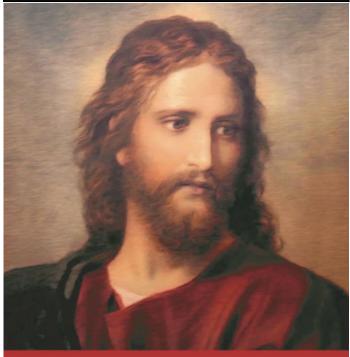


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### November 27, 2022



### **1**<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44 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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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>.

November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

**Children Who Suffer** — We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

#### 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 Wait

The virtue most conspicuous in the season of Advent is *hope*. This has often been described as the forgotten virtue. Actually, it's more like the over-used and misunderstood virtue. As such, a short catechesis on hope seems in order.

Let's first clarify what we *don't* mean by hope. There is a feeling called hope, perhaps better called optimism: *I hope I pass the test...I hope it doesn't rain...I hope the Nationals win the World Series...* Those statements express not the virtue of hope but a feeling — an optimism — that things will go well. That feeling can be good or bad, depending on its connection to reality (and that of the last example is tenuous). Either way it's not the *virtue* of hope.

As a virtue, hope is an act of the will, a deliberate choice. It's the decision we make to trust in the Lord's goodness and promises. Note that well: to trust in *him* and *not* in our own ingenuity, in our wealth, in science, in medicine, in human wisdom, in military power, in a political candidate, in the stock market, in our education or degrees, etc. Any talent or asset we have is a gift from God inviting us to trust — not in that talent or asset — but in him, the giver.

Advent makes one aspect of hope especially evident: *to wait*. To hope in God means to wait for him to act and to trust that he will. And sometimes he makes us wait a long time. We know from our human relationships that to wait for someone means to trust — to hope in — that person. We show that we trust God (something he desires of us) when we wait for him. Impatience with him and his timing shows a lack of trust.

When we refuse to wait, then we begin to trust in human initiative, which is deeply against the virtue of hope. Yes, we have to work, apply our talents, and use our resources. But our efforts are always in response to and inspired by God's initiative. He is the one who acts first. We are the protagonists and heroes of our story, but he is the Author.

We've all heard the phrase, "God helps those who help themselves." In theological terms, that saying is called *stupid*. Scripture gives us many examples of men who helped themselves precisely because they failed to wait for God (or, more accurately, failed to hope in his assistance). Abram couldn't wait for Sarai to have a son, so he (at her recommendation) had children with his slave woman Hagar. Aaron couldn't wait for Moses to come down from Mount Sinai, so he fashioned the golden calf for the impatient Israelites to worship. Saul couldn't wait for Samuel to come and offer sacrifice, so he did it himself. For each man the failure to wait meant the loss of blessings. Hagar's son Ishmael became the father of the Arabs, with whom Abraham's other descendants have been in conflict ever since. The Israelites lost priestly privileges, which were then on reserved to the Levites. Saul lost the kingship of Israel to that upstart shepherd, David.

The Virgin Mary, to whom we turn especially in this season, shows us perfect hope. She embodies the people of Israel waiting for the Messiah, hoping in the fulfillment of all that the Lord had promised them. With the angel's greeting to Mary — *Hail, full of grace!* — the time of waiting is over. His promises have been fulfilled.

- Fr. Scalia

### Mass Intentions for the First Week of Advent

Saturday, November 26 Mass for First Sunday in Advent 5:00pm +Thomas Parsons

### Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent	
7:30am	Tin Nguyen
9:00am	+Shirley Grayson
10:30am	+Aaron Hartman
Noon	+Gabor F.L. Hariss
2:30pm	People of Saint James
7:00pm	+Deborah Smyth

#### Monday, November 28

Monday of th	e First Week of Advent
6:30am	+Dr. Peter V. and Mary A. Caruso
8:30am	+Craig Courtney
Noon	+Gabor F.L. Hariss

#### Tuesday, November 29

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent		
+Stephen Merrill		
+Andrés Chacón Unzué		
Blessings for Renelle Gannon		

#### Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew	
6:30am	+Dorothy Horwath
8:30am	+Laura Hicks
Noon	+Dorothy Horwath

### Thursday, December 1

### Thursday of the First Week of Advent

6:30am +Ellen Lyons 8:30am +John F. Kurtzke, Sr. Noon +Daniel Shubert

#### Friday, December 2

Friday of the First Week of Advent	
6:30am	+Eugene and Doris Carney
8:30am	+Deceased Members of the Fuster Family
Noon	+Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, December 3

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8:30am	+Clarice Fingers
Mass for Se	cond Sunday in Advent
5:00pm	+Wanda Ďahnk

#### Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent	
7:30am	+Mary Peplinski
9:00am	+Helen Check
10:30am	+William James Sharkey
Noon	+Maria Le thi Ngoc-Hanh
2:30pm	People of Saint James
7:00pm	+Patrick Minix
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### **Today's Readings**

**First Reading** Is 2:1-5 "This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz,"

Psalm Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14 "Brothers and sisters: You know the time;"

Gospel Mt 24:37-44 "Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in the days of Noah,"

### **Readings for the Week**

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; LK 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	IS 29:17-24; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; MT 9:27-31
Saturday:	IS 30:19-21, 23-26; PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; MT 9:35–10:1, 5A, 6-8

### **Remember in Your Prayers**

#### the sick of our parish family

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

Sister Helen Maureen Ernest Czarnecki Campbell, IHM Fidel Parra

### 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.

### 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>



### **Parish News**

**Companions Needed to Accompany 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 individuals needing assistance. Please email Rich, rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org, if interested.



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

### **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.



### **First Saturday All Night Adoration**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

STARTING 7:30PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND TO 8:30AM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

If you can sign up for time to spend with Him, visit www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4aabae23a13-first or our home page. Father Scalia especially appeals to the men of the parish to sign up for the wee hours of the morning.



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 8th

6:30am

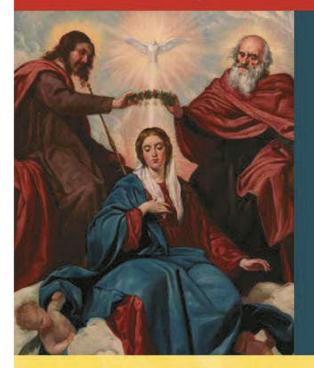
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Mass Schedule Noon 4:00pm

7:30pm

### No Adoration or Confession due to the Feast Day

### 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 & Homily10:00pm ComplineAdoration 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.

### Santa's Secret Workshop and Pancake Breakfast

The Saint James PTO is sponsoring a Santa's Secret Workshop and a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on **Sunday, December 4th, from 8:30am-12:30pm**. The breakfast, in Monsignor Heller Hall, will include a chance to get your child's picture with Santa. The workshop, in the cafeteria, is a great opportunity for your children to secretly buy Christmas gifts for everyone on their list. There will be "Elf assistants" to help the younger students make their purchases in secret. Gift items range from \$0.50-\$25 and gift cards from \$10-\$25. The gifts will be wrapped, tagged, and ready for delivery under the tree. So, after Mass and pancakes, be sure to bring the kids to the cafeteria for their Christmas shopping. Visit <u>www.saintjamesschool.org</u> for full details.

### **Youth Ministry**

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

### Sign up for Flocknotes

Get the latest news and updates via text and email from Youth Ministry by signing up for Flocknotes via the Youth Ministry page on our website, by clicking this link, app.flocknote.com/group/727309/addToGroupFromOutside, or scanning the QR code.

### Middle School Dodgeball

All middle school students are invited to the last dodgeball and pizza evening for this year next **Sunday**, **December 4th**, **from 4:00pm-6:00pm** in the school gym. It would be great if one or two adults could stay and chaperone. Let Amy know if you can volunteer. 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.

#### Calling All Middle Schoolers

Do you like pizza? Do you like going to Mass each week? Do you like praying the Rosary? **Starting this** weekend, the first week of Advent, pick up a Frequent Mass Card and get it signed each week. Cards will be available in the church vestibule and the Rectory office. Pray the rosary each week. Then join Father John Paul for an Epiphany pizza party in January.

### Handel's Messiah Concert

We have 12 tickets available for *Handel's Messiah Concert* at the Kennedy Center on **Thursday, December 15th**, **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.

### WorkCamp 2023 Registration

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. Please email Karen Graffam, klgraffam@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating.





### Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Sanctuary Restoration and Renewal Project

We hope you enjoyed the recent mailing from Father Scalia on the *Sanctuary Restoration and Renewal* project, scheduled to begin at the end of January 2023. It was sent to all registered parishioners of Saint James Parish. The mailer includes a letter and watercolor rendering of the proposed restoration pictured to the right. If you did not receive this mailing and believe you are a registered parishioner, please contact the Rectory Office, 703-532-8815 or email rectory@stjamescatholic.org, and someone can help you.

As Father Scalia mentioned in his November 5-6 homily, the projected cost for this restoration and renewal is \$500,000 and thanks to the generosity of some parishioners, over half has been raised. If you would like to contribute to this



project, you can do so by mailing a check to the office with "Sanctuary Restoration" in the memo line or by donating online at <u>https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/choosegifts/VA50/48767</u>.

Faith Direct has set up a special fund for this project that allows one-time, monthly, or quarterly donations to the Sanctuary Restoration Fund. This fund will expire in December of 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Anderson at <u>kanderson@stjamescatholic.org</u> or 703-532-8815 x223. As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

## **Give The Gift of A Catholic Education**





# #GI**≫ING** TUESDAY

# **November 29th**





### DON'T FORGET OUR \$20,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE!

To donate 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!

### **Parish Community Outreach**

### Parish Christmas Project for the Seven Corners Children's Center

Social Outreach is asking for your support for the Seven Corners Children's Center. It is a private, non-profit 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 at 703-241-9128 or 703-321-6854 by December 8th.



RSVP by December 5th to Mary Anne Stallings, 703-244-2610, or Cae Gilley, 703-533-3845. Please donate a book or puzzle for the Christmas gift exchange for preschool children at the Seven Corners Daycare Preschool.





Parish Calendar		
Sunday, November 27	First Sunday of Advent	
4:00pm-6:00pm	Youth Ministry High School Flag Football	Field
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
Monday, November 28	School Closed	
7:00pm-9:00pm	ESOL Classes	School
Tuesday, November 29		
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Confessions and Classes	Church/School
7:00pm-8:15pm	PREP High School Classes	School Library
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA Classes	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, November 30		
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	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
Thursday, December 1		
9:30am-11:30am	Co-ed Scripture Study	Knecht
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Library
Friday, December 2		
9:00am-11:45am	First Friday, Exposition and Benediction	Church
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
12:00pm-1:00pm	Women's Study	Knecht
5:30pm-6:30pm	Food Distribution	Monsignor Heller Hall
7:30pm-11:59pm	First Saturday Overnight Adoration	Church
Saturday, December 3		
12:00am-8:30am	First Saturday Overnight Adoration	Church
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
4:00pm-5:30pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Parish House
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church

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.





