



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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December 13, 2020



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00pm  
**Spanish Mass:** 2:30pm  
**Daily:** 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon  
**Saturday:** 8:30am

### Federal Holidays:

6:30am and 8:30am only  
**Holy Days:** 7:30pm Vigil  
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm  
**RECTORY HOURS:**  
Weekdays 9:00am- 9:00pm  
(closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)  
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

### FIRST FRIDAYS:

Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am  
**Eucharistic Holy Hour:**  
Sunday: 5:00pm  
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

### CONFESSIONS:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
7:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Fridays**  
11:00am – Noon  
**Saturdays**  
3:30pm – 4:30pm  
6:30pm – 7:30pm

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Constant Contacts,  
let the rectory staff know so  
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[rectory@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:rectory@stjamescatholic.org)

*Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am  
10 days before Sunday publication date*  
**Via website form posted under  
Events; Bulletin; Bulletin Submissions.**

## ***On The Way***

### *Figures of Advent: Joseph's eloquent silence*

The quietest of the Advent figures is Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and father of our Lord. The Gospels record not one word of his. He is the original strong, silent type. But his silence is not empty or mute. It speaks volumes and instructs us how to approach the birth of Christ.

First, his silence teaches us contemplation. His is a prayerful, reflective silence. In his heart and mind he considers what is happening before him: our Lady's pregnancy, the appearance of the angel, the journey to Bethlehem, the birth of our Lord, the flight into Egypt, and so on. Although extraordinary, these events are nonetheless quiet, hidden, and obscure to the rest of the world. They require quiet and silence to receive and interiorize their meaning.

This is why our culture fails to grasp Christmas as anything more than an occasion for spending, gifts, and vacation. The quiet mysteries of Bethlehem are impenetrable to the loud and noisy. Hearing requires silence. Hearing the profound truths of our Lord's nativity requires a deeper silence. The meaning of our Lord's hidden conception and birth can only be opened by those who are willing to be still, silent, and reflective. By his silence, Saint Joseph shows us how to do this. He allows the truth to reveal itself to him.

By the way, this provides a hint as to why it can be difficult to get to know Joseph. Because he is a man of such silence and contemplation, only those who strive for those qualities can come to know him.

Second, his silence speaks of trust. One of the greatest signs of trust in another person is the capacity to be silent with him or her. At some point in relationships, words are neither sufficient nor necessary. Joseph's silence comes from his trust in Mary first of all. In their relationship, few words are necessary.

More importantly, Joseph trusts in God. None of what unfolds – the virginal conception, the homelessness in Bethlehem, the threat of Herod, the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt – is what he expected or planned. Yet he does not cry out, lament, or complain. Although he might not understand it, he trusts that God has a plan – and that that plan is for his good.

Finally, Joseph's silence speaks of work. Today we would perhaps say that work is his "love language." He demonstrates his love for Mary and Jesus not by words but by his labors for them. This is all the more important when we consider how often his efforts were frustrated. "There was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2:7). So, Joseph had to find the cave for shelter. We should imagine him at work – finding that space, sweeping it out, and putting things in order so that it would be a fit place for our Lord's birth.

Of course, this is really a matter of *coworking* with God. Joseph is the simply the minister of the Incarnation. He is the "Shadow of the Father," the silent and trusting coworker, "who helped to carry out the great mysteries of our salvation (Post Communion prayer, Votive Mass of Saint Joseph).

– Fr. Scalia

***Mass Intentions For The Third Week of Advent***

**Saturday, December 12**

***For the Third Sunday Of Advent***

5:00 p.m. +Scott Melanson

**Sunday, December 13**

***Third Sunday of Advent***

7:30 a.m. People of St. James  
9:00 a.m. +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.  
10:30 a.m. +Phyllis Bernardone  
Noon +Herbert Neyland  
2:30 p.m. Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera  
7:00pm +Richard Nozemack

**Monday, December 14**

***St. John of the Cross***

6:30 a.m. +Jovencio G. Apostol  
8:30 a.m. +Kenneth Whitehead  
Noon +Deanna Dulka

**Tuesday, December 15**

***Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent***

6:30 a.m. +Father of Chloe & Henley Wood  
8:30 a.m. +Savina Salemi Genoese-Zerbi  
Noon +Edward Hillegass

**Wednesday, December 16**

***Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent***

6:30 a.m. +Dominic Schnyder  
8:30 a.m. +Mimi Fleury  
Noon +Scaria John

**Thursday, December 17**

***Thursday of the Third Week of Advent***

6:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Luisa Family  
8:30 a.m. +Anna McEllin  
Noon +Virginia Watson

**Friday, December 18**

***Friday of the Third Week of Advent***

6:30 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30 a.m. For Students of St. James School both  
Living and Deceased, Especially those  
in the Graduating Class of 1983  
Noon +Frederick Wall

**Saturday, December 19**

***Saturday of the Third Week of Advent***

8:30 a.m. +Donna Bushaw  
5:00 p.m. +Peggy Walker

**Sunday, December 20**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

7:30 a.m. +Anibal Alfredo Tinajero  
9:00 a.m. People of St. James  
10:30 a.m. +Magdalena and Michael Duatschek  
Noon Santos and Garcia Families  
2:30 p.m. +Wilfredo Bacarreza  
7:00 p.m. +John Joseph and Eda Mary Ricci

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11**

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me..."

**Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.**

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing..."

**Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

"A man named John was sent from God..."

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** NM 24:2-7, 15-17A; PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9; MT 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 AND 23; MT 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25; PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14; LK 7:18B-23

**Thursday:** GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17; MT 1:1-17

**Friday:** JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25

**Saturday:** JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25

**Remember in Your Prayers...**

**the sick of our parish family:**

|                   |                |               |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Kim Chapman       | Prescott Klein | Ann Smith     |
| Chip Clarke       | Peggy Kurtzke  | Robyn Stewart |
| Greg Gonsalves    | Mark Matheny   | Lauren Vinci  |
| Peter Halberstadt | Janet Owen     |               |
| Jessica Kelly     | Carter Parry   |               |
| Kevin Kelly       | John Reyes     |               |
| Patricia Kelly    | Russell Ross   |               |

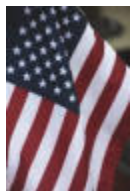
**and the deceased of our parish family:**

Donna Hain                      Michelle Ramos

**and those serving our country:**

Our disabled veterans, military retirees,  
and those serving overseas in the military  
and foreign service, especially:

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Justin Berg            | Michele Petersen      |
| Captain Michael Conrad | Roger Van Sanford     |
| Veronica Elkins        | Major Albert C. Young |




## Receiving Communion at the Communion Rail


As you know, since the beginning of the pandemic we have been distributing Holy Communion at the altar rail. We find this helps us distribute Communion both reverently and safely. As more people return to Mass it also might take some getting used to. Please make note of these instructions.

- There are Crosses six feet apart along the step of the rail.
- When coming forward for Communion, please go to the Cross *farthest* from you in your section (i.e. in the center or on the sides).
- Stand or kneel at that Cross. The minister will bring you Communion.
- If receiving Communion in the hand, please remove your mask first, then receive the Host.
- Consume the Host while at the altar rail and then return to your seat.
- Please remember that members of the same household do not have to practice social distancing and may stand (or kneel) together at the rail.


*Once those in the transepts have received, those coming down the main aisle should use the spaces on the sides of the communion rail as well as the front.*



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Project Rachel




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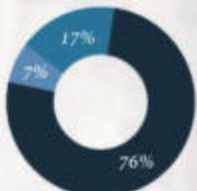
**2 easy ways to make a tax-deductible contribution:**

1. Donate online at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)
2. Mail a check payable to Gabriel Project/Project Rachel

Please mail donations to:  
Gabriel Project/Project Rachel  
Catholic Diocese of Arlington  
P.O. Box 1960  
Merrifield, VA 22116-1960



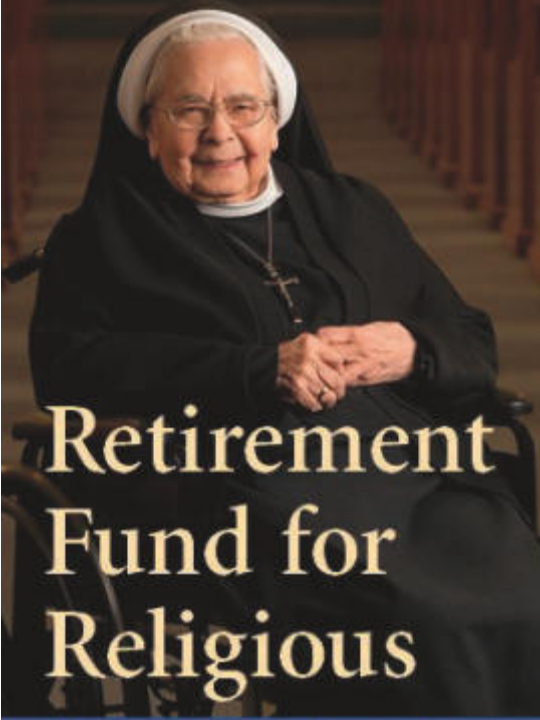
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| Category               | Percentage |
|------------------------|------------|
| Pregnancy Assistance   | 76%        |
| Help After Abortion    | 17%        |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 7%         |


Fiscal Year 2019-2020  
Care Given: \$196,964.72

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Please give to those who  
have given a lifetime.



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**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

## **Saint James Blood Drive**

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**

**9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Knecht Gymnasium Door #7; park in 'B' Lot**

**GPS Address: 831 Park Avenue Falls Church**

- Per COVID-19 guidelines, all appointments must be scheduled in advance:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Saint%20James%20Community>
- To expedite your check-in, please use the Red Cross RapidPass prior to arriving at Saint James.
- Check-in will be conducted as a “drive-through” service – volunteers will take your name adjacent to door 7 while you remain in your car. Bring a book or wireless device in the event of unanticipated delays.
- All donors must wear a mask. For specific guidance on blood donation practices, screening, and requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).
- Blood donation is a “mission essential” function; there is currently a critical shortage.
- Please contact Joe Knecht for additional information at [knechtjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:knechtjoe@yahoo.com).

On behalf of Saint James Church and School and the Knights of Columbus volunteers:  
**THANK YOU FOR TIME, EFFORTS, AND GENEROUS GIFT OF LIFE;  
WE WISH YOU PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR  
AND A VERY BLESSED 2021!**

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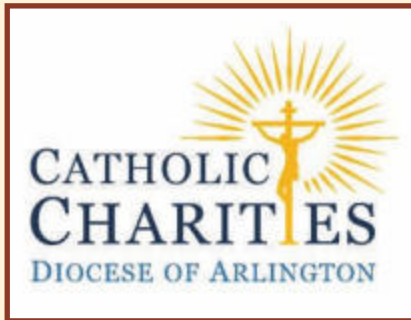
## *Stewardship*

### *The Gift of Time, Talent, Treasure*

#### **Second Collection - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington**

This week's second collection is for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington. Your generous gift to Catholic Charities allows them to serve the food, housing, and corporal needs of the poor and vulnerable in the 21 counties and seven cities of our Diocese.

To donate online via our website: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1495>



#### **Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal**

Thank you for your support of the Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal. Our appeal is off to a great start! Please be as generous as you can in supporting our award-winning parish school. This year, as an added incentive, a generous donor has offered to kick off this year's Annual Appeal with a challenge match. For every dollar you donate above the gift amount you gave last year, the challenge gift will be matched up to \$20,000. If this is your first time donating, then your entire gift will be matched!

Thank you for your generosity.

To donate online via our website: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/16012>

#### **Volunteers Needed at Saint James**

Please consider lending your talents to one of the following groups:

#### **Ushers are Needed Throughout the Advent and Christmas Season**

If you are able to help, even for just one or two Sundays, please contact John Vrablik at [jvrablik@cox.net](mailto:jvrablik@cox.net)

#### **Volunteer Wedding Coordinators Needed:**

Wedding coordinators work with the celebrant at the wedding rehearsal and the wedding by assisting with the set-up of the church, and the organization of the wedding party regarding the order of the procession, seating, and order of events as they will take place during the wedding. If you are interested or have additional questions please email Elizabeth Hatch at [ehatch72@gmail.com](mailto:ehatch72@gmail.com).

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



**Saint James Catholic School**  
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**"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."**

From All of Us at Saint James Catholic School  
Thank You For Supporting Us In These Difficult Times!

Please Support The Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal  
[https:// membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/16012](https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/16012)



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**You Make All This Possible!**

# Advent and Christmas at Saint James

## 2020 Season of Advent Confession Schedule

In order to help you spiritually prepare for the joyous celebration of our Lord's birth, St. James will be offering these additional Confession times during the Season of Advent:

- **Monday, December 21:** 10:00am—Noon
- **Tuesday, December 22:** 6:00pm—8:00pm
- **Wednesday, December 23:** 6:00pm—8:00pm
- **Thursday, December 24:** 9:00am—11:00am

Of course, we will still offer our normal Confession schedule of Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00pm—8:00pm, Fridays at 11:00am—Noon, and Saturdays from 3:30pm—4:30pm and 6:30pm-7:30pm, throughout the Advent season.

“Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy.”

St. Isidore of Seville



## Christmas and New Year Masses

Friday, December 25 is The Nativity of our Lord, St. James will offer Masses on the following schedule (all Masses will also be live streamed at our livestream Mass portal on the homepage).

### Thursday, December 24 For the Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm—overflow seating in the gym  
5:30pm—overflow seating in the gym  
7:00pm—overflow seating in the gym  
8:30pm  
10:00pm  
Midnight

### Friday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

7:30am  
9:00am  
10:30am  
Noon  
2:30pm (Español)  
4:00pm (Español)

### Thursday, December 31 The Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 7:30pm

### Friday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

6:30am  
8:30am  
Noon  
2:30pm (Español)  
7:30pm



## News from St. James

### Social Outreach Christmas Gift Card Donations

Join us for our **Social Outreach Gift Card Project!** By donating, you will help St. James provide gift cards to needy families residing at homeless shelters and receiving support from Catholic Charities.

The options for contributing to our **Social Outreach Gift Card Project** are:

- Donate \$25 gift cards (Walmart and/or Target)
- Send a check so gift cards can be purchased by the Social Outreach Committee, 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:  
St. James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church VA 22046

Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to families during this difficult Pandemic period.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—February 21-22

Learn how to live the beatitudes in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb 2-22, 2021 in Warrenton, VA.. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [RenewMarriage-VANorth.org](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

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

The center is a private, non-profit organization that partners with Fairfax County to provide childcare and pre-school for working families who require financial assistance. St. James School children have been donating gifts to be given to the children for Christmas since 1994. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the school was unable to have a collection this year, so we have taken it on as a parish project.

The children range in age from two to five and we are asking for the following gifts:

Clothing in sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, 5, and 6 including:

- Underwear and socks
- Shirts and pants
- Gloves, Hats and Scarves
- Winter Jackets

Books and Puzzles for ages two to five.

**Items should be brand new and not wrapped.** Please drop off donations in the bins in the back of the Church or at the Rectory Office through December 15.

Please call or text Caroline Sparks, 703-862-2074 for more information or to arrange a pick-up if unable to drop off a donation.

### Christmas Wafer—Oplatek Available

Why not get a traditional Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) for your traditional Christmas Eve dinner? If you’d like one, contact parishioner, Connie Donnelly, at 703-237-7935.

## God of Vengeance? The Incarnation & God of the Old Testament Lecture—December 13

Father Paul Scalia, in conjunction with the Institute of Catholic Culture, will lecture on Sunday, December 13, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, on the topic of “God of Vengeance & God of the Old Testament.” While Father’s lecture is free, advance registration is required. Please visit <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/god-of-vengeance> to register, at which time the Institute’s staff will send you the necessary information to access Father Scalia’s presentation.

For more information on the Institute of Catholic Culture, its mission, and its course offerings, visit <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/>.



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## Adopt A Family Program

This Christmas Season comes at a difficult time in our nation’s history as we battle the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Pandemic has sowed economic chaos at all levels of our society, but has impacted our most vulnerable people the hardest. Many families in our area are looking at a grim Christmas season and need your help more than ever at this time.

Parishioners can provide much needed holiday cheer by sponsoring a specified family and ensuring they have gifts and a holiday meal 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, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or 202-262-8426.

Thank you for your generous support and for brightening the season for so many in need.

## Catholic Great Books & Great Speeches Seminar Forming Now

Mr. Jim Thunder will lead a seminar for grades 6-8 and another for grades 9-12 on Great Speeches. The seminars will be virtual and there is no fee for his time or for materials. The frequency, days and times will be discussed by interested participants. In 2018-2020, he led seminars on Augustine, Aquinas, Hopkins, Newman, Aristotle, John Paul II, and more. This new seminar on Great Speeches will include St. Paul, Shakespeare, Lincoln, Patrick Henry, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Bishop Sheen, St. Teresa of Kolkata, Pope St. John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, Churchill. Mr. Thunder double-majored in government and theology at Notre Dame, obtained his master’s from the University of Virginia with the thesis “Aquinas on Marriage,” and his law degree from Georgetown. For more information, and to indicate interest, please contact him at [thundergroup@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:thundergroup@alumni.nd.edu).



Scouts BSA Troop 681  
Annual Christmas Tree Sale



Please support BSA Troop 681 by purchasing a Christmas Tree from their annual Christmas Tree Sale—a real St. James tradition. This year’s sale will start on Saturday, November 28 and will continue through Saturday, December 19.

**Sale Hours**

**Wednesdays:** 6:00pm—8:00pm

**Thursdays and Fridays:** 6:00pm—9:00pm

**Saturdays and Sundays:** 9:00am—9:00pm

The sale is located in the Teachers’ Parking Lot (Lot C)  
Please Make All Checks Payable to “BSA Troop 681”

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Fraser Fir 4;5” (Orange) | \$45.00  |
| Fraser Fir 5;6’ (Red)    | \$70.00  |
| Fraser Fir 6;7’ (Blue)   | \$85.00  |
| Fraser Fir 7;8’ (Yellow) | \$100.00 |
| Fraser Fir 8;9’ (White)  | \$150.00 |
| Noble 20-inch Wreath     | \$25.00  |
| Balsam 24-inch Wreath    | \$20.00  |





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- MCP 504: Christian Prayer
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Elective MCP 507: Apologetics  
And for DREs, Elective MCP 508: Policies, Norms, and Best Practices

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### Opportunity to Advance

Classes may be upgraded for academic credit towards the MA in Theological Studies at no extra cost to the participant.

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## ***This Week in Our Parish***

### **Sunday, December 13**

|                |                                     |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8:30am—10:30am | Eighth Grade Breakfast with Santa   | B-Lot                               |
| 12:00pm—1:45pm | Hispanic RCIA                       | Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 &9) |
| 12:15pm—1:45pm | Hispanic PREP Communion Class       | Cafeteria (Door 18)                 |
| 12:15pm—1:45pm | Hispanic PREP Confirmation Class    | Heller Hall (Door 13)               |
| 5:00pm—6:00pm  | Novena to the Immaculate Conception | Church & Online at Mass Portal      |

### **Monday, December 14**

|        |                                     |                                |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7:30pm | Novena to the Immaculate Conception | Church & Online at Mass Portal |
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### **Tuesday, December 15**

|                |  |                                |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 12:30pm—6:30pm | Eucharistic Adoration                    | Church                         |
| 6:00pm—7:15pm  | PREP Confirmation Class                  | Heller Hall (Door 13)          |
| 6:00pm—7:15pm  | PREP Communion Class                     | Cafeteria (Door 18)            |
| 6:30pm—7:30pm  | Knowledge of Jesus Christ (Consecration) | Church & Online at Mass Portal |

### **Wednesday, 16**

|               |                              |                                 |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7:00pm—8:00pm | Virtual PTO Meeting          | Online                          |
| 7:00pm—8:15pm | High School PREP             | Heller Hall (Door 13)           |
| 8:15pm        | St. James Men's Group Rosary | Statue of Mary—Park Avenue Side |

### **Thursday, December 17**

|                |                       |        |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 12:30pm—6:30pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Church |
| 7:00pm—8:00pm  | Confessions           | Church |

### **Friday, December 18**

|                |                            |        |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 9:00am—11:45am | Exposition and Benediction | Church |
| 11:00am—Noon   | Confessions                | Church |

### **Saturday, December 19**

|                 |   |                     |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 11:00am—12:15pm | Hispanic PREP Communion Class (Grades 6+) | Cafeteria (Door 18) |
| 3:30pm—4:30pm   | Confessions                               | Church              |

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