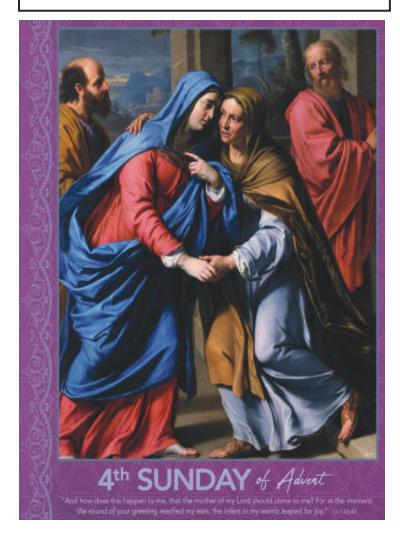


Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

December 19, 2021



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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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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.



On The Way

Technology and the Tree: Principles of Discernment

The proper approach to technology is not rejection but discernment. We must always assess whether a given innovation is good for us and, if so, how to use it in healthy way. The standard for judgment is our created and redeemed human nature – our spiritual and physical dimensions, our being created in the image and likeness of God, made His children by Baptism, and intended for eternal union with Him. In light of these truths, some technologies are to be rejected as opposed to the truth of who we are (e.g. contraception) while others require more discernment.

Problem is, the promotion of technology often uses the language of deliverance and salvation that can skew our discernment. There always seems to be the promise that we can do more, overcome limitations, live longer, etc. We ourselves might say about some device or innovation, "I don't know how I ever *lived* without it!" The "transhumanism" movement imagines the possibility of overcoming our natural limitations and transforming ourselves into some higher form of life through our technology. It's a manmade immortality, technology as a form of salvation.

Ever since Adam and Eve grasped for the fruit, we've been inclined to fashion immortality for ourselves. Technology is just another instance. And like every other dimension of our lives, it requires discernment of what is compatible and helpful to our created nature and our divine calling. Two principles can help guide our discernment.

First, the adage about emotions applies also to technology: It's a good servant but a bad master. Insofar as technology serves us, then it is useful and good; once it demands that we change to accommodate it, it becomes dangerous. So, the first question in discernment is whether a given technology is serving me. Am I becoming more authentically human, am I striving more to live the truth of my status as a child of God? Or is the technology leading me away from that?

Another adage, from Fulton Sheen, also helps: *We will* either act according to what we believe, or we will believe according to how we act. This presents two options for human living in general: either we shape our behavior by the truth, or our behavior will shape our way of thinking. So, as long as we use technology with a firm sense of the truth of who we are and what it means to be a human person, then it will serve us well. But when we become forgetful of who we are as persons – forgetful of relationships, of our body/soul unity – then our technology will determine how we think about things. Put another way, we must know our purpose. Trying to use a tool without a clear sense of one's purpose inevitably means being used by that tool.

Consider how differently an adult and a child use a smart phone. The adult (by which I mean a mature person, just someone 18-years-old or older) will use it (one hopes) as a tool to serve his or her already developed personality and character. The adult will use it according to what he or she knows to be true. The child, whose personality and character are still developing, is more likely to be shaped by the technology in his or her hands. The child is less likely to use it as a tool and more likely to be influenced by it.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions For the Fourth Week of Advent **Today's Readings**

Saturday, December 18 Saturday of the Fourth Week in Advent 5:00pm +Frederick Wall

Sunday, December 19

| The Fourth Sunday of Advent | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Jane and Michael Checkan | | | |
| +David Truver | | | |
| Patti Valancius | | | |
| Thanksgiving for the Sheppard Family | | | |
| People of St. James | | | |
| +Beckett Martin | | | |
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Monday, December 20

| Monday | of the | Fourth | Week | in Advent |
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| 6:30am | +Margaret Norris |
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| 8:30am | +Lenny Rinaldi |
| Noon | Santos and Garcia Families |

Tuesday, December 21

| St. Peter Canisius | | | |
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| 6:30am | +Dr. Peter V. and Mary A. Caruso | | |
| 8:30am | +Don and Nancy Graffam | | |
| Noon | +Michael Burke | | |

Wednesday, December 22

| Wednesday | of the Fourth Week in Advent |
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| 6:30am | +Mary Robinson |
| 8:30am | Frank Lanza |
| Noon | +Gerald Atlee |
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Thursday, December 23

| St. John of Kanty | | |
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| 6:30am | +John T. Grondelski | |
| 8:30am | +Gregorio Urmeneta and Felipe Brazil | |
| Noon | +Ann Smith | |

Friday, December 24

| Friday of the Fourth Week in Advent | | | |
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| 6:30am | +James and Martha Carney | | |
| 8:30am | +Elaine Murphy Higgins | | |
| Vigil of the | Nativity of the Lord | | |
| 5:00pm | Special Intentions | | |
| 7:00pm | +David Magloire | | |
| 9:00pm | +George J. Martini | | |
| Midnight | +John J. Hyland, Jr., Carol A. Hyland, | | |
| C | and their parents | | |
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Saturday, December 25

| The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) | | | |
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| 7:30am | +Kevin Kilty | | |
| 9:00am | +Zacharia T. Coipuram | | |
| 10:30am | +Danny Diaz and Ana Diaz | | |
| Noon | Blessings for Keith & Almira | | |
| 2:30pm | Good Health and Joy to All | | |

Sunday, December 26

| The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph | | | |
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| 7:30am | +Fr. Peter Cronin, S.S.C. | | |
| 9:00am | People of St. James | | |
| 10:30am | +Laurette Pribbenow | | |
| Noon | +Leo T. Thibodeau | | |
| 2:30pm | +Olga Ibanez de Sahonero | | |
| 7:00pm | +Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary | | |
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First Reading: Mi 5:1-4a "Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small ... "

Psalm: Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall..."

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10 "Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world,"

Gospel: Lk 1:39-45 "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a..."

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

- Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday: bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122521-dawn.cfm?

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family:

| Mary Ann Caruso | Vincent McAlevy | Russell Ross |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Martha Catul | Cecilia Mushonga | Megan Ruddy |
| Chip Clarke | Alberto Nunez | Andre Paul Santini |
| Elizabeth Gibbon | Janet Owen | Daniel Schmidt |
| Ned Hannan | Jim Owen | Ben Schwind |
| Judy Karinshak | Carter Parry | Mary Schwind |
| Remi Laplace | Andrew Rehkemper | Robyn Stewart |
| Benjamin Martini | Barbara Putnam | Ana Victoria |

and the deceased of our parish family:

Rosemary Anderson Gordon Angell Charles Hargest

Ann Havnie Dorothy Horwath Theresa Korbeck

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



Raul Sanchez

Mona West

Parish News

Guided Family Holy Hour

Introduce your children to Adoration of the Eucharist by bringing your family to our monthly "Guided Family Hour 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

Reminder on Mass and Event Parking

We want to remind parishioners that parking on the residential side of Park Avenue is by permit only, and only then for residents of those houses. If you are attending Mass or other functions at St. James you may park on

- The lot on the corner of Spring Street and Park Avenue
- The lot on the corner of Oak Street and Park Avenue
- The lot on Broad Street, in front of our School
- The lot at 913 Park Avenue, next to the Parish House

Please remember parking on the designated street sides of Park Avenue and North Spring Street is only for **a maximum of two hours**.



Avoid a ticket, park smart.

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 <u>rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org</u>.

Parish News (Continued)

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 will 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 <u>klgraffam@gmail.com</u> if interested in registering.

St. James Rectory Office Christmas Holiday Hours

The Rectory office will be closed from Friday, December 24th through Saturday, January 1st.

For an emergency requiring the sacraments of the Church during this time, please call our office at 703-532-8815 and follow the menu prompts for the priests' emergency line.





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

Christmas Eve and Day Masses

- Friday, December 24
- ♦ 5:00pm Children's Mass
- ◊ 7:00pm Mass**
 ◊ 9:00pm Mass
- Saturday, December 25
 12:00am Midnight Mass

- Thursday, December 23
 - ♦ 6:00pm 8:00pm
- Friday, December 24
 \$10:00am 12:00pm



- ♦ 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.



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

This year's appeal is off to a great start. Thanks to your support, we are closing in on our \$80,000 goal. As a reminder, a generous donor couple has offered to match every dollar you donate up to \$40,000! Please be as generous as you can in supporting our 100+ year old parish school.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit <u>https://</u> <u>membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/</u> <u>VA50/22645</u> 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. As always, thank you for your faithful support of Catholic education!

<u>Second Collection—Catholic Charities,</u> <u>Diocese of Arlington</u>

Thank you to all who contributed to last week's annual collection for Catholic Charities. 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 at <u>https://</u> membership faithdirect net/givenouv/

membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/ VA50/1495.

<u>Merry Christmas</u>

If you would like to donate online to our Annual Christmas Collection, you can do so at: <u>https://membership.faithdirect.net/</u> givenow/ VA50/3371.

Christmas

Next Saturday, December 25th, we will celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. There will be a lot of excitement, gift-giving, joyful noise, good food, and feelings of warmth and peace. Of course,

we know that the real joy of the day is none of those things; it is the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who entered the world in the most humble of surroundings to free us from sin. The real question of Christmas is how do we keep centered on the fact that we are celebrating the birth of Christ, not just a day of consumerism and greed?

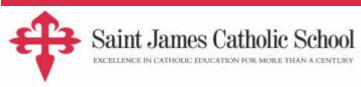
Next Saturday, take time to think about how you will keep the real meaning of Christmas in front of you, and your family, on that day, and in all the days that follow throughout 2022.



- How will we move away from living a "me-centered life" and turn towards a "Christ-centered life?"
- What sacrifices will we have to make?
- What behaviors do we have to change?
- How can we support each other as we move toward this goal?

As you consider these topics, may this Christmas gives you the greatest gift of all—the love and peace of Christ!

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



"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

IHM Sisters Renew Their Vows

On Wednesday, December 8th, our wonderful Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, renewed their vows at the 8:30am Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Sisters celebrate this Feast as their Community Patronal Feast and traditionally renew their vows on that day each year They have served at Saint James since 1923 and have educated thousands of students through the years.

We thank the current Sisters for their long hours of hard work and commitment to our students and our Parish community!





IHM Sisters "Radiating joyful service and promoting Gospel values"



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Diocesan News

Give A Gift for Life

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote: "The genuine love and support from the Project Rachel retreat has enabled me to let go of my anger and deep pain from my abortion. I am like a new person who has left the darkness and entered the light." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/ giftforlife.



March for Life 2022

Save the date **Friday**, **January 21st**, **2022** for the next March for Life event in Washington, D.C. More information will be given after the Christmas break.

The theme this year is "Equality Begins in the Womb."





Parish Calendar

| Sunday, Deceml | ber 19 | | |
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| 10:00am-2:00pm | Parish Library is open | Parish House | |
| 12:30pm-1:45pm | Spanish PREP Catechist Meeting | Heller Hall | |
| 4:00pm-5:30pm | Hispanic Legion of Mary | Knecht Conference Rm (Doors 8 & 9) | |
| 5:00pm-6:00pm | Holy Hour | Church | |
| Monday, Decembe | r 20 | | |
| 10:00am-12:00pm | Advent Confessions | Church | |
| 7:30pm-8:30pm | Creation Care Ministry | Parish House | |
| Tuesday, Decembe | r 21 | | |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Advent Confessions | Church | |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm | Legion of Mary | Parish House | |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm | RCIA | Knecht Conference Room | |
| Wednesday, Dec | cember 22 | | |
| 12:30pm-8:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Church | |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Advent Confessions | Church | |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm | Charismatic Prayer Group | Knecht Conference Room | |
| 8:15pm-9:00pm | Men's Rosary | Mary Statue Outside | |
| Thursday, Decemb | per 23 | | |
| 10:00am-12:00pm | Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy | Knecht Conference Room | |
| 12:30pm-8:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Church | |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Confessions | Church | |
| Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve. Parish & School Offices Closed. | | | |
| 10:00am-12:00pm | Confessions | Church | |
| | See Page 5 for Mass Schedule. | | |
| Saturday, Decemb | er 25—Christmas Day. Parish Office Close | d. | |
| | See Page 5 for Mass Schedule. | | |
| | No Confessions Today. | | |
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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.





