCamp 2023 Before January 15th

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.







Parish Calendar						
Monday, January 9	Ionday, January 9Weekday Mass and Adoration Schedules Change (see page 5)					
Tuesday, January 10						
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School				
7:00pm-8:15pm	PREP High School Classes	School Library				
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht				
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House				
Wednesday, January 11						
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church				
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House				
7:00pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht				
Thursday, January 12						
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht				
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church				
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Library				
Friday, January 13						
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Moved to Monsignor Heller Hall				
Saturday, January 14		<u> </u>				
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church				
4:00pm-5:30pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Parish House				
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church				
6:30pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Monsignor Heller Hall				
Sunday, January 15						
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House				
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht				
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School				
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church				
6:15pm-7:00pm	Lay Dominicans	Parish House				

Diocesan High School Youth

FIAT Day of Reflection Saturday, January 28th

The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (St. Faustina's order) will be putting on a Day of Reflection on **January 28th** for high school girls modeled after our FIAT Camp. The day will include Mass and adoration along with fun activities and talks from the sisters. Email the Office of Vocations, <u>vocations@arlingtondiocese.org</u>, to reserve your spot, and then return the form on this link, <u>www.arlingtondiocese.org/Vocations/FIAT-Day-of-</u> <u>Recollection-2018-Permission-Form.pdf</u>. The cost is \$15. Financial aid is available. Register by January 20th.

<u>Father-Son Seminary Visit Saturday, February 11th</u>

Join Fr. Isenberg and our seminarians at St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. on **February 11th** to learn more about college seminary and how to know if it's for you. Meet the seminarians and see where they live, eat, pray, and study. Tour their campus at Catholic University. Fathers are welcome but not required. Visit <u>ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis</u>, or contact the Office of Vocations, <u>vocations@arlingtondiocese.org</u> or 703-841-2514. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations. Register by February 3rd.





