

General Parish Information

Early Learning Center: 912-629-2430 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

Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL......Pastor Rev. Peter Lanshima......Parochial Vicar Rev. Lewis King.......Parochial Vicar Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHMDir. of Evangelization Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM.....School Principal Mrs. Misty Ellison-Youssef.....Director Early Learning Ctr

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Mass Schedule

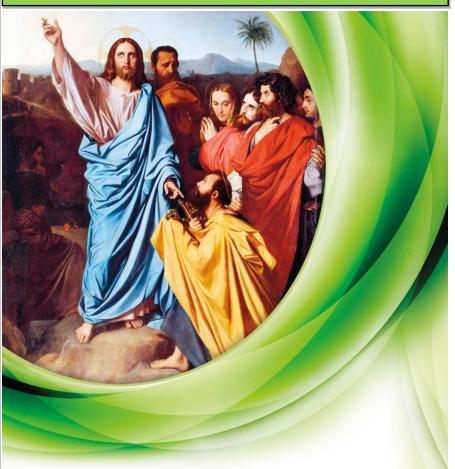
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00* & 11:30* am (*Nursery available) Vigil: 5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday) Weekdays....Monday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm Saturday:9:00 am Isle of Hope:8:00 am - First Sunday only Pro-Life Holy Hour:Tuesdays 5:00–6:00pm (Rosary, Adoration and Benediction)

Reconciliation: Weekdays Mon-Fri: 7:45 - 8:15am; Tues-5pm, Saturday: 3:45-4:45pm, 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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH, SCIENCE, AND TRUTH

About fifteen priests and both bishops from the Diocese of Savannah (including yours truly) attended a conference last week in Raleigh on Faith, Science, and Truth. Priests and bishops from the other dioceses in our province joined us. It was a wonderful time of learning, discussion, and fraternity! Our presenter was Dr. Chris Baglow from the McGrath Institute at the University of Notre Dame. He is a professor at the university and lectures and writes on the beautiful relationship of science and faith which is under great attack in our present age. He presented with clarity the church's teaching and the TRUTH concerning the interplay between faith and science.

One of the highlights was the distinction between the "how" and the "why." Science offers us the former while faith gives us the latter. Pope St. John Paul II wrote and taught and the Church teaches that "Science can purify religion of error and superstition; while religion can purify science of idolatry and false absolutes." Faith and science are not opposed to each other but contribute in their own respective spheres to our search for truth. All these new atheists (including some of our children) are mistaken when they put these two at odds with each other.

It is too long of a discussion to present here, but be on the lookout throughout this year for topics on this matter! We are a people of truth seeking The Truth. We are not afraid of anything science has to offer us!

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENT

Monday, August 28th, Bishop Parkes will be at the Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament for a talk and Eucharistic Adoration. Everything begins at 6:00 PM. Throughout this year, we will be promoting opportunities for our Eucharistic Revival. Please be present if you can for this time of worship and adoration with our Bishop!

HEALTH UPDATE

In case anyone missed this in last week's bulletin, I'll leave it in for this one. Two weeks ago I had a PET scan which showed that the cancer in my abdomen had not spread and that it was stable. While I was praying and hoping that it would be completely eradicated and no trace would be found, the news that we received was excellent and encouraging! The chemotherapy regimen is doing what it is supposed to be doing — keeping the cancer at bay and not allowing it to spread! Thank you for your prayers! They are working! I am still here and the side effects have been tolerable! Your prayers offer me great support and encouragement!

My present chemotherapy regimen is a three week cycle. At the beginning, I have an infusion and then I take oral chemo twice a day for two weeks. The third week is off. Then, I start the three weeks again. This is what is called palliative chemotherapy because there is really no end in sight right now. I'll go through this cycle as long as the good Lord gives me!

May you and your families have a wonderful week and may the blessings of Almighty God be showered upon you!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



Maui Wildfires 2023 - Relief, Recovery and Rebuild

The Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) is collecting donations for disaster relief efforts.

The Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established in 2008 to support parish and school communities in the Diocese of Honolulu.

Those wishing to donate directly to their disaster relief efforts can do so online: https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic or **by mail:**

Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation — Maui Wildfires Relief 1184 Bishop St, 3rd Fl

Honolulu, HI 96813

Please make checks payable to:

"Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation"

Donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

REGISTER TODAY!



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 +

Classes begin Sept. 24

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.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

8/27 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

7:30 am + Steven MacAulay ~ Fr. King *9:00 am For the People ~ Fr. Firmin *11:30 am + Geneva Alexander ~ Fr. Peter

8/28 Monday St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt 23:13-22

7:00 am + Amy Speir ~ Fr. King 8:30 am + Fr. Jerry McCarthy ~ Fr. Peter

**Jude Shayo, Joseph Smith, Finbarr Stanton, Nathaniel Swann | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill

8/29 Tuesday Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

7:00 am + Sr. Maureen Ruth Weisglass ~ Fr. Peter 8:30 am + Thomas Mahoney, Jr. ~ Fr. King

**Vincente Terrazas, John Reynolds Ha Tran, Patrick Tuttle, Mark Van Alstine | Christian Corulli | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

8/30 Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

7:00 am + Sr. Janet Purcell ~ Fr. Peter

8:30 am + Linda O'Keefe Ferdine ~ Fr. Firmin

5:30 pm + Simon Bauer ~ Fr. King

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

8/31 Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 24:42-51

7:00 am + Sr. Maureen Rose Waters ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Patrick Hejka ~ Fr. King

**All deceased priests, Deacon Lou Santore | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

9/1 Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

7:00 am + Joseph & Eleanor Foley ~ Fr. Peter

8:30 am Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay ~ Fr. Firmin

9:30 am (School) Fr. Peter

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

9/2 Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

9:00 am + Carlos Cubas \sim Fr. Firmin 5:00 pm + Hazel Shockley \sim Fr. King

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

9/3 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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

8:00 am (IOH) + Joseph & Lucille Christiansen ~ Fr. King

*9:00 am + Amy Speir ~ Fr. Peter

*11:30 am Fr. King

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

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

*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.

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Frances DeWitt, Paul Baldwin, David Shockley, Margie Waters, Gloria Cirincione, Mimi Nettles, Brian DeRouen, Margie O'Keeffe, Robin Olson, Vincent DeNitto, Charles DuPlay, Kelley Weston, Jeff Parker, Pamela De Guzman, Eleanor Collini Farkas, John Tumino, Marie Orvin, 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.

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

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Steven MacAulay, Hazel Shockley, Amy Speir, Madeline Cetti, Simon Bauer, Geneva Alexander, Justin Smith, Fernando Martinez, Elizabeth McGough, Monique DeCicco-Jones and all our deceased family and friends.



^{**}Rudy Roxas, Christopher Schreck, J. Gerard Schreck | Fred Williams | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

St. James Weekly Calendar

8/27 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:45pm Baptism-Church –Fr. Firmin

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

Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am Mass in the Cry Room.

8/28 Monday

7:45–8:15am Confessions–Church 9:00am Rosary–Cry Room

3:00-6:30pm SJS VB Practice-PC/gym

6:30-8:00am CCW Luau Dinner-Mercy Conf. Rm

8/29 Tuesday

7:45–8:15am Confessions–Church 9:00am Rosary–Cry Room

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

5:00-6:00pm Confessions - Church

6:30pm SJS Curriculum Night-SJS & Cafeteria

8/30 Wednesday

7:45–8:15am Confessions–Church 9:00am Rosary–Cry Room

5:30-8:30pm Virtus Training Class-Mercy Conf. Rm

6:15-8:00pm Adult Choir - Church

8/31 Thursday

7:45–8:15am Confessions-Church 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

2:15pm SJS Mass Rehearsal-Church 3:00-8:00pm SJS VB Practice-PC/gym

9/1 Friday

7:45–8:15am Confessions–Church 9:00am Rosary–Cry Room

9/2 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-Church

9:30-12:30am SJS VB Practice-PC/gym 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

9/3 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PYRU Excellen Builds Trust

VIRTUS Training

August 30th St. James the Less Mercy Conference Room 5:30 to 8:30 PM



diosav.org/howdo-i/register-forvirtus-training

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

August 20, 2023 \$25,168.82

YTD Offertory: July 1st through August 20th

 2022 Actual
 \$212,272.69

 2023 Budget
 \$212,489.69

 2023 Actual
 \$200,484.39

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

Prison Ministry Drive \$5,390.00

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.



Are you interested in learning more about caring for your loved ones who live with a mental health diagnosis?

NAMI Savannah is offering a free, nine week educational program on Tuesday evenings, <u>starting September 19</u> from 6 to 8:30pm and <u>ending November 14</u>. This program is for family members, caregivers and friends of people living with mental illness. NAMI-trained family members lead the course with presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

Contact Pam @ 912-401-2689 or Mary @ 912-308-3126 for more information and to register. Space is limited.

What are you looking for? Come and see.

(Jn. 1:38-39)

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.

Join us for an informal Inquiry Session!

Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10:15 a.m. in church

Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in church 1-hour informal gathering with program overview, church tour and Q&A

RCIA meets weekly on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8.

Mercy Conference Room

Meetings begin Sept. 19.

Can't make
Tuesdays? Need
childcare?
Let us know!

Interested? Fill out a New Candidate Form online. StJamesSav.com, click on Forms.

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



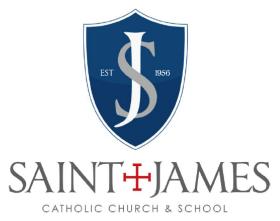
Calling Charger Parents - Grades Pre-K - 6th Save the Date for SJS Curriculum Night! Tuesday, August 29th

Parents are welcome to attend to learn about the curriculum and plans for the school year. Homeroom Teachers will present at 6:30 and then again at 7:05 PM. Stop in the Cafeteria to sign up for clubs or activities, purchase spirit wear or to learn about volunteer opportunities.

We're excited to see you!



We are excited to expand our Advancement Office!



St. James is seeking a highly motivated and dynamic Director of Advancement for Church & School

Submit your cover letter & resume to Megan O'Neil at MeganON@sjcs-savannahga.org



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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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

October 20-22, 2023 | Near Augusta, GA

Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing through their post-abortion weekends.

For more information:

912-306-0406 | rachelsvineyard.org stephaniemay135@gmail.com

Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.



St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next food pantry distribution will be **September 16** 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

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



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.

CCW 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).

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.

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

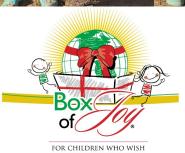
ACCESSORIES Barrettes, headband, children's jewelry, small purse, rosary, cross etc.

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



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