General Parish Information

Directory	
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School Office	912-355-3132
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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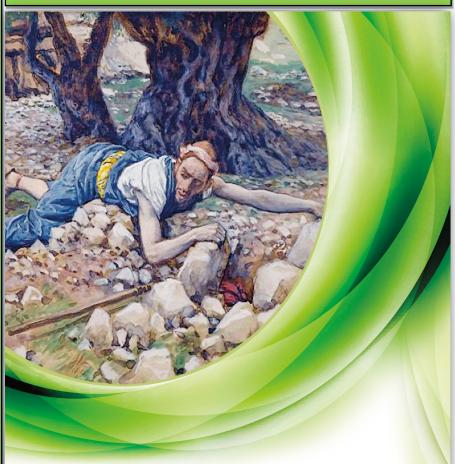
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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 3:45–4:45pm, and by appointment

emergency, please call the parish office.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023



17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." *Matthew 13:44*

The Hidden Treasure by James Tissot, circa 1886-1894

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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Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

7/30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12;Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-128,129-130;Rom 8:28-30

7:30 am For the People \sim Fr. King

*9:00 am Special Intention, Vincent De Nitto ~ Fr. Peter

*11:30 am + Beatriz Tagle ~ Fr. Firmin

**Scott Winchel, John Wright, Richard Young, Frank Ziemkiewicz | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

7/31 Monday St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

No 7:00 am

8:30 am Special Intention, Richard & Joan Taylor ~ Fr. Peter

**Deacon Lou Santore, All deceased priests | Megan Capurso

8/1 Tuesday St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

7:00 am + Sr. Mary Estelle Covins ~ Fr. King

8:30 am + Kay Blanton ~ Fr. Firmin

**Bishops Stephen Parkes and J. Kevin Boland | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

8/2 Wednesday St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop & St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

7:00 am Dixie Dickey, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Peter

8:30 am + Betty Fulton ~ Fr. Firmin

5:30 pm Special Intention, Setona Page ~ Fr. King

**Jason Adams, Theodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel | Deacon Francisco Gamboa | Megan Capurso

8/3 Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

7:00 am + Sr. Marilou MacDonald ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Jacintha Mary ~ Fr. King

**Samuel Aniekwe, Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, | Kevin Braski | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

8/4 Friday Saint John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11,15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

7:00 am + Rudy Oswald ~ Fr. Peter

8:30 am + Joseph & Eleanor Foley ~ Fr. Firmin

**Christopher Awiliba, Tomas Beroch, Godfred Boachie-Yiadom | Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

8/5 Saturday Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

9:00 am Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay ~ Fr. Firmin

5:00 pm + Thomas Chapman ~ Fr. Peter

**Brett Brannen, Joey Buencamino, Anthony Phong Bui,

Juan Carlos Castillo | Jared Miller | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill

8/6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

7:30 am + Sergio Montoya ~ TBD

8:00 am (IOH) Bishop Boland

Special Intention for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church

*9:00 am + Yvonne Ellington ~ TBD *11:30 am For the People ~ TBD

**Michael Cerrone Robert Chaney, Odel Medina, Douglas Clark | Noah Pace | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

*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.

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, Paul Baldwin, Jeff Parker, James Stevens, Charles DuPlay, Steven MacAulay, Vincent De Nitto, John Basso, Kelley Pinckney Weston, Robin Olson, Charles Osonitsch, Wesley Clark, Hazel & David Shockley, Pamela De Guzman, 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:

Tom Madison, Kay Blanton, Ali Kassamali, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

Moses & Yamikani Banda & Family
Glenn & Cathleen Carlos
Mark & Marie Grossi
Joe & Gayle McGowean
Patricia Reps

St. James Weekly Calendar

7/30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour-Church

7/31 Monday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

5:00-6:30pm SJS Agility Training-PC/gym

7:00-8:00pm SJS Sports Meeting-PC/gym

8/1 Tuesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church 5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church

5:00-6:00pm Prolife Holy Hour-Church

5:00-8:00pm VB Tryouts -PC/gym

8/2 Wednesday

7:45–8:15am Confessions–Church

5:00-8:00pm SJS VB Tryouts/Agility Training-PC/gym

6:15-8:00pm Adult Choir - Mercy Conference Rm

8/3 Thursday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

5:00-8:00pm VB Training-PC/gym

8/4 Friday

7:45–8:15am Confessions–Church

8/5 Saturday

7:30am~3:00pm Carmelite Secular Mtg~Mercy Conf. Rm

8:30am Rosary-Church
3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

8/6 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour-Church

A Prayer for Parishioners

Almighty God,

My parish family is composed of people like me,

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship

and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love,

of fearlessness and Faith,

and a parish with a noble spirit,

if I —who make it what it is—am filled

with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

 July 23, 2023
 \$23,552

 2023/24 Weekly Goal
 \$30,535

 2023/24Fiscal YTD:
 \$106,489

(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 ANDTREASURE.

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 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.

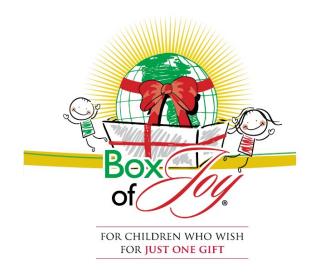
PRO-LIFE ROSARY HOLY HOUR

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

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 **Church office at 912-355-1523.**





CCW OF ST. JAMES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

St. James will be participating again this year in Box of Joy for children who live in poor countries by filling boxes with toys and other gifts. We can spread Christmas joy and the story of Christmas with children worldwide. Last year we filled 236 boxes and this year our goal is 250 boxes. Donations accepted now though September 1.

Here's what you need to do to bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas: Personally shop for gift items from the list below to fill a shoebox-sized container. Place items in a plastic bag marked with the age of the boy or girl. Put the items in the box in the Narthex marked Box of Joy. Include a \$9.00 check payable to St. James Church for each box to cover the cost of shipping. Please include Box of Joy in the memo line.

The other option is for CCW to make a box for you with your donation of \$29.00 for the gifts and shipping. You may make this donation online noting that it is for Box of Joy, mailing or dropping off a check at the church office or dropping it in the offering basket at Mass. Checks should be payable St. James Church with Box of Joy in the memo box.

You may also include a personal note for the child and for families there is children's handout that they can color and complete for a child (available in the Narthex).

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS Small plush animals, cars, ball, jump rope, yo-yo, craft kits, mini board games etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, erasers, sharpeners, pencil case, ruler, notepad, safety scissors, coloring books, stickers etc.

APPAREL Socks, shorts, tee shirts, flip flops, hats, bandanas, dresses, underwear etc.

NECESSITIES Comb, brush, bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, hand wipes, lip balm, bandages, manicure kit, cup or bottle with a lid etc.

ACCESSORIES Barrettes, headband, children's jewelry, small purse, rosary, cross etc.

HARD CANDY and GUM No chocolate or Jolly Ranchers.

USEFUL ITEMS: Sewing Kit, Utensils, Compass

PLEASE DO NOT PACK:Toy Weapons · Knives,Tools · Military-Style Toys · Bottled Glass, Breakable Objects · Food,Beverages · Cash, Checks Medicine Vitamins, Bubbles · Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) · Vaseline · Lotions · Battery Flashlights · Liquid Paints or Glues.

For more information please contact Denise Mielnicki at DAM1945FHL@gmail.com

What are you looking for? Come and see.

(Jn. 1:38-39)

Inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

RCIA is for those who are not baptized, or those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition who are interested in becoming Catholic Christians.

Save the Date

Inquiry sessions Sept. 10 and 12, 2023

1-hour informal gathering with program overview, church tour and Q&A

For more information, visit www.StJamesSav.com, click on Forms and complete RCIA: New Candidate Form.

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

Interested in being part of a faith based, family Centered Community?



Be A Part of Our Family!

Classroom Aides

Responsible for supervising children in large and small groups, supervising indoor and outdoor play. Position available August 7, 2023.

After School Care Aides

Part time up to five days a week. Responsible for supervising children in large and small groups, supervising indoor and outdoor play. Position available August 7, 2023.

Director of Advancement

Full time position with benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Position available immediately.

All applicants must be able to complete a background check and complete the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Class.

Contact Erika Minnis Send Cover Letter & Resume - ErikaMi@sjcs-savannahga.org

Catechists Urgently Needed!

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

Openings for sacramental grades (2 and 8) as well as others.
Also needed: RCIC, special needs,
& catch-up classes.
Sundays 10:15 a.m. to 11:15.

Training, mentoring and all materials are provided.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering or encouraging someone to volunteer today!

Questions?
Contact Sr. Stephanie at
srstephaniegabriel@stjamessav.com
or 912-600-2153.

To volunteer, visit tinyurl.com/2023-2024PREPVOLUNTEER

DO YOU:

- ENJOY MEETING NEW PEOPLE?
- HAVE A HEART FOR WELCOMING PEOPLE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY?
- PEOPLE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY?

WANTED



Welcome Ministry Volunteers

ST. JAMES SEEKS INDIVIDUALS WILLING TO CONNECT WITH NEW PARISHIONERS AND:

- Answer questions
- Invite them to parish events
 Welcome them to St. James!

Interested? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

St. James Parish Religious **Education Program (PREP)**

Catholic religious education for children in grades PreK through 8 not enrolled in Catholic school. Sacramental preparation in grades 1-2 and 7-8. Catch-up classes also available for students missing sacraments.

> Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in St. James School

Tuition: \$65 for one child \$100 for two \$135 for three +

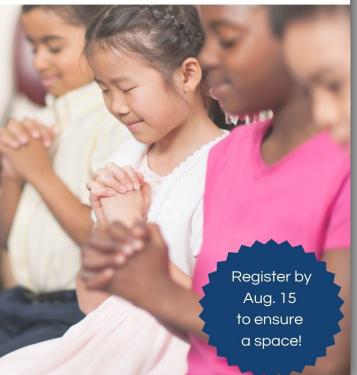
Small class sizes! Opportunities for family prayer! Seasonal celebrations!

To register and pay online, visit https://tinyurl.com/PREP2324. Paper registration available in the Parish Office. Formulario de inscripción en español disponible le en la oficina parroquial.

Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!





AVE THE DATE

Fall Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Look for more details at September's Stewardship

Sunday!

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OCT

Contemplative Prayer Group Mondays 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study Mondays 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bible Study Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Adult Faith Series Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. That Man Is You

Wednesdays 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Raising Saints: Catholic Parenting Series 4th Thursdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Boot Camp for "Bad Catholics" 2nd Thursdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Also Coming This Fall

Beginning Oct. 1:

Coffee & Conversation w/Clergy -- Sundays after 9 a.m. Mass

Women's Fellowship Groups -- Now forming; meeting times & locations vary

MORE INFORMATION

Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com 912-600-2153



Council of Catholic Women

Support, empower and educate all catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

Monday, August 28th at 6:30pm for our FREE Welcome Back Luau Dinner Join us for fellowship and food!

More information to follow!!!



KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, AND QUILTERS!!

CCW makes lap blankets, shawls and hats for cancer patients, home-bound, nursing home and others in need. Please contact the church office for more information.

If you know someone in need please alert a CCW member or the parish office.

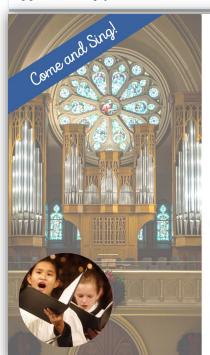
Yarn and knitting needles or crochet hooks can be provided, as well as instructions. Lap blankets (36"-40" square or rectangle) and shawls cannot have fringe (due to wheelchairs/electronic chairs).

Donations of yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, quilting fabric, etc., are appreciated. Please leave at the church office.

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movies. This is a wonderful resource for personal faith formation. To sign up FREE visit formed.org and click on "sign up" and then click "Sign up as a parishioner" then enter Parish Code: NHNFN2 or St. James Savannah. Enter your email and create a password (You will use this to login later). You can get Formed on your phone, tablet, Roku, Amazon Firestick, AppleTV. Enjoy!



The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist

is starting a Children's Choir

Members will learn the treasured repertoire of the Church, including chant and liturgical anthems, plus develop their musicianship skills and receive vocal training. Rehearsals will be Monday afternoons from 5-6 p.m. (snacks provided) and the choir will sing one Saturday Vigil Mass per month from October through May. Open to students in 2nd -8th grades from families registered in any Catholic parish. Hearings will be held August 7 and August 14. Please contact Colleen Crafton or Nancy Thornock at youthchoir@savannahcathedral.org to schedule a hearing.



St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next food pantry distribution will be **August 19** 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 Breakfast bars
Canned chicken Breakfast cereal
Tuna fish Canned fruits
Jelly & Peanut butter Kleenex
Dry macaroni Toilet paper

Spaghetti sauce Low sodium soups & Veg

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

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

Laundry detergent

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





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



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.



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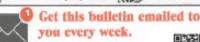
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