



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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December 5, 2021



2nd SUNDAY of Advent

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths." *Is 40*

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Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

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: The Cult of Unreality

Creator of the Stars of Night, an ancient Advent hymn, speaks of the "sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe." Because of original sin (the ancient curse) the world is wounded. We know that there is much good in the world. But we also know that there is no escape from suffering, trials, and sorrow. Still, we try to escape.

In the physical realm, human existence is often a matter of fight or flight. The same applies to the spiritual. We often have a choice of fight or flight, engage or escape. Either we engage in and fight through difficulties, challenges, and sufferings – or we escape and flee them. It is the choice between engaging a difficult reality or escaping to a seemingly pleasant unreality. Flight from reality has always been the temptation for fallen humanity.

All sin has an element of flight and escapism. A man might drink to numb himself to the difficulties of life. Another might commit adultery to flee the demands of marriage and family. Another lies to avoid trouble or discomfort. And so on, even to the first sin. By their rebellion, Adam and Eve sought to escape their creatureliness and dependence on God.

Left unchecked and unrepented, this tendency within us becomes a fixed attitude of preferring our own manufactured – "virtual" – reality to reality itself. The great spiritual writer, Edward Leen (one of Mother Teresa's favorites) warned of the modern world's "cult of unreality." And that was in the 1930's!

For years, science fiction sounded warnings against unreality. Books and movies conveyed the idea that it is better to live an authentic but difficult human life than to live in unreality. Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* is a cautionary tale about constructing our own reality. Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* presents the tragic death of a man striving for authenticity amid a manufactured, drugged, artificial society. The movies *Gattaca* and *Surrogates* (not a very good film) send the message that reality needs to rebel against unreality.

Escapism has always beset us. Our technology enables us to indulge it more quickly, easily, and deeply. We feel it in simple ways. Working on a project gets difficult, so you toggle over to your favorite news site or social media app...and before you realize it, time has flown by. Or, because dealing with people face to face is challenging, we escape into digital communication. Now comes the "metaverse," which, according to one description, "is an immersive internet experience that lets you replace or augment reality with computerized simulations." Here's a good rule of thumb: Beware of anyone who promises to "replace" or "augment" reality.

One of the pains of Covid and (more specifically) the lockdowns was the lack of human contact. To one degree or another, all of us were cut off from real human contact. Some people couldn't even be with their loved ones as they died. We were reduced to the virtual. If we discovered anything from that, you would think that it our profound need for human contact without a screen's mediating it.

In the end, none of this makes our devices evil. They're inanimate objects. But it teaches us two lessons: first, not to be used by them; second, to use them in a way that doesn't indulge our tendency to escape.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions For the Second Week of Advent

Saturday, December 4

Saturday of the Second Week in Advent

5:00pm +Helen Pawloski

Sunday, December 5

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Dr. Frank Whitesell, III
9:00am The List Family
10:30am +Ruth Cooray
Noon +Leo T. Thibodeau
2:30pm Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00pm People of St. James

Monday, December 6

St. Nicholas

6:30am +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller
8:30am +Brother Tom Carney
Noon +Deanna Dulka

Tuesday, December 7

St. Ambrose

6:30am +Andrew John Janosko
8:30am +Demetria and Eugenio Boyo
Noon +Mrs. Pat Davis

Wednesday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am +Mary Czosnyka
8:30am +Molly O'Donohue
Noon +Jim Sober
4:00pm Gordon R. Angell
7:30pm Special Intentions of Faustine Coulibaly

Thursday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:30am +Edwin Haft
8:30am +MaryJane Liverman
Noon +Fr. Austin Coupe, O. Carm

Friday, December 10

Friday of the Second Week in Advent

6:30am +Helena Hyuija Joo
8:30am +Dick Heid
Noon +Concetta Gaudiosi

Saturday, December 11

St. Damasus I

8:30am +Fr. William Guzman Alvarez

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

Today's Readings

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9

"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;"

Psalm: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

"Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

"Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every..."

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,"

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6,
11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family:

Mary Ann Caruso	Remi Laplace	Russell Ross
Martha Catul	Benjamin Martini	Andre Paul Santini
Chip Clarke	Vincent McAlevy	Daniel Schmidt
Elizabeth Gibbon	Cecilia Mushonga	Ben Schwind
Joan Huff	Alberto Nunez	Mary Schwind
Judy Karinshak	Janet Owen	Robyn Stewart
Jessica Kelly	Jim Owen	Ana Victoria
Patricia Kelly	Carter Parry	Yrausquin

and the deceased of our parish family:

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



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.

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

Second Collection for Saint James Catholic School Annual Appeal

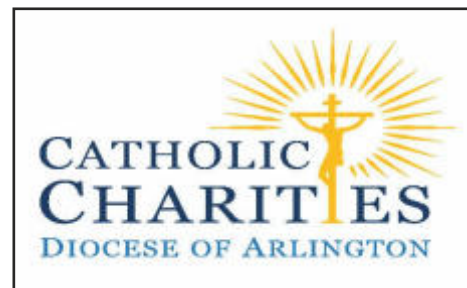
This week's second collection is for our School's Annual Appeal. Please be as generous as you can in supporting our award-winning parish school. As an added incentive, a generous donor couple has offered a \$40,000 challenge match for this year's Annual Appeal. **Every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$40,000!** To learn more about the SJS Annual Appeal, please read the next five pages in this bulletin.

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!

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection December 11-12

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.ccca.net/about-us/our-core-values/>.

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



SJS Annual Appeal

A place where students have grown in virtue, service and academic excellence for more than 100 years.



Saint James CATHOLIC CHURCH

21-22
SJS ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Friends in Christ,

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, Bishop Burbidge began two big projects that have bearing on Saint James School. On Sunday, November 21st, the feast of Christ the King, he opened the first year of preparation for the Diocese of Arlington's Golden Jubilee. The theme of this year is *Remember*. We look back and remember the many blessings God has bestowed on the Church in Northern Virginia over the past 50 years. Of course, since Saint James has been around longer than the Diocese itself, we have even more to remember and celebrate!

Now, at the heart of education is the mission to *remember*, to hand on to future generations the knowledge, writings, art, history, and wisdom of the past. At the heart of Catholic education is to accomplish all of that, as well as to remember – to hand down – the truths of the Catholic faith. We strive to give our students the knowledge of their story as children of God. By remembering God's words and actions, and by making them present in the Sacraments, we give the students a knowledge of eternal value, that they are children of God.

During this year of *Remember*, the Bishop has asked us to focus on revitalizing faith in the Eucharist. As we hear at every Mass, Jesus commanded His Apostles at the Last Supper, *Do this in memory of me*. Of course, the Eucharist is more than a memory; it is the making present of Christ's sacrifice of love for us. And the children of Saint James encounter that as they attend Mass every week with their class, and once a month with the whole school. By their participation in the Mass, they remember and learn God's love, made present in the Eucharist.

Second, in September Bishop Burbidge announced the new Diocesan strategic plan. This five-year plan has as one of its goals making Catholic schools more affordable and accessible. For us at Saint James to achieve that goal requires our renewed energy and creativity, and your continued support. By way of your generosity, we have been able to make the

great education at Saint James affordable and available to more families. This availability was especially important this past year, when the Covid situation prompted so many families to turn to our school. As our full classrooms and long waiting lists attest, it continues to be a great need.

So, I appeal again to your generosity with this year's Annual Appeal. In light of the Bishop's initiatives, please help us continue and broaden our mission of remembering what God has done for us and how He has made us His children.

Through the intercession of our Lady, Saint Joseph, and Saint James, may the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Paul Scalia
Fr. Scalia



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Sister Mary Sue holds the award from the Falls Church News Press for the Best Private School in Falls Church, VA for 2021.

OUR SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

- In 1923, under the leadership of Mother Josepha Clarke, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) took over the teaching and administration of the school with 92 students.
- In 1953, Saint James School was the largest Catholic school in Virginia, with 2,000 students!
- Enrollment peaked in 1956-57 with 2,297 students. K-2 studied in split shifts; some classes had 60 students.
- Today, there are 496 students, including 57 in our new preschool (plus a waitlist!).
- Under the IHM's leadership, our school's reputation for academic excellence, service and spiritual formation continues to thrive.

See *Doers of the Word: 125 Years of History at St. James*, by Carol Anne Jones, 2017

Children attending prayer service on 9-11



Igniting the Potential in Each Child

Dear Friends of Saint James Catholic School,

AS THIS SEASON OF HOPE SURROUNDS US, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you whose continued support makes all of our hopes for our students come true. The generous support received from our parish and school community this year provided for updates to many old textbooks, 14 more Promethean ActivPanels and my daily boost of joy as we continue to work together delivering the best education we can for our students!

The end of the year brought a change to our school. Sister Melissa received an assignment from our IHM Congregation to serve as principal at Saint Monica School in Philadelphia. While we miss her very much, I am very grateful to announce that we welcomed Sister Kathryn Teresa, IHM as our new assistant principal. We also bid farewell to Mrs. Deirdre Prahm, Mrs. Marian O'Brien and Mrs. Connie Donnelly who retired, and also to Mrs. Maureen McNulty-Stephens and Mr. Antuan Webb who followed other opportunities in their careers. Mrs. Mary Clarke also decided it was time to fully enjoy her retirement!



Sister Kathryn Teresa, IHM

Despite the challenges of COVID, we have been abundantly blessed. Our enrollment increased to 496 students, including 57 students in our preschool which is in its second year. We also have a lengthy waitlist and pray we will be able to add more students once the pandemic is fully behind us.

As I look at all that we have at our disposal at Saint James, I am in awe. It was such a blessing to be able to update our reading and literature books for the Middle School and the primary classes. In the coming year we hope to be able to provide grades 3, 4 and 5 with a new reading series, as well. We are also in great need of new desks for every grade level. And finally, I pray daily that we will have enough financial resources (via scholarships and financial aid) to ensure that all who desire a Catholic education can attain it. Your continued support is vital to making these goals happen.

Thank you for your generous support in the past and know how grateful I am for the support you may be able to extend this year. You are remembered daily in the prayers of the students, teachers, staff and everyone here at school. May God bless you in abundance for your wonderful and generous heart!

Blessings,

Sister Mary Sue, IHM

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THE 2021-2022 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 leadership, service and gratitude. Established in 2012, the SJS Annual Appeal keeps our 100+ year old school competitive, accessible and affordable to all who desire an authentic Catholic education.

IMPACT

The SJS Annual Appeal makes up the "financial gap" between the school's annual tuition and what it actually costs to educate each student. We are proud of the enrichment programs that our parish school provides in advanced math, music, art, technology, and robotics. These supplemental programs keep our school competitive with other private schools but require yearly financial support.

In 2020, Saint James School was awarded its third *National Blue Ribbon of Excellence*. Only eight Virginia schools received this prestigious award. Nationwide, Saint James School was ranked in the top 50 of all private schools.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

One of the pillars of Bishop Burbidge's strategic plan is to *"invigorate Catholic education for all"* by nurturing our students "spiritually, intellectually and humanly so they can go out into the culture and positively transform it for the glory of God." To do this, *we need to make Catholic education "affordable and accessible to all and develop sustainable funding models."*

The school is an extension of the parish. As a unified community, our goal is to make the gift of Catholic education a reality for all who desire it. Please help us achieve this goal. Your gift is an investment in the future of our Society and Church.

\$40,000 CHALLENGE MATCH!

A generous couple has offered to kick off this year's Annual Appeal with a challenge match. Every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$40,000. This couple fervently believes in the importance of Catholic education. They have a particular affection for our award-winning parish school – the teachers, the students and the community it fosters. They believe that our teachers are the finest educators they have ever encountered and that through them, our students are able to not only thrive academically but to grow in the virtues of service and citizenship. By providing this matching gift, they hope to inspire many donations to the SJS Annual Appeal and help us reach our goal in record time.

GOAL: \$ 80,000



HOW CAN I GIVE?

You can give a one-time gift or monthly gift via the Faith Direct link on our website: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/22645>

Or you can mail a check to:

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Attn: Kathleen Anderson,

Director of Development

905 Park Avenue

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Include "Annual Appeal" in the memo line.

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The **ARLENE C. TATE** *Memorial Scholarship*

IN MAY OF 2021, we announced that a St. James parishioner had established the first endowed scholarship for our parish school. His name is Mr. Thomas N. Tate and he created a \$50,000 scholarship in memory of his beloved wife Arlene C. Tate, who died in March of 2013 after a difficult and heroic battle with esophageal cancer.

Arlene was born on September 4, 1925 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the only child of Peter and Fanny Christensen of Ogden, Utah. Following the death of her father in 1934, Arlene and her mother returned to Ogden, where she later attended Weber State University. After college, she embarked on an exciting 30-year career with NASA (see sidebar).

Following her NASA career, Arlene joined Comsat where she was Director of Procurement for Earth Stations for 10 years. She then became an aerospace industry consultant until health challenges caused her to stop working in 1995.

Arlene was an elegant dresser who enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and serving as President of various civic clubs including the Women's Club of Falls Church. She loved animals, and even bred quarter horses in her youth.

With the help of Monsignor Cosby and a few close friends and family members, *Arlene surprised her husband Tom by converting to Catholicism in 1995.* This decision proved to be a great source of strength to her as she battled 18 years of cancer and cardiac challenges.

Arlene and Tom were happily married for 47 wonderful years. As a testament to their deep and abiding love, Arlene died at home on March 7th, 2013 literally in her husband's arms. Thanks to the kindness and spiritual direction of Father Augustine Tran, Arlene continually prayed the *Our Father* during the last few months of her life.

This new scholarship is called the *Arlene C. Tate Memorial Scholarship.* It is Mr. Tate's desire that this scholarship be used to provide financial assistance to a new or current student in need. We are grateful to Mr. Tate for his generosity to Saint James Catholic School and are proud to honor the memory of such a beautiful and accomplished woman.



Arlene was a very special woman who was known for her intelligence, kindness, good taste and style. She had a distinguished 30-year career in government service as a procurement officer, principally for NASA. Arlene was responsible for procurement for the Lunar Landing Training Vehicle that the Apollo astronauts used for moon landings. She worked closely with many of the Apollo astronauts, including her friend Neil Armstrong whom she car pooled with before he was picked to fly his lunar mission. Arlene always spoke fondly of her days at NASA Edwards as being the greatest period in the history of American aviation. She remembered Chuck Yeager breaking the sound barrier in the Bell X-1 and Scott Crossfield breaking altitude records in the X-15. She witnessed the first flight of the U-2 spy plane and was there when the YF-12 (later the SR 71) first flew. Arlene used her talents for the good of our country and for that, we are grateful!





The REV. MONSIGNOR JOHN J. MCMAHON *Memorial Scholarship*



Rev. Frank J Hendrick, Rev. Paul V. Heller, Rev. John J. McMahon, Rev. Donald Vogel. Circa 1950's.

WE ARE PLEASED

to announce that a second endowed scholarship — this one for \$65,000 — has been established for Saint James Catholic School. It is called the *Rev. Monsignor John J. McMahon Memorial Scholarship*. It is named after a beloved priest from the Diocese of Richmond who believed deeply in the importance of Catholic education. Fr. McMahon served as assistant pastor of St. James Parish from 1955 to 1961.

During his short tenure here, Father McMahon cheerfully served the

people of St. James. In 1955, the parish had two active women's groups. One was the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a group reactivated in the 1940's by Father Mullarkey that was a thriving women's group of almost 1,000 members. The other women's group was founded in response to the Bishop's call for women to participate in Parish Women's Councils affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women.

Father McMahon served as the moderator for both groups (which met on different evenings) and at Father Heller's direction, consolidated them under the title "St. James Sodality Council." Their publication *Tidings* remained in place until 1973 when it was taken over by the Parish Advisory Board and renamed the *Round & About*. The Women's Sodality-Council introduced many wonderful initiatives for the people of St. James. We are grateful to Father McMahon for facilitating its many good works! For more information, see *Doers of the Word: 125 Years of History at St. James*, by Carol Anne Jones, 2017.

It is our hope that the *Rev. Monsignor John J. McMahon Memorial Scholarship* will honor the memory of this generous priest and his belief in the importance of Catholic education. It is also our hope that the recipients of this need-based scholarship will have a deep commitment to the truths of the Catholic faith as well as a strong desire to give back to others the gift of a Catholic education in the future. We are grateful to the family of Monsignor McMahon for making this generous scholarship possible.

WHO WAS MONSIGNOR JOHN J. MCMAHON?

- Ordained to the priesthood of the Diocese of Richmond in 1950, he began his ministry in remote areas of the diocese using the diocesan mission trailer.
- Served as the founding pastor of St. Augustine's Church in Chesterfield County; later appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church where he chose not to receive a salary.
- Served as diocesan director of Catholic Charities, moderator of the Catholic Interracial Council during the civil rights movement, and board member of the Richmond Chaplaincy Association, Seton House and St. Joseph's Villa.
- Was a champion of Catholic education and worked to make it affordable to all who desired it.
- Died on February 2nd, 1982. Prior to his death, Monsignor McMahon created an endowment to help fund Catholic schools.



If you would like to financially contribute to either the Tate or McMahon endowed scholarship or set up one of your own endowments in memory of a loved one, please contact Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development, at (703) 532-8815 Ext 223 or email her at kanderson@stjamescatholic.org. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Parish News

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

Due to a nationwide supply shortage, Boy Scout Troop 681 regrets that we **will not be selling Christmas trees this year**. We thank all of our loyal patrons for 40+ years of support. We hope to see you next year. We wish your family a merry Christmas.



Monetary Donations for Kairos Christmas Gift Packages for Prisoners

Each year Kairos volunteers in the Richmond area purchase toiletry items for residents at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women. If you would like to make a donation to brighten the VCCW residents' Christmas please contact Angela Dinkle at Jasamber3@cox.net for more information.

Thank you for your generosity and bringing joy, hope and faith into the residents' lives.



Seven Corners Children's Center Christmas Drive

The Social Outreach Committee is asking for your support for the Seven Corners Children's Center. The center is a private, non-profit organization that partners with Fairfax County to provide childcare and pre-school for working families who require financial assistance. The children range in age from 2 to 5. We are asking for clothing in sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, 5, and 6/7 including:

- Shirts and pants
- Gloves, Hats and Scarves
- Winter Jackets
- Books, games and puzzles for ages 2 to 5

New this year: The Center has also asked for winter jackets and other clothing items in sizes 8 to 12 to allow parents to choose presents for older siblings. **Items should be new and not wrapped.** Please drop off donations in the bins in the back of the Church **by December 12th**. Call or text Caroline Sparks, 703-862-2074, for more information.

Creation Care Ministry Fall Garden Day

Volunteers and members of the Creation Care Ministry winterized the garden, built two picnic tables and planted 300 daffodil bulbs around the St. James campus on Saturday, November 20th. Thank you to all who were able to help. If you would like to be added to the email list, please email Zoey at zoeydimauro@gmail.com.



SAINT JAMES PARISH 40 HOURS DEVOTION



In honor of **MARY** MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 5-7, 2021



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00pm Mass to begin 40 Hours
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass
10:00pm Compline

Adoration throughout the night

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
7:00am Confessions
8:30am Mass
9:00am Rosary—*Joyful Mysteries*
School classes visit throughout the morning
12:00pm Mass
12:30pm Rosary—*Luminous Mysteries*
3:00pm Confessions
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:00pm Rosary—*Sorrowful Mysteries*
6:00pm Rosary in Spanish—*Glorious Mysteries*
6:30pm Confessions
7:30pm Solemn Vespers & Homily
10:00pm Compline

Adoration throughout the night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
7:00am Confessions
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Benediction to Conclude 40 Hours

Please see www.stjamescatholic.org for more information and to sign up for Adoration.

Advent and Christmas at St. James



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception-December 8

Wednesday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be NO Adoration on this day due to the Feast. Masses scheduled for this day:

- 6:30am
- 8:30am**
- 12:00pm
- 4:00pm
- 7:30pm

**This Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook and parish website.



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
 - ◇ 12:00am Midnight Mass
 - ◇ 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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 5—40 Hours Begins with 7:00pm Mass

8:30am-12:30pm	Pancake Breakfast with Santa	Heller Hall
8:30am-12:30pm	Santa's Secret Workshop	Cafeteria
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
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
5:00pm-7:30pm	Youth Ministry Devotion, Dine, & Decorate	Church and Parish Hall
7:00pm	40 Hours Begins (Adoration through the night)	Church
10:00pm	Compline	Church

Monday, December 6

See the 40 Hours Schedule on Page 11.

Tuesday, December 7

See the 40 Hours Schedule on Page 11.

4:45pm-7:00pm	PREP Afternoon and Evening Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-8:30pm	Solemn Vespers & Homily Ending 40 Hours	Church

Wednesday, December 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

See Page 12 for Mass and Confession Schedules.

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

Thursday, December 9

No Eucharistic Adoration Today

10:00am-12:00pm	Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy	Knecht Conference Room
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Ladies Bible Study	Library

Friday, December 10

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
12:00pm-1:00pm	Women's Study	Lawn area by Mary statue

Saturday, December 11

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
7:30pm-10:00pm	Fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Church & Heller Hall

Fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe—Emperatriz de las Américas

Se invita a toda la comunidad a celebrar la Fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe que se llevará a cabo el sábado 11 de diciembre en la iglesia comenzando a las 7:30pm con la procesión de entrada, seguido del drama del Milagro de las Rosas y luego la procesion de salida y en peregrinación hacia el Héller Hall con los mariachis en donde habrá un compartir con música, comida y refrigerios. Se pide a todos los interesados vestir con sus atuendos típicos y traer sus imágenes de la Virgen para bendecirlos en esta festividad. Donaciones de platos típicos y cualquier otra donación son bienvenidos.

Aclaremos que por ser adviento, no habrá misa el día sábado 11 de diciembre pero la misa en español del próximo día, domingo 12 de diciembre, se hará en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe. Para mas información de este evento, favor de comunicarse con la señora Teresa Matos a missfaa@verizon.net.



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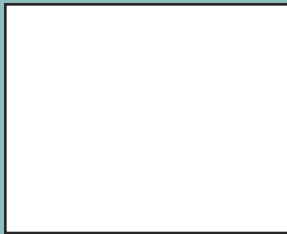


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