CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

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Church Office:	
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Convent: Email: Website: Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9an	. general@stjamessav.com
Website:	www.stjamessav.com
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9an	n-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:	30pm

Staff

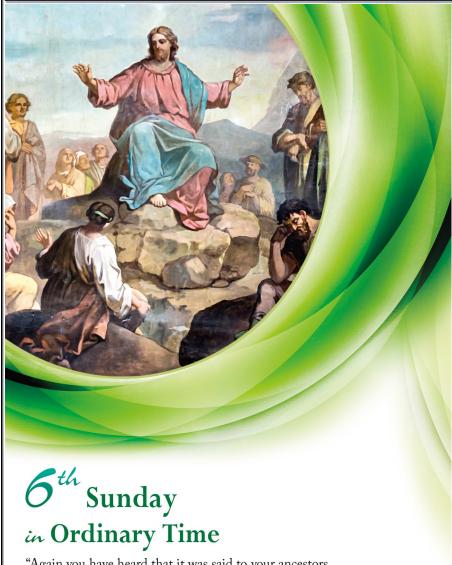
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	Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JC	LPastor
	Rev. Peter Lanshima	
	Rev. Joey Buencamino	Parochial Vicar
	Rev. Mr. Lou Santore	
	Sr. Stephanie Gabriel,IHM	Dir. of Evangelization
	Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM	Śchool Principal
	Mrs. Misty Ellison-YoussefI	Director Early Learning Ctr
	Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay	Administrative Assistant
	Mr. Charles Ancheta	Music Director & Organist
	Mr. Mark Kolbush	Director of Finance
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	Mr. Richard Morgan	Maintenance
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Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00* & 11:30* am (*Nursery available)
Vigil: 5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am
Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
Saturday:9:00 am
Isle of Hope:8:00 am - First Sunday only
Holy Days of Obligation:
Pro-Life Holy Hour:Tuesdays 5:00–6:00pm
(Rosary, Adoration and Benediction)
Sacraments
Reconciliation: Weekdays Mon-Fri: 7:45 - 8:15am; Tues-5pm,
Saturday: 3:454:45pm, and by appointment
Baptism:Please call the parish office to pre-register
Anointing of the Sick:For anointing, or in case of an
emergency, please call the parish office.
Marriage:Please contact a parish priest
Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel24/7

February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, "Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." *Matthew 5:33*

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St. James Church Parish Mission Statement

Saint James the Less Parish will conduct our lives in ways that illustrate our discipleship to Jesus Christ by evangelizing His Word, promoting a culture of life, embracing the richness of the Catholic Faith, use the Beatitudes to model our behaviors, and draw closer to Him through the Sacraments where we will receive courage, zeal, confidence, purpose, and the blessings of the Holy Trinity.

WELCOME, **VISITORS!** We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or at the kiosk located in the Narthex, and return it to the church office.

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PASTOR'S CORNER 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WISDOM OF GOD

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we do not speak a wisdom of this age, a worldly wisdom, but a wisdom of God. As Christian disciples, we live by a different wisdom than that of this age and of our current culture. Our lives are governed by principles, beliefs, virtues that the world thinks foolish. Jesus illustrates some of those in the Gospel. Sure, I may not have murdered anyone, but have I called someone a fool or an idiot – even through the television or the radio? Sure, I may not have technically committed adultery, but have I viewed pornography or looked with lust at another person and not exercised the virtue of chastity? Sure, I may not have divorced my spouse and contributed to the downfall of the relationship, but what have I done to foster and nurture my marriage spiritually, emotionally, and incarnationally? Have I sacrificed for my spouse (a good practice would be to fast once a week for your spouse)? Sure, I haven't deceived anyone or lied to anyone to take advantage of them, but have I been truthful in my words and deeds?

Jesus tells us to go deeper than worldly wisdom. Our lives should be governed by charity (a deep sacrificial love for our spouses and others – the virtue of chastity tells us how we should love another person given the state of life in which we live and our relationship to that person), by hope (not despairing in the present condition of our family, relationships, city, country, church, etc...but have our eyes fixed on Jesus and love the person in front of us), and by faith (acknowledging that God is in control and He works all things for the salvation of every single person (including me). My brothers and sisters in Christ, the wisdom of God is not like the wisdom of this age. Therefore, be transformed by the renewal of your mind and do not conform yourself to the wisdom of this age (Romans 12:2). The wisdom of God leads to life, abundant life! My prayer for you is this abundant life – a life far beyond your wildest dreams (a life lived according to the wisdom of God brings this about in you)!

PLANS

This weekend, I am in Augusta to celebrate with my family and the Alleluia Community the 50th Anniversary of this intentional covenant ecclesial community! My parents moved my whole family (at that time we were 5 (now we are 9 not including spouses and nieces and nephews) from south Louisiana to join this group of Christian disciples in living a life that did not conform to the wisdom of the age, but encouraged each other to live a life according to the wisdom of God in all things. These men and women assist each other daily and commit their lives to each other in charity, hope, and faith. I grew up here in a subdivision in South Augusta. So, I am up there this weekend to celebrate with them!

Speaking of the Wisdom of God! Since the middle of June 2022, we have been on quite a journey, you and I! God is doing amazing things in you and in me through this adventure of dealing with this cancer! May the good work He has begun be brought to completion and glorious fruition!

Next weekend, February 18-19, will be my last weekend celebrating mass in the church and visiting with our church family for a while. I am planning on going up to Atlanta on Saturday, February 24th, to prepare for my surgery on Tuesday, February 28th. I will spend 7-10 days in the hospital and then return here to St. James for my continued recovery from surgery. I do not know how long the recovery will be and when I will begin to resume my duties around the parish, but I hope that I will at least be able to celebrate the Triduum with you and rejoice with you at the Resurrection after a long Lent!

Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support as we journey together through Phase II of battling this cancer! You are such an encouragement to me and a blessing! I am so blessed and privileged to have you, individually and as a St. James family, walk with me through this time and adventure! What a support and blessing you are to me! I thank God constantly for you in my prayers and I pray for you and your families and all your intentions! What a gift you are to me!

May the Lord Jesus grant you and your family many wonderful blessings this week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Please pray daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters

2/12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

7:30 am	For the People \sim Fr. Joey	
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*9:00 am + Rosa Duran Perez ~ Fr. Joey

*11:30 am + Ian Ward ~ Fr. Peter

**James Holloway, Mike Ingram, Gordian Iwuji, John Johnson | Francisco Gamboa | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

2/13 Monday

Gn 4:1-15	, 25; Ps 50:1	l and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13	;
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7:00 am	+ Sr. Marita Immaculate Buckley ~	Fr.	Joey

8:30 am Special Intention, Fr. Joey ~ Fr. Peter

**Solomon Kaanan, Adam Kasela, Michael Kavanaugh, Donal Keohane | Megan Capurso

2/14 Tuesday Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a & 2; 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:41-21

7:00 am	+ Sue Ellen Mikuliak, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Joey
8:30 am	+ James Fitzpatrick ~ Fr. Peter

**Mike Kerin, Inshik Kim, David Klecker, Vernon Knight, David Koetter | Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

2/15 Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 11	6:12-13, 14-15,	18-19; Mk 8:22-26
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7:00 am	+ Robert Contino, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Peter
8:30 am	+ Alfred Heffernan ~ Fr. Firmin

5:30 pm + Frank Kielty ~ Fr. Joey

**Xavier Kumbalaparampil, Dawid Kwiatkowski, Brian LaBurt, Peter Lanshima | Jared Miller | Sr. Mary Christine Zabe

2/16 Thursday

Gn 9:1-13;	; Ps 102:16-18,	19-21, 29 &	22-23; Mk	8:27-33

- 7:00 am + Gale, Dan & Tim Jenkins ~ Fr. Firmin
- 8:30 am + Lucy Behr ~ Fr. Joey

** Andrew Larkin, William Leahy, Raymond Levreault, Michael Lubinsky | Noah Pace | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill

2/17 Friday

- 7:00 am + Sr. Anne Kelly ~ Fr. Peter
- 8:30 am + Ann Blanco ~ Fr. Firmin
- **Louis Lussier, John Lyons, John R. Madden, Esteban Mallar, Nicholas Mansell | Fred Williams | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

2/18 Saturday

Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

9:00 am	+ Margaret Kennedy ~ Fr. Firmin
5:00 pm	+ Paul Bratz, Sr. ~ Fr. Joey

** John Markham, Patrick May, Allan McDonald, William McIntyre | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

2/19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2,17-18;Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,8,10,12-13;1 Cor 3:16-23;Mt 5:38-48

7:30 am	For the People ~ Fr. Joey
*9:00 am	+ Bob Garvey ~ Fr. Firmin
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- *11:30 am + Jeff Couturier ~ Fr. Peter
- **Timothy McKeown, Daniel Melaba, Pablo Migone, Richard Minch | Christian Corulli | Megan Capurso

***The Nursery is available** for children 4 and under during the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses located in the Early Learning Center, Class Room #2.

<u>A PRAYER FOR THE SICK</u>

Father, your only son took upon himself the

sufferings and weakness of all mankind; through His passion and cross He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim **A**men.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Phin Michael, Miles Nguyen, Carolina Buencamino, Paul Baldwin, Marjorie

Waters, Gloria Cirincione, Bill Anderson, Robin Olson, Rose Tootle, Alice Walton, Cathy Robinson, Mariela Sainz, Ed & Lynne Carey, Serene Ng, Pamela De Guzman, Marie Orvin, Crystal Robbins, Eleanor Collini Farkas, and all those listed in the book of the sick.

In order for a name to be included on the prayer list, an immediate family member must notify the church office at 912-355-1523. Names will be listed here for 4 weeks and then entered into the Book of the Sick, unless the office is notified otherwise.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, grant that our relatives, friends, and benefactors, who have passed from this world, may come to share your eternal happiness in the communion of saints.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ian Edward, Carol Tutan, John Pendergast, Paula Dillon, and all our deceased family and friends.



St. James Happenings

2/12 Sixth Su	nday in Ordinary Time
8:00-10:00am	Choir–Mercy Conference Rm
10:15-11:15am	PREP-SJS
10:30am	Baptism-Church -Deacon Lou
12:30рт	IOH Baptism-Church-Bishop Boland
4:00pm	Holy Hour-Church

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7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-Mercy Conf. Rm 3:00-8:30pm BBPractice-PC/gym Women's Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm 6:30-8:00pm

2/14	Tue	sday
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7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 3:00-8:30pm BB practice-PC/gym 3:00-3:45pm SJS Dance-Mercy Conference Rm 5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church 5:00-6:00pm Pro-Life Holy Hour-Church

2/15 Wednesday

6:20-7:30am	TMIY PC/gym
7:45 -8 :15am	Confessions-Church
9:30-11:00am	Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm
3:00-8:30pm	BBPractice-PC/gym
6:30-8:00pm	Choir Practice-Church
6:30-8:00pm	AFF Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm
6:30рт	SJS Bingo Night-PC/gym

2/16 Thursday

7:45 -8 :15am	Confessions-Church
3:00-4:00pm	SJS Children's Rosary-Church/Narthex
3:00-8:30pm	BBPractice-PC/gym
3:00-4:00pm	SJS Dance-Mercy Conference Rm
4:30-6:00pm	Finance Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm

2/17 Friday 7:45-8:15am

Confessions-Church 7:00pm-8:30pm Cursillo-Cry Rm

2/18 Saturday

8:00am~2:00pm SJSBBPractice-PC/gym 9:00am-1:00pm St. John Vianney Vocation Ministry Mtg-MCR 10:00am Baptism-Church-Fr. Firmin 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

2/19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-10:00am Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS 10:15-11:15am Sunday Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm 4:00pm Holy Hour-Church 6:00-8:00pm SJYM High School-Mercy Conference Rm

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is currently seeking all children ages 8-18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities. Space is limited so to reserve your spot, or if you have any questions, please contact Joseph Powers at 912-596-3735 or flag_unit@savannahsaintpatricksday.com

Evangelization & Religious Education News!!!

Pray for our Confirmation students! Please remember in your prayers this week the students in our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month. Approximately 50 students in the 8th grade from St. James School and Parish will be participating in their retreat day on Thursday, February 16 at Camp Villa Marie. The retreat is facilitated by missionaries from the National Evangelization Team (NET) Ministries. Pray for them that they may experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives!

Coming for Lent 2023! Looking for something good to read this Lent? As a gift to our parish family, St. James Parish will offer a copy of "Real Presence: What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?" by Timothy P. O'Malley for your spiritual enrichment. Each family is invited to take one (1) copy per household. This is a wonderful way to deepen our understanding and our devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Books will be available on tables in the narthex at the start of Lent.

Save the Date 2

Vacation Bible School at St. James, June 26-30! Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School returns to St. James June 26-30! Our theme this year is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." VBS is open to rising students in PreK through 4th grade (ages 3-10).

Volunteers are needed! Students in grades 5-8 and high school (ages 11-17) are encouraged to serve as group leaders and assistants. Service hours for confirmation and for school requirements will be offered! Stay tuned to the bulletin for more details! **<u>Questions?</u>** Contact Rex Pe at pe@stjamessav.com or Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@stjamessav.com.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE February 5, 2023 \$42,633 2022/23 Weekly Goal \$28,181 2022/23Fiscal YTD: \$960,821

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Stewardship of Treasure. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and provides programs, support, and services to our parishioners, school and community.



SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

Visit our parish website at www.stjamessav.com and selecting the *Online Giving* link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email: **Mkolbush@stjamessav.com**

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE.

Stewardship is determined by:

- * Being registered and active for at least 3 months
- * Faithful participation at Sunday & Holy Day liturgies

* Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, please use your envelopes.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: Sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, and Catholic School verification.

WORSHIP

MASS LIVE STREAMED - 9:00 a.m.

Like us on Facebook for access:

https://www.facebook.com/stjamessavcatholicchurch/ For your relatives and neighbors who don't have Facebook, tell them they can go right to our website

at <u>https://www.stjamessav.com/livestream</u>.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

We continue to pray together each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We conclude with Evening Prayer. Please join us so that you can experience a beautiful hour of intimacy with our Lord!

ROSARY FOR HEALING

Please join us on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Church for a Rosary for the healing of Fr. Firmin.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY HOLY HOUR

Join us every Tuesday at 5:00pm in the church as we recite the rosary for with adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LUMEN CHRISTI PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Spend time with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration is an essential way to search for and maintain peace in the midst of our personal hardships and everyday life. If you would like to commit to a time to stay with Jesus during Adoration, please contact **Becky Murphy at captola@gmail.com.**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

This week we begin the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year's appeal a continued success. Our parish target is <u>\$121,781</u> and we can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, everyone participates according to our ability. The ACA supports ministries that change lives for the better. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

THE ARK NURSERY allows parents to spend time with our Lord at Mass and for prayer time.



The ARK Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses located in the Early Learning Center, Class Room #2... Located at the end of breezeway before PC/gym.

St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next food pantry distribution will be March 18th from 10:00 am – 11:30 am in the school cafeteria. For more information, please call the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 912-355-1523. We CANNOT accept any items in glass containers or that have expired.

St. James Food Pantry in Urgent Need of Items to Restock the Shelves.

Oatmeal	Canned chicken		
Jelly	Peanut butter		
Spaghetti sauce	Breakfast bars		
Canned fruits	Kleenex		
Low sodium soups and vegetables			

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Pancake mixCanned pork & beansToothpasteToothbrushesShelf stable complete meals

Shelf stable milk Laundry detergent

Tuna fish

Dry macaroni

Toilet paper

Breakfast cereal

Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops) Healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars.

PROMISE ^{To} Protect Pledge To HEAL

ABUSE HOTLINE...To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline at 888-357-5330 or the Office for Protection of Children & Young people at 912-201-4073. To read the policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.



The Notre Dame Club of Savannah cordially invites you to attend a performance by the Notre Dame Glee Club to be held at The Cathedral Basilica of Saint John the Baptist 7:30 pm Tuesday evening the 14th of March <u>Two t</u>housand twenty three



Start each day off right! Receive brief reflections from the Diary of St. Faustina every morning. Sign-up at <u>TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup</u> **COME MEET JIM TOWEY:** CLOSE FRIEND AND HEAD ADVISOR TO MOTHER THERESA

THUR, FEB 16 7PM SVA GYM 311 LINCOLN ST Jim Towey will be sharing his message at Saint Vincent's on Thursday, February 16, at 7 pm in SVA's Gymnasium on the corner of Harris and Lincoln Streets. THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Mr. Towey was a close friend and advisor to Mother Teresa. He wrote a book, To Love or Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa. He will be sharing his story about his travels with Mother Teresa.

About Jim Towey

JIM TOWEY

Jim Towey was a trusted advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa of Calcutta for twelve years, and did the first reading at her Mass of Canonization in Saint Peter's Square. He headed the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives under George W. Bush, and was president of two Catholic colleges, a US senate staffer, and head of Florida's 40.000-employee health and human services agency. We are excited to have him speak and share his stories about Mother Theresa! Books will be available for purchase.



RSPV using the QR code or the link here: https://forms.gle/i5dhisYFqhrqAqMf7

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat 🕶

RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT March 24-26, 2023

There is a special ministry for any woman, man, family member, or friend who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat offers a beautiful opportunity to find healing, hope, and forgiveness. Take the risk and come experience the mercy and compassion of God through this healing ministry.

For additional information contact Stephanie May at 912-306-0406/ <u>stephaniemay135@gmail.com</u>, or visit the website at

www.rachelsvineyard.org . <u>All calls and inquiries are strictly</u> <u>confidential</u>. **Come and be restored**. Our next retreat is near Augusta, Ga.

ST. JAMES ALTAR SERVING!!!

What we need: Altar servers Age Requirement: Must have had First Communion Experience: None required! We will train you Contact: Michelle Tate—SJ Altar Serving Coordinator: Email: camel322@aol.com or Text: 912-237-0115



Catholic Schools

THIS WEEK AT SAINTHJAMES

The week of January 29-February 4th, Catholic Schools Week, is a national celebration to focus on the value Catholic education provides to our society. Thank you to our Parents for choosing Catholic education, thank you to our Students for making each day brighter and thank you to our Faculty and Staff for choosing the vocation of Catholic Schools!

St. James had a wonderful week full of activities!





St. James School is in need of After School Care Workers. Interested in joining us? We would love to talk to you! Contact Sister Joan at 912-355-3132 or email SrJoan@sjcs-savannahga.org

