



Saint James Catholic Church

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – The First Sunday of Advent



Advent Video Series

Throughout this December as we celebrate the season of Advent, and look with joyous hearts to the commemoration of the birth of our Lord, we will be highlighting our brand new Advent reflection video series. Each short video, presented by a student from St. James Catholic School, will discuss that particular Sunday's readings. We hope that these videos along with their corresponding "Light Your Heart" reflection questions, on page six, will add insight and support for your faith journey during this holy time of year.

Our first presenter is Natnael Tamirat, a fifth-grade student at St. James. Watch at <https://bit.ly/2TLJUv5> as Natnael shares his perspective on today's readings. We hope his insight will serve as a springboard for your reflections on the Word in relation to the Christmas season.

This Week at St. James

Sunday, December 2

Christmas Wreath and Ornament Sale
Following All Masses Outside Church

Breakfast with Santa &
Santa's Secret Shop
8:30am – 2:00pm
Cafeteria & Heller Hall
(Doors 18 and 13)

Friday, December 7

FIRST FRIDAY
Exposition 9:00am – 11:45am
Benediction 11:45am
Church

Food Distribution
7:00pm, Heller Hall

Middle School FUSION
6:30pm – 8:30pm, Gym

Saturday, December 8

Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
(See Mass Schedule, Page Six)

St. James Country Christmas
6:00pm – 8:00pm
School and Rectory Grounds

Reflection Questions: We may get ready for the birth of Jesus by setting up our nativity scene, but how can we prepare a home for him in our hearts?

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 12:00 noon, and
7:00pm
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

FIRST FRIDAYS:

Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament:
11:45am
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm &
7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

RECTORY HOURS:

Weekdays 9:00am - 9:00pm
(closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm



Stewardship: Catholic Charities Second Collection - December 8 & 9

Catholic Charities shows the transformative love of Christ and serves tens of thousands of men, women, and families annually across 100 direct and affiliated service locations in the 21 counties and 7 cities that make up the boundaries of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Services provided ran the gamut: housing homeless families with little children; bringing food & critical supplies to our poor rural counties; adoption and supportive service for birth families and birth mothers; a free medical clinic and pre-natal care for those with no health insurance; Catholic counseling services; a diocesan-wide response to the Opioid Crisis; and thank you for supporting this important mission!

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From Our Pastor



"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah." Jeremiah 33:14

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to a people in turmoil. Enemies surrounded Israel, a nation which once again had turned to idolatry. Eventually, Jerusalem was destroyed leaving a people adrift; they needed a leader. The Gospel writer Luke takes up this theme in the verses before today's reading when he describes the "end of days." Natural disasters and man-made wars would herald the coming of the Messiah. The time was ripe for a savior; someone to deliver them from all that kept them from God and from peace.

Sound familiar? Today it may seem difficult to prepare for Christmas with a world in such a state of disunity and beset by natural calamities. Even within our own homes, it may not be a time of holly and ivy. But Jeremiah and Luke ask us to pay attention and to prepare. The first candle of Advent symbolizes hope, and it is right that we should look to examples of goodness in our world: to friends supporting one another, strangers coming together to advocate for the poor or marginalized; communities striving to welcome the stranger and combat bigotry. Hope is here at Saint James as well – in all the works of mercy and compassion and simple fellowship you offer.

So let us set up our nativity scenes. Place the figurines in positions of anticipation, for the coming of our Savior is near. Prepare your homes and open your hearts.

We are very excited to begin our Advent with a reflection series offered by four of our students. This Sunday you can view Natnael Tamirat comment on the words of Jeremiah. The following Sundays Catherine Crone, Sophia Romualdez and Nicolas Rugo will call us to prepare and to pray this Season. Sister Mary Sue and I are very proud of them and thank them for their participation. We hope you enjoy the videos which can be found on our websites, Facebook pages, and the bulletin. Share with your friends and family!

Today we also begin our Annual Appeal drive for our School. We are blessed to have the support of parents, alumni, friends and you, our parishioners. Your investment in their future is an investment in the future of our society. I ask you to be generous and thank you for your dedication to our school. Their story begins here, help them write it.

~ Fr. Posey



Farewell and Thanks to Shane Briggs

On behalf of my Brother Priests, our IHM Sisters, and the Staff of St. James Church and School, we extend a fond farewell and a profound thank you to Shane Briggs, our long-serving Director of Facilities. Shane left us on November 21 to concentrate his energies on building his own business. During his time here at St. James, Shane led his crew with energy, grace, and skill. Shane made sure that each of our Parish events went smoothly and that each created good memories for those who attended them. He truly went above and beyond to make sure everything was safe and in good working order – day or night. We will miss Shane very much. We offer prayers for Shane's success and well-being during this time. Thank you for all you did for us, Shane!

Mass Intentions for the First Week of Advent

Saturday, December 1

5:00 p.m. +John F. Kurtzke, Sr.

Sunday, December 2

7:30 a.m. +Brownie Klubek

9:00 a.m. People of St. James

10:30 a.m. +John and Caroline Grondelski

Noon +Al Reyman

2:30 p.m. +Maria Carmen Cardona

7:00 p.m. +Wilma Hurley

Monday, December 3

6:30 a.m. +Eugene and Doris Carney

8:30 a.m. +The Deceased Members of the
John Griffin Family

Noon +Nora Collins

Tuesday, December 4

6:30 a.m. +Ellen Lyons

8:30 a.m. +Helen Check

Noon + Bill Olcheski

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 a.m. + Helen Pawloski

8:30 a.m. + Clarice Fingers

Noon + Frank Whitesell, III

Thursday, December 6

6:30 a.m. + Jo Ann Tiller

8:30 a.m. + Sergio Nicolas Rivero

Noon + Stanley Kraft

Friday, December 7

6:30 a.m. + Demetria and Eugenio Boyo

8:30 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory

Noon + Jim Sober

7:30 p.m. The Sewell Family

Saturday, December 8

6:30 a.m. The Majors Family

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

Noon +Fr. J. Piwowarski

5:00 p.m. +Virginia Dawdy

Sunday, December 9

7:30 a.m. +Mary Czosnyka

9:00 a.m. +Mary Jane Liverman

10:30 a.m. +Bernard and Virginia Donnelly

Noon + Fr. Austin Coupe, O. Carm.

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

7:00 p.m. +Wilma Hurley

Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Justin Berg, Capt. Albert C. Young, Michele Petersen, and Roger VanSanford. Please send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org, and let us know when your loved ones return home.



This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;

Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Frank Amorosi	Patricia Gaughan
Joan Bellwoar	Jeannie Hunt
Janice Chory	Ann McDermott
Ernestine Elguera	Mary Remshard
Elizabeth Fielder	Ann Smith

and the deceased of our parish family:

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Constance Lyons
John McNeely



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Reflection for the First Week of Advent

For the next few weeks we will be asking longer reflection questions that are specific to the season and to the Sunday readings, and which are drawn from our new Advent reflection video series. We hope you will enjoy these and that they will bring added meaning to your prayer and reflection during this season of Advent. The reflections will reside here on page six throughout Advent.



Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-26

Read the Readings: <https://bit.ly/2FoWn4L>

Reflection Question: We may get ready for the birth of Jesus by setting up our nativity scene, but how can we prepare a home for him our hearts?



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – December 8

Saturday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered on this schedule:

Friday, December 7: Vigil Mass, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 8: 6:30am, 8:30am (IHM Vow Renewal), and Noon

Please note that the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday December 9th does not fulfill your Holy Day Mass requirement.

Christmas Confession Schedule

In order to fully prepare yourself to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and to allow you to have a spiritually joyous Christmas season, a slate of extra confession times has been prepared for you. In addition to our regular schedule of Confessions, these additional times will be available:

Thursday December 20 – 10:00am to 11:45am and 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Friday December 21 – 10:00am to 11:45am and 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Saturday December 22 – 10:00am to 12:00pm, 3:30pm to 4:30pm, and 7:30pm to 8:30pm

23 Days Until Christmas – How Will You Use This Time to Spiritually Prepare Yourself?



St. James Country Christmas 2018
Saturday, December 8
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Horse Drawn Carriage! Bonfire!
Caroling! Food!
Arts and Crafts for the Kids
Camel Rides! Llamas! Petting Zoo!
A Live Nativity!

Live Music Provided by the Band and Chorus of
Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School

Follow the Countdown at: <https://bit.ly/2DLM2Tz>



Santa Invites You To Breakfast on Sunday, December 2

Take time out of your busy morning on December 2 to stop by the school between 8:00am and 2:00pm for a delicious pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa Clause, followed by his reindeer. The breakfast will be served in the school's cafeteria (Door 18). After breakfast, stop by Heller Hall (Door 13) as some of Santa's elves have made it possible for a selection of items, and greeting cards, to be available for sale at Santa's Secret Shop – direct from the North Pole to you!

You can even get pictures with Santa, starting at 9:00am.

Pro-Life Committee Christmas Greens Sale – December 1 and 2

The Pro-Life Committee will be holding a Christmas Greens Sale to benefit A Woman's Choice Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center in Falls Church and Herndon, on December 1 and 2 after all masses. This is your chance to benefit the great work that the Center does while also obtaining lovely greenery for your home for the holiday season. Sale prices are as follows:



Wreaths: \$20.00 – \$25.00
Advent Table Wreaths: \$10.00
Mixed Bunch of Greens: \$5.00

Candles and Candleholders will also be available.



2019 Arlington Diocese WorkCamp Registration Deadline – December 19

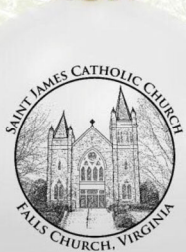
Any student currently in grades 9-12 is welcome to sign up for WorkCamp that will be held June 22-28, 2019. Participation includes four mandatory preparation meetings held from January-May, plus other optional events, in addition to the actual week of WorkCamp. For more information about WorkCamp, and to watch a video about the program's impact, please visit the Arlington Diocese Website, <https://bit.ly/2ONDgFU> and send an email to Karen Graffam at klgraffam@gmail.com. All participants must sign up by December 19, so even if you are just thinking about it, send a note to Karen.



Scenes From WorkCamp 2018!



Matte Acrylic



St. James 8th Grade Girl Scout Troop Selling Ornaments After All Masses -December 2

The Saint James 8th Grade Girl Scout Troop will be selling Christmas ornaments after all masses on Sunday, December 2. These beautiful, acrylic, shatterproof, gift boxed, keepsake balls will be \$12 each. The sale is one day only, and only a limited quantity of ornaments will be available, so be sure to get yours before they are all gone! The sale supports 8th grade Girl Scout troop activities and service projects.

Social Outreach Committee Christmas Activities 2018



Gift Cards for Families in Need — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 2 and DECEMBER 16

The Social Outreach Committee is working with Catholic Charities to provide gift cards to families in need. We are asking parishioners to donate gift cards from stores such as CVS, Giant, and Wal-Mart so local families can use the cards to purchase food, toiletries, and a few special gifts. On Sunday December 2 and Sunday, December 16 you can buy gift cards from members of the Social Outreach Committee in Heller Hall. If cards are purchased at this time then St. James School also benefits from the purchase of cards. Cards can also be purchased separately and dropped in the collection basket during any weekend mass on December 1, 2, 8, and 9. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or Amy Steinbicker at 703-407-1663.

Work of Human Hands Sale and Donut Sunday — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 16

On Sunday, December 16 from 8:30am to Noon, the Social Outreach Committee will be hosting Donut Sunday with donuts and coffee in Heller Hall. Along with the reception there will be a Work of Human Hands Sale where you can buy delicious Divine Chocolate, fair trade coffee, and other fair-trade items that support artisans and farmers worldwide, a craft table for children to make Christmas tree ornaments, and more! Please come and join us.

Alternate Gift Program — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 16

If you are looking for a unique way to give a gift at Christmas, consider making a monetary donation to St. James Social Outreach Committee and in turn be given a custom-made gift card that can be given to someone special on your Christmas list. Information on how your donation will be used appears on the back of the card. This makes a great gift for your friend and is a blessing for one of God's beloved. The card is also appropriate for birthdays, anniversaries, retirements or other special occasions. Check it out on Sunday, December 16 from 8:30 am to Noon, or call Vicky Schoenberger at 703-532-7783 or Lori Lisiecki at 703-532-5357.

Christmas Gifts for the Homeless — DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 16

We support five homeless shelters in the area and at Christmas time provide NEW clothing to men and women. In particular, we are in need of: hoodies, jackets, shirts, socks, hats, scarves, other articles of warm clothing and undergarments. Boxes will be placed at the doors of the church to collect items through December 16. If you choose to wrap the gift, please label for gender and size. PLEASE NO USED CLOTHING. For more information, call Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482, Marian Starr at 703-237-0285 or Caroline Sparks at 703-237-2074.

Homeless Shelters in Need of Personal Care Items — DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 16

Area homeless shelters need personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, soap bars, and bath gel. Both travel and family sizes are welcome. Boxes will be provided in the back of church to collect these items.

Adopt-a-Family Program— NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH DECEMBER 16

Parishioners can provide much needed holiday cheer by sponsoring a specified family and ensuring they have gifts and a holiday meal for Christmas. Many of these families were previously homeless and need to conserve their income for rent, food and other necessities. Please help us provide gifts and clothing for children, and something for parents. You may do this as a family, or ask neighbors or friends to join you. (We can match you with other giving families.) If you or a parish group would like to participate, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or 202-434-2116.

Christmas Collection for Ongoing Social Outreach Activities

You can make donations via Faith Direct by designating a monthly or one-time contribution; make out a check to St. James Church designated for Social Outreach programs, or place money in the Poor Box at the church entrance on the weekends. This money will be used to purchase groceries for the monthly Food Distribution and fund the Christmas party for families participating in the Food Distribution.

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Evangelization - In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday of Advent

10:00am – 12:00pm	St. James School Parish Library	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
11:30am – 2:15pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School – Door 16
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Scripture Study (co-ed)	School Library – Door 16
4:00pm – 7:00pm	Grupo de Oración Emmanuel	Heller Hall – Door 13
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Monday, December 3

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Classes	School – Door 16
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Pray and Life Seminar	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
7:30pm – 9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Tuesday, December 4

4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School – Door 16
7:00pm – 8:30pm	High School PREP (Young Men Only)	School Library – Door 17
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, December 5

9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Meeting Room – Doors 8 & 9
9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Classes	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, December 6

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Scripture Study – Women	Art Room – Door 17
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Pro-Life Committee Meeting	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Friday, December 7 – First Friday

9:00am – 11:45am	Eucharistic Exposition	Church
11:15am – 11:45am	Confessions	Church
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Middle School FUSION	Gym
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Food Distribution	Heller Hall – Door 13
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm	Vigil Mass – Immaculate Conception	Church

Saturday, December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Mass Times Page Six)

12:30pm – 3:30pm	Hispanic Baptism Class	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm – 8:00pm	St. James Country Christmas	All Around the Campus
7:30pm	Confessions	Church



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