



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

[www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org)

703-532-8815

## August 16, 2026



### 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's  
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

#### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor  
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Timothy D. Banach, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence  
Rev. Daniel Reuwer, 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

#### Rectory Office

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#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm

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

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

**Saturdays:** 8:30am

**Federal Holidays:** See Parish website

**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:

10:00am-Noon  
7:30pm to 8:00am 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 our Worship menu for more details,  
[stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/](http://stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/).

## **Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff**

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

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### **Convent**

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## **On The Way**

### *Saint Francis of Assisi: Death and Song*

In 1226 Francis returned to Assisi for the last time. His body was broken beyond repair and his sight was gone. He was brought back to the Porziuncula, the little church of Our Lady of the Angels, where his fledgling order had begun. As his brothers gathered around him, he blessed them. He was clothed in sackcloth, placed on the floor, and sprinkled with ashes. A priest prayed the Divine Office for him and, as the final hours approached, the Passion from John's Gospel was read over him. On the evening of Saturday, October 3, 1226, a flock of larks – Francis's favorite bird – circled his cell and filled the space with song. Shortly after, Francis passed from this world to the next.

While on retreat on La Verna, Francis had started writing what would become his most famous prayer, the Canticle of the Sun. As he lay dying, he composed the last few sections, a fitting tribute to his penance and farewell to this world. (The entirety of the prayer here is translated by Father Augustine Thompson, O.P.)

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,  
Yours be the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing.  
To you alone, Most High, do they belong  
And no one is worthy to mention your Name.  
Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun,  
Who is the day, and through whom you give us light.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,  
and bears a likeness of you, Most High One.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
in heaven you formed them clear, and precious and wonderful.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind,  
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,  
through whom you give sustenance to all your creatures.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water,  
who is very useful, and humble, and precious, and chaste.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire,  
through whom you light the night.  
And he is beautiful, and playful, and robust and strong.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth,  
who sustains and governs us,  
and produces fruit with colored flowers and herbs.  
Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks and serve him with  
great humility.

Blessed be you, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your  
Love,  
and who bear infirmity and tribulation.  
Blessed are those who endure in peace for by you.  
Most High, shall they be crowned.  
Praised be you, my Lord, for our Sister Bodily Death,  
whom no one living can escape.  
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!  
Blessed are those whom Death finds in your most holy will,  
for the Second Death shall do them no harm.  
Blessed are those who die in penance,  
for they shall be in the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Woe to those who do not die in penance,  
for they shall be children of the Devil, whose works they do.  
And they shall go into everlasting fire.

– Fr. Scalia

### **Parish Registration**

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the Rectory office or email them at [receptionist@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:receptionist@stjamescatholic.org).

### **The Pope's August Prayer Intention**

**For evangelization in the city**—Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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## Mass Intentions for the Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

### **Saturday, August 15**

*Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +Michael A. Sullivan

### **Sunday, August 16**

*The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Marilyn Quirk

9:00am +Barbara Lowe

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Carlos Turza

2:30pm +Amaury's Silveira Arias

7:00pm +Mary McCorry

### **Monday, August 17**

*Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am +Richard Baldwin

8:15am +The deceased members of the  
Kostrzewsky family

Noon Andrew J. McCool

### **Tuesday, August 18**

*Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am +Christopher Szara

8:15am +Joseph Edward Lange, Sr.

Noon +Fr. Clement Balashunmugam

### **Wednesday, August 19**

*St. John Eudes*

6:30am +Dilsa Ramirez

8:15am +Terrell Blodgett

Noon +Carrol Dubuc

### **Thursday, August 20**

*St. Bernard*

6:30am +Fr. Carlo Zanoni

8:15am +Patricia Newman

Noon Maloney Anniversary

### **Friday, August 21**

*St. Pius X*

6:30am Maya Thomas, in Thanksgiving

8:15am +Ruel Corpus

Noon +Dennis Kane

### **Saturday, August 22**

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30am +Michael A. Sullivan

*Mass for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +Lydia Kernitsky

### **Sunday, August 23**

*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +John Leggett

9:00am +Antonin Scalia

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Rosa Cristina Grebogi and Javier and  
Marisol Espinoza

2:30pm +Amaury's Silveira Arias

7:00pm +Sean Wise

## Today's Readings

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**

"Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just;"

### **Psalms**

**Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

"O God, let all the nations praise you!"

### **Second Reading**

**Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

"Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles."

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

"At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon."

## Readings for the Week

Visit [bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar](http://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar) for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

## Remember in Your Prayers

### **The sick of our parish family**

Juan Alarcon  
James Banks  
Beatriz Basso  
Cory Bautista  
Betty Brunton  
Charles A. Burke  
Jim Buscher  
Patricia Cavasina  
Jessica Toye Clark  
Jane C. Checkan  
Chloe Clagg  
Matthew Coffin  
Grace Coipuram  
Raul Crespo  
Matthew Davis  
Mona Demian  
Charles Duggar  
Thomas Duncan  
Roberta Dunn  
Dora Dee Estes  
Liana Farrell  
Katherine Garren  
Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove  
Scott Herman  
Laura Lareau  
Yolanda Machiado  
Jose G. Martinez  
Patricia McFarland  
Mildred Melmer  
Julie Neil  
Gloria Mora  
Francis Neumann, Jr.  
Rachel Noonan  
Kathy Oddenino  
Esther Olivos  
Jerry Parker  
Carter Parry  
Charley Roberts  
BJ Salinas  
Kathleen Seroskie  
Robyn Stewart  
Lauren Vinci  
Liv Wash  
Anne Marie Willis

### **The deceased of our parish family**

Christopher Butzgy  
Mary Flora Goodson

Marie Agnes Kunec  
Louise Terwilliger

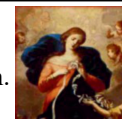
**Please pray for the members of our parish serving in the military both home and abroad.**



## 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](http://www.stjamescatholic.org).

- Sign up to be a praying member at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to [PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org).





# Parish News

## Adult Faith Formation Classes

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program is available for adults who are not Catholic and wish to receive more education in the Faith, especially in preparation for the reception of the sacraments. The program is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith with the intention of entering the Catholic Church.

**The full OCIA program for the 2026-27 year begins on Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00pm-8:30pm** in the IHM Conference Room at the school and continues weekly through April. We ask that people who intend to enter the Church attend the classes regularly, live in a manner consistent with the faith, and discern prayerfully their calling. If one cannot attend the regular classes on a consistent basis, please call the parish for other arrangements.

To register or speak with Father Pavlick about the OCIA program, contact him at 703-532-8815 or [frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org).

## Announcement

Rich Blickendorfer, our parish business manager, is retiring this fall. In his own words, he's getting old and his calculator batteries are wearing out (and they are non-rechargeable). Rich started at Saint James in 2014 and was blessed to have Deacon Jim Fishenden and Father Posey as his initial guiding lights, and then the inspiring leadership of Father Scalia. He is immensely grateful for the privilege of serving the Saint James community of faith and love—clergy, Sisters, staff, volunteers, parishioners, school families, and PTO. He will stay on to help train and orient the new business manager before retiring to his reading chair and stack of books at his home in Fairfax.

**JOIN US FOR HOLY HOUR**



**EVERY SUNDAY @ 5:00PM**

## Altar Servers 2026-2027

Boys in grades 4 through 11 are invited to become altar servers. If you are interested in serving at the altar and joining in this sacred brotherhood, visit the Liturgical Ministries page under the WORSHIP menu on our website, [bit.ly/2627AltarServers](http://bit.ly/2627AltarServers), or scan the QR code to complete the online interest form.

The training sessions will explain the basics of this wonderful mission in divine worship. All servers, new or returning, should attend one of these sessions. **New servers are encouraged to attend the September training.**

Attendance at one of the sessions is needed to begin or continue serving as an altar server here.

- **Tuesday, September 15, 4:00pm-6:00pm**
- Tuesday, January 12, 4:30pm-5:30pm (TBD)
- Tuesday, January 12, 7:00pm-8:00pm (TBD)

Email Colleen Sullivan, [ym@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:ym@stjamescatholic.org), with any questions. If parents have questions about their sons serving, contact Father Pavlick, 703-532-8815 or [frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org).

## Volunteer Notice: Virtus Training for Adults Working with Children

Are you considering volunteering at the parish or school? According to the Diocesan Policy on the Protection of Children/Young People and the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and/or Child Abuse, any adult volunteer 18 years or older who either works with minors or has substantial contact with children must complete a diocesan background check and a 4-hour Virtus class.

Get started with your application today at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/>. You must complete the application before the diocese will email you training options that are held within 45 days. All information requested must be provided. Do not leave any blank spaces.

Classes fill up quickly this time of year, so if you will be volunteering in a position that involves working with children, start the background check now.

Direct any questions to the following:

- Parish: Kara Rider, [krider@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:krider@stjamescatholic.org)
- School: Kathleen Stirling, [kstirling@saintjamesschool.org](mailto:kstirling@saintjamesschool.org)



## Parish News (Continued)

### Life Corner

**KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE.** The Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment will establish abortion as a fundamental right in the state constitution. The amendment is vague and thus dangerous, as it contains loopholes that will end up being settled by the courts in the future. Don't be misled by the question to be on the ballot as it does not reflect the actual content of the proposed amendment.



**Wording in the amendment:** The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

**What are the dangers?** Does this protection from penalization or prosecution include abusive or persuasive partners, adults other than parents, and possibly "traffickers" with voluntary consent? This legal protection could allow any person to assist in an abortion without the knowledge of a parent. This protection in the amendment is NOT stated on the ballot question.

**Commit NOW to build the culture of life and safeguard the future of Virginia.** Go to [catholicsvoteno.com](http://catholicsvoteno.com) or [arlingtondiocese.org/vote](http://arlingtondiocese.org/vote) or scan the QR code to the right to pledge NO.

### Guest Speaker: Olivia Gans Turner "Understanding Virginia's Proposed Constitutional Amendment on Abortion"

The Saint James Respect Life Group invites you to hear Olivia Gans Turner speak on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendment on abortion. This amendment will appear on the ballot this fall, September 18-November 3.

**Monday, August 31st  
7:00pm–8:30pm  
Monsignor Heller Hall**

Olivia Gans Turner is president of the Virginia Society for Human Life, the nation's first state pro-life organization, founded in 1967 and affiliated with National Right to Life. A nationally recognized pro-life speaker, she has addressed audiences in all 50 states and more than 17 countries.

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and  
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"

Pledge to Vote: [CatholicsVoteNo.com](http://CatholicsVoteNo.com)

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Early Voting begins September 18  
Election Day November 3

**1% of your day  
14 minutes and 24 seconds**

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AN EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC  
Partner Parish

|         |                                                               |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Prepare | Begin with the sign of the cross.                             |
| Read    | Read a Scripture selection slowly and attentively.            |
| Reflect | Think about the meaning of whatever caught your attention.    |
| Respond | Talk to God about the passage or anything else on your heart. |
| Rest    | Spend a few minutes in restful silence with him.              |

Learn more about our EC Reach More™ program that helps people grow in confidence to share their faith in natural, relational ways.

Visit [stjamescatholic.org/faith/reach-more/](http://stjamescatholic.org/faith/reach-more/), scan QR code, or email Amy Bigart, [abigart@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:abigart@stjamescatholic.org)

**SAINT JAMES PARISH PICNIC**

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26TH  
NOON-3:00PM**

PARISH COMMUNITY  
EVENT FOR ALL AGES.

FOOD  
CARNIVAL GAMES  
LIVE MUSIC  
ICE CREAM

**TO VOLUNTEER**

SCAN QR CODE  
OR  
VISIT  
[bit.ly/SJPicnic2026](http://bit.ly/SJPicnic2026)

### Seniors Young at Heart Ice Cream Social

**Main Menu: Sloppy joes and ice cream with toppings for dessert**

**Each guest is asked to bring coleslaw, vegetables, salads, or cookies/brownies for six people. A \$5 donation is appreciated.**

### **ACTIVITY: GAME NIGHT**

**RSVP by Monday, August 16th, to Kathleen at [kmcphilomy2@gmail.com](mailto:kmcphilomy2@gmail.com) or Susan at [jacksonsusan765@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonsusan765@gmail.com)**

**Thursday, August 20th  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Msgr. Heller Hall**



## Lay Dominicans

### Is God Calling You To Be A Lay Dominican?

You are invited to join the St. Mary Magdalene Lay Dominicans for prayer, fellowship, and discussion on **Sunday, August 16th, from 5:00pm-6:45pm** in the Parish House.

Lay Dominicans are single or married members of the Dominican Order who have responded to a call to live the Dominican way of life in their own families and occupations. The Dominican charism is one of prayer, study, community, and apostolate. Of these, study is perhaps the most distinctive element, as Dominicans are constantly called to study scripture, the teachings of the Church, and contemporary issues in the light of Faith. We are life-long learners who put that thirst for Truth at the service of our apostolic efforts.

For more information, please contact Rose Folsom at [InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com](mailto:InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com).

### Introducing Sister Mary Immaculate

It is our great joy to share that on July 31st parishioner and SJS Alumni, Mary Steinbicker, was admitted as a Novice in the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). Mary grew up at Saint James, where she received her sacraments and participated in parish life. She attended Saint James School through sixth grade, then Longfellow Middle School and McLean High School. Her parents, Amy and Mark, and brother Luke, were also beloved and active members of Saint James!

Mary found her way back to the IHMs in college when she studied at Immaculata University in Immaculata, Pennsylvania. There she found her vocation among the Sisters who taught her as a child. During the ceremony, Mary received her religious name, Sister Mary Immaculate!

Please pray for Sister Mary Immaculate in this time of formation—and that God calls more women to religious life from our parish and school families.





## Grow in Your Faith This Year

Saint James parish has a number of study groups that meet regularly for purposes of faith formation. Some meet year-round; others do not. This information is also available on the parish website under the Faith Formation menu or scan the QR code. If you are interested in joining a group or have questions, contact the leader of the group. All groups welcome new members but you are encouraged to contact the point of contact before attending for the first time to ensure that meeting has not been cancelled.



### Tuesday

#### **Saint James Fraternity, Weekly Year-round, 7:00am-7:45am; Parish House**

Format is a short talk on prayer, mortification or apostolate, followed by an examination of conscience, and an opportunity to share your accountability in these areas with your peers. It will switch over to Exodus 90 for the first 90 days before Easter. They meet year-round.

**Contact:** Dony Mac Manus, [donymacmanus@gmail.com](mailto:donymacmanus@gmail.com)

### Wednesday

#### **Women's Weekly Study, 9:30am-11:30am; IHM Conference Room**

**Begins September 9th.** This session we will be studying the teachings of the Church by reading *Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, from Ascension Press. We will view the accompanying videos at the end of each lesson. Participants will need to purchase the workbook and bring a Catechism as well. To join and receive a link for the materials, **contact Mary Clare Murray at [mesmurray@gmail.com](mailto:mesmurray@gmail.com)**

#### **Men's Study, Weekly 7:00pm-8:00pm; Parish House**

**Resumes September 16th.** We will discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings.

**Contact:** Pat Matheny, [phdfishing@gmail.com](mailto:phdfishing@gmail.com) or 571-338-9797

#### **Mothers of Young Children, First Wednesday 7:15pm-8:45pm; Parish House**

We invite all interested to our study this year on "Mulieris Dignitatem": The Dignity and Vocation of Women, by Endow groups (using the apostolic letter by Pope St. John Paul II). **Starts September 2nd** and will meet monthly through June.

**Contact:** Liz Sites, [elizabeth.o.sites@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.o.sites@gmail.com), or Bailey Mailloux, [bailey.mailloux@gmail.com](mailto:bailey.mailloux@gmail.com)

### Thursday

#### **Co-ed study, 1st and 3rd Thursdays 9:30am-11:45am; IHM Conference Room**

Our meet-and-greet and first meeting will be on September 3rd the first Thursday. In our study this fall, we enter The Bible and the Church Fathers from the Saint Paul Center's Journey Through Scripture. It introduces us to the great heroes of the early church, the heresies they fought against, and how they read and interpreted the Scripture's relationship to Tradition, and particularly the sacraments. Join us in this 12-part series.

**Contact:** Estela Arciaga, [estela2eaa@icloud.com](mailto:estela2eaa@icloud.com)

#### **Women's Bible Study, Weekly 7:00pm-9:00pm; IHM Conference Room**

Meet three weeks a month with extra time off for holidays.

- **September 17th-December 10th**—St. Paul Center for Biblical study on "The Bible and the Sacraments." These masterworks of God have been part of God's plan of our salvation from the very beginning. Join us in this 11-part series.
- January 6th-February 10th—Ascension Press "Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment"
- February 17th-May 18th—Lectio: Salvation New Life in Christ—Augustine Institute's study on what salvation means.

Visit <https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/bible-study-groups/> for details on all studies.

**Contact:** Patti Valancius at [PValancius@aol.com](mailto:PValancius@aol.com) or 703-887-6659

### Friday

#### **Men's Study, 3rd Fridays 7:30pm-9:00pm; Parish House**

Discussion of upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Meet year-round. Rotating book study.

**Contact:** Austin Middleton, [austin\\_midd@hotmail.com](mailto:austin_midd@hotmail.com)

### Saturday

#### **Co-ed Study, Every Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm; Parish House Kitchen**

The co-ed Bible study resumes on Saturday, September 5th. Join us to read and discuss the Scripture readings for the next Sunday mass. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the Sunday celebration of the Sacred Mysteries. We meet in the Parish House kitchen (the back part of the house) from 10:00am until 12 noon. Enter via the back door. Parking is available in the lot to the right of the house.

**Contact:** Jeremy Dow, [colworn@gmail.com](mailto:colworn@gmail.com)



# Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Registration

## Registration for Religious Education Classes

We are currently registering new students for the 2026-2027 religious education program.

Tuesday classes are held at 4:45pm-6:00pm (afternoons) and 7:00pm-8:15pm (evenings). Please call 703-533-1182 x104 to make an appointment.

In addition to your child's birth certificate, you will need to provide the following:

- Baptismal certificate if your child was not baptized at Saint James
- Tuition via check or cash
  - \$150 for one child
  - \$200 for two or more children
- Letter from the school or parish program if your child was in another Catholic school or religious education program

## Catechists Needed

We are currently looking for dedicated, faith-filled people to teach in our Parish Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm-6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm-8:15pm).

We also need assistants in both the afternoon and evening sessions. Or, if you would like to volunteer in other ways, let us know.

If you would like to share your faith with our young people as a way of actively participating in the Church's mission of evangelization, please contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 x103 or [dre@saintjameesschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameesschool.org).

## Sacramental Preparation for Children with Special Needs

The Disability Inclusion Committee, in conjunction with our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), is offering classes for all Saint James parishioners who have children with special needs (ages 5-18 years old) who have not yet received the sacraments.

We are looking for teenage and adult volunteers who would like to be partnered with a child during the class to assist with activities.

- Classes will be held on Sundays starting September 20th from 10:15am-11:00am.
- Sessions will run from mid-September through early December and again in mid-January through May.

If you are interested in volunteering or registering a child, please contact Tina Schellman at [ntschellman@gmail.com](mailto:ntschellman@gmail.com) or Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director of PREP, at [dre@saintjameesschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameesschool.org).

## Registration Forms (English and Spanish)

The registration forms and PREP calendars are on our website under the FAITH FORMATION menu as well as on the home page (click the PREP Registration button).

In order for your child(ren) to begin PREP classes on Tuesday, September 22nd, **your registration form must be in the PREP Office no later than Friday, August 28th.**

## PREP Summer Hours Until Classes Begin

- Monday-Friday 9:30am-Noon or by appointment

Contact Information:

- 703-533-1182 x104
- [religioused@saintjameesschool.org](mailto:religioused@saintjameesschool.org)

## Late Registration Notice

The children of those families who register after August 28th will be contacted by the Religious Education Office as to when they will begin and where their classroom will be.

## Requirement For All Adult Volunteers in PREP

Any adult volunteer 18 years or older who either works with minors or has substantial contact with children must complete a diocesan background check and a 4-hour Virtus class. Email Kara Rider, [krider@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:krider@stjamescatholic.org), for more information or to begin the process.

## Youth Ministry



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

### FELLOWSHIP, FAITH, & FOOD

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY, PRAYER,  
AND A SHARED MEAL

2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
7:00PM-9:00PM  
PARISH HOUSE

ALL ARE WELCOME

# FAITH Y FÚTBOL

SUMMER 2026

SOCCER **Middle School** PIZZA

OUR FINAL SUMMER EVENT  
**AUGUST 30TH**  
4:00-6:00PM@ ROCKET FIELD

Join Father Tim for games, food, & faith  
discussion at our last summer event.



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

## Saint James School News

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

|        |                                           |
|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| AUG 20 | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL<br>11:10AM DISMISSAL  |
| AUG 21 | SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL<br>11:10AM DISMISSAL |
| AUG 24 | EXTENDED DAY BEGINS<br>PRESCHOOL BEGINS   |
| SEP 1  | STUDENT PICTURES                          |
| SEP 26 | NUN FUN RUN<br>7:00AM-9:00AM              |

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR  
WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!

SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS  
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-Noon  
Closed Fridays

### SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

703-533-1182  
office@saintjamesschool.org

Visit [www.saintjamesschool.org](http://www.saintjamesschool.org) for  
- 2026-27 School supply list  
- Summer work for rising K-8

See You  
**THIS THURSDAY**

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL PARENTS:

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

GET INVOLVED!  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**SIGN UP!**



Interested in helping  
throughout the year?

Scan the QR code to  
complete our  
Volunteer Interest Survey!



For more information,  
email [pto@saintjamesschool.org](mailto:pto@saintjamesschool.org)

## Full-Time Parish Business Manager

Saint James Catholic Church in Falls Church is seeking a highly motivated and experienced Business Manager to provide administrative and operational support to the Pastor and parish leadership team. This key leadership position oversees the financial, human resource, facilities, and administrative functions of the parish and school.

Working closely with the Pastor, School Principal, and Parish Finance Council, the Business Manager is responsible for:

- Developing and managing the parish annual budget
- Overseeing all accounting and financial operations for the parish and school
- Establishing and monitoring effective internal financial controls, compliance, and risk management practices
- Supervising human resource functions and personnel administration
- Coordinating maintenance, repairs, renovations, and capital improvement projects for parish facilities and grounds
- Managing major procurements, vendor relationships, and service contracts
- Supporting stewardship initiatives and promoting sound fiscal management practices

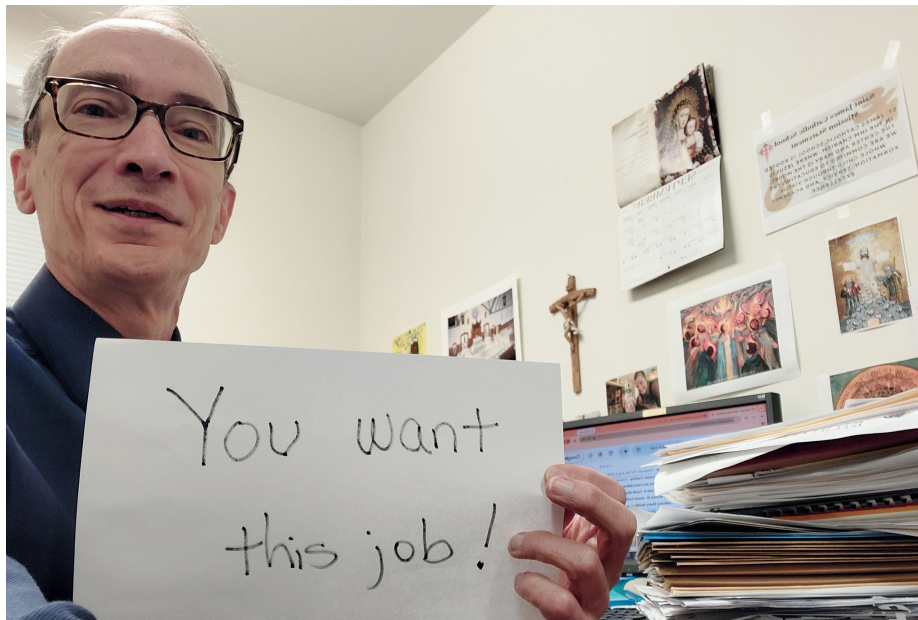
The successful candidate will be a strong leader with excellent organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills. The ability to manage multiple priorities, work collaboratively with clergy, staff, and volunteers, and maintain positive relationships with internal and external stakeholders is essential.

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or a related field; MBA and CPA highly desired
- Minimum of five years of experience in finance, accounting, or business management
- Minimum of three years of supervisory experience with human resources responsibilities
- Proficiency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Excel, and database management systems
- Demonstrated leadership, decision-making, and team-building abilities
- Practicing Catholic in good standing with a strong understanding of parish life and mission

This is an excellent opportunity for a mission-driven professional to contribute to the operational and financial vitality of a thriving Catholic parish community. Salary range is \$80K to \$110K, depending on experience. A comprehensive benefits package is provided, including medical, dental, vision, life, and disability insurance coverage as well as 403b and pension plan. A diocesan background check will be required.

Email cover letter and resume to Rich Blickendorfer at [rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org).





## Creation Care Ministry (CCM)

**Open Parish Garden**—"I didn't know this was here!" was a common exclamation from a number of parishioners who joined us in the parish garden for fellowship and doughnuts after the 9:00am and 10:30am masses on Sunday, July 19th. We are always especially happy to share this unique place with new friends.

Later that same week, we hosted our **5th Annual Science Night** in the garden. More than 60 parents, grandparents, children, and guests attended. The microscope stations were buzzing (get it!) with ants, lightning bugs, worms, and other critters kids found in and around the garden. Catch and release, we promise! Other stations included mini flowerpot decorating, a hands-on enviroscape that helps kids understand watershed and stormwater pollution, origami (Japanese paper folding art) butterflies, a bee keeping box, and overview/exploration, samplings of tasty corn, sweet tomatoes, wax beans and more, make your own pinecone bird feeder, and of course the hero of our garden—the earthworm life cycle station. All of which were a huge hit!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and to those who joined us for both events!



**Produce Donation Pilot Days! We've donated 113 pounds as of July 31st**—How is your garden doing? Whether you've had success growing tomatoes or basil from seedlings CCM shared with you in the spring, or your own garden is taking off, consider sharing your harvest with people who don't have easy access to fresh produce. CCM typically donates to Food for Others in the Mosaic District of Falls Church.

We can accept squash, peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes. **Beginning this week and continuing through the growing season, we are accepting donations of squash, peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes between 3:00pm-6:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays.** If a member of CCM is not present, we will have containers on-site. Email Maggie at [maggie.lechletiner@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.lechletiner@gmail.com) for more information.





## Comunidad Hispana

### Bautismos

Para bautizar a su hijo, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 preferiblemente antes de la llegada del bebe. La familia debe estar registrada en la parroquia y ambos deben asistir a la clase prebautismal, preferiblemente también antes de la llegada de su bebe. Para más información sobre los bautizos y clase de preparación para dichos bautizos, comuníquese con Víctor Méndez al 571-239-5772.

### Enfermos de la Comunidad

Cada domingo podemos llevar la Sagrada Comunión a los feligreses que viven en los límites de la parroquia y que están enfermos, confinados en sus hogares o que están en hogares de ancianos. Si es necesario, un sacerdote puede visitarlo para ofrecerles la Reconciliación y la Unción de enfermos. Para más información, comuníquese con Patricia Flores al 703-371-5695.

### Matrimonios

Para aquellos interesados en matrimonio, comuníquese con Frances Wilson al 703-626-7771 para recibir información y comenzar la preparación matrimonial con uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Dicha preparación es un programa de seis meses y no se fijará una fecha para la boda hasta que un sacerdote haya tenido una reunión con la pareja.

### Confesiones Adoración

- Miércoles y jueves 7:00pm-8:00pm - Primeros viernes: 10:00am-12:00pm
- Viernes 11:00am-11:45am - Primeros viernes (Adoración Nocturna): 7:30pm a 8:30am de sábado
- Sábados 3:30pm-4:30pm y 6:30pm-7:30pm - miércoles y jueves: 12:30pm-8:00pm

### Página web parroquial en español

Haga clic en el código QR para visitar la página de la comunidad hispana, [stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/](http://stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/), y obtener más información, incluyendo próximos eventos, sacramentos, misas, servicios religiosos, confesiones y contactos ministeriales. El boletín hispano quincenal también está disponible en la sección "Español" del sitio web de la parroquia.



## Mass for Jubilarians

Contact Ginny Beauchamp in the Rectory Office at [gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org) with questions or to register no later than Monday, September 28th.

# Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

**Married in 1976 or 2001?**  
All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome!  
Contact your parish office today to register!



**Sunday October 18, 2026**  
Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm  
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

**The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge**  
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant & Homilist

# Misa para Jubilios Matrimoniales

**¿Casados en los años 1976 o 2001?**  
¡Todas las parejas celebrando bodas de oro y plata están invitadas!  
¡Contáctense con sus oficinas parroquiales para registrarse!



**Domingo 18 de octubre, 2026**  
Catedral de Santo Tomas Moro | 2:30 pm  
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

**Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge**  
Obispo de Arlington | Celebrante Principal & Homilista

# Parish Calendar

## Monday, August 17

|               |                        |              |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 7:30pm-8:30pm | Creation Care Ministry | Parish House |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|

## Tuesday, August 18

|               |                          |                              |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 7:00am-8:00am | Saint James Fraternity   | Parish House Conference Room |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm | Charismatic Prayer Group | IHM Conference Room          |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm | Legion of Mary           | Parish House Kitchen         |

## Wednesday, August 19

|                |             |        |
|----------------|-------------|--------|
| 12:30pm-8:00pm | Adoration   | Church |
| 7:00pm-8:00pm  | Confessions | Church |

## Thursday, August 20

|                |                               |                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 12:30pm-8:00pm | Adoration                     | Church            |
| 5:00pm-7:00pm  | Seniors Young at Heart Social | Msgr. Heller Hall |
| 7:00pm-8:00pm  | Holy Hour                     | Church            |
| 7:00pm-8:00pm  | Confessions                   | Church            |

## Friday, August 21

|                 |                                 |              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 11:00am-11:45am |                                 | Church       |
| 7:00pm-8:30pm   | Hispanic Prayer Group Formation | Parish House |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm   | Saint James Men's Group         | Parish House |

## Saturday, August 22

|                                  |                       |                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 3:30pm-4:30pm /<br>6:30pm-7:30pm | Confessions           | Church            |
| 6:00pm-8:30pm                    | Hispanic Prayer Group | Msgr. Heller Hall |

## Sunday, August 23

|                |                            |              |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 11:30am-1:30pm | Young Professionals Brunch | Parish House |
| 4:00pm-5:00pm  | Hispanic Legion of Mary    | Parish House |
| 5:00pm-6:00pm  | Holy Hour                  | Church       |