



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

Sunday
December 22, 2019



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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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

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10 days before Sunday publication date
Via website form posted under
Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.
No emails please.*

On The Way

Immaculate Conception and Christmas, III

On feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Church often prays this petition: *Sun of Justice, the immaculate Virgin was the white dawn announcing your rising; grant that we may always live in the light of your coming.* That expresses the importance of Marian devotion nicely. She announces Him and thus enables us to live in expectation of His coming. So the consideration of her Immaculate Conception prepares us well to appreciate the meaning of our Lord's Birth. Specifically, the Immaculate Conception proclaims ahead of time the freedom from sin and for grace that His Birth brings.

First, He is born to free us from sin: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven." The angels announce Him as "savior" (Lk 2:11). John the Baptist calls Him "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). Jesus was sent by the Father as savior of the world and to be the expiation for our sins (cf. 1 Jn 4:10, 14). Christ accomplishes this expiation on the Cross. But Christmas announces that the Savior is already here.

So, the joy of Christmas comes first from the knowledge that our freedom from sin – from its guilt, shame, pain, and wounds – has arrived. Access to this joy requires that we acknowledge ourselves as sinners in need of a savior. Although not popular to say at this time of year (don't try it at Christmas parties), whoever does not know himself as a sinner cannot really rejoice at the birth of Christ. Hence Advent is a *penitential* season. We should reflect on our sins and sinfulness, not in a macabre or maudlin manner but, with the joy of knowing that Christ's Birth announces our freedom from them.

Second, He is born to bring us grace. As we hear in the Gospel for Christmas Day: "From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace" (Jn 1:16). Those beautiful words – *grace in place of grace* – indicate a progression or a continued increase in grace. The meaning of this is illuminated by the audacious words of Saint Athanasius: "The Son of God became man so that we might become God." That is, He took on our human nature – He became man – so that we can "become partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pt 1:4).

Or, put differently, *The Son of God became man so that man might become a son of God.* Christ has come to give us the grace of sharing in His own divine Sonship: what He is by nature, we are by grace. His birth signals and proclaims this rebirth as children of God. That phrase *grace in place of grace* indicates that our sharing in the divine nature can deepen within us and increase in its effects. As He our Lord grew up and "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man" (Lk 2:52), so we are to grow as children of God.

—Fr. Scalia

Stewardship

Christmas

On Wednesday, December 25, we will celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. There will be a lot of excitement, gift-giving, joyful noise, good food, and feelings of warmth and peace. Of course, we know that the real joy of the day is none of those things; it is the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The real question of Christmas is how do we keep centered on the fact that we are celebrating the birth of Christ, not just a day of consumerism and greed? On Wednesday, please take time to think about how you will move away from living a “me-centered life” and turn towards a “Christ-centered life?” How can we support each other as we move toward this goal? There are many ways St. James can help you spend more time with Christ in 2020. Perhaps, instead of an hour of TV, take time to listen to one or more of the homilies from our recent Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (<http://bit.ly/2QUfQhG>); perhaps spend ten less minutes listening to pop music and spend those minutes listening to one of Father Scalia’s homilies (<http://bit.ly/2QUfQhG>); maybe put down the popular novel and pick up a book of spiritual reading, our Parish Library (<http://bit.ly/2ycWxpg>) is here to help you do that! Whatever it is you choose, we have the resources to help. All you need is the will to commit to the change.

In recent weeks, many parishioners have called the Rectory asking how they might make a gift of stock to the parish, or how they might set aside a gift from the IRAs. To make a gift of stock, please call 703-841-3896 or visit <http://j.mp/2srDtEo>. To make a gift from your IRA, please call your provider and they will help you compete that.

Thank you, and may God strengthen and keep you as you make your move to Him in 2020.

Notices From St. James

A Note About Mass and Event Parking At St. James

Please remember 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 rectory side of Park Avenue, or on N. Spring Street, in front of the Church, for a maximum of two hours, or in any of our school’s parking lots. Avoid a ticket, park smart!

Recuerde que el estacionamiento en el lado de Park Avenue es sólo por permiso, y solo entonces para los residentes de esas casas. Si usted es asistir a misa u otras funciones en St. James puede sestacionar en el lado rectordeo de Park Avenue, o en N. Spring Street, frente a la Iglesia, durante un máximo de dos horas, o en cualquiera de los estacionamientos de nuestra escuela. Evita un boleto, aparca inteligentemente.

For a map of the campus click
<http://j.mp/33ZwyA7>

Para un mapa del campus, haga clic aquí
<http://j.mp/33ZwyA7>

Mass Changes for Christmas

Please note that we will not have our daily Noon Mass on Tuesday, December 24. We will also not have a 7:00pm Mass on Wednesday, December 25. For the full Christmas Mass schedule, visit page six.

Christmas Holiday Rectory Hours

For the operating hours of the St. James Rectory offices during the upcoming Christmas holiday, please visit page 13.

Mass Intentions For The Fourth Week of Advent

Saturday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Peter Jones and Kaley Beins

9:00 a.m. +Kevin Coffey, Cyril and Eileen Egan

10:30 a.m. +Lenny Gilleo

Noon People of St. James

2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m. +Marjorie Barker

Monday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

6:30 a.m. +Gregorio Urmeneta and Felipe Brazil

8:30 a.m. +Ed andCarolynn Scheid and
Suzann Scheid Southworth

Noon +Deanna Dulka

Tuesday, December 24

**Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent/
Vigil of the Nativity Of The Lord**

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

8:30 a.m. +Nancy Prucha

5:00 p.m. +John Kirby, Jr.

7:00 p.m. +Deceased Members of the Arciaga Family

9:00 p.m. +George Martini

Midnight +Deceased Members of the Apigo Family

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity Of The Lord

7:30 a.m. +Danny Diaz and Ana Diaz

9:00 a.m. +Zacharia T. Coipuram

10:30 a.m. +Ed andCarolynn Scheid and
Suzann Scheid Southworth

Noon +John J. Hyland, Jr. and Carol A. Hyland

2:30 p.m. Special Intention

Thursday, December 26

St. Stephen

6:30 a.m. +Kathleen Connelly

8:30 a.m. +Ed andCarolynn Scheid and
Suzann Scheid Southworth

Noon +Deceased Members of the
John Bernardone Family

Friday, December 27

St. John

6:30 a.m. +Dan Fantozzi

8:30 a.m. +Jim Fauntleroy

Noon +John McGlone

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8:30 a.m. +Marcelina Guinot

5:00 p.m. +Hugh and Ann O'Hara

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:30 a.m. +David McLain

9:00 a.m. +Judi Mecsics

10:30 a.m. Special Intention

Noon Leo Thibodeau

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

7:00 p.m. +C. Anders

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

("The Lord spoke to Ahaz saying...")

Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

("Let the Lord enter/ He is king of glory...")

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

("Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus...")

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

("This is how the birth of Jesus Christ...")

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: (V) Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a];
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11];
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c];
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6];
Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]; Mt 2:13-18

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Jean Bitzer
Sandy Choopun
Mary Hurd
Lenore Karnis

Laura Lareau
Rob Lemmers
Ed Murphy
Robyn Stewart
Lauren Vinci

and the deceased of our parish family:

Ronald Adamson
Dorothy Hannon

Mary Wisemiller

and those serving our country:

Our disabled veterans, military retirees,
and those serving overseas in the military
and foreign service, especially:

Justin Berg
Veronica Elkins
Major Alan Harvey

Michele Petersen
Roger VanSanford
Major Albert C. Young



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



Saint James Catholic School

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

IHM Sisters Renew Vows

On Monday, December 9, our wonderful IHM Sisters renewed their vows in the presence of the St. James Catholic School community, during the School's Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have served at Saint James since 1923 and have educated thousands of students through the years. We thank the current Sisters for their long hours of hard work and commitment to our students and our Parish community!



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PREP Parish Religious Education Program

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Website Shortcut: j.mp//StJamesPREP

Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday to Friday: 9:30am—Noon or
by appointment
Tuesdays 2:30pm—8:00pm

An Advent Movie For the Whole Family

Help prepare your children for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas. Watch "Brother Francis: the Days of Advent" on FORMED

(www.stjamescatholicva.formed.org)

"Wishing you all God's blessings at Christmas and throughout the New Year!"

Advent Confessions And Christmas Masses

2019 Season of Advent Confession Schedule

In order 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 23:** 6:00pm—8:00pm
- **Tuesday, December 24:** 10:00am—Noon

“Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession/ in confession there is a chance for mercy.”

St. Isidore of Seville

“The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works. You do the truth and come to the light.”

- St. Augustine

Christmas Masses

As Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of our Lord, is a Holy Day of Obligation, St. James will offer Masses on the follow schedule:

Tuesday, December 24: 5:00pm, 7:00pm (featuring our Praise and Worship Choir), 9:00pm, and Midnight.

Wednesday, December 25: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, and 2:30pm (Misa en Español).

Please note that there will not be a Noon Mass on December 24, nor a 7:00pm Mass on Christmas Day.



St. James Pro-Life Ministry

The Results are In...Nationwide, 738 babies were saved during the recent 40 Days for Life (www.40DaysforLife.com) campaign, three more employees quit their jobs and campaigns took place in 61 Nations. Though the fall 40 Days for Life campaign has ended, there is always a need to join in peaceful prayer at the local abortion clinic at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. To see how prayers from the 40 Days for Life vigil led a mother to choose life visit: <https://youtu.be/pdESmROTS5A>.

SAVE THESE DATES: The Virginia March for Life is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020! Don't forget that the National March for Life will be held on January 24, 2020, downtown, Washington, D.C. More details about both events can be found on page eight.

The St. James Pro-Life Group will next meet on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9).

St. James Events and Happenings

Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Now Available

Traditional Christmas wafers, known as Oplatek, a part of every traditional Christmas Eve supper in central Europe, are now available for your Christmas Eve supper here in the St. James community. If you would like to include this traditional wafer in your dinner, contact Connie Donnelly at 703-237-7935. To learn more about the Oplatek Wafers, visit: <https://n.pr/2EgzU8p>.



Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale Closes on December 21

If you still need a Christmas Tree, be sure to visit our Boy Scouts' Christmas Tree Sale in the Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C), on or before Saturday, December 21. The sale runs from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20. On Saturday, December 21, the sale will run from 9:00am to 9:00pm. The following items are available:

- Fraser Fir 4/5' (Orange)
- Fraser Fir 5/6' (Red)
- Fraser Fir 6/7' (Blue)
- Fraser Fir 7/8' (Yellow)
- Fraser Fir 8/9' (White)
- Noble 20-inch Wreath
- Balsam 24-inch Wreath

Please make checks payable to "BSA Troop 681." Thank you for supporting our Boy Scouts.

St. James Men's Group First Friday Observance—January 3

Men's Group members are encouraged to attend the 6:30am Mass on Friday, January 3 and, following the Mass, to support the monthly Food Distribution. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck that delivers fresh produce at the kitchen door on the Park Street side of Msgr. Heller Hall. Afterwards, we'll retire to Einstein Bros. on W. Broad Street for coffee and bagels. No RSVP required. For questions contact Charley Roberts at (703) 307-5702 or charley.roberts@prodigy.net.

Guided Children's Adoration—January 11

Have you wanted to introduce your children to Adoration of the Eucharist, but were afraid that they might not "get it?" If so, make plans to attend our monthly "Guided Children's Adoration" program with Father Oetjen on Saturday, January 11 at 10:00am in the Church. The program is an Eucharistic Holy Hour with prayers, guided meditation, and sacred music. Families, and children of all ages, are welcome. For more information on the "Guided Children's Adoration" program, contact Fr. Oetjen at fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org.

Future "Guided Children Adoration" sessions will be held on February 15 and March 14.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

They Can Help!

St. James Attending March For Life— January 24

St. James will have a bus going to the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 24. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners marching behind the St. James Pro-Life banner. The bus will begin boarding in front of the church at 10:30am and will leave at 10:45am sharp. Estimated return is 4:30pm. The march includes standing outside and walking approximately two miles. A bag lunch is recommended. If possible, please wear a red hat and/or scarf to help us stick together. To reserve a spot on the bus, please sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or email/call Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com or 571-423-6482.

Virginia March For Life—February 13

The Virginia March For Life will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia. The day will kick-off with a Mass at 9:15am, followed by a rally at the State Capitol building (Capitol Square), followed by the March at 12:45pm. For more information, contact Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com or 571-423-6482. To learn more about the Virginia March for Life itself, visit: <http://j.mp/2LzkUVi>.



Registration for the Diocese of Arlington's 2020 WorkCamp Now Open

Registration for WorkCamp 2020 is now open. WorkCamp is a youth program organized by the Arlington Diocese where high schoolers from the various 70 parishes in our Diocese gather together for one week in the summer and do service projects in homes that need repair. If you are currently in high school, grades 9-12, you are eligible to attend. We also are always in need of adult volunteers to attend. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Karen Graffam at klgraffam@gmail.com. To learn more about the WorkCamp program and its requirements, visit <http://bit.ly/2XMPve0>.



Join Prime-Time Single Catholics

Prime-Time Single Catholics serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: lunch (every Thursday); Christmas dinner in Kingstowne (December 25); Walking tour in DC (December 28); Mass and lunch at Immaculate Conception Basilica (December 29); New Year's Eve dinner in Kingstowne (December 31). For details, see our website at <http://bit.ly/ptsc>. For questions or to RSVP for any, or all, of these events email Tom Palumbo, at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—March 20-22, 2020

Attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on March 20-22, 2020, in Fairfax, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

St. James Celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Thursday, December 12, St. James' Hispanic Community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, an extremely important event throughout Mexico, Central, and South America. Following Mass, a reception, featuring food and dances native to those regions was held in Heller Hall. Here is just some of what you missed.



For More/Para Más, Visit/Visitar
<http://j.mp/2EgDnBT>

Around Our Diocese

St. Lucy Food Project- Manassas Warehouse Seeks Volunteers

Feed the hungry and nourish the soul! St. Lucy Food Project is in need of Volunteer Food Wranglers. A food wrangler will unpack food from bags, check dates, sort food into categories, pack boxes with no more than 40 pounds of food, label, date and seal boxes up for delivery. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm. There are some Saturday and Sunday opportunities available. If interested please contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Elizabeth Gibbons at 703-479-2975 ext. 100 or e-mail to Elizabeth.gibbons@ccda.net

Give a Gift for Life Help the Gabriel Project

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I contacted Gabriel Project because I had an unplanned pregnancy. I received emotional help and the baby resources that I needed. Gabriel Project Angels helped me to have faith and courage. They made a difference in my life by showing me that with God all things are possible. I am so relieved that they were able to help me keep this baby as abortion would have been the biggest regret of my life." For more information and/or donate at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Please Consider Adding "Searching for More" to Your Podcast List

"Searching for More," a new podcast from the Diocese of Arlington, features interviews and discussions across a range of topics affecting Catholics in today's world from doctrine to Hollywood and beyond. Guests include clergy, local Catholics, doctors, technology experts, and even Catholic actors and news anchors. The podcast is dedicated to St. Thomas More, Patron Saint of our Diocese. Tune-in to More at: <http://bit.ly/2N1sHMS>

Advent Lessons and Carols On December 22

Join us for a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 22 at 4:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd NE, Washington, D.C., with beautiful, traditional songs of Christmas paired with Saint John Paul II's reflections on the Nativity story. The concert will be followed by seasonal refreshments and singing traditional Christmas carols around the tree. RSVP for this free event at JP2LessonsAndCarols.eventbrite.com.

Courage

Courage is a group that meets regularly to offer fraternal, moral, and spiritual support for those who experience same-sex attractions and desire to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Courage@arlingtondiocese.org, or visit www.couragerc.net.

How Our Diocese is Protecting Our Children

To learn how the Catholic Diocese of Arlington is protecting our children, please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection.

Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families—January 14

There will be a Holy Hour on Tuesday, January 14 at St. Leo Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va. The focus of the Holy Hour is prayer for the healing and conversion of families. Valerie and Rocco Repetski will perform at the event. Confession will be available. All are welcome. Please bring a friend. To learn more visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/ or email info@helpafterabortion.org

Seminarians Hoops Challenge Basketball Game—January 4

Join the fun as the high school men from the Quo Vadis discernment group take on the Arlington seminarians, with Bishop Burbidge as referee. There will be contests and vocational testimonies at halftime. The event is Saturday, January 4, 2020, from 10:00am—1:00pm at St. John Paul the Great High School, 17700 Dominican Dr. Dumfries, Va. Families and CYO teams are welcome. There is no need to RSVP for the event itself. Thank you for supporting our students and our seminarians as they strive for hoops glory, but more importantly, as they continue their discernment and training.

Join the First Saturday Rosary Team on January 4 and Every First Saturday

Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility? Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30am at the Falls Church abortion facility. The next First Saturday is on January 4, 2020. The facility is located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, Va. For inquiries, contact Amy McInerny at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

For information on joining the team from St. James, please contact Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com or 571-423-6482.


Diocese of Arlington Office Of Vocations

If you think you are discerning a vocation or if you want to learn more about vocations and what the religious life is like, the Office of Vocations of the Diocese of Arlington is here for you. To learn more, visit the Office's website at <http://j.mp/2MP62Dy> or call them at 703-841-2514.

Won't You Make a Home for our Blessed Mother Mary?

The Youth Apostles House in McLean has a brand new fiberglass outdoor statue which they cannot use and need to sell - Our Lady of Grace, in Antique stone finish, 56" tall: https://www.marianland.com/orlandi/mary/dt_F9080.html. With it is a 21" base: <https://www.marianland.com/orlandi/pedestals/F8369.html> these would make an excellent addition to an outdoor garden area or the beginnings of a beautiful Marian garden. It is still wrapped and unused. The Youth Apostles hopes to recover the cost of this lovely statue and base, \$2000. Please contact Father David Sharland, YA for further info at 703-888-9476 or fatherdavid.vtccm@gmail.com.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.



Mary's "yes" changed the world.

What's your "yes"?

This Advent, find out how your *yes* can transform your family, your community, and the world. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, one *yes* to God will transform the world by turning darkness to light, division to unity, and chaos to peace.

Join the movement:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/JustOneYes



Please Help our Seminarians—Support the Diocese's Education Endowment Fund

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, Va. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting these young men who will, in time, become our shepherds.

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 22

1:30pm—3:30pm	Bible Study	School Library—Door 17
4:30pm—6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Monday, December 23

7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
7:30pm—9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Tuesday, December 24—No Noon Mass; See Mass Schedule for the Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord on Page Six

Wednesday, December 25—See Mass Schedule for the Nativity of our Lord on Page Six; Rectory Offices Closed

Thursday, December 26—Rectory Offices Closed—No Parish Activities

Friday, December 27—Rectory Offices Closed

11:15am—11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, December 28—Rectory Offices Open 9:00am—1:30pm

3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm	Confessions	Church

St. James Rectory Hours for the Christmas Holiday

Please note that during the Christmas Holiday, the St. James Rectory offices will follow this schedule:

- **Monday, December 23:** 9:00am—9:00pm
- **Tuesday, December 24:** 9:00am—5:00pm (Limited Staffing)
- **Wednesday, December 25—Friday, December 27:** Closed
- **Saturday, December 28:** 9:00am—1:30pm

If you have an urgent spiritual need during the times when the Office is not open, do not hesitate to call our emergency line at 703-338-4949 .

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