SAINTHJAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

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Church Office:	
School Office	
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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9an	
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:	
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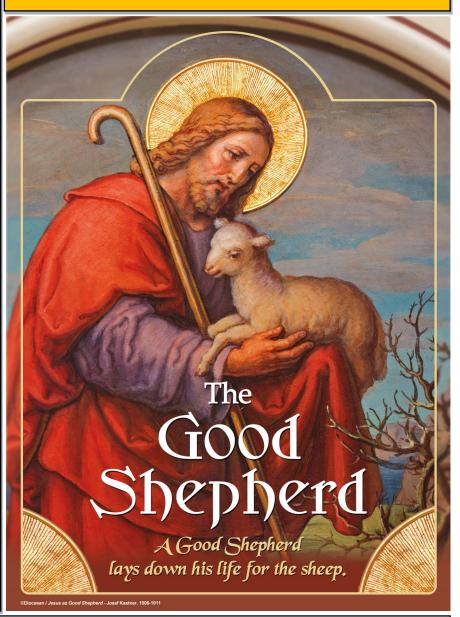
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Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCLPastor
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Rev. Joey BuencaminoParochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Lou SantoreDeacon
Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHMDir. of Evangelization
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Mr. Charles AnchetaMusic Director & Organist
Mr. Mark KolbushDirector of Finance
Mrs. Susanna PowersReceptionist
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Mass Schedule

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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 Chapel		

April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 4th Sunday of Easter

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. At St. James, we will have a Holy Hour for Healing at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 30th. We will pray for the healing of those affected in any way by child abuse. Deep wounds in victims, families, and friends take a long time to heal and we want to pray that the Lord Jesus continues the healing work only He can do. Each Sunday, we have a Holy Hour for Healing and pray for those who are ill – physically, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually. The Holy Hour this Sunday is dedicated to those who suffer from the wounds of child abuse. Please join us in prayer by your presence and participation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, May 6th marks an important moment in the lives of about 50 young people! Second grade students in our School and in our Parish Religious Education Program (and a few others) will receive the Eucharist for the first time! What a joy! These children will experience in a new way the presence of Jesus in their lives and, indeed, in their bodies.

Receiving our Lord Jesus Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – is a privilege and responsibility, a gift and mystery. God loves each of us so much, that he wants to be one with us in body and soul. We human beings are incarnational beings composed of both body and soul. We are not defined or reduced to one or the other. Communion with God in eternity is what we are made for. Through the reception of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Mass, we taste and glimpse what that communion will be. It is a foretaste of future glory, of everlasting happiness!

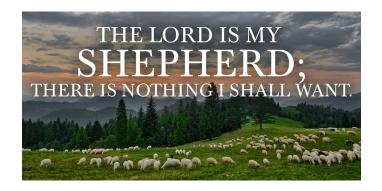
At baptism, parents and godparents make the promise to raise their child in the practice of the Catholic faith. They take upon themselves a responsibility to teach the faith and give good example to their child. The parents of our young people receiving First Holy Communion are doing just that! Thank you!

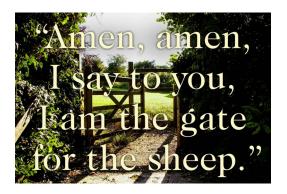
Children imitate their parents. The definition of what it means to be a good Catholic comes from our parents as they give us the first example of what it means to be a friend of Jesus. This can be intimidating and scary for parents at times! Please know, dear parents, that we are here to assist you. The Church doesn't leave you alone in this, but gives you a community and support in your priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers. If you have questions or need guidance in your Christian discipleship, please let us know! We are here to serve you!

As a parish community, we share the joy of these young people and of their families. Please join me this week in praying for these children receiving First Holy Communion and their families.

Happy Easter! May the Hope and Joy of the Risen Lord Jesus fill your soul and your homes this Easter Season!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin





**Please pray daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters		
4/30 Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Fourth Sunday of Easter I; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10	
7:30 am 9:00 am 11:30 am **Scott Winchel Ju	For the People + Stephen Swenson Tim Ryan, 1st Anniversary ohn Wright, Richard Young, Frank Ziemkiewicz	
Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill		
5/1 Monday Acts 11:1-18; Ps	St. Joseph the Worker 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58	
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Al Hernadez, Jr., 1st Anniversary+ Robert Bernard Zachry, 1st Anniversary	
	Parkes and J. Kevin Boland Deacon Lewis King is Karen Reavill	
5/2 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Ps	St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church s 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30	
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Sean McBride + Kathryn Gianinni	
	neodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel Francisco Megan Capurso	
	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14	
7:00 am 8:30 am 5:30 pm	+ Tom Dolson + Sharon Dittmar Souls in Purgatory	
	Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, 3raski Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew	
5/4 Thursday Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20		
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Sr. Eleanor Marie Conlan + James O'Brien	
**Christopher Awiliba, Tomas Beroch, Godfred Boachie-Yiadom Ziemowit Janaszek Sr. Mary Christine Zabel		
5/5 Friday		
Acts 13:26-33; Pa 7:00 am	s 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6	
8:30 am	+ Joseph & Eleanor Foley + Mark Fuller	
	oey Buencamino, Anthony Phong Bui, 'los Castillo Jared Miller Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill	
5/6 Saturday	- 08.1 2 2.4 2.4 4. I. 14.7 14	
Acts 15:44-52; Pa 9:00 am	s 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14 Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay	
5:00 pm	+ Joe Welsh	
**Michael Cerrone Robert Chaney, Douglas Clark Noah Pace Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson		
5/7	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33 7:30 am	:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 + Mel McCombs	

8:00 am (IOH) For the People 9:00 am + Mark Fuller 11:30 am Special Intention for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church **Casey Cole, William Cook, P. James Costigan, Gabriel Cummings | Fred Williams | Sr. Stephanie Gabriel

*The Sunday Nursery is temporarily suspended due to staff availability. If you would like to become part of the Sunday Nursery Staff, please call the church office at 912-355-1523.

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Phin Michael, Miles Nguyen, Carolina Buencamino, Louise Goulet, Monica Witt, Paul Baldwin, Jennifer Penn, Tom Wells, Gene Miller, Hazel & David Shockley, John Basso, Pamela De Guzman, Dennis Haynes, Robin Olson, Leon from Coastal State Prison, Marjorie Waters, Gloria Cirincione, Marie Orvin, 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:

Maurice Johnson, Alice Walton, Mary Virginia Schuerholz, Steven Wiley Corcoran and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

Griffith & Jamison Bunger & Family Roy & Nicole Lilly & Family

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



Today's 2nd collection is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work for their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

St. James Weekly Calendar

4/30 Fourth Sunday of Easter Today's 2nd collection is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal Sunday Bible Study 10:15-11:15am 4:00-5:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour for Healing of Victims of Abuse 5/1Monday, Easter Weekday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-Mercy Conf. Rm 2:00-3:00pm First Holy Communion Practice-Church 5/2Tuesday, Easter Weekday Confessions-Church 7:45-8:15am 2:00-3:00pm First Communion Practice-Church 3:00-5:00pm SJS Faculty Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm 5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church 5/3Wednesday, Easter Weekday 6:20-7:30am TMIY PC/gym 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 9:30-11:00am Wednesday Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm 2:00-3:00pm First Holy Communion Practice-Church 6:00pm St. James Feast Day Dinner-PC/gym 5/4 Thursday, Easter Weekday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 2:00-3:00pm First Communion Practice-Church 3:00-4:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-Church/Narthex Friday, Easter Weekday 5/5 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 12:00-3:00pm First Holy Communion Retreat-Church/MCR 5/6 Saturday, Easter Weekday 8:30am Rosaru 10:30am-12:00pm First Holy Communion-Church Confessions-Church 3:45 5/7 Fifth Sunday of Easter 4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour SJYMHS-Mercy Conference Rm 5:00-8:00pm

Sunday Nursery Help Needed!

We are looking to hire **assistants** for the **Sunday nursery**.

High school & college students are welcome to apply!

The nursery is open during 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM Masses.

This is a **paid** position.

Other childcare opportunities may become available throughout the year.

Please contact **Susanna** at the parish office: **(912) 355-1523** or **spowers@stjamessav.com**



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Did you know one of the best ways to deepen your faith is to share it?

St. James Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) needs catechists (teachers) and aides for 2023-24.

Openings in grades 2, 3, 5, 8. Also needed: RCIC, special needs, & catch-up classes. Sundays 10:15 a.m. to 11:15.

Training, mentoring and all materials are provided.

Questions? Contact Rex Pe at rex.pe@stjamessav.com or Sr. Stephanie at srstephaniegabriel@stjamessav.com.

Scan the code to volunteer, or visit tinyurl.com/ 2023-2024PREPVOLUNTEER



St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News



Our next food pantry distribution will be May 20 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 Jelly & Peanut butter Breakfast bars

Canned chicken Tuna fish Dry macaroni Spaghetti sauce Breakfast cereal Canned fruits Kleenex Toilet paper Low sodium soups and vegetables

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Pancake mix Canned pork & beans Toothpaste Toothbrushes

Shelf stable milk Laundry detergent

Shelf stable complete meals: Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops) healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE April 23, 2023 \$22,589 2022/23 Weekly Goal \$28,181 2022/23Fiscal YTD: \$1,294,448

(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.

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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.



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)

Thank you for your participation in 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.



ROSARY RALLY FOR THE UNBORN

MAY 12, 8:30 AM

Planned Parenthood 720 E. 71st Street, Savannah



Questions?

Contact Caroline Geddings: 912.201.4057 cgeddings@diosav.org

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life



There are always fun things happening in our Science Lab! 4th Grade has been learning about the skeletal system and they created a spinal column using pasta wheels and lifesaver gummies!



















Chosen and Cheesesteaks

Sundays
May 14- July 2

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Season 3 plus Catholic Commentary

Sign up online at StJamesSav.com/ adult-faith-formation/ or scan the code below. Paper registration available in the Narthex or Parish Office.



\$5/person weekly \$8/couple weekly \$30/person for all 8 weeks

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153 Checks payable to St. James Church



Help collect food for the SOCIAL APOSTOLATE: The following items are needed:

- ~Jelly and peanut butter (especially the jelly!)
- ~Rice
- ~Canned meats- tuna, salmon, chicken,

beef stew or chunky soups

- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned pork and beans
- Can Vegetables

~Breakfast items- pancake mix, syrup

oatmeal, grits, etc....



Thank you for caring and sharing!





The State of Georgia received \$354 million from the U.S. Treasury's Homeowner Assistance Fund to relieve homeowners who suffered financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs administers the program. The program covers mortgage reinstatement, housing expenses such as property taxes, non-escrowed property insurance, and delinquent utility bills. The Social Apostolate can assist anyone who needs help completing the online application and/or uploading supporting documentation.

Latacia Avila, Director, Social Apostolate of Savannah Phone: (912) 233-1877 ext. 104; Direct#: (912) 298-1731

Georgia[®] Department of March Affairs Georgia Mortgage Assistance



ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE STATEWIDE!

About Georgia Mortgage Assistance

The State of Georgia received \$354 million from the U.S. Treasury's Homeowner Assistance Fund, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide relief to homeowners who suffered a financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. Georgia's program is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Programs Offered

- *Mortgage Reinstatement: a one-time payment to the lender to catch up or reduce delinquent payments or payments currently in forbearance. Must owe three or more mortgage payments to be considered for assistance.
- Principal Curtailment: to reduce the mortgage loan balance if the homeowner suffered a permanent loss of income due to the pandemic.
- *Housing Expenses:
 - Delinquent Association Fees
 - Delinquent Non-Escrowed Property Taxes
 - Due or Delinquent Non-Escrowed Property Insurance
 - Delinquent Water, Gas, and Electric Utility Bills (only in conjunction with mortgage assistance)

* Payments owed prior to July 1, 2019, or Mortgage payments owed over \$50,000 cannot be considered for assistance.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- The homeowner, the borrower, or the homeowner's spouse (living in the home with the homeowner) had a hardship caused by the pandemic after January 21, 2020.
- The pandemic hardship resulted in a significant loss of income or a significant increase in expenses.
- All applicants (homeowner, borrower, spouse residing in home) meet Georgia legal residency requirements.
- ✓ The Georgia home is the primary residence.
- The mortgage loan (if there is a loan) met conforming limits at the time of origination.
- ✓ Applicants' total household income meets Area Median Income (AMI) limits at the time of the hardship or at the time of the application: 150% AMI or less if socially disadvantaged, 100% AMI or less for all other applicants.

Assistance is in the form of a Grant, up to \$50,000 for eligible homeowners.



