



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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December 6, 2020



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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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: John the Baptist

Perhaps the most curious Advent figure is John the Baptist. He just doesn't seem to convey the expectant joy that characterizes this season. His lifestyle was ascetic and his preaching severe. But we cannot ignore him either. He is our Lord's forerunner and herald, in birth and in death. Mother Church places him before us on the second and third Sundays of Advent. So how do we make sense of him and his presence in Advent?

First, we need to correct our understanding of him. John the Baptist *is* a figure of joy – in fact, the first such figure we encounter in the Gospels. The angel announces to Zechariah his father that “many will rejoice at his birth.” John himself leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb (Lk 1:44). Nor is this joy limited to his birth and infancy, when it comes more easily. In his proclaiming the coming of the Messiah John describes himself as the “friend of the Bridegroom” who “rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice” (Jn 3:29).

Still, it's impossible to get away from his severity and call to repentance. No fancy food for him: “He fed on locusts and wild honey” (Mk 1:6). His preaching is as untamed as his diet: “He said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?’” (Lk 3:7) Paradoxically, in both these regards, he shows us what makes for true joy.

First, we think that the goods of this world – fine food, expensive clothes, the latest technology – will bring us joy. Perhaps we do not think in those terms. But the amount of money and time we invest in pursuing and obtaining such things is revealing. “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Mt 6:21). Advertisers certainly know this about us, which is why all commercials (especially at this time of year) communicate one thing: *If you buy this product, you will find joy.*

By his joyful simplicity of life, John the Baptist teaches us otherwise. True joy is found in parting with possessions, not in pursuing and gaining more. The goods of this world lie to us. They promise satisfaction, fulfillment, even joy; they deliver only a longing for more. Which is why we find greed among the wealthy, who actually have no material needs.

Second, by his preaching John links penance and joy. Again, this goes against what we presume to be the case. We associate repentance with sorrow and sadness, perhaps even fear. In short, with all those sentiments contrary to joy. John, however, is the man who both rejoices and proclaims repentance.

This reveals to us the truth about Christian joy and penance. Our joy is not a matter of “I'm okay, you're okay.” It is the joy of knowing that we are freed from sin and given new life. And for that joy to be ours, we need to recognize our sinfulness and our need for a Redeemer. We need to repent. Without that, our joy will only be the passing, truncated joy of this world. God desires for us the lasting joy of knowing Him as our Salvation.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions For The Second Week of Advent

Saturday, December 5

For the Second Sunday Of Advent

5:00 p.m. +Dr. Frank Whitesell, III

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller

9:00 a.m. +Rosemary Parrette

10:30 a.m. +Maria and Giovanni Bernardone

Noon +Ruth Cooray

2:30 p.m. +Pablo Emilio Escobar Gaviria,
Teodomira Susana Zevallos de Pinto,
and Oscar Nicolas Pinto

7:00pm People of St. James

Monday, December 7

St. Ambrose

6:30 a.m. +Anneliza Erdman

8:30 a.m. +Demetria and Eugenio Boyo

Noon Owen Sides

7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving in Honor of the
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. +Mary Czosnyka

8:30 a.m. +Molly O'Donohue

Noon +Jim Sober

7:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Arbaugh, Hecker, Hyland, Jones and
Tyree Families

Wednesday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:30 a.m. +Janet Qualters

8:30 a.m. +MaryJane Liverman

Noon +Bob Wick

Thursday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

6:30 a.m. Peter Halberstadt

8:30 a.m. +Dick Heid

Noon +Concetta Gaudiosi

Friday, December 11

St. Damasus I

6:30 a.m. John Cruz

8:30 a.m. +Fr. Austin Coupe, O. Carm

Noon +Natalie Heath

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. +Kathryn Crnkovich

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

7:00 p.m. +Richard Nozemack

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

"Comfort, give comfort to my people..."

Psalm: Psalm 85: 9-10-11-12, 13-14

"I will hear what God proclaims..."

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

"Do not ignore this one fact, beloved..."

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

"As it is written in Isaiah the prophet..."

Readings for the Week

Monday: IS 35:1-10; PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14;
LK 5:17-26

Tuesday: GN 3:9-15, 20; PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4;
EPH 1:3-6, 11-12; LK 1:26-38

Wednesday: IS 40:25-31; PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;
MT 11:28-30

Thursday: IS 41:13-20; PS 145:1 AND 9, 10-11, 12-13AB;
MT 11:11-15

Friday: IS 48:17-19; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6; MT 11:16-19

Saturday: ZEC 2:14-17; JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

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

and the deceased of our parish family:

Donna Hain	Augustina Villarruel
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



Stewardship

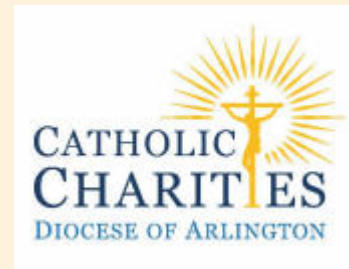
The Gift of Time, Talent, Treasure

December 5/6 – The Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

This week's second collection is for our School's Annual Appeal. It also lands on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas who is the Patron Saint of Children! 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! To learn more about the SJS Annual Appeal, please see pages five to seven in this week's bulletin. To donate online via our website: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/16012>

December 12/13 – Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Next week's second collection is for our diocesan run Catholic Charities. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support! 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 at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1495>



Volunteers Needed at Saint James

Please consider lending your talents to one of these 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

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.



Saint James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

20-21
SJS ANNUAL APPEAL



Dear Friends in Christ,

ONE AFTERNOON THIS PAST SEPTEMBER, we priests sat down to lunch and were greeted by a wonderful new sound: children playing, running, laughing, yelling. There were Saint James students at recess, on the lawn right outside our window. We had not seen them since last March. Now they're back, thanks be to God.

The story of their departure and return speaks to the strengths of Saint James School.

First, we are proud to say that Saint James didn't miss a beat when education suddenly went from in-person to remote. Saint James School faculty and staff had virtual learning up and running within days. Thanks to their efforts, the children didn't lose a step.

Second, Saint James opened this fall with in-person classes five days a week. Our ability to do so is another tribute to the faculty and staff, who somehow navigated all the various Covid-related details and requirements. That effort led to some creative solutions, like having extra spaces for recess – on the rectory lawn!

Needless to say, the accomplishments of last spring and this fall have taken a lot of energy, sacrifice, and patience on the part of our faculty and staff. They also reflect the devotion they have to the children and Catholic education. So, it was a great blessing and encouragement to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award (for the third time; a hat trick, threepeat) in the midst of all the chaos that Covid has brought us. What a great recognition of all that the school has done! To celebrate that honor Bishop Burbidge came to offer Mass for some students and to visit with the entire school on a beautiful fall day.

Of course, all of this comes at a cost – and a greater cost this year than others. As a result of the Covid restrictions and requirements, we lost a major fundraiser (the Fall Bazaar) and incurred additional expenses (masks, shields, cleaning supplies, etc.). So, your support for this year's Annual Appeal is more important than ever to help us meet our additional costs and cover our reduced revenue.

Our school is now at Covid-capacity (i.e. as many as restrictions will allow) and we have a waiting list. Thank God that we have been able to continue this mission of bringing Catholic education to so many. And thank you in advance for your generosity to this year's Annual Appeal.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Paul Scalia

Fr. Scalia



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Igniting the Potential in Each Child

Dear Friends of Saint James Catholic School,

AS THIS SEASON OF HOPE AND THANKSGIVING surrounds us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the ones whose continued support makes all of our hopes for our students come true. The commitment that I see from every area of our parish and school community is my daily boost as we navigate these uncertain days of Covid classes!

Last year on Friday, March 13, we closed our doors for a two-week session that turned into months. We never suspected that while planning to have classes up and running a few days that this would be the norm until we opened our doors anew the next August. Our teachers never missed a beat in providing quality education. Our enrichment teachers continued to provide art, music, a fine arts night, a talent show and even field day all virtually. We met plenty of challenges and worked through them. The students and parents at home were the priority that we never lost sight of. During the early summer months, the decision to have full time classes was made after serious consideration that led to hours of cooperative planning and preparations. When the students arrived and the school was full of their vibrant energy, the joy was palpable and enlivening!

Each day we follow protocols that are still new and somewhat challenging for many of us! But the joy is still very much alive and the enthusiasm for learning remains high. While very restricted, we still have a functioning student government and our National Junior Honor Society. Activities are scaled back yet continue. Our older students are anxious to move into activities that provide them with opportunities for service. Our younger students are enjoying outside recess with new delight, inventing games such as "Air Tag" to keep everyone safe. Our dedicated teachers continue to provide excellent lesson and learning activities for their students, as indicated by our third National Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award.

The brightest jewel in our crown this year is our brand new Preschool! We are so blessed to have these little ones with us each day, along with their wonderful Director, Mrs. Toman, and the teachers and aides, who are establishing a phenomenal program that will enrich and add so much to our Saint James School legacy.

Thank you for your generous support in the past. As Father Scalia noted, this year's situation has brought with it many expensive and needed supplies and equipment to keep a safe and healthy atmosphere. I am so grateful for any support you may be able to extend this year.

May God bless you in abundance for your wonderful and generous hearts!

Blessings,

Sister Mary Sue, IHM

OUR SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

- *Founded in 1906 by the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Tuition was \$1 a month!*
- *The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) arrived in 1923, educating their first class of 92 students.*
- *Today, there are 467 students, including 44 in our new preschool!*
- *Three-time U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence winner for 1998-1999, 2014 and 2020.*
- *Nationwide, one of 50 private schools named.*
- *Statewide, one of 8 private schools named.*
- *First Catholic school in the Arlington Diocese to receive three Blue Ribbon awards.*



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE 2020-2021 SAINT JAMES SCHOOL *Annual Appeal*

HISTORY

For over a hundred years Saint James Catholic School has provided our students with academic excellence in a virtue based environment where “Jesus is the Center and Mary is the Model.” Our students are joyful, intelligent and engaged individuals who understand the importance of Christian service and gratitude. Established in 2012, the SJS Annual Appeal keeps our 100+ year old school competitive and affordable to all who desire an authentic Catholic education.

IMPACT

The SJS Annual Appeal funds the unique enrichment programs we provide in advanced math, music, art, technology, and robotics that set us apart from other private schools. These amazing programs require yearly financial support and play a significant role in why Saint James School was awarded its third National Blue Ribbon of Excellence! In 2020, we were one of only eight Virginia schools to receive this distinction.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

The school is an extension of the parish and as a unified community we are very proud of these accomplishments. In a spirit of gratitude, please consider a gift to assist us in covering the rising costs associated with running our school, particularly during COVID, and continuing the vital mission of providing our students with an outstanding Catholic education – an investment in the future of our Society and Church.

\$20,000 CHALLENGE MATCH!

A generous parishioner 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 you are donating for the first time, your entire gift will be matched! It is our hope that this generous matching gift will help us achieve our \$75,000 goal in record time.

GOAL: \$ 75,000



HOW CAN I GIVE?

You can give a one-time gift or monthly gift via: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/16012>

Or you can mail a check to:

Saint James Catholic Church

Attn: Kathleen Anderson

905 Park Avenue

Falls Church, VA 22046

Include “Annual Appeal” in the memo line.

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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

Preparation for Total Consecration according to Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

On November 5 our parish started preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary in the mode of St. Louis de Montfort. We now have one session left:

- Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30pm — Mass with the Consecration to follow

Prayers for the Consecration can be found at <https://bit.ly/3elsMqt>.



National Suicide Prevention Life Line

1-800-273-8255

They Are There to Help

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
- 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 21-22, 2021 in Warrenton, VA.. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at 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 Co. 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.

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.

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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xBox Series S Raffle – Benefits Graduating Class of 2021

Buy a raffle ticket for the recently released - sold out - xBox Series S (\$299 value).

All proceeds will go towards the class of 2021, our 8th graders as they prepare their class events and graduation.

\$10 for one raffle ticket.
\$45 for five raffle tickets.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3qi5iZg> to purchase tickets.

The drawing will happen on Monday, December 7. You do not need to be present to win.



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.

It's The Second Week of Advent!
What Are You Reading for Spiritual Growth?
Need Ideas? Find Them Here
<https://www.stjamescatholic.org/current-events/readings-spiritual-life>

Donations Needed to Support St. Lucy Diocesan Warehouse

The Catholic Charities Diocesan St. Lucy Warehouse is in desperate need for food donations. Donor fatigue has set in with recent collections down 28% and demand for food up 90% from this time last year. The donated food supports multiple food pantries and lunch packs for children.

The St. Lucy truck came to our parish in May and will return in the Spring. In the meantime, due to the serious lack of food available to program participants, please consider making food donations online using the Amazon Gift Wish List Link: ccda.net/SLPAmazonWishList. The food will be sent directly to the warehouse and St. James parish will be recognized for any online donations.

The social outreach committee endorses this easy way to donate food, and we thank you for your generosity.



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



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 6—Day Eight of the Novena to the Immaculate Conception

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 7—Day Nine of the Novena to the Immaculate Conception

7:30pm	Novena to the Immaculate Conception	Church & Online at Mass Portal
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Tuesday, December 8—The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12:30pm—6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:30pm—7:30pm	Knowledge of Jesus Christ (Consecration)	Church & Online at Mass Portal

Wednesday, 9

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 10

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

Friday, December 11

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

Saturday, December 12

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