



Saint James Catholic Church



4th Sunday OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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This Week at St. James

Sunday, March 31

Holy Hour, 5:00pm in the Church

Wednesday, April 3

The Light is On

Confessions in English and en Español

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30pm-8:00pm in the Church

Friday, April 5

A Day of Abstinence

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am – 11:45am

Food Distribution

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Knecht Gymnasium

Fish Fry

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Heller Hall – Door 13

Stations of the Cross

en Español – 6:00pm

in English – 7:30pm, Vespers to Follow

See Page Seven for Important Parking Information.

Reflection Question: What courage must it have took for the prodigal son to return? Would you have that courage?

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: Second Collection Today is for Catholic Relief Services



This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generosity.

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*Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am
10 days before Sunday publication date
Via website form posted under
Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.*



"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

So much has been written about today's Gospel. Its themes about loss and forgiveness have been re-interpreted in plays, music, and art. We have replayed them in our own lives: An errant friend who only calls when convenient or when they want something from you; a spouse or significant other who plays ping pong with your emotions; and of course, children. The latter is more familiar in re-tellings because we are all children of our parents. Generous love, so freely given and yet sometimes so freely taken for granted; unconditional in nature, this kind of love seeks nothing for itself, seeks no benefit from its granting, but rather, yearns only for the good of the receiver.

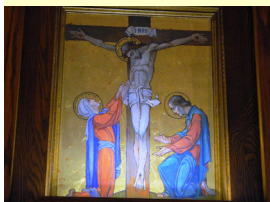
I've talked with many parents over the years; counseled and offered pastoral care to those struggling with children going through difficult times: drug use, unemployment, mental illness, etc. These and so many other issues try their patience as well as their souls. They want their children safe and healthy. Most were not angry with God, but simply worn down by sorrow and feelings of helplessness. The revolving doors became fixtures of their lives: support offered, then spurned, then sought again.

How difficult, too, for those who were always there, who were the "obedient son" or prayerful scribe? Dutiful and faithful, how could they be on par with those who callously, or at least unwittingly, came again and again for one more chance?

But in this powerful parable, Jesus reminds all of us that we are indeed equal before the Father. Another's "sins" do not lessen the good received by the followers. As we saw last week, God is a patient gardener. His generosity, as His forgiveness, is freely given.

As much as this parable is about forgiveness, it is also about hope and opportunity. Much like the fig tree from last week, the Prodigal Son leaves us with the prospect of growth. Given a chance, that fig tree might bear fruit. Given the possibility of atonement, that son might repair his life and his relationships. Hope springs eternal in the garden and today's reading. How much kinder would our world be if we offered that hope to others? How much kinder would it be if we offered it to ourselves? The Light is On for you to find that gift; we are here to share that promise with you. God bless ~Fr. Posey

The Stations of the Cross



Every Friday night during Lent, and on Good Friday, we offer Stations of the Cross to all those who wish to reflect on Christ's passion. Did you ever wonder where the tradition started? According to Church sources, pilgrims first began to visit the Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way), the route of Christ's journey to His crucifixion, in 313AD. In the early 1400s, the Ottoman Empire blocked access to the holy sites in Jerusalem, prompting churches to put up their Stations of the Cross, the first

appearing in the early 1400s. In the 1600s and 1700s, various Popes allowed all Catholic churches to place their Stations so that the faithful could better understand Christ's sacrifice. We hope that you will join us on Fridays throughout Lent, and, especially on Good Friday, to pray the Stations of the Cross. For a video explaining each Station and its significance, please visit <https://bit.ly/2HAr875>. For more history, visit <https://bit.ly/2Hy1y2w>.

Mass Intentions for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 30

5:00 p.m. +Virginia Holmes

Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m. +James Kobus

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

10:30 a.m. +Marjorie Wall

Noon +Kelly Brodrik

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

7:00 p.m. +Gregory Breen

Monday, April 1

6:30 a.m. +Michael F. Murphy

8:30 a.m. Daniel Jude Yousun Lee, Jr.

Noon +Edmundo Cadima

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 a.m. +Seraphina Miei Jung

8:30 a.m. +Joseph Claffy

Noon +Margaret Szmyd

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 a.m. +Walter Masgul

8:30 a.m. +Maurice J. Flynn

Noon +Nancy Bartosavage

Thursday, April 4

6:30 a.m. +Annette Harris

8:30 a.m. +James W. Muskett

Noon +Arlene Monde

Friday, April 5

6:30 a.m. +Agnes Saikyub Lee

8:30 a.m. +Joseph Claffy

Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m. +Genoveva Raygada

5:00 p.m. +Delano M. and Maraya Santos

Sunday, April 7

7:30 a.m. Jane Checkan

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

10:30 a.m. Margaret Whitehead

Noon +Michael Santoro

2:30 p.m. Special Intention

7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Nguyen and Cavallin Families

Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Please pray for our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially **Justin Berg,**

Capt. Albert C. Young,
Michele Petersen, and Roger VanSanford.



This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny

Monday: April Fool's Day

Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola

Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville

Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11



Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Elizabeth Fielder

Conley Rohall

Dorothy Hannon

Carolynn Scheid

Diane Hixson

Tom Sowers

Ann McDermott

Lily O'Brien

Mary Remshard

and the deceased of our parish family:

“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”

— James 1:22



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To RSVP please go to: <https://bit.ly/2Fn4X1G>

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Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm
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Opportunities to Engage in Acts of Corporal and Spiritual Mercy



St. James Social Outreach

Focus on Hunger-St. James Food Distribution

"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus I must feed him." Mother Theresa

On the first Friday of the month, 125-150 families come to pray together and receive groceries from St. James Parish. Several years ago, the Outreach Committee became aware of many needy families living within a 10-minute walk of St. James Church. A census conducted by committee members determined that their chronic need was food -- especially at the beginning of the month when rent was due. We began our monthly food distributions to address this need. Today, the families who are in need live throughout the Falls Church area. Please consider donating 1-lb bags of rice or kidney beans, boxes of cereal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, and hearty soups. You can place your donations in the boxes near the doors of the Church after any mass. Besides donating food, this program can use your help in two ways: 1) If you have a large vehicle and can help us transport food, or 2) If you are an individual who speaks Spanish who can help us with registration. Please contact Gay Fantozzi by email at motzof4@gmail.com or by phone at 571-282-3803 for more information.



40 Days of Life Vigil – Through April 14

The "40 Days for Life" vigil is taking place through April 14 on the sidewalk outside 900 S. Washington Street (Lee Hwy), where the "Falls Church Healthcare Center" abortion clinic is located. Street parking is available on the George Mason Rd. and Greenway Blvd. before 8am and after 5pm. Between 8am-5pm, you can park on Cameron Rd., one block from the site. Get more information and sign up for vigil hours at <https://bit.ly/1FIFdJr>. Signing up is not required, but it does help us identify gaps. Don't forget, the St. James Pro-Life Group is meeting on Thursday, April 4, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9). Be sure to attend to find out more about what you can do to take a stand for life!

Opportunities for Confession/Oportunidades de Confesión

The Light is
ON for You



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The Light is On For You

Don't forget, every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, "The Light Is On For You" at St. James. Priests will be on-hand to hear your confession, and you will have the opportunity to engage in Eucharistic adoration as well. These evenings will help you draw closer to God as you prepare yourself to greet our Lord on Easter morning.

¡La Luz está
ENCENDIDA
para ti!



¡La Luz está Encendida Para Ti!

No se olvide, todos los Miércoles por la noche de 6:30 pm a 8:00pm, la "La Luz Está Encendida Para Ti" en St. James. Los sacerdotes estarán a su disposición para escuchar su confesión, y tendrán la oportunidad de participar también en la adoración eucarística. Estas tardes te ayudarán a acercarte a Dios mientras te preparas para saludar a nuestro Señor en la mañana de Pascua.



St. James Seniors Lenten Dinner and Speaker Series – April 11

We invite all parishioners 55 and over to a Lenten dinner followed by a speaker on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30 - 7:30pm in Heller Hall. Please bring a hearty salad to share. We will supply bread and beverages. Donna Spann, our guest speaker, will share thoughts about decluttering your home and simple ways to improve your health and wellness. Why not "right size" your house now and store up happy memories rather than "stuff"? RSVP by April 8 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768, Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845, or Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482. We can arrange rides if needed.



No Parking on the Residential Side of Park Avenue/ No Hay Estacionamiento en el Lado Residencial de Park Avenue

Please remember that parking on the residential side of Park Avenue is now by residential permit only, and you are no longer allowed to park there for Masses or other functions at St. James. Avoid a ticket, park in a St. James lot. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2TnR6Mz>. To see a map of the St. James campus, visit <https://bit.ly/2TQa2J0>.

Por favor, recuerde que el estacionamiento en el lado residencial de Park Avenue es ahora por el permiso de residencial, y que ya no están permitidas para estacionar su para Misas u otras funciones en St. James. Evite un boleto, estacione en un lote de St. James. Para obtener más información, visite <https://bit.ly/2TnR6Mz>, para ver un mapa del campus de St. James, visite <https://bit.ly/2TQa2J0>.



Time is Running Out to Take a Chance in the 2019 All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle

Don't miss out on your chance to be a "Highway Star"! Take a \$5.00 chance on the 2019 "All Saints Catholic Church Multi-Car Raffle," and you could win one of five cars: Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Pickup Truck, Honda Civic, Honda CRV, or Honda Odyssey Van. You could also win up to \$20,000 in cash prizes. The raffle closes on April 30, and All Saints Catholic Church will hold the drawing on May 5. This raffle continues to benefit our parish as well as many charitable causes throughout the diocese. Please make all checks payable to "All Saints Catholic Church," and make sure that you return your check(s), ticket stubs, or unsold tickets directly to All Saints Catholic Church, as mandated by the regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming.

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HOLY WEEK 2019
AT
ST. JAMES



*“Your Will be
Done!”
Matthew 26:42*

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30am, 9:00am 10:30am,
12:00 noon,
2:30pm (en Español), and
7:00pm

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Holy Monday, April 15
Confessions, 10:00am - 11:30am
Tenebrae Service, 7:30pm

Holy Tuesday, April 16
Confessions, 10:00am - 11:30am

Holy Wednesday, April 17
Confessions
and
Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 – 8:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 18
Holy Thursday Service, 7:00pm
(en Español, in Knecht Gym)
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30pm

Good Friday, April 19
Confessions, 10:30am - 11:30am
Stations of the Cross
3:00pm (English)
Living Stations of the Cross
4:30pm (en Español)
Veneration of the Cross, 7:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 20
Blessing of the Easter Baskets and
Egg Hunt, 9:00am
Confession, 9:30am - 10:30am
Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm

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**The Easter Bunny's getting
celebrity help
for our Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Bring the Kids
Saturday, April 20
Immediately after the 9:00am Easter
Basket Blessing
Front Lawn of the Church**

2019 BISHOP'S LEPTEN APPEAL CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



The Light of Christ: Bringing Christ to Those in Need

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FISH FRY FRYDAYS CONTINUE!

**5:00-8:00PM
HELLER HALL
DOOR 13 BY THE
MARY STATUE**

"Say to the Lord, My Refuge and Fortress, My God in Whom I Trust." Psalm 91:2

Weekly Reflection



Readings: Joshua 5:9A, 10-12; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

Reflection Question: What courage must it have took for the prodigal son to return?
Would you have that courage?

April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 31

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	Bible Study	School Library – Door 17
3:45pm – 6:00pm	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, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, April 3

9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Meeting Room – Doors 8 & 9
6:30pm – 8:00pm	The Light is On	Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English & Citizenship Classes	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, April 4

9:30am – 11:30am	Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Scripture Study – Women	Art Room – Door 17
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Pro-Life Meeting	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Friday, April 5 – First Friday, 9:00am – 11:45am Exposition and Benediction

9:00am – 11:45am	Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction	Church
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Fish Fry	Heller Hall – Door 13
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross in Spanish	Church
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Middle School Fusion	Knecht Gymnasium
6:45pm – 9:15pm	Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Food Distribution	Knecht Gymnasium
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross in English	Church
7:55pm	Vespers with Dawn Keeler	Church

Saturday, April 6

8:30am – 4:00pm	Catechetical Conference	Heller Hall – Door 13
8:30am – 10:00am	Bereavement Ministry Meeting	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
9:00am – Noon	Catholic Daughters	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm	Confessions	Church

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