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Sunday
November 17, 2019

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33rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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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)
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On The Way

The Four Last Things: Hell

It might surprise many to learn that the person in the Bible who speaks the most about hell was not Moses or Saint Paul (two serious men!) but Jesus Christ Himself. That simple fact indicates that the teaching on hell is not incompatible with our Lord's compassion, mercy, and love. Indeed, it is an essential part of His message. If there is no hell, then from what did He free us? If we are not at risk of eternal damnation, then why did He give His life on the Cross?

Now, no one goes to hell against his will. The *Catechism* describes hell as the *state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God* (CCC 1033). Thus the truth of hell vindicates the radical nature of human freedom. What locates a soul in hell is a *knowing and willing* choice against God's love — in other words, a mortal sin (e.g. knowingly and willingly skipping Sunday Mass). This is a *radical possibility of human freedom, as is love itself* (CCC 1861). As C.S. Lewis wrote, *There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell.*

As for punishment, the principal pain of hell is eternal separation from God, Who alone can bring us happiness. For the damned there is also the painful knowledge that they themselves caused their separation from God; it could have been otherwise. Thus their *wailing and gnashing of teeth* (cf. Mt 22:13).

Further, there is punishment for one's sins. God is just and He punishes justly. To those who ask for mercy God always extends it. But for those who die without asking for mercy, only justice remains. Another way of understanding this punishment is that it is to live eternally as what we have determined ourselves to be. It is not so much that God designs a punishment to fit our crimes. It is, rather, that He allows us to live eternally with what we have chosen. If we have deformed our souls by sin, then we live eternally with the pain of that deformity.

As with every doctrine of the Church, we must avoid two extremes that lead to error. One extreme is to emphasize hell to the exclusion of heaven. That produces Catholics more interested in avoiding sin than growing in virtue, more focused on vice (ironically) than holiness. The other extreme — and one more prominent today — is to reject the reality or the possibility of hell. This is contrary to both scripture and the Church's entire tradition. In the end, it is enough for us to know that hell exists...that it is a distinct possibility...and that our Lord never refuses mercy to those who ask for it. Nevertheless, even more important than avoiding hell is striving for heaven...

Next week: Purgatory —Fr. Scalia

Stewardship

Only He Can Save Us

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks to us about the things that must happen before His return, and he pulls no punches—it will be hard and terrible times. As Catholics, as Christians, we will be attacked and persecuted. And when attacked, it is in our human nature to stand up for ourselves, to save ourselves. But, Christ's point is that the opposition we will face in those days will be so great that it will be beyond our abilities to defend or justify ourselves, only Christ will be able to save us—and only if we remain patient, temper our foolish belief that we can save ourselves, and allow Him to speak through us. Only Christ will, and can, save us and we must discipline ourselves to trust in His saving grace.



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Notices from St. James

Early Bulletin Deadlines

With the holiday season rapidly approaching our publisher, LPI, has imposed early bulletin submission deadlines. As such, we are asking that any and all bulletin submissions for the time period between November 24 and January 5, 2020, be submitted by these deadlines:

- December 8 by Monday, November 25
- December 15 by Monday, December 2
- December 22 by Tuesday, December 10
- December 29 by Monday, December 16
- January 5 by Wednesday, December 18

We thank you in advance for adherence to these deadlines. Please feel free to submit materials for later dates, after November 24, well before the deadlines as well. Thank You!

St. James Social Outreach Committee Seeking a Volunteer to Serve as Secretary

The St. James Social Outreach Committee is looking for a volunteer to serve as the Committee's Secretary. Primary duties would include attending the Committee's meetings, preparing the meeting's agenda and sending it to all committee members, and recording the minutes of each session, and then sending those minutes to committee members. For a complete description of what the position entails, visit: <http://bit.ly/2NhppoS>. To learn more about the Social Outreach Committee, visit their webpage at <http://bit.ly/2CbkQpM>. If you are interested in serving, or if you want to find out more about the position, contact Mary Ann Horton at maryannhorton01@gmail.com.

Thank you for considering serving in this important position on a committee that has such a positive impact on our Parish.

Mass Intentions for the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 16
St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5:00 p.m. +Gerald Atlee

Sunday, November 17
Sunday of the Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. +Christopher Dunn
9:00 a.m. +Ed andCarolynn Scheid and Suzann Scheid Southworth
10:30 a.m. +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller
Noon People of St. James
2:30 p.m. +Luisa Isabel Salinas
7:00 p.m. +Joseph and Sarah Herickes

Monday, November 18
The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
6:30 a.m. +Georgia Lorraine Mangrum
8:30 a.m. +Alex Korbeck
Noon +John and Grace Mulligan

Tuesday, November 19
Tuesday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m. Estela Arciaga
8:30 a.m. +Fred Loy
Noon +Giacomo D’Isa

Wednesday, November 20
Wednesday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m. Sally A. O’Malley
8:30 a.m. +William Painter
Noon +Deanna Dulka

Thursday, November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 a.m. +Fr. J. Piwowarski
8:30 a.m. +Robert Baird
Noon +Gregorio Cabacar

Friday, November 22
St. Cecilia
6:30 a.m. +Frank Roberts
8:30 a.m. Steven Whitehead
Noon +Carlos Infante

Saturday, November 23
St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
8:30 a.m. +Cynthia Mernagh
5:00 p.m. +Joseph Timko

Sunday, November 24
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
7:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Hartlove
9:00 a.m. +Shirley Grayson
10:30 a.m. +Phung Ly
Noon +Antonio D’Ermes
2:30 p.m. +Victor and Loly Garcia
7:00 p.m. People of St. James

Today’s Readings

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20A
 (“Lo, the day is coming...”)

Psalm: Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
 (“Sing praise to the Lord with the harp...”)

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
 (“Brothers and Sisters, You know how one must...”)

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
 (“The days will come when there will not be left...”)

(All readings from the USCCB Readings of the Day, <http://i.mp/2NHD2i>)

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88];
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31: Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b];
Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31;
Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b];
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59;
1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bc[13b];
Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13;
Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a];
Lk 20:27-40

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Mary Hurd	Ed Murphy
Laura Lareau	Robyn Stewart
Rob Lemmers	

and the deceased of our parish family:

Rodolfo Albano	Joann Jones
Lucille Inzana	Laura Baird Turpin

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
Veronica Elkins	Roger VanSanford
Major Alan Harvey	Major Albert C. Young



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



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Tuesdays 2:30pm—8:00pm

Announcements from PREP

Boys' Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 23
10:00am - 1:00pm
Heller Hall

This retreat is for all boys who will be confirmed in March 2020.

DID YOU KNOW AT ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our school was founded in 1906 and has been administered by the IHM Sisters since 1923.

We have 44 certified teachers educating 423 students.

We are the only diocesan school with two Blue Ribbon Awards for Academic Excellence (1998 & 2014).

Our Robotics, Computer & Science Labs are state-of-the-art with Ipad & MacAir computers for students.

Large Art and Music Rooms add to our students' educational experiences.

We offer Extended Day Morning & Afternoon Programs with a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

A free resource program taught by certified Special Education Faculty is available at the Harrison Learning Center.

We have dedicated funding for post-graduate education through our Clarke-Delaney Fund.

We are a caring and supportive faith community with dedicated parents and committed clergy.

Almost \$200,000 has been directed towards our Guardian Angel Scholarship Program through gifts, pledges and bequests. More than \$475,000 in Annual Appeal funds has been donated from parents, alumni, friends, staff and parishioners since 2012.



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Our students profess their faith through weekly Mass attendance with student participation as Altar Servers, Lectors and Choir

They live their faith by supporting the needy and mission efforts through fundraising and collections.

Our students support each other through National Junior Honor Society member-led tutoring.

Together with their families they support our IHM Sisters through the Annual Nun Fun Run.

We have been featured multiple times in the NCEA's print & electronic media as an example of maintaining excellence & strategic planning.

We have more than 250 students who participate in our CYO programs in track, tennis and basketball.

We have a technology coach to provide hands-on classroom assistance to students and faculty.

Among our talented alumni we have Valedictorians, National Merit & Advanced Placement Scholars, Eagle & Gold Scouting Awardees, Scholarship Athletes, Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons and students enrolled at U.S. Service Academies.

Our Parish has invested over \$1.6 million in capital improvements for our school since 2009.

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Novena Schedule/Advent Confessions/Christmas Masses

Novena for the Immaculate Conception—Saturday, November 30—Sunday, December 8

St. James will offer a Novena for the Immaculate Conception, nightly, in the Church, from Saturday, November 30 through Sunday, December 8. The Novena will ask Blessed Virgin Mary for her powerful intercession on our behalf, and for her wisdom and guidance as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We hope that you will be able to attend. The schedule for each night is:

Saturday, November 30 at 7:30pm
“Mother of God” Fr. Rich Miserendino

Sunday, December 1 at 5:00pm
“Mother of Divine Grace” Fr. Robert Wagner

Monday, December 2 at 7:30pm
“Mother of Good Counsel” Fr. Stephen Vaccaro

Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30pm
“Virgin Most Powerful” Fr. Joseph Rampino

Sunday, December 8 at 5:00pm
“Queen Conceived Without Original Sin” Fr. Jamie Workman

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30pm
“Seat of Wisdom” Fr. Christopher Tipton

Thursday, December 5 at 7:30pm
“Ark of the Covenant” Fr. Dort Biggs

Friday, December 6 at 7:30pm
“Tower of David” Fr. Paul Scalia

Saturday, December 7 at 7:30pm
“Help of Christians” Fr. Steven Oetjen

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:

- **Thursday, December 19:** 7:00pm—9:00pm
(There will also be a Holy Hour starting at 7:00pm as an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration.)
- **Friday, December 20:** 10:00am—12:00pm
- **Monday, December 23:** 6:00pm—8:00pm
- **Tuesday, December 24:** 10:00am—Noon

Please note that we will still offer Confessions on our normal schedule of Fridays at 11:15am—11:45am, and Saturdays from 3:30pm—4:30pm and 7:30pm.

“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

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, 9:00pm, and Midnight

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

Please note that we will not be offering a 7:00pm Mass on Christmas Day.

“May the joy of Christmas and the peace which the Birth of the Savior brings into the world be in your hearts forever.”

St. John Paul II

Announcement of Liturgical Changes

Dear Friends in Christ,

Several months ago, Bishop Burbidge promulgated new liturgical norms for the Diocese of Arlington. These are to establish consistent practice throughout the Diocese and ensure adherence to the universal norms of the Church. In the main, the instructions have little impact on our practice at Saint James. There are, however, some things that we need to alter. I am also taking this occasion to introduce a few changes, effective November 24th.

Announcements

In keeping with the norms, we will move parish announcements from before Mass to the end of Mass. The priest will make the announcements prior to the final blessing.

Blessings during Holy Communion

Over the years the practice developed of ministers giving a blessing to those who, for whatever reason, cannot receive Holy Communion. In certain places people were encouraged to come forward with arms folded over the chest to indicate the desire for a blessing and not the Eucharist. The instructions received from the Bishop clarify that this practice is to be discouraged. The first and most important reason for this is theological and liturgical. Going up for Communion is to be a procession to the Lord's table to receive nourishment as children of God. Those processing up should be attentive and prayerful about Who they are to receive. There is also a logistical reason. Many priests and deacons have encountered confusion at that most sacred moment, when it has not been clear whether the person desires a blessing or Holy Communion. I have been in the awkward position of not giving Communion to someone who desired It (as some people receive Communion with arms folded across the chest) and on one occasion giving Communion to someone not expecting or desiring It.

I understand and regret that this comes as a disappointment and sadness to some people, and I regret any pain that it causes. Children especially look forward to that blessing. Please do not hesitate to bring the children to us after Mass so that we can bless them!

Processional Cross

Thanks to an anonymous benefactor, we have a new processional Cross in keeping with the Church's norms. That is, a crucifix rather than a plain cross or with an image of the risen Christ.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

I am grateful for the generosity and charity of those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. They arrange their schedules around the need for assistance in both distributing Holy Communion at Mass and bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and generous group. Moving forward you will notice that those bringing Holy Communion to the homebound will leave from the church immediately after receiving the pyx (the container for the consecrated Host) to bring the Eucharist to our brothers and sisters who cannot join us at Mass. Now, it might seem awkward for people to leave Mass before the final blessing (the very thing we tell people *not* to do!). But they are not leaving so much as being sent. By going directly from the altar of Saint James to the homebound they emphasize that the homebound are one with us in worship. Their reception of Holy Communion at home is an extension of the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. (We are also looking into the possibility of live-streaming some of the Masses so that the homebound can join us that way as well.)

Prayer Card

You will notice this Sunday that a prayer card has been placed in each pew. I hope you find it helpful for your devotions and preparing for the Sacraments.

Daily Mass

At times the entrance and communion antiphons available to the faithful in the missalette differ from what the priest has in the altar Missal. In the interest of consistency, beginning November 25th the priest will recite the antiphons at daily Mass. The congregation is invited to join him as they are able. —Father Scalia

Events and Happenings

Thanksgiving Feast for St. James Seniors November 21

The annual Thanksgiving feast for Seniors will be held on Thursday, November 21 in Heller Hall from 5:30 - 7:30pm. The usual fixings of turkey, potatoes, dressing, gravy, cranberries, and rolls will be provided. We ask those attending to bring a vegetable side dish or a dessert to share.

Karen and Bob Graffam, parishioners, will speak about their experience in the Dominican Republic running the Catholic Charities sponsored Bánica Basketball Camp for boys and a bible study program for other children ages 5-15. They will show a video of their recent trip in July.

Please bring a box of cereal, brown rice, pinto beans, peanut butter, tuna fish, and pasta to donate to Social Outreach for the Food Distribution for December.

Please RSVP no later than November 19 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768 or Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845.

Girl Scouts Selling Christmas Ornaments—December 15

The St. James second grade Girl Scout troop will be selling beautiful Saint James Catholic Church Christmas ornaments following the 9:00am, 10:30am, and Noon, Masses on Sunday, December 15. These shatterproof, acrylic, gift-boxed keepsake balls are \$10 per ornament. They will make great gifts, and will look beautiful on your family's Christmas tree! If you cannot make it to those Masses, but still desire to purchase an ornament, please contact Kelli Edwards at kelli_annel@yahoo.com. We hope you will be able to support our Girl Scouts in this endeavor.

St. James Pro-Life Group Updates

Over 400 babies were saved during the recent 40 Days for Life (www.40DaysforLife.com) campaign; more statistics will be shared when they become available. 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 a stirring video about how 40 Days for Life changed one mom's mind, visit: <http://j.mp/32iRW1x>.

NOVA for Life is encouraging everyone to participate in a resolution to spend an hour in adoration and pray the rosary in silence before the **Blessed Sacrament** in intercessory prayer for an end to abortion, for the protection of the lives of the unborn and for the conversion of all those involved especially within our Diocese.

The St. James Pro-Life Group will next meet on Thursday, December 5 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9).

Pro-Life Heroes, Joe and Ann Scheidler, To Speak in McLean on November 21

Meet the courageous pro-life warriors, Ann and Joe Scheidler at St. John the Beloved's parish hall (6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA) on Thursday, November 21, at 7:30pm. Their talk will be a rare opportunity to hear the remarkable stories of their 46-year intense involvement to stand up for the unborn. They will speak of their victories and defeats as sidewalk counselors, and of their victory in the landmark Supreme Court case, NOW v. Scheidler.

See DefendLife.org or contact Fran at 703-862-6741, fgf@fgfbooks.com, for information.

Women of St. James Hosting Carrie Gress, Author of “Theology of Home: Finding the Eternal in the Everyday” on November 23

Join the women of Saint James for a talk and question/answer session by Carrie Gress, author of “Theology of Home: Finding the Eternal in the Everyday” at 3:30 on November 23 in Heller Hall (Door 13). Refreshments will be provided and books will be available. RSVP to Adele Collins at adele1@gmail.com.

A Review of “Theology of Home: Find the Eternal in the Everyday” by Adele Collins (Noted Catholic Blogger)

There are few ideas that have captured the modern imagination as completely as the longing for “home.” Turn on your TV and you might find a show about how to flip, fix up, or hunt for a home. Once you’re settled within that home, a whole other brigade of magazines and books will teach you how to cook gourmet meals in your new kitchen and decorate.

In their new book “Theology of Home,” Carrie Gress, Noelle Mering, and Megan Schrieber explore the idea of home within the Catholic imagination. “The whole Christian story,” they write, “can be summed up in the idea of the Father welcoming his children home.” As we journey towards our ultimate heavenly home, they remind us, we find temporary respite along the way. The Church is our primary earthly home, where we can find Christ and, in the Mass, receive un goût, or “taste” of heaven in the Blessed Sacrament. But our homes, whether humble or grand, also are sanctuaries— not only for our bodies, but for our souls. They are places of formation and evangelization.

Many of us have been inspired by the call for our homes to become “domestic churches.” But *how* exactly, are we to go about creating a domestic church? “Theology of Home” explores the many ways in which our homes can become places where beauty and truth abound. Just as the Church utilizes certain elements (sacraments, the liturgy, the splendor of a Cathedral) to evangelize the soul, so too do our homes rely upon certain elements: light, nourishment, safety, order, comfort, and hospitality.

“Theology of Home,” explores each of these components, weaving together theological reflections with personal stories from the authors and inspiration for our own homes. You will look at our own entry-way differently once you have meditated upon the fact that Christ calls himself “the door.” (John 10:9) You will putter around your rooms with new eyes recalling that the human soul has been thought of as an “interior castle” with many rooms and corridors. These insights point out the spiritual significance of our dwelling places and the tasks within them that we all know to be, at times, mundane or tedious. But even that tedium is transformed pondering that the same virtues required of homemaking are required in the formation of the soul: repetition, perseverance, and grace.

The book is graphically beautiful, featuring an array of styles ranging from mid century modern garden parties on the Pacific coast to fall leaves and traditional colonials back East. The thread that connects them is not style but feel— warmth, joy, and familial love. The beauty of the photography begins to convey the message that is brought home (no pun intended) with the truth and theological insight of the text. Reading it, you will feel inspired to transform your home into a place of human flourishing and spiritual growth.

Are our homes— welcoming, nourishing, ordered— an end in themselves? No. They are only instruments pointing us towards “Christ, the door, the one who opens wide the gate of heaven and brings us home.”

Knights of Columbus 35th Annual Thanksgiving Charity Event

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday season, we should reflect on all of the blessings, which God has given us and how we might share those blessings with others in our community. This year we will once again be serving the greater Arlington community and its surrounding areas. You can get involved with our upcoming Thanksgiving Event in several ways: 1) By donating 20lb turkeys (cooked/unstuffed) in an effort to reach our goal of 250 turkeys; 2) By making a financial donation and sending it to the Council Office attn.: Financial Secretary, Columbus Club of Arlington, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22207 (please note "Thanksgiving 2019" in the check's memo line); or 3) by volunteering on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, to either make deliveries or serve turkeys at the Columbus Club. Or, better yet, why not commit to all three? You can drop turkeys off at the Columbus Club, from 8:00am through 5:00pm, starting on Monday, November 25 through Wednesday, November 27. For further information please contact Thom and Marijo Galvin at 703-623-4544.



Scouts BSA Troop 681 Annual Christmas Tree Sale



Please support BSA Troop 681 by purchasing a Christmas Tree from their annual Christmas Tree Sale—a real St. James tradition. This year's sale will start on Saturday, November 30 and will continue through Saturday, December 21.

Sale Hours

Wednesdays: 6:00pm—8:00pm

Thursdays and Fridays: 6:00pm—9:00pm

Saturdays and Sundays: 9:00am—9:00pm

The sale is located in the Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
Please Make All Checks Payable to "BSA Troop 681"

Fraser Fir 4/5" (Orange)	\$45.00
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This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, November 17—St. James School Open House 10:00am—Noon, Heller Hall

10:00am—2:00pm	Parish Library Open	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
10:15am—11:15am	Baptism Class	School Library—Door 17
11:30am—2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm—4:00pm	St. James Chili Cook-Off	Heller Hall (Door 13)
1:00pm—2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School—Door 16
1:30pm—3:30pm	Bible Study (Co-Ed)	School Library—Door 17
4:30pm—6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Rosary and Benediction	Church

Monday, November 18

7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
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Tuesday, November 19—St. James School Open House 9:00am—11:00am, Library

4:45pm/7:00pm	PREP	School—Door 16
7:00pm—8:15pm	High School Prep	School Library—Door 17
7:30pm—9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, November 20

9:15am—11:00am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Meeting Room—Doors 8 & 9
9:15am—11:15am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
7:30pm—9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, November 21

9:30am—11:30am	Bible Study (Co-Ed)	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
5:30pm—7:30pm	St. James Seniors Thanksgiving Feast	Heller Hall—Door 13
7:00pm—9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Meeting Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm—9:00pm	Young Mothers' Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—8:30pm	PTO Meeting	School Library—Door 17
7:30pm—9:00pm	St. James Young Professionals Community	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Friday, November 22

11:15am—11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, November 23

10:00am—1:00pm	Boy's Confirmation Retreat	Heller Hall—Door 13
12:30pm—3:30pm	Hispanic Baptism Seminar	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
3:30pm—6:00pm	"Theology of Home" With Carrie Gress	Heller Hall—Door 13
7:30pm	Confessions	Church



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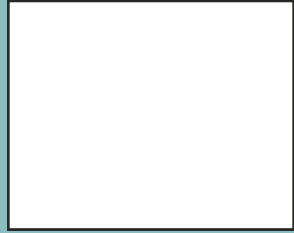
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