

Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

December 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52 www.stjamescatholic.org

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Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

n Saturdays: 8:

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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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

Have yourself a Eucharistic Christmas

"O come, let us adore him" is one of the most familiar Christmas refrains. It's not just an invitation to visit or look at him. It is the call to bestow upon the Child in the manger what can be given to God alone: *adoration*. Sure, we often say that a baby is "adorable." But *O come, let us adore him* is not a statement about the cuteness of the Christ Child. It is a profession of faith: this Child is God and therefore deserves our adoration.

Adoration is the highest form of prayer. By adoration we worship God not because of anything He has done for us and not because of anything he might do for us, but simply because He *is*. Thus we come to the infant Christ in adoration. As we look upon him in his infancy, we set aside all prayers of thanksgiving, petition, and contrition. We simply gaze upon him because he is, true God and true man.

O come, let us adore him. This phrase also reminds us of Eucharistic adoration. This side of heaven, this invitation is most perfectly fulfilled when we gaze upon the Sacred Host and adore Jesus in the Eucharist. This should heighten our awareness of the relationship between Christmas and the Mass, between Bethlehem and the altar, between the manger and the Communion rail.

God is everywhere. We can adore him spiritually wherever we are. (In fact, that is what we did during the lockdown when we couldn't receive the Eucharist: we made a spiritual communion.) But just as at Christ's birth, God was physically and visibly present in one specific place – the manger in Bethlehem – so at the moment of the consecration he is substantially present in a specific place – the altar in church.

If we lived at the time of Christ's birth, we would have raced to Bethlehem because he was present there as nowhere else. We would not have offered the lame excuses, "Well, God is everywhere, and I can worship him anywhere." In the same way, now that Christ is present in the Eucharist we ought to hasten to Mass. Mary, Joseph and the shepherds looked upon the Son of God as he appeared in our human nature. We look upon the same Son of God – just as present to us – as he appears under the form of bread.

The infant Christ announces to us the nourishment of the Eucharist. The very name of the town in which he is born, Bethlehem, means "House of bread." He is placed in a *manger* – literally, a "feedbox." It's as though even from his birth he proclaims, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51).

Finally, from his birth our Lord points us to his sacrifice. The shepherds, who tend the very sheep to be sacrificed in the Temple, come to adore the Lamb of God, whose sacrifice will take away the sins of the world.

O come, let us adore him. May the infant Christ grant you an increased devotion to him in the Eucharist. May God grant you the peace and joy of the Eucharistic Christ – born in Bethlehem, present on our altar, sacrificed for our salvation, and given for our nourishment.

Merry Christmas!

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions For the Week Within The Octave of Christmas

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity	of the Lord (Christmas)
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

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Sunday, December 26		
The Holy I	Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	
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	
Monday, E	December 27	
St. John		
6:30am	+Matilda James Smithers	
8:30am	+David Loveday	
Noon	+Margaret Stepro	
	December 28	
The Holy I		
6:30am	+John McGlone	

The Holy Innocenis			
6:30am	+John McGlone		
8:30am	+Hugh and Ann O'Hara		
Noon	+Marcelina Guinot		

Wednesday, December 29

The Fifth	Day within the Octave of the Nativity
6:30am	+David G. Stevenson, Sr.
8:30am	+Carmela Manetti
Noon	+Carol Verneuille

Thursday, December 30

The Sixth	Day within the Octave of the Nativity
6:30am	+Noel and Kanthi Liyanage
8:30am	+Rufino and Rosalina Llavore
Noon	Leo and Lourdes White

Friday, December 31

The Seventh	Day within the Octave of the Nativity
6:30am	+Myusoon Kim
8:30am	+Olempia Caratao and Wilfreda Brazil
Noon	+Audrey Everidge

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity	of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:30am	+ Ramiro and Flora Lopez
10:00am	The Giaccio Family
Noon	+ Dr. Peter V. and Mary A. Caruso
The Vigil j	for The Epiphany of the Lord
5:00pm	+Joseph Zalocha, Jr.

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord			
7:30am	Thanksgiving for Siegfred Fuster		
9:00am	+Carmela Manetti		
10:30am	+Richard R. McClain, Jr.		
Noon	+Leo T. Thibodeau		
2:30pm	People of St. James		
7:00pm	+Kevin Stukey		

Today's Readings

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Visit the USCCB Daily Readings for the various options for each reading, https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122621.cfm.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-2196:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family:

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

and the deceased of our parish family:

Rosemary Anderson Gordon Angell

Alberto Nunez Daniel Schmidt

Mary Kenney

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



Parish News

<u>St. James Rectory Office Christmas Holiday</u> <u>Hours</u>

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.

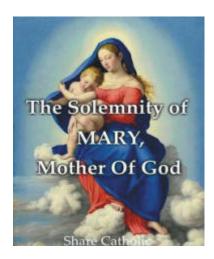


Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

We will offer the following Masses on Saturday, January 1st:

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

It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will be Confessions 6:30pm-7:30pm.



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.



March for Life 2022

Save the date **Friday**, **January 21st**, **2022** for the next March for Life event in Washington, D.C. The theme this year is "Equality Begins in the Womb."

Our parish will have a couple buses going to the March for Life on the National Mall on Friday, January 21st. The buses begin boarding at 10:30am (10:45am departure) and return at about 5:00pm. Please contact Rich at <u>StJamesLife@gmail.com</u> or 571-423-6482 to reserve a spot or spots on the bus.



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

Update on the 2021-2022 Saint James School Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Annual Appeal. So far, thanks to your generosity and support, we have raised \$33,000. With our donor match, we are now at \$66,000 of our \$80,000 goal! As a reminder, a generous donor couple has offered to match every dollar you donate up to \$40,000. Thank you in advance for helping us raise the final \$14,000 of our budgeted goal.

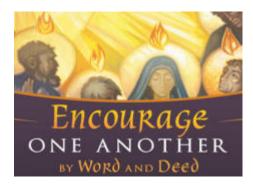
To donate online via Faith Direct, visit <u>https://</u> <u>membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/ VA50/22645</u> or mail a check to the Rectory Office to the attention of Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development. Please include "Annual Appeal" in the memo line of the check.

God bless you for your faithful support of Catholic education!



Bishop's Lenten Appeal Update

Thank you to all who made a pledge to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Thanks to your generosity we not only achieved our parish goal but exceeded it by 40%. To fulfill your BLA pledge before year-end or to make a one-time gift go to: <u>https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA/BLA/donate.aspx</u>.



Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities, Arlington Diocese

Thank you to all who contributed to our annual Christmas 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, visit <u>https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1495</u>.

Merry Christmas

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

Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!



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Christmas Letter - 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord (I.k 2:11).

How blessed are we to celebrate with profound joy the birth of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary and Joseph! He is "Light from Light," and for more than 2,000 years, we have walked in the light that he brought the world at his birth.

Born in the midst of darkness, Jesus' light heals the world. He calls us in turn to carry that light and, by his grace, to illuminate a world in desperate need of his compassion, love and healing. The Wise Men followed a star shining in the sky, and, because of their trust and faithfulness, they saw the face of Christ. Likewise, each time we choose to follow the Lord and share his light, he transforms us little by little, and we grow closer to the newborn King, the King of Kings.

As we reflect on the challenges we have experienced this past year, we should consider whether we journey through our circumstances like the Wise Men, journeying closer to God in trust. This Christmas season, reflect on the word Emmanuel, which means "God with us." No matter our challenges and experiences, God is with us and wants to accompany us on our earthly journey.

Throughout this Christmas season and into the coming year, we have a unique opportunity to welcome Christ into our lives more deeply. In anticipation of our Golden Jubilee in 2024, I have called for two preparatory years in advance. The first year, which began on November 21, is devoted to the Eucharist. I encourage you to participate in one of the many 40 Hours Eucharistic devotions taking place throughout the Diocese this Christmas season. In adoration of Our Lord, we remember that he truly is with us—he is Emmanuel.

At this time of great joy and celebration, let us ask Our Lord to help us grow in love of him and of our neighbor and to trust in him just as the Wise Men trusted in him. He is our Light, our God.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, and may the peace and abundant blessings that only Jesus can give be yours at Christmas, throughout the New Year, and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F.Burlidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington



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Carta de Navidad - 2021

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy, nos ha nacido un Salvador, el Mesías, el Señor (Lucas 2:11)

¡Qué bendición es celebrar con profunda alegría el nacimiento de Jesús, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de María y José! Él es Luz de Luz y, por más de 2.000 años, hemos caminado en la luz que trajo al mundo con su nacimiento.

Jesús, nacido en medio de la oscuridad, sana al mundo con su luz. Él nos llama a llevar esa luz y, por su gracia, a iluminar a un mundo que necesita desesperadamente su compasión, amor y sanación. Los Reyes Magos siguieron una estrella que brillaba en el firmamento y, por su confianza y fidelidad, vieron el rostro de Cristo. Asimismo, cada vez que optamos por seguir al Señor y compartir su luz. Él nos transforma poco a poco y nosotros nos acercamos más al Rey de Reyes reción nacido.

Al reflexionar sobre las dificultades que hemos experimentado este año pasado, debemos pensar si recorrimos el camino de nuestras circumstancias como los Reyes Magos, más cerca de Dios con confianza en Él. En esta temporada de Navidad, reflexionemos sobre la palabra Emmanuel, que significa "Dios con nosotros". No importa cuáles sean nuestras dificultades y experiencias, Dios está con nosotros y quiere acompañarnos en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal.

En esta temporada de Navidad y el año entrante, tenemos una singular oportunidad de acoger a Cristo en nuestra vida de una manera más profunda. En anticipación de nuestro Jubileo de Oro en 2024, he designado un período de dos años de preparación. El primer año, que comenzó el 21 de noviembre, está dedicado a la Eucaristia. Los animo a participar en una de las muchas devociones eucarísticas de las 40 Horas celebradas en toda la Diócesis en esta temporada de Navidad. En adoración de Nuestro Señor, recordemos que Él verdaderamente está con nosotros, que Él es Emmanuel.

En esta época de gran alegría y celebración, pidámosle a Nuestro Señor que nos ayude a creocr en el amor de Él y de nuestro prójimo y a confiar en Él como lo hicieron los Reyes Magos. Él es nuestra Luz, nuestro Dios.

Tengan la seguridad de que todos ustedes estarán presentes en mis oraciones. Que reciban la paz y las abundantes bendiciones que solamente Jesús puede darles en la Navidad, durante el Año Nuevo y siempre.

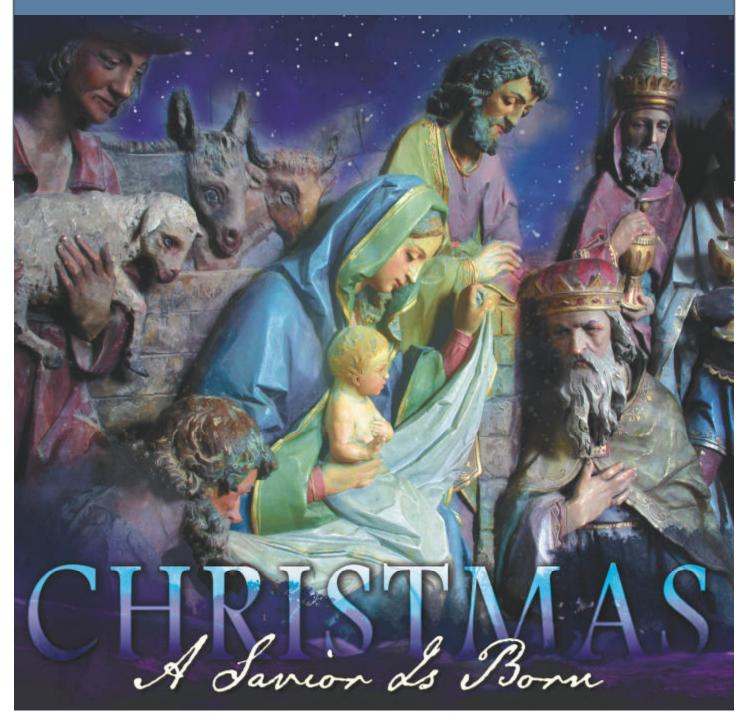
Fielmente en Cristo,

+ Michael 7. Bunkidge

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge Obispo de la Diócesis de Arlington

On behalf of the Priests, Deacons, Sisters, Faculty, and Staff of Saint James Catholic Church and School, we wish everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests." Isaiah 9:6



Parish Calendar			
Sunday, Decemb	er 26		
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church	
Monday, December	• 27		
	No scheduled activities.		
Tuesday, December	· 28		
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House	
Wednesday, Dec	ember 29		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Thursday, December 30			
12:30pm-8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday, December 3	Friday, December 31		
11:00am-11:45pm	Confessions	Church	
Saturday, January	1-New Year's Day. Parish Office Close	ed	
	See Page 4 for Mass Schedule.		

La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe/Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Last weekend, The St. James Hispanic community came together to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A Mass was held to commemorate the appearance of the Virgin Mary to Juan Diego on the morning of December 9, 1531, and to ask for Our Lady's intercession before God for our prayers. After the Mass and solemn procession of a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a social event was held featuring the traditional dances, music, and foods of Central and South America.





Gracias to Santiago Apostol (Grupo de Oración) for the photos.







