

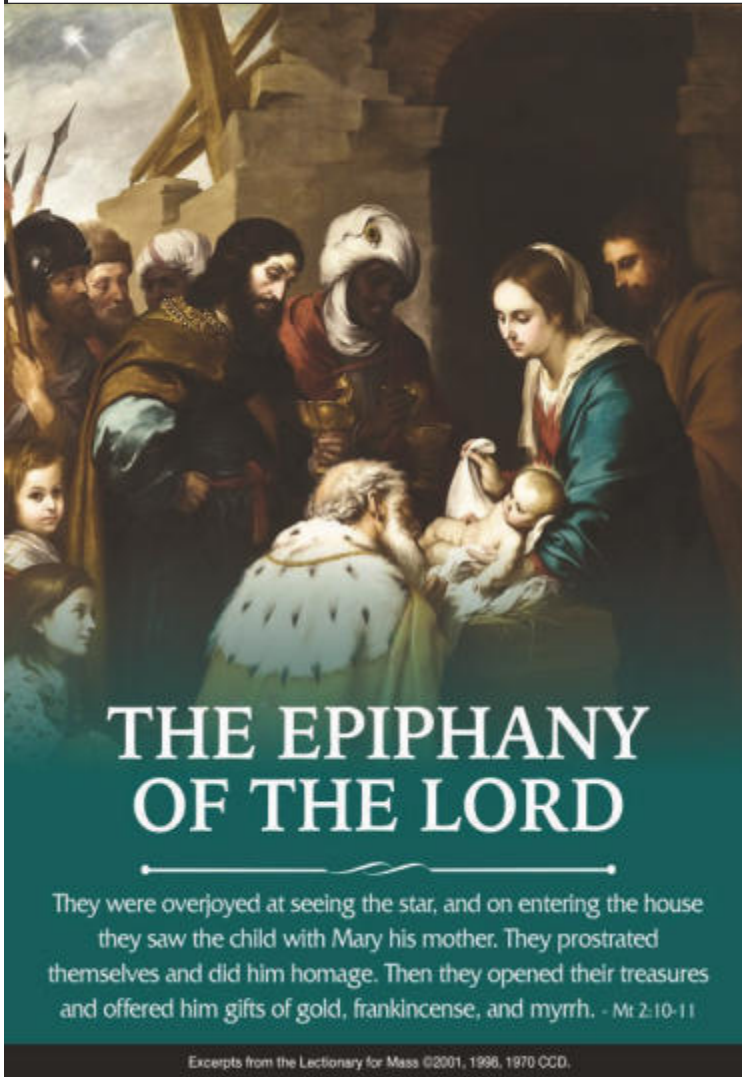


# Saint James Catholic Church

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January 3, 2021



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm  
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**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  
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Sunday: 5:00pm  
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

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**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
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## ***On The Way***

### *Overcoming obstacles*

The word "scandal" comes from the Greek *skandalon* – "obstacle" or "stumbling block." It indicates behavior or speech that blocks people from the truth, leads them into error, and enables them to sin. Thus, when Peter tries to deter Jesus from going to the Cross to fulfill the Father's will, our Lord calls him a "stumbling block" (Mt 16:23).

Consider the Church's sad history with abusive priests and negligent bishops. We describe such men not only as criminal, perverse, and deceitful, but also as *scandalous*. Their words, actions, and inactions were villainous and for that reason created an obstacle to the truth of the Gospel. They are scandals because they block people from coming to the faith.

Now, we typically think of a scandal as something public and shocking. But that's not necessarily so. If a notoriously bad man does something commonly known as wicked, there is no scandal. We all see it for what it is: a bad man doing bad things. No one is misled. But when an apparently good man makes what is evil seem good, then people are misled and – whether they realize it or not – are scandalized.

With this in mind, I feel obligated to clarify the Church's teachings in contrast to the example of the now most prominent Catholic in the United States, President-elect Joe Biden (whom one gossip columnist shamelessly dubbed the "Catholic-in-Chief"). Many of his policy proposals are matters of prudential judgment on which good people can disagree. Unfortunately, others involve the promotion of intrinsic evils affecting the very foundations of society: namely, the right to life and the truth of marriage.

President-elect Biden strongly advocates legalized abortion. He pledged to make *Roe v. Wade* the law of the land in the event that it is overturned by the Supreme Court. He recently endorsed federal funding for abortion and at the same time promised to restore federal funding to Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the country.

The danger is that some might take President-elect Biden's example to mean that one can both profess the Catholic Faith and advocate legalized abortion. In fact, these two things are diametrically opposed. It is a grave evil and contrary to the Catholic Faith to draft, enact, and enforce laws that give up innocent human life to destruction.

The same holds true for the President-elect's support for "gay marriage." When this was still a legal question, he advocated its legalization and himself officiated at a gay wedding. Again, it must be clarified that his words and actions in this regard contradict the Church's perennial teaching. Marriage is only the permanent and faithful union of a man and a woman.

Since the 2020 campaign is over and Biden has been confirmed as President-elect, it should be clear that this is not intended as a political statement. Rather, it is simply to clarify the Church's saving doctrine in the face of a misleading, and therefore scandalous, example. The President-elect has both a right to and a need for our prayers, especially given the challenges facing our nation. Please do pray for him – that the Lord grant him a conversion of heart as well as the wisdom and strength to serve our nation.

– Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions For The Week After Epiphany

### **Saturday, January 2**

#### ***For the Epiphany of the Lord***

5:00 p.m. +Patrick Connolly

### **Sunday, January 3**

#### ***The Epiphany of the Lord***

7:30 a.m. +Varghese Pottanat

9:00 a.m. +Mary Rose Winslow

10:30 a.m. +Steve Dreslin

Noon +Courtney Michele Vinci

2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm People of St. James

### **Monday, January 4**

#### ***St. Elizabeth Ann Seton***

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. +Patrick Maguire

Noon +Tim Donovan

### **Tuesday, January 5**

#### ***St. John Neumann***

6:30 a.m. +James and Martha Carney

8:30 a.m. +Richard Nozemack

Noon +Robert Trukenbrod

### **Wednesday, January 6**

#### ***St. André Bessette***

6:30 a.m. +Mike Durand, Sr.

8:30 a.m. +Edgar Tellis

Noon +James Pauly

### **Thursday, January 7**

#### ***St. Raymond of Penyafort***

6:30 a.m. +Charles Schilling

8:30 a.m. +Milton and Jean Kobus

Noon +Robert Pantoga

### **Friday, January 8**

#### ***Friday After Epiphany***

6:30 a.m.. +Thomas and Mary Carney

8:30 a.m. Sophia DePoorter

Noon +Leo Kelly

### **Saturday, January 9**

#### ***Saturday After Epiphany***

8:30 a.m. +Special Intention

5:00 p.m. +Gerald Atlee

### **Sunday, January 10**

7:30 a.m. People of St. James

9:00 a.m. +Tim Austin

10:30 a.m. +Michael P. Dimmick

Noon +Steve Dreslin

2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m. +The Weber Family

## Today's Readings

### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come...”

### **Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

“O God, with your judgment endow the king...”

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

“Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship...”

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea...”

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 JN 3:22-4:6; PS 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
MT 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 JN 4:7-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;  
MK 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 JN 4:11-18; PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
MK 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 JN 4:19-5:4; PS 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22

**Friday:** 1 JN 5:5-13; PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
LK 5:12-16

## Remember in Your Prayers...

### **the sick of our parish family:**

Kim Chapman	Patricia Kelly	Russell Ross
Chip Clarke	Prescott Klein	Ann Smith
C. Tutty Fairbanks	Peggy Kurtzke	Robyn Stewart
Greg Gonsalves	Mark Matheny	Lauren Vinci
Peter Halberstadt	Janet Owen	
Jessica Kelly	Carter Parry	
Kevin Kelly	John Reyes	

### **and the deceased of our parish family:**

Huong Vu

### **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



## Receiving Communion at the Communion Rail

As you know, since the beginning of the pandemic we have been distributing Holy Communion at the altar rail. We find this helps us distribute Communion both reverently and safely. As more people return to Mass it also might take some getting used to. Please make note of these instructions.

- There are Crosses six feet apart along the step of the rail.
- When coming forward for Communion, please go to the Cross *farthest* from you in your section (i.e. in the center or on the sides).
- Stand or kneel at that Cross. The minister will bring you Communion.
- If receiving Communion in the hand, please remove your mask first, then receive the Host.
- Consume the Host while at the altar rail and then return to your seat.
- Please remember that members of the same household do not have to practice social distancing and may stand (or kneel) together at the rail.

*Once those in the transepts have received, those coming down the main aisle should use the spaces on the sides of the communion rail as well as the front.*

## Rectory Ramblings in 2021

Don't forget to include our very own theological talk show, "Rectory Ramblings," with Father Paul Scalia and Father Steven Oetjen, on your 2021 viewing schedule. Airing every Monday and Friday evening at 8:00pm, the Fathers tackle a wide variety of questions, all submitted by Parishioners, about doctrine, the Bible, the Sacraments, and much, much more. Each half-hour episode is packed with information and insights that will help all of us deepen our knowledge of the Church and of our faith. Episodes are streamed to <https://www.stjamescatholic.org/current-events/rectory-ramblings-clone>. You will also find an archive of past programs at that link as well. Join the Fathers on their weekly ramble, you won't regret it!



# News From St. James and Beyond

## 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. 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 on the Seminar, visit <https://bit.ly/33WAvYb>.

## Guided Children's Adoration—January 9

On Saturday, January 9, at 10:00am, Father Steven Oetjen will lead a "Guided Children's Adoration" service in the Church. This is an Eucharistic holy hour with prayers, guided meditation, and sacred music, primarily aimed at helping children to understand the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, and how to build proper Adoration habits. The service is open to all children, regardless of their age. For more information on the Children's Guided Adoration program, contact Fr. Steven Oetjen at [fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org).

## Solve a Puzzle and Help Your Parish Help Others in Need

Guadalupe Radio Network, WMET 1160 AM & 103.1 FM (Falls Church), wishing to assist parish Works of Mercy during the pandemic, is offering Catholic radio fans a chance to collectively gift their own parishes with up to \$20,000 to support food pantries, the homeless, the elderly, the sick and the mentally ill, and the unborn, among many other good works. And, WMET 1160 is doing this through a beautiful image of Our Lady of the Assumption, connecting us via a wall-sized puzzle. Sound intriguing? Please visit: [www.GRNonline.com/puzzle](http://www.GRNonline.com/puzzle) to learn more! Or, email WMET at [WMET@grnonline.com](mailto:WMET@grnonline.com); call 877-636-1160. Our Lady of the Assumption, lift us up, and pray for us!

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Miscellaneous expenses	7%

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## Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Sunday, December 13, at the 2:30pm Mass, the Hispanic Community of St. James Catholic Church celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe. While the celebration was different than in years past, and occurring the day after the proper Feast Day—necessitated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has hit our Hispanic Community particularly hard—it was still colorful and passionately devout.



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## ***January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis***

### **Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## ***This Week in Our Parish***

### **Sunday, January 3**

5:00pm—6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
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### **Monday, January 4**

No Scheduled Events

### **Tuesday, January 5**

12:30pm—6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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6:00pm—8:00pm	Confessions	Church
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### **Wednesday, January 6**

7:00pm—8:15pm	High School PREP	Heller Hall (Door 13)
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8:15pm	St. James' Men's Group Rosary	Statue of Mary (Park Avenue Side)
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### **Thursday, January 7**

12:30pm—6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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6:00pm—8:00pm	Confessions	Church
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### **Friday, January 8**

11:00am—11:45am	Confessions	Church
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6:00pm—7:30pm	Food Distribution	B-Lot
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### **Saturday, January 9**

10:00am—11:00am	Guided Children's Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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11:00am—12:15pm	Spanish PREP Communion Class (Grades 6+)	Cafeteria (Door 18)
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3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
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6:30pm—7:30pm	Confessions	Church
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