



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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May 2, 2021



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sundays: 7:30am,
9:00am, 10:30am, Noon,
4:00pm, 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:
7:30pm Vigil, 6:30am,
8:30am, Noon, and
7:30pm

Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm—6:30pm
First Fridays:
9:00am—11:45am
(Benediction)
Holy Hours
Sundays: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Tuesdays 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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10 days before Sunday publication date
Via website form posted under
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On The Way

Catechesis on Creation: Order, Design, Purpose

One of the striking elements of the first chapter of Genesis is its description of an orderly, organized process of creation. Creation comes about not by the conflict of supernatural powers or by the unwilling emanation of a deity, but by the free choice of a God Who has a clear design and purpose for His creation.

Genesis describes God creating all the heavens and the earth, and everything in them, in six days. Now, this isn't because God couldn't create everything in one day. The six days indicate not a literal schedule but a design and purpose. Genesis seeks to provide an explanation of why things exist, not a scientific account of precisely how and when all things came into being.

The first chapter of Genesis describes two parallel sets of three days. In the first three days (Gen 1:1-13) God creates the different realms: time (day and night), space (the firmaments), and habitat (waters, land, plants). So far, the structure is established, but the occupants are still lacking. So, in the second three days (Gen 1:13-31) God populates the realms: the sun, moon, and stars to "occupy" time; fish in the waters and birds in the air; animals and man on dry land.

Most ancient religions (and many modern religions) did not expect their gods to be reasonable. The gods could do whatever they wanted; man was the victim of their capricious will. Creation was thus a frightful thing because it lacked reason and purpose. There was no rhyme or reason to things, no telling what might happen. But we encounter something completely different in the Lord of Israel. He is the God of all creation, not just in charge of a part. He created all things in a reasonable manner, by His design, and for His purpose.

Science only confirms the ancient Jewish understanding. It doesn't matter where scientists look – whether to the outermost stars or the smallest atoms – they find a design and complexity that indicate, well, a Designer. Indeed, the entire discipline of science rests on the presumption that creation is ordered, designed, and reasonable. We conduct experiments precisely because we expect to be able to discern a pattern that in turn teaches us about the object we're studying. Consider astronomy. Even when astronomers disagreed about the orbits of various planets and of the earth itself, they did agree that creation has an order and that creatures endowed with reason can discover it.

Given that God does not create things willy-nilly, without design, or to no purpose...so, what is the purpose? Scholars tell us that the Hebrew terms used in Genesis are the same as later used in scripture to describe the building of the Temple in Jerusalem. The author's purpose in using such terms is clear: by creating God is constructing a temple for His glory.

This helps us understand the overall purpose of creation, which is for the glory of God. All of creation is to be a temple of God's glory, where His creatures enjoy His goodness and love and join in His praise. God created all things "not to increase his glory, but to show it forth and to communicate it" (St. Bonaventure).

*Next week: the completion and the high priest of creation.
– Fr. Scalia*

Mass Intentions For The Fifth Week of Easter

Saturday, May 1

For the Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. +Antonio Soriano

Sunday, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. +Paul Ahn

9:00 a.m. +Liliana Shirvanian

10:30 a.m. +Genevieve Augustyniak

Noon +Lorna May Infante

2:30 p.m. People of St. James

7:00 p.m. +Kenneth Meixner

Monday, May 3

SS. Philip and James

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. +Jean Keiser

Noon Thanksgiving for Suzanne Trachtman

Tuesday, May 4

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:30 a.m. +Aimee Norris

8:30 a.m. +Victoria Prokopiak

Noon +Leonard Michalowski

Wednesday, May 5

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:30 a.m. +Marge Schaeffer

8:30 a.m. +James Hayes Ruddy

Noon +John F. Corrado

Thursday, May 6

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:30 a.m. Special Intention for Travelers

8:30 a.m. +Daniel O'Donohue

Noon Mass of Thanksgiving for
Estelita Urmeneta's 77th Birthday

Friday, May 7

Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:30 a.m. +Edwin Ralph James, Jr.

8:30 a.m. +Geoff Taylor

Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 8

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:30 a.m. +Judith Elena Anson

5:00 p.m. +June Franey Jennings

Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. +Tommy M. Burton

9:00 a.m. +Maria Yolanda Sakata

10:30 a.m. Jeannie Horneman

Noon Russell S. Eggleton

2:30 p.m. +Keith Davison

7:00 p.m. People of St. James

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

"When Saul arrived in Jerusalem..."

Psalms: Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

"I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord..."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

"Children, let us love not in word or speech..."

Gospel: John 15:1-8

"Jesus said to his disciples: I am the true vine..."

Readings for the Week

Sunday: ACTS 9:26-31; PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a];
1 JN 3:18-24

Monday: 1 COR 15:1-8; PS 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]; JN 14:6-14

Tuesday: ACTS 14:19-28; PS 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12];
JN14:27-31a

Wednesday: ACTS 15:1-6; PS 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]; JN 15:1-8

Thursday: ACTS 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]; JN 15:9-11

Friday: ACTS 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]; JN 15:12-17

Saturday: ACTS 16:1-10; PS 100:1b-2, 3, 5; JN 15:18-21

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Janice Chory	Kathleen Lemmers	Lauren Vinci
Chip Clarke	Mark Matheny	
John Crawford	Stephanie Naski	
Diane Davis	Janet Owen	
C. Tutty Fairbanks	Carter Parry	
Elizabeth Gibbon	Mike Remshard	
Peter Halberstadt	John Reyes	
Prescott Klein	Russell Ross	
Peggy Kurtzke	Robyn Stewart	

and the deceased of our parish family:

Anthony D'Erme	Enoch Potter
John D. Kilbourne	Albert Willson

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	Major Albert C. Young
Veronica Elkins	





Behind the Scenes – St. James Operations Update Spring 2021

Spring has brought us our Lord's Resurrection, beautiful blooms, and . . . plans for summer building projects along with an improved financial picture for our Parish.

Several contractors are bidding on the job of replacing five old, leaky roofs over our primary school building. That project is expected to cost \$200,000 to \$300,000. Also this summer, we plan to replace 124 windows on the main and middle grades school buildings at a cost of \$163,000. These windows are old; many are broken and cannot be opened for ventilation. Longer term, we're researching how best to replace the troubled heating system for our entire School – another costly but necessary proposition!

Fortunately, we continue to be blessed by the offerings from you, the faithful. Through March 31st, the end of our third fiscal quarter, Offertory Income totaled \$1.4M – right on budget. By keeping expenses low, we ran a healthy operating surplus through March of \$234,000 (5% of Total Income). Your steadfast support for St. James during the pandemic continues to be inspiring.

Besides making it into the black for normal operations, the Parish received two one-of-a-kind financial boosts this spring. First, the parish received a distribution of an extraordinary dividend from the cooperative bank that manages all the excess deposits for the parishes, schools and other diocesan entities. This "bank" is called DIAL Corp. Over the last several years, DIAL Corp has accumulated excess equity due to excellent financial performance, and it was recommended by the board of directors to distribute a good portion of that surplus back to the parishes and schools. We are expected to utilize this dividend, which amounted to \$337,000 for St. James, for extraordinary purposes, such as facility repair, maintenance and improvements, or building reserves.

Additionally, last April, in the midst of the stay-at-home order when there was so much economic uncertainty, we received a \$693,000 SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan to ensure that we could continue to pay all parish and school staff with full benefits from March – December 2020. We fulfilled the requirements of this loan; the loan was forgiven in April 2021; and it will be recognized as grant income this fiscal year.

I hope that you had a wonderful Easter Mass experience. Again, facing unprecedented logistical and technological challenges, we managed to offer Easter Mass three ways: in the Church; livestreamed in the School Gym; and livestreamed over the Internet. The success of this venture was a blessing, but may we never have to do it again!

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

Special Parish Needs Collection, May 8-9

Throughout the month of May, you can give to our *Special Parish Needs Collection*. This collection is used by our Pastor for the area of greatest need in the parish. This year it will be used for our vibrant Social Outreach efforts, such as our food distribution program. It is also used to cover unforeseen parish expenses. To donate online, go to:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/28720>

Thank you in advance for your generosity to St. James Parish!

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



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2021 Virtual Cocktail Party & Auction



ALL ADULT PARISHIONERS INVITED

WHEN: Saturday, May 15th 7:00-8:15pm

WHAT: Silent Auction (via mobile bidding May 10-16) and Virtual Live Auction on May 15th. Every registrant receives a cocktail kit & Saint James glasses.

For more information & to register, go to: saintjameschool.org

Questions? Email event co-chairs Liz Barry (sbarry59@aol.com) and Liz Tobin (liztobin12@hotmail.com).

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2021 Virtual Cocktail Party & Auction

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God Bless our First Communicants

May means First Communions and 92 young parishioners will make theirs this year. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, one group of young people made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1, with the next group making theirs on Saturday, May 8. Please pray that these young Communicants will grow in faith and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Callen Abel
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 Ren Lefebvre
 Mariana Lucca
 Edward Marx
 Jack McIntosh
 Sophia Mendoza
 Patrick Middleton
 Molly Mullin
 Grant Murphy
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 Zenovia Otero
 Lakan Penaranda

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 Edward-Anthony Pham
 Tess Pizzamiglio
 Delaney Prendergast
 Angela Quiroga
 Julio Quiroga
 Emily Reilley
 Evan Rosson
 Kieren Seiler
 Jacob Sheets
 Grace Sims
 Giana Smith
 Isabella Soruco-Franco
 Alexander Sotiriadis Garcia
 Pierce Stephens
 Abigail Thompson
 Victoria Umana
 Jose Manuel Valle
 Robert Vogler
 Landon Wade
 Henry Walker
 Miles Walnock
 Scarlett Wastler
 Nonie Watson
 Colin Wilson
 Samuel Wurst
 Alexa Yaghmour
 Ava Zarbin
 Michael Zecena
 Julia Zellers

“While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.”*
 27Then he took a cup, gave thanks,* and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you,
 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many
 for the forgiveness of sins.””
 Matthew 26:26-28

4:00pm Sunday Mass in English

We will be celebrating the 4:00pm Sunday Mass in English from now on.

Church During COVID-19

In keeping with the Governor's executive orders, please observe social distancing and wear a mask when in the church.

Receiving Communion at the Communion Rail

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.

Extraordinary Form Mass to Celebrate The Ascension of the Lord—May 13

We will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 13 with a Mass in the Extraordinary Form starting at 7:30pm.

Please note that the day is not a Holy Day of Obligation because the Arlington Diocese transfers the observance of the Feast Day to the closest Sunday, which will be May 16.

We hope you will be able to attend this beautiful Mass.

For more information on the Mass in Extraordinary Form, visit: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/extraordinary-form>.

Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts—Beginning May 14

Novena to the Holy Spirit For the Seven Gifts—Beginning May 14 From Friday, May 14 to Saturday, May 22, we will pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit For the Seven Gifts. Please join us as we pray the Novena in preparation for Pentecost Sunday.

We will be sending out daily emails for the Novena, but you can also pray it daily by visiting: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>.

“Holy Spirit! Lord of Light! From Your clear celestial height, Your pure beaming radiance give!”

News From St. James

American Heritage Girls Selling Krispy Kreme Donuts and Baked Goods after Masses—May 2

The American Heritage Girls of St. James will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts and baked goods after Masses on May 2. Come buy some delicious treats and support our troop! Proceeds will benefit girls who will be attending summer camp.

To learn more about the American Heritage Girls organization and its mission, visit <https://americanheritagegirls.org/>.

Adult Volunteers Needed for Work Camp—June 20-24

Adult volunteers are needed to be crew leaders and contractors for WorkCamp from June 20-24. If you are handy with home repairs and are available to work at least Monday—Thursday, please consider being a contractor for our team. WorkCamp is local this year, so hours will run from morning Mass until around 7:30pm, when dinner and program are over each night. Crew leaders must be at least 25 years old and will spend the week with a group of five teens working with the contractor on service projects such as painting, home repairs, yard work, etc. Crew leaders do not need to be skilled in repair work but are responsible for the safety and care of their team. Virtus compliancy is required, and training is available if have not yet been certified. Please consider giving your time and energy. Contact Karen Graffam interested, klgraffam@gmail.com.

Diocese of Arlington Vocation Events This Summer

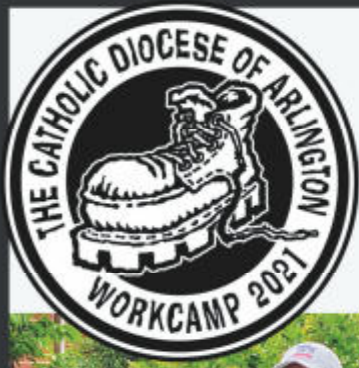
For those discerning a vocation, or who are interested in learning more about vocations and the religious life, the Diocese of Arlington is offering the following summer programs:

The Diocese will host two camps for those who are interested in learning more about vocations and the religious life. The Quo Vadis camp for young men will run July 11-15, and the FIAT camp for young women will run from July 18–22. Mt. St. Mary's University will host both camps.

Both camps will have a reduced number of campers due to COVID-19 limitations, but that will allow the camps to focus on 11th and 12th graders (current and rising 12th graders). For more information on Quo Vadis, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/quo-vadis-summer-discernment-camp/>. For FIAT, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/fiat-summer-discernment-camp/>.

The Diocese will host a Women's Discernment Retreat from June 18 to June 20, directed by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. For more information, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/yearly-discernment-retreat-women/>

If you are discerning a vocation, or if you would like more information discernment, vocations, or the religious life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg in the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2537 or at m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org



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May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

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Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, May 2

12:00pm—1:30pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9)
12:15pm—1:45pm	Hispanic PREP Communion Class	Cafeteria (Door 18)
12:15pm—1:45pm	Hispanic PREP Confirmation Class	Heller Hall (Door 13)
5:00pm—6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm—6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9)

Monday, May 3

6:30pm	First Communion Practice—Group B	Church
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Tuesday, May 4

12:30pm—6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00pm—7:15pm	PREP Communion Classes	Cafeteria (Door 18)
6:00pm—7:15pm	PREP Confirmation Classes	Heller Hall (Door 13)
7:30pm—9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9)

Wednesday, May 5

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

Thursday, May 6

12:30pm—6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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Friday, May 7

11:00am—11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, May 8

10:00am—11:00am	First Communion—Group B	Church
3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm—7:30pm	Confessions	Church



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POP-N-GO DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

Saturday May 15th, 10am-2pm, B-LOT (by the gym)

Drive up, POP your trunk, and a volunteer will get the plastic/paper bag(s) (no cloth bags) full of non-perishable food. Then GO!

Items Needed:

Please NO Glass Jars

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Canned Meats | • Peanut Butter | • Pasta |
| • Tuna | • Jelly/Jam | • Pasta Sauce |
| • Rice (1-2 lb bags) | • Cereals | • Canned Pasta |
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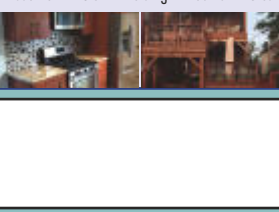
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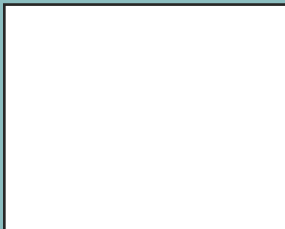
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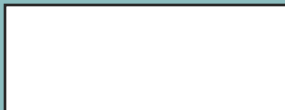
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