General Parish Information

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Church Office:	912-355-1523
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Early Learning Center:	912-629-2430
Convent:	912-355-6815
Email:	. general@stjamessav.com
Website:	www.stjamessav.com
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm	
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm	

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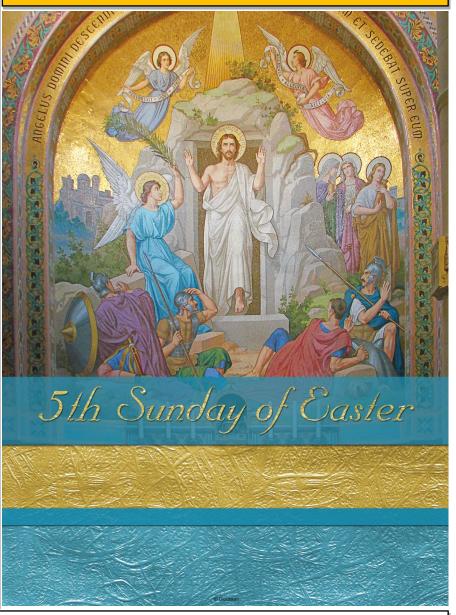
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Mass Schedule

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:TBA	
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: 3:45-4:45pm, and by appointment	
Baptism:	

Marriage:.....Please contact a parish priest Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel.....24/7

May 7, 2023 **Fifth 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 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our young people who received their First Holy Communion (the first of many)! What a beautiful day! Receiving our Lord Jesus is such a beautiful gift and privilege! Blessed are those who are called to the table of the Lamb!

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

This Sunday is our final Sunday of our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). At the 9:00 AM mass, the students will participate in the Crowning of Mary and present flowers in her honor. What a great way to end the year by thanking our Mother Mary!

Thank you to all the Catechists who taught the children! What a gift each of you are to them and to the parish! Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed or unappreciated! Thank you to the parents who brought their children on Sunday morning to mass and to class. You are the first and best teachers of the faith to your children!

As we end this year, we look forward to the next. Our Parish Religious Education Program will be undergoing a period of renewal this fall and will include some changes to the role of the Coordinator of Religious Education. Mr. Rex Pe has served the parish, our children, our catechists, and our parents in this role for many years and will now take on a new role responsible for the liturgies and coordinate the Vacation Bible School. Thank you, Rex, for your amazing dedication and work over these years! You have been instrumental in the faith life of so many! Thank you for your leadership and service!

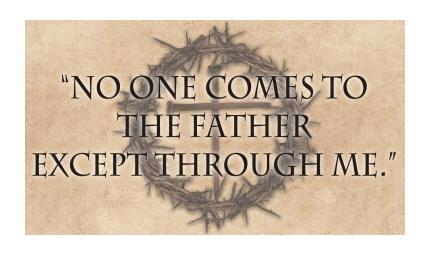
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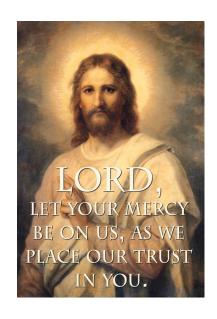
May is a busy month for everyone! Graduations, final exams, Mother's Day, Ordinations, end of the school year activities, and the beginning of summer have everyone's schedules jam packed! A friend of mine is used to giving the explanation for this busy-ness as, "Well, it's May!"

May is also a month dedicated to Mary. Let's ask for her intercession and prayers for everyone this month and for all the comings and goings, endings and beginnings! May the peace of Jesus, son of Mary, be with all of us as we navigate May!

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

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin





Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

5/7 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

7:30 am + 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

5/8 Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

7:00 am + Tom Dolson 8:30 am + Beth Whelan

**Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada, Romanus Ezeugwu | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Joan O'Reilly

5/9 Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

7:00 am + Sr. Jacinta Marie Potochney

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

**Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Mariusz Fuks, Ronald Gatman | Christian Corulli | Sr. Catherine McElroy

5/10 Wednesday St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor

of the Church, & St Damien of Molokai, Priest Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

7:00 am + Sr. Marie Shaun McShane

8:30 am + Kathleen Henry 9:30 am (School) + Bill Anderson 5:30 pm + Clara Mae Curry

**Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez, Richard Hart | Sr. Virginia Scirocco

5/11 Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 7:00 am + Sr. Saint Elizabeth Kowleski

8:30 am + Jeanne Bandy

**Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, John Paul Heiser, Francis Higgins | Deacon Lewis King | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell

5/12 Friday Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, & St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

7:00 am + Long Vu 8:30 am + George Saraf

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

5/13 Saturday Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

9:00 am + Kathleen Henry, 1st Anniversary

5:00 pm + Stephen Tootle

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

5/14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt

3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

7:30 am Special Intention, Tony Hejka

9:00 am + Sr. Jean Boccan 11:30 am For the People

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

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, Jan-Blaise MacEachern, Jennifer Penn, Kelley Pinckney Weston, Lester Tisby, 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:

Matthew & Victoria Bouy & Family
John & Karen Helling & Family
Fernando & Evelyn Martinez & Family
Patrick & Brooke Sullivan & Family

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.

St. James Weekly Calendar

Fifth Sunday of Easter 5/7

9:00am PREP May Crowning-Church

4:00-5:00pm Holu Hour

5:00-8:00pm SJYMHS-Mercy Conference Rm

Monday, Easter Weekday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-Mercy Conf. Rm

1:15-2:00pm SJS 8th May Procession Practice-Church

5/9 Tuesday, Easter Weekday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

8:00am-2:00pm SJSH&S Luncheon-Mercy Conference Rm

5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church

SJS May Procession Practice-Church 1:30-2:45pm Finance Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm 4:30-6:00pm

5/10 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

6:20~7:30am TMIY PC/gym 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:30-10:30am SJS May Procession-Church

9:30-11:00am Wednesday Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm

4:00-8:00pm SJS Spring Sports Banquet-PC/gym

6:30~8:00pm KOC Meeting-Cry room 5/11 Thursday, Easter Weekday

7:45~8:15am Confessions-Church

10:30am-12:00pm Renovation Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm

3:00-4:00pm SJS Incense Dance-Church

3:00-4:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-Mercy Conference Rm 6:30-8:00pm Parish Council Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm

5/12 Friday, Easter Weekday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

8:00am-6:00pm CCW Rose Arrangements-Mercy Conf. Rm

12:00pm SJS/ELC Noon Dismissal

Saturday, Easter Weekday

7:30am-2:30pm Carmelite Secular-Mercy Meeting Rm

8:30am Rosaru

10:30am Baptism-Church-Deacon Lou

3:45 Confessions-Church

5/14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Baptism-Church-Deacon Lou 1:30pn

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour



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Parish Life







There will be a meeting of **Council 5588** Knights of Counce of Counc

St. James on Wednesday, May 10th

at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Paul Macek at 912-349-5137.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

 April 30, 2023
 \$35,053

 2022/23 Weekly Goal
 \$28,181

 2022/23Fiscal YTD:
 \$1,329,501

 2nd Collection for Catholic Home Missions
 \$3,084

(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.

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

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**.

EVANGELIZATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!!!

THANK YOU to all of catechists, aides, and families in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)! Your commitment and passion for sharing the faith with our youngest members is an inspiration! Remember to stay close to Jesus this summer – come to Mass on Sundays, pray with your families, and show the world your love for the Lord! Classes will resume in the fall. Blessings on your summer break!





Savannah Care Center is in need of baby wipes for babies. You can place your donations in the box provided in Narthex or you may drop off at Savannah Care Center 105 E. 34th St.



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



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.

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 Canned chicken Tuna fish

Jelly & Peanut butter Dry macaroni Spaghetti sauce

Breakfast bars Breakfast cereal Canned fruits

Kleenex Toilet paper Low sodium soups and vegetables

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Pancake mix Canned pork & beans Shelf stable milk Toothpaste Toothbrushes Laundry detergent

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 25-30, 2023 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM ST. JAMES SCHOOL CAMPUS

ADULT & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A great opportunity for middle & high school students to earn service hours!

Scan here to volunteer!

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGES 3-10!

Registration is limited to 60 children, so sign up today!



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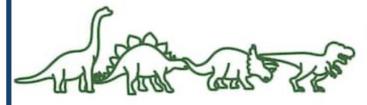
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Pre-K enjoyed a dinosaur themed week and the students got to visit the science lab to make volcanoes! Pre-K has a ROARing good time!













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, nonescrowed property insurance, and delinquent utility bills. The Social Apostolate can assist anyone who needs help completing the online application and/or uploading supporting documentation.

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



Georgia Mortgage Assistance





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 Delinguent 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.

Have Questions?



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Email us at GMA@dca.ga.gov

Visit our website at:

www.GeorgiaMortgageAssistance.ga.gov







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....



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Questions?

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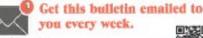
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