



Saint James Catholic Church

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Sunday
November 24, 2019

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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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.

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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

The "Fifth" Last Thing: Purgatory

Okay, so traditionally there are only four last things. But before we consider heaven (the last of the four), we need to consider what most of us will experience on the way: purgatory.

To understand purgatory, we need to understand the twofold effect of sin: guilt and disorder. When we sin, we incur guilt before God. We also introduce disorder into the world and into our souls. We distort the likeness of Christ within us. Thus the remedy for sin involves both forgiveness for guilt and repairing of disorder. Suppose a child grows angry at dinner and deliberately spills milk on the table. There is both guilt and disorder. One simple "I'm sorry" brings him forgiveness. But he still needs to clean up the mess...or at least help with it.

This is our situation before our Heavenly Father. Our repentance obtains His forgiveness. But we still need to assist in the restoration of order. The Church calls this the "temporal punishment due to sin."

We find this dynamic most of all in the Sacrament of Confession. Through the ministry of the priest, we receive forgiveness and are restored to God. However, since *absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused* (CCC 1459), the priest gives us some form of penance (prayers, sacrifices, acts of mercy, etc.) to make amends for our sins and restore the order we have disturbed. Our penance helps purge the effects of sin and restore the likeness of Christ to our souls.

What happens if we die forgiven but with effects of sin still clinging to us? Suppose a lifelong sinner finally converts and goes to confession, but then dies before he can do penance. Because he's restored to God, he will go to heaven. But because throughout his life, he has distorted his soul and introduced disorder into himself, he needs purification before he can enter heaven. Purgatory is that purification and *purgation* so that a soul can enter heaven.

This also means that the length of time in purgatory corresponds to the disorder we cause by sin. The degree to which we live in the darkness of sin will determine how long our sight needs to adjust to the light of heaven. The longer in sin, the more time in purgatory.

Purgatory thus vindicates both the justice and the mercy of God. In His justice God will not permit us to enter heaven until we have been purified of all effects of sin. Nothing imperfect or impure can enter the glory of heaven. In His mercy, God Himself cleanses us His children in purgatory so that we can join His family at the banquet in heaven.

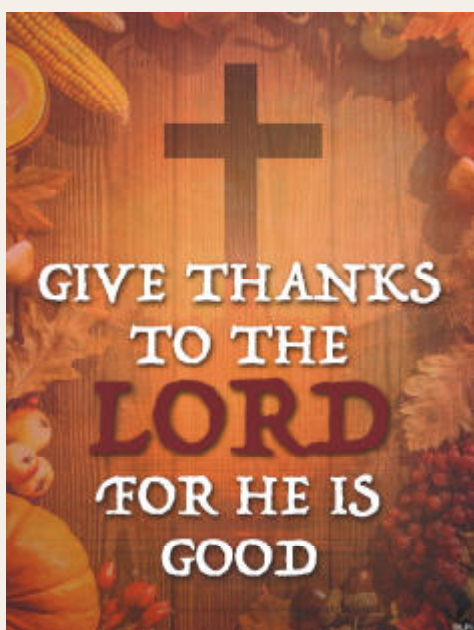
The souls in purgatory, although experiencing a form of penance, are not miserable. They know that they are going to heaven; it's just a matter of time. Let us hasten their purification by our prayers and sacrifices.

Next week: Heaven —Fr. Scalia

Stewardship

Thanksgiving

On Thursday, many of us will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will stuff ourselves with food, tell old stories about holidays past, watch some football, and, hopefully, collapse into our beds well fed and well cheered. But how many of us will make an effort to thank God for our blessings? How many of us will take time to appreciate that not everyone will be able to gather with their family and friends—due to family situations, military or other deployments, the nature of their jobs, or for any multitude of different reasons? And, how many of us will ask God to bless those individuals, and all of the people who have no home and no place to go on Thanksgiving Day, or any other day? Every day is a day of Thanksgiving. Every day is an opportunity for us to kneel and thank God for our blessings and to ask God to protect those who might not be as fortunate. So, while you are celebrating Thursday, and every day after that, make time to celebrate the presence and blessings of God, as well.



Notices from St. James

Early Bulletin Deadlines

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

- 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 items for later dates, after November 24, well before the deadlines. Thank you!

A Note Regarding the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—December 8

Please note that this year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Sunday, December 8, the Second Sunday of Advent. As such, the Feast Day is transferred to Monday, December 9 and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. St. James will offer a Mass at 7:30pm on December 9 to celebrate the feast day.

Planning Ahead—Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation

Wednesday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

The Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 23

*St. Clement I, St. Columban,
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro,
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*
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'Erme
2:30 p.m. +Victor and Loly Garcia
7:00 p.m. People of St. James

Monday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria
6:30 a.m. Fr. Paul Scalia
8:30 a.m. +Julie Farragher
Noon +Thomas Maguire

Tuesday, November 26

Tuesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m. Sr. Melissa Mastrangelo
8:30 a.m. +Terence O'Connor
Noon +Alex Criticos

Wednesday, November 27

Wednesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m. +Hugo Valdes
8:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
Noon +Jesus Salazar

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day
6:30 a.m. +Mildred and Edith Visnic
8:30 a.m. +Joseph and Frances Shantz

Friday, November 29

Friday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m. Fr. Paul Scalia
8:30 a.m. +Reba Marie Ferris
Noon +Aurelio Tiro, Jr.

Saturday, November 30

St. Andrew
8:30 a.m. +Clarence R. Dauer
5:00 p.m. +Robert O'Hara

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. +Brownie Klubek
9:00 a.m. +John F. Kurtzke, Sr.
10:30 a.m. People of St. James
Noon +Aldo D'Erme
2:30 p.m. +Eloina Tapia
7:00 p.m. +Fr. J. Piwowarski

Today's Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

("In those days...")

Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

("I rejoiced because they said to me...")

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

("Brothers and Sisters, let us give thanks...")

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

("The leaders sneered at Jesus...")

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b];
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b];
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
[10 or Jn 6:63]; Mt 4:18-22

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Mary Hurd	Rob Lemmers
Lenore Karnis	Ed Murphy
Laura Lareau	Robyn Stewart

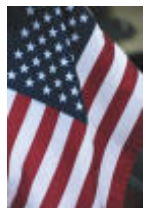
and the deceased of our parish family:

Rodolfo Albano	Laura Baird Turpin
Joann Jones	

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





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**City of Falls Church
Fire Department
Visits St. James**

Recently, members of the Falls Church City Fire Department dropped in to visit St. James School. The firefighters taught the students about the dangers that fire poses to them, the importance of fire safety, and how they can help make sure their homes are fire safe. The students also got to check out fire safety equipment, and, perhaps best of all, they had an opportunity to see a real firetruck up-close. All had a fun and educational time.

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or by appointment**

Tuesdays 2:30pm—8:00pm

Announcements from PREP

**Thanksgiving Prayer Service and
Benediction on Tuesday, November 26**

Parents, please drop your children off at their classes at the regular time (4:45pm & 7:00pm) and meet us in church. The Prayer Service will begin at 5:15pm & 7:30pm.

Following the Prayer Service, the students will be dismissed from church.

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

An Evening With Lewis Carroll

On Wednesday and Thursday, November 6 and 7, the St. James School Drama Club treated audiences to an evening with Lewis Carroll, dramatizing some of the writer's most celebrated works, including "Jabberwocky" and "Alice in Wonderland." If you weren't lucky enough to get to the production, here are some pictures from the evening. Our incredibly talented students and their hardworking directors and stage crew turned in a magical evening!



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 Bigg

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

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

St. James Events and Happenings

Santa Invites You To Breakfast and To Visit His Workshop on Sunday, December 8

Take time out of your busy morning on Sunday, December 8, to stop by the school between 8:30am and 12:30pm for a delicious pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa Claus. The breakfast will be served in the school's cafeteria (Door 18). After breakfast, stop by Heller Hall (Door 13) and visit Santa's Secret Workshop from 8:30am—12:30pm. There will be a selection of gifts, gift cards and books available for sale at Santa's Secret Workshop—direct from the North Pole to you!

Girl Scouts Selling Christmas Ornaments On 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.

Knights of Columbus EDW Council Hosting New Year's Eve Gala

All are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve at Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Rd., N. Arlington. Open bar & hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm, served 3-course dinner at 7:30pm. Live band dancing from 9pm to 12:30am. Beer, wine, soda included all evening. Door prizes, champagne, and continental breakfast. All for only \$120 per couple; \$60 per single. For reservations, entrée selections, tickets, directions, call 703-536-9656, ext. 311 by December 23.

Bible Study Reminders

If you are in a Bible study group led by Jane Harvey, please note the following changes to your group's study hours:

- Wednesday, November 27: No meeting
- Wednesday, December 4: 9:15am-11:00am
- Wednesday, December 11: 9:15am-11:00am, last meeting of 2019

A new calendar of studies will be published in December, so keep on the lookout for it. If you have not yet joined a St. James

The Teen Bible Timeline The New Testament

Are you having trouble seeing the relevance of the Bible to your life today? Did you miss the fall program on the Old Testament? No problem, join us as we start the New

All St. James Students Grades 9-12 are invited for the second half of this Catholic Bible Study!

Starting Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 PM in the St. James School Library and continuing every Tuesday through Christmas

For More Information Contact Deacon Ed at dcned@stjamescatholic.org

Next Sunday, December 1, is the First Sunday of Advent. How are you being vigilant for the return of Christ?

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);
- 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.



Tune-In To a New Diocesan Pod Cast "Searching For More"

'Searching for More' features interviews and discussions on a range of topics affecting Catholics in today's world. Guests include clergy, local Catholics, doctors, technology experts, Catholic news anchors, and even Hollywood actors starring in epic biblical dramas. In addition to interviews, some podcasts will emanate from inspiring talks, speeches, homilies, and lectures given throughout the Diocese. The podcast is dedicated to the patronage of our diocesan saint, St. Thomas More. 'Searching for More' joins the 'Walk Humbly' and 'Catholic Herald' podcasts as diocesan audio offerings. Listen at: <http://j.mp;2N1sHMS>.

National Suicide Prevention Life Line

1-800-273-8255

They Are There to Help

St. James Prayer Partners Here For You!

As We Know Prayer Can Move Mountains

The St. James Prayer Partners is a Ministry of our sick and homebound parishioners who offer prayers for special requested intentions of the parish. There are three petition boxes inside the Church, one at each entrance or vestibule. Anyone wishing to submit a prayer request can fill out one of the prayer request forms located in the pocket on the right side of the petitions box. Once a month, Sr. Margaret John compiles the list of prayer requests and mails the list to each of our Prayer Partners, who truly appreciate this opportunity to contribute to the parish through prayer. For more information on the ministry, please contact Sr. Margaret John Stichter, IHM, at visitingministry@stjamescatholic.org, or at 703-532-8815 x.130.

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed..."
James 5 :16

Social Outreach Committee Christmas Activities 2019

Gift Cards for Families in Need — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 8 and DECEMBER 15

The St. James 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 various stores such as Giant Food, CVS and Wal-Mart to be used by families for purchases such as toiletries and food. Parishioners can give in various ways. They can purchase gift cards in Heller Hall on December 8 and the 15. This purchase will be through St. James and benefit the school as well. Gift Cards can also be purchased separately and dropped off at the rectory. Any questions, please call Mary Ann Parker (at maparker4@verizon.net) or Amy Steinbicker (at asteinbicker@verizon.net).

Work of Human Hands Sale and Donut Sunday — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 15

On Sunday, December 15 from 8:30am to 12:30pm 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! Holy Spirit Gift Cards will be available with a donation to the Social Outreach Committee. These make excellent gifts for hard-to-buy-for people. Please come and join us!

Alternate Gift Program — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 15

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, retirement or other special occasion. Check it out on Sunday, December 15 from 8:30am 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 17

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 17. Shelters have expressed a need for thermal undergarments in sizes L to 2XL. 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 or email maparker4@verizon.net.

Homeless Shelters in Need of Personal Care Items — DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15

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 17

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.

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 24.

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

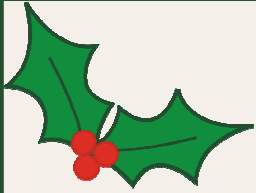
I am grateful for the generosity and charity of those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. They arrange their schedules around the need for assistance in both distributing Holy Communion at Mass and bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and 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

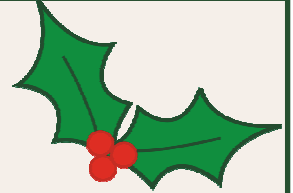
You will notice that a prayer card has been placed in each pew. I hope you find it helpful for your devotions and preparing for the Sacraments.

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 25 the priest will recite the antiphons at daily Mass. The congregation is invited to join him as they are able. —Father Scalia



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

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November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, November 24

11:30am—2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
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 25

7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
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Tuesday, November 26

9:00am—10:00am	St. James Seniors' Steering Committee	Knecht Meeting Room—Doors 8 & 9
4:45pm;7:00pm	PREP	School—Door 16
7:00pm—8:15pm	High School Prep	School Library—Door 17
7:30pm—9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, November 27—School Closed, Thanksgiving Break

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

Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Day, School and Rectory Offices Closed, No Noon Mass, Mass of Thanksgiving at 8:30am

Friday, November 29—School Closed, Thanksgiving Break; Rectory Offices Closed

11:15am—11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, November 30—Pro-Life Wreath Sale Outside Church After Masses; First Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm—8:30pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church
7:30pm	Confessions	Church

Know Your Church History—First Thanksgiving in America Was a Catholic Mass

We all probably know the story: On November 11, 1620, a band of plucky Pilgrims came ashore at Plymouth Rock, founded a settlement, befriended the Native American Pokanoket Wampanoag people, died in large numbers over the winter, and held a feast of Thanksgiving the following year to mark their survival—thus hosting the first American Thanksgiving. Actually, the first Thanksgiving held in, what is today, the United States, happened on September 8, 1565, in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. A Spanish expeditionary force held a Mass of Thanksgiving, thanking God for their safe passage to the new world. After the Mass, Father Francisco Lopez, the Chaplain of the Spanish ships and “the first pastor of St. Augustine,” held a meal for the force to which he invited Native Americans from the Timucua tribe. While turkey was not on the menu, the meal featured “salted pork, garbanzo beans, ship’s bread, and red wine.” To learn more about this first American Thanksgiving, visit <http://bit.ly/2rFtevP>.

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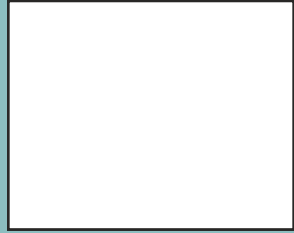
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