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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



Christmas 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Psalm at Mass on Christmas proclaims: “A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us!” It is this truth that fills us with joyful hope even in the midst of the darkness we experience. There is no reason to despair. The Light has conquered the darkness! Our call is to allow this Light to guide us as we strive daily to grow in holiness, faithfulness, and integrity.

We are also sent forth each day to radiate the presence of Christ to others. We do so by loving all people without exception, by forgiving those who have offended us and by sacrificially and generously serving those in most need.

Each year we hear the timeless story of the three wise men who set out on a long journey with only a star to guide their way. What tremendous trust they must have had in God, not to know where they were going, but to obey humbly and do as they were asked. What a powerful witness for each of us. May we follow God’s call in our life with trust and obedience, so that at the end of our journey here on earth, we may embrace Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings.

It is my hope and prayer that during this Christmas season and into the New Year, we place our relationship with the Lord as our highest priority and remain instruments of His peace, joy, and light in our parishes, homes, workplaces, and communities.

The Lord is born for us! May He fill you with abundant blessings this Christmas and always. Merry Christmas to one and all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

*Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people of good will
(Lk 2:14).*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The promise of peace is one of the most welcome messages of Christmas. God's own angels proclaim this peace to the shepherds as part of "the good news of great joy...for all the people" (Lk 2:10).

The announcement of that peace answers one of the deepest longings of the human heart. We see conflict and disharmony all around us – in the world, in our country, and unfortunately even in our homes. We experience the lack of peace within ourselves and thus the corresponding desire for the One Who will restore us to peace. On this feast we rejoice that such peace has arrived. He is born, the Prince of Peace.

We see this peace already present at our Lord's crib. In Bethlehem all creation is in effect reconciled: animals, humans, angels all unite in worship of the One God. We find gathered around Him both the impoverished shepherds and the wealthy wise men, both Jews and Gentiles. All people and all nations find unity in Him. In the beautiful scene of the Holy Family, we find peace for all families.

Most importantly, He does not bring a superficial or passing peace. It is not just an absence of conflict or an ease of life. It is the interior peace that comes from being reconciled with God, from God's dwelling among and within us. Not as the world gives does He give this peace (cf. Jn 14:27).

At the same time, His peace requires something from us. It is meant for *people of good will*. We have to open our hearts sincerely to receive Him. Let us humbly approach Him in His rest in Bethlehem and express our sincere desire for "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Php 4:7).

Please know of the prayers of the priests at Saint James for you and your loved ones. May the Prince of Peace, born this day of the Virgin Mary, establish His peace in your hearts and home. Through the intercession of our Lady and Saint James, may the Lord bless you always.

Sincerely in Christ,



Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia
Pastor

St. James School Christmas Pageants and Sing Along



MERRY CHRISTMAS! FROM THE STUDENTS, STAFF, TEACHERS,
AND IHM SISTERS OF
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2019 at St. James in Pictorial Review



More Memories Ahead in 2020!
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The Priests, Deacons, and
IHM Sisters of St. James
Wish Everyone A
Blessed, Joyous, and Merry
Christmas