



Saint James Catholic Church

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December 12, 2021



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, Noon, and 7:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:30pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am,
Noon

Masses (Cont.)

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays:
6:30am and 8:30am only

Holy Days:
6:30am, 8:30am, Noon,
4:00pm, and 7:30pm

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm—8:00pm

First Fridays:
9:00am—11:45am
(Benediction)

Holy Hours
Sundays: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
7:00pm—8:00pm

Fridays:
11:00am—11:45am

Saturdays:
3:30pm—4:30pm and
6:30pm—7:30pm

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On The Way

Technology and the Tree: Contraception

Our digital technology isn't the only technology to change society. Over the past 60 years, contraception has radically changed how we think about ourselves and our relationships, and how we structure society. Here I don't intend to go into all the reasons for the Church's teaching against contraception. I simply mean to consider the danger of conforming ourselves to technology rather than the reverse.

Contraception confirms Plato's assertion that the inventor of a thing is the worst judge of his invention's effects. Contraception's great promise was better and stronger marriages. It promised couples the ability to come together in the marital embrace without the stress of another child. That hasn't come about as predicted. Marriage is manifestly not healthier or happier today than 60 years ago. In fact, today fewer choose to marry than at any other time in our history. (Also, not everyone had promised good from contraception. Margaret Sanger, the eugenicist and foundress of Planned Parenthood, hoped that it would be helpful in "weeding out the unfit.")

The history of contraception also shows how quickly we alter our morals to fit our technology. Until the 20th century, all Christians believed the same thing about contraception. In 1930, the Anglican Communion's Lambeth Conference gave what seemed to be modest permission for its use. In response, The Washington Post stated that if the new Anglican teaching were carried into effect, it "would sound the death-knell of marriage as a holy institution, by establishing degrading practices which would encourage indiscriminate immorality."

More to the point, what prompted the Anglicans' new teaching wasn't a theological development but a technological change. Contraceptive techniques had simply become more effective; the teaching changed to accommodate the easier use. The tail wagged the dog. This shifting of morals to fit technology would be more pronounced with the advent of effective hormonal contraceptives in the 1960's.

Finally, contraception shows how an invention, while ostensibly resolving one difficulty, creates others. In this regard, we must take seriously the connection between contraception and abortion. The conventional wisdom is that contraception is a way of preventing abortions. After all, if there's no conception, there's no need for abortion. But that's not the case.

First, hormonal contraceptives are themselves abortifacients; when they prevent attachment of the embryo to the uterine wall, they cause a chemical abortion. Further, contraception creates the conditions for abortion. By using it, a couple chooses against the arrival of a child. If a child should come, abortion poses a tempting solution to an already-unwanted child. John Paul II spoke of this connection. Perhaps more compelling because a secular source, the Supreme Court of the United States made the same observation in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. In upholding *Roe v. Wade*, it explained that people had come to rely "on the availability of abortion in the event that contraception should fail." We again encounter the ambiguity of technology. In grasping for it to resolve one problem, we create others.

The meaning of our bodies is fully understood only in the chaste union of a man and a woman that is open to life. By accepting contraception decades ago, we removed from our consciousness the most obvious reason for the distinction between the sexes: procreation. Now we struggle even to define man and woman. It's another sad reminder that the human person should determine the use of technology, not be determined by it.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions For the Third Week of Advent

Saturday, December 11

Saturday of the Third Week in Advent

5:00pm +Deceased Members of the Franey Family

Sunday, December 12

The Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Mims McDavid

9:00am Special Intentions

10:30am People of St. James

Noon +Deceased Members of the Guadamor Family

2:30pm +Juan Carlos Martinez

7:00pm +Robin O'Hara

Monday, December 13

St. Lucy

6:30am +John Breffni Walsh

8:30am +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon +Brother Tom Carney

Tuesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

6:30am +Marilynn Elizabeth Klubek

8:30am +Kenneth Whitehead

Noon Emil Kovacev and Tony Kovacev

Wednesday, December 15

Wednesday of the Third Week in Advent

6:30am +Joseph Sarro

8:30am +Matthew Thomas

Noon +Mary Lou Bushell

Thursday, December 16

Thursday of the Third Week in Advent

6:30am +Honorata Garcia

8:30am +Eric Tuttle

Noon +Scaria John

Friday, December 17

Friday of the Third Week in Advent

6:30am +Dianne Fiorentino

8:30am +Virginia Watson

Noon +Albert Eisele

Saturday, December 18

Saturday of the Third Week in Advent

8:30am +Ron Audet

Saturday of the Fourth Week in Advent

5:00pm +Frederick Wall

Sunday, December 19

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am Jane and Michael Checkan

9:00am +David Truver

10:30am Patti Valancius

Noon Thanksgiving for the Sheppard Family

2:30pm People of St. James

7:00pm +Beckett Martin

Today's Readings

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18a

“Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!”

Psalm: Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and ...”

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7

“Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always.”

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

“The crowds asked John the Baptist, ‘What should we do?’”

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family:

Mary Ann Caruso

Martha Catul

Chip Clarke

Elizabeth Gibbon

Joan Huff

Judy Karinshak

Remi Laplace

Benjamin Martini

Vincent McAlevy

Cecilia Mushonga

Alberto Nunez

Janet Owen

Jim Owen

Carter Parry

Andrew Rehkemper

Barbara Putnam

Russell Ross

Megan Ruddy

Andre Paul Santini

Daniel Schmidt

Ben Schwind

Mary Schwind

Robyn Stewart

Ana Victoria

and the deceased of our parish family:

Gordon Angell

Ann Haynie

Charles Hargest

Dorothy Horwath,

Sister of Sr.

Mary Sue &

Nancy Harrison

Theresa Korbeck

Raoul Sanchez

Mona West

and those serving our country:

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

Veronica Elkins

Major Albert C. Young



December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Catechists—Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Parish News

Guided Family Holy Hour

Introduce your children to Adoration of the Eucharist by bringing your family to our monthly “Guided Family Holy Hour” with Father John Paul. **The Family Holy Hour is held monthly on**



Saturdays from 10:00am-11:00am.

There will be no Family Holy Hour in December.

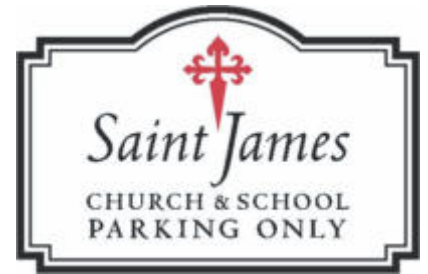
The Holy Hour will include a guided meditation for the whole family. We hope to see you and your family there. The schedule is:

- January 22, 2022
- February 26, 2022
- March 19, 2022

Behind the Scenes – St. James Operations Update Fall 2021

Thanks to your support, St. James continues to be financially strong. On September 30th, we completed our first quarter of the new fiscal year. Offertory Income totaled \$503,380, which was 9% over our budget. Total Income was \$954,541 – almost exactly on budget. Total Expenses (\$1,702,396) were over budget by 4%, due mainly to some much needed facilities items, including:

- Replacing a coil in one of the heating/cooling units in the Church;
- Replacement of some leaking heating system pipes beneath Heller Hall;
- Repairing the Gym roof to resolve a leak problem that had damaged the Gym floor;
- Repainting the Parish House, including the replacement of some rotted wood;
- Repainting selected School Entrances; and
- Purchasing tables for students to eat lunch, socially distanced, in Heller Hall.



We also have some large building projects underway which are funded by the Legacy of St. James Capital Fund which many of you support. You may have noticed the new fencing around the Parish House and Convent Field. New signs have been installed, as well – they will help “stake out” St. James property before Founders Row, the enormous new development next door, begins to fill up with residents looking for parking and places to walk their dogs.

If you have any questions or comments regarding church operations, please feel free to contact Rich at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Available

Traditional Christmas wafers, known as Oplatek, are part of every traditional Christmas Eve supper in central Europe. The wafers are now available for your Christmas Eve supper here in the St. James community. If you would like to include this traditional wafer in your dinner, contact Connie Donnelly at 703-237-7935.



To learn more about the Oplatek Wafers, visit <https://n.pr/2EgzU8p>.

Advent and Christmas at St. James



Advent Confessions Schedule

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 20
 - ◇ 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Tuesday, December 21
 - ◇ 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Wednesday, December 22
 - ◇ 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Thursday, December 23
 - ◇ 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Friday, December 24
 - ◇ 10:00am – 12:00pm

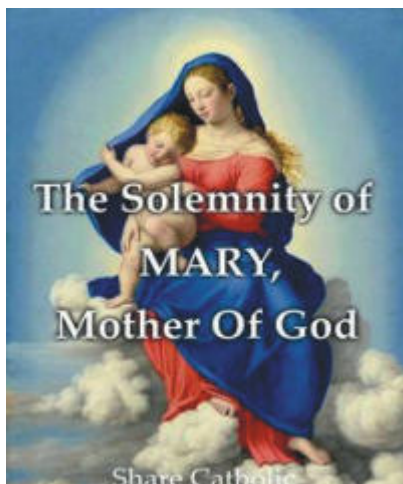


Christmas Eve and Day Masses

- Friday, December 24
 - ◇ 5:00pm Children's Mass
 - ◇ 7:00pm Mass**
 - ◇ 9:00pm Mass
- Saturday, December 25
 - ◇ 7:30am Mass
 - ◇ 9:00am Mass
 - ◇ 10:30am Mass**
 - ◇ 12:00pm Mass
 - ◇ 2:30pm Spanish Mass**

There will NOT be a 5:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday December 26th, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**These Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook and parish website.



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, January 1

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:00am Mass
- 12:00pm Mass

It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

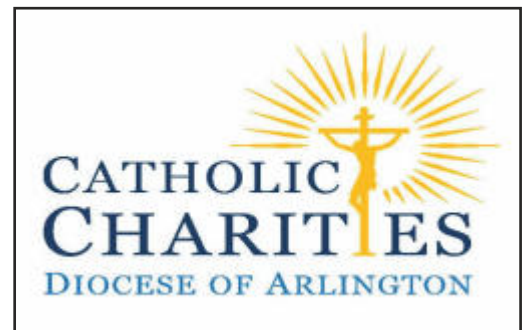
Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to last week's second collection for the SJS Annual Appeal. By now, all registered parishioners should have received the 2021-2022 Annual Appeal newsletter in the mail. This year's appeal is off to a great start, thanks to the generosity of a donor couple who have issued a \$40,000 challenge match. **Every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$40,000!** Our donors hope that by issuing this challenge match we can reach—or even exceed—our \$80,000 goal in record time. Please be as generous as you can in supporting our award-winning parish school.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/22645> or mail a check to the Rectory Office to the attention of Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development. Please include "Annual Appeal" in the memo line of the check. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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. See the flyer with a donation envelope attached in this bulletin. Or, to donate online via our website at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1495>.



Girl Scouts Cleaner Air Efforts

Our business manager, Rich Blickendorfer, got to observe the planting of a new tree that the Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1109 planted behind the Rectory. This is their last year at Saint James Catholic School. The planting was the culmination of the girls' "Breathe Journey" where they had to research ways to have cleaner air, present it to a younger troop, and then took action by planting a tree. Thank you to Meadows Farm who donated the white crepe myrtle. The girls look forward to watching this tree grow and blossom, and provide beauty and cleaner air to our environment.



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



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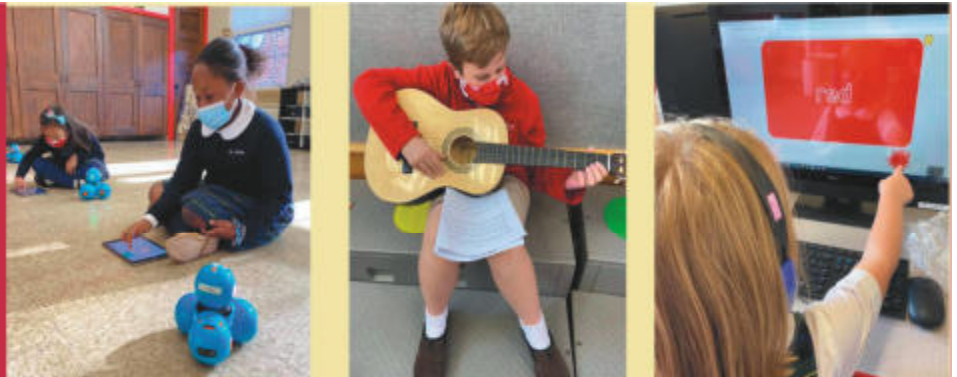
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SJS ANNUAL APPEAL





Youth Ministry-Life is VERY Good Rally

Life is VERY Good will take place at EagleBank Arena on **Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7:30pm-9:45pm**. Thousands of participants from across the country participate in the Life is VERY Good Rally before the Pro-Life March the next day.

We invite high school youth to join the Evening of Prayer to pray for the success of the March for Life in changing our hearts and those of others in this country on Thursday, January 20, 2022 (doors open at 6:30pm). **St. James has reserved NINE spots for teens.** This evening features Keynote Speaker Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN, musician Dave Moore, emcee Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, and additional band TBA. Tickets: \$19 each. Email Karen Graffam at klgraffam@gmail.com if interested in registering.



WorkCamp 2022 News

Registration is Open

Arlington Diocese WorkCamp is an annual youth ministry program culminating in a week-long overnight camp providing high school teens of the Diocese with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship.

This service opportunity combines prayer, great speakers, daily Mass, confession, and tons of fun, making it an integrated experience of true Christian community and one of the most transformational opportunities of the year.

WorkCamp 2022 is currently scheduled for **June 18-24 in Frederick County, VA**. Interested high school teens currently in 9-12 grade, send an email to Karen Graffam at klgraffam@gmail.com. The number of teens who can register is limited by the number of adult volunteers, so register early to secure your spot.



Adult Volunteers Needed

Planning has started for the Arlington Diocese WorkCamp which will take place from **June 18-24, 2022** in Frederick County, Virginia this summer. We need to secure adult volunteers since number of students is limited based on how many adults come. For every 1-5 girls, we need one adult female crew leader, and the same ratio for males, plus for every 1-5 teens, we need one contractor.

If you are 25 or older, please consider volunteering as a crew leader to join us for the week, or if you have basic home repair or building skills, please consider volunteering your time as a contractor (Monday-Thursday).

Last summer we had 30 high schoolers participate and 14 adult leaders. It is a big commitment, but it comes with lots of personal rewards. Email Karen Graffam, klgraffam@gmail.com, for more information.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 12

12:30pm-1:45pm	Spanish PREP	School
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Knecht Conference Rm (Doors 8 & 9)
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Monday, December 13

No public activities scheduled.

Tuesday, December 14

4:45pm-7:00pm	PREP Afternoon and Evening Classes	School
7:00pm-8:15pm	PREP Confessions	Church
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room

Wednesday, December 15

10:00am-11:30am	Bible Study	Parish House Kitchen
12:30pm-8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
8:15pm-9:00pm	Men's Rosary	Mary Statue Outside

Thursday, December 16

12:30pm-8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Ladies Bible Study	Library

Friday, December 17

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:30pm-9:00pm	Men's Group	Parish House

Saturday, December 18

6:45am-7:15am	Pro-life Prayer at Falls Church Clinic	900 S. Washington St. Falls Church
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Heller Hall

Advent Season Gift Card Donations

The number of requests for gift cards has tripled from last year. Part of the reason for this is that Afghanistan refugee families will be helped with this effort as well. The Social Outreach Committee is collecting gift cards in the suggested amounts of \$25 for Walmart, Target, Giant, and Safeway stores. **It is not too late to still help the Committee. The need this year is so much greater.**

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.
 - Make checks payable to St. James.
 - On the memo line, **write SOC gift card donation.**

Make checks payable to St. James. On the memo line, *write SOC gift card donation.* Place a card or check in an envelope marked *Social Outreach Gift Card Project.* Put 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 Pandemic period.

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