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December 20, 2020

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**4th SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

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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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10 days before Sunday publication date
Via website form posted under
Events; Bulletin; Bulletin Submissions.*

On The Way

Figures of Advent: Mary's obedience

The most central figure in Advent is the Blessed Virgin Mary. We spend four weeks anticipating her giving birth. Her unique status as the Mother of God means that we learn from her how to prepare for Christ's birth and how to become His disciples. She is the first to show and perfectly embodies the "obedience of faith."

This obedience is nicely summarized in the ancient saying that Mary "first conceived Jesus in her heart before she conceived him in her womb." That is, her obedience brings about an interior, spiritual conception within her before the physical conception of Jesus.

In Hebrew the word for "hear" and "obey" is the same: *shama*. The biblical understanding is that to hear God necessarily means to respond to Him. Obedience is thus a matter of both *receiving* and *responding* to the will of God.

Mary first receives the Word of God perfectly. We often lack a receptivity to God's will because we (rightly) sense that it requires the end of our self-centered existence. We are not receptive because we do not trust that His will for us is better than we could will for ourselves. Because of our fallen human nature, we remain suspicious that God's will is somehow contrary to our good. We have a spiritually contraceptive attitude; we don't allow Him to be conceived within our hearts.

Because she was immaculately conceived and thus untouched by sin, Mary is perfectly receptive to God's will. She has no selfishness, no self-focus to make her suspicious of Him and is thus open to whatever He speaks. Mary is a pure vessel, capable of receiving God entirely and without reservation.

Even Mary's question to the angel – *How shall this be, since I have no husband?* – is rooted in faith. It presumes acceptance of God's will and seeks only to understand it further. Her final words to the angel of course capture her perfect receptivity: *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.*

But Mary's receptivity is not passivity. She responds perfectly to God's initiative. The angel Gabriel mentioned Elizabeth as an authoritative sign of God's work: "behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son" (Lk 1:36). So, Mary sets out immediately – "with haste," or "promptly" – to visit her cousin and behold the sign.

The obedience of faith requires the appropriate response to God's will. If our refusal to receive God's will is spiritually contraceptive, the refusal to act on his will is abortive; it does not allow what our hearts have conceived to come to full life. How often we form good resolutions in our hearts but do not allow them to take flesh in our lives. We encounter the beauty of God's will and receive it with joy, but then fail to respond in a way that will bear fruit.

Of course, Mary is more than an example. She is our greatest intercessor. God established this relationship by coming to us through her. Through her He gives us the perfect example of discipleship. And through her He receives our prayers to become obedient: to receive and respond faithfully to Him.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions For The Fourth Week of Advent

Saturday, December 19

For the Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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

7:00pm +John Joseph and Eda Mary Ricci

Monday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

6:30 a.m. +Umid Malhotra

8:30 a.m. +Genevieve Gramlich

Noon +Celia Guevara

Tuesday, December 22

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

6:30 a.m. Keith and Almira

8:30 a.m. +Gregorio Urmeneta and Felipe Brazil

Noon +John Gramlich

Wednesday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

6:30 a.m. +Kurt Packard

8:30 a.m. +Natividad Sena

Noon +John Grondelski

Thursday, December 24

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent/

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. Jane Harvey

4:00 p.m. +Pat Kelly Edwards

5:30 p.m. +Salvatore Megna

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving for the Sheppard Family

8:30 p.m. +George J. Martini

10:00 p.m. Thanksgiving for Joe & Estela Arciaga

Midnight +Carol A. Hyland and John J. Hyland, Jr.

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Jane Checkan

9:00 a.m. +Danny Diaz and Ana Diaz

10:30 a.m. +Zacharia T. Coipuram

Noon +Salvatore Megna

2:30 p.m. Maria Rosa Bustillo

Saturday, December 26

Saint Stephen

8:30 a.m. +Annette Morris

5:00 p.m. +Antonia Sponseller

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 a.m. +Laura Baird Turpin

9:00 a.m. +Mary Rose Winslow

10:30 a.m. +Barry Tindall

Noon +Al Reyman

2:30 p.m. People of St. James

7:00 p.m. +Alberto Tulio Sakata

Today's Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

“When King David was settled in his palace...”

Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

“For the promises of the Lord I will sign forever...”

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

“Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you...”

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

“The angel Gabriel was sent from God...”

Readings for the Week

Monday: SG 2:8-14; PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; LK 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 SM 1:24-28; 1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD; LK 1:46-56

Wednesday: MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14; LK 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29; LK 1:67-79
Vigil Mass: IS 62:1-5; PS 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25 MT:1-25 or 1:18-25

Friday: IS 52:7-10 ; PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;HEB 1:1-6; JN 1:1-18

Saturday: ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17; MT 10:17-22
MT 10:17-22

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:

Michelle Ramos

Huong Vu

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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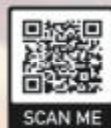
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Gabriel Project

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Read
Bishop Michael
Burbidge's

and

Father
Paul Scalia's
Christmas Letters

in our December 25,
2020 Bulletin.

Also—a pictorial
retrospective of the
Year 2020
at
Saint James

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

Regular Confession hours will resume on Saturday, December 26 at 3:30pm—4:30pm, and 6:30pm—7:30pm.

“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



**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.
- Blood donation is a "mission essential" function; there is currently a critical shortage.
- Please contact Joe Knecht for additional information at knechtjoe@yahoo.com.

On behalf of Saint James Church and School and the Knights of Columbus volunteers:
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The Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. We are more than halfway toward our \$75,000 goal. Please consider making a year-end donation to our award winning parish school. As an added incentive, a generous parishioner has kicked 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!

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

Additional 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.

Volunteer Wedding Coordinators Needed:

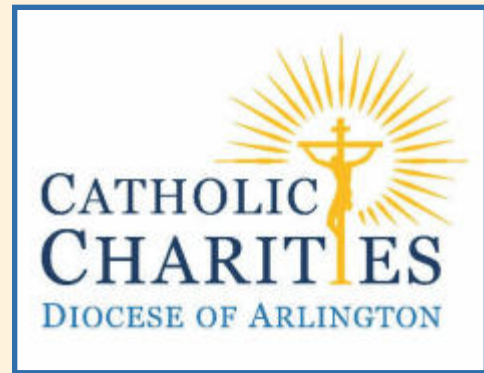
Wedding coordinators work with the celebrant at the wedding rehearsal and the wedding by assisting with the set-up of the church, and the organization of the wedding party regarding the order of the procession, seating, and order of events as they will take place during the wedding.

If you are interested or have additional questions please email Elizabeth Hatch at ehatch72@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Thank you for your generosity to Catholic Charities! To learn more about what our annual Christmas Collection supports, go to: <https://www.cdda.net/about-us/our-core-values/>.

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



Merry Christmas!

If you would like to donate online to our Annual Christmas Collection, you can do so at:

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



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Our IHM Sisters Renewed Their Vows on December 8

During the 10:00am School Mass for the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8, our wonderful IHM Sisters renewed their vows to the service of the Lord in the presence of Father Scalia, Father Oetjen, and the school children in attendance. These dedicated Sisters do so much for our Parish community and the education of our children. Please be sure to congratulate them on their vow renewal and to thank them for their faithful service to the Lord and the Saint James Parish community.



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IHM Sisters
“Radiating joyful service and promoting Gospel values”

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.

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. 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 on the Seminar, visit <https://bit.ly/33WAvYb>.

Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255, they will help!

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.

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.



Mary's *yes* changed the world.

This Holy Season promising one *yes* to God, can help change the world. Commit to a daily Rosary, daily Mass, your favorite prayer, or act of service, anything that brings you closer to Christ.

What's your *yes*?

Join the movement, and receive free daily email meditations throughout this Advent Season:



www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 29th

2021

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON




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MASS IN
Thanksgiving

FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE
WITH BISHOP MICHAEL BURBIDGE

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8:30 AM
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December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 20

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)

Monday, December 21

10:00am—Noon	Confessions	Church
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Tuesday, December 22

6:00pm—8:00pm	Confessions	Church
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Wednesday, 23

6:00pm—8:00pm	Confessions	Church
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Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve—See Mass Schedule, Page Five; Rectory Offices Closed

9:00am - 11:00am	Confessions	Church
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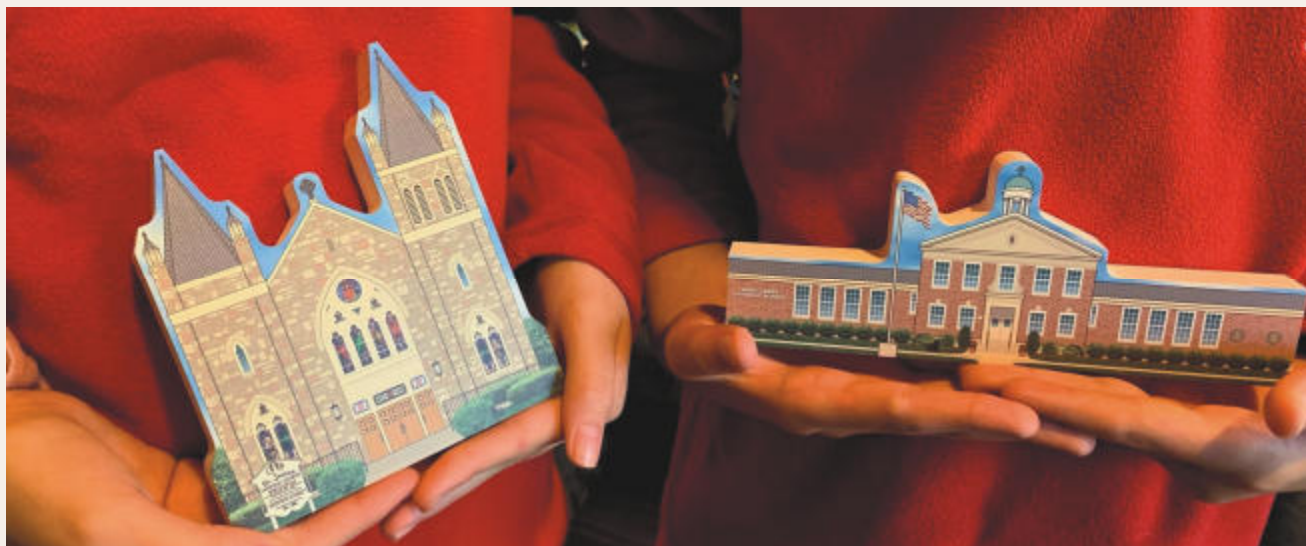
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Saturday, December 27

3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm—7:30pm	Confessions	Church

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