# SAINTHJAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

#### **General Parish Information**

#### Directory

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| Church Office:                |                        |
| School Office                 |                        |
| Early Learning Center:        |                        |
| Convent:                      |                        |
| Email:                        | general@stjamessav.com |
| Website:                      |                        |
| Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9an |                        |
| 2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12   |                        |
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#### Staff

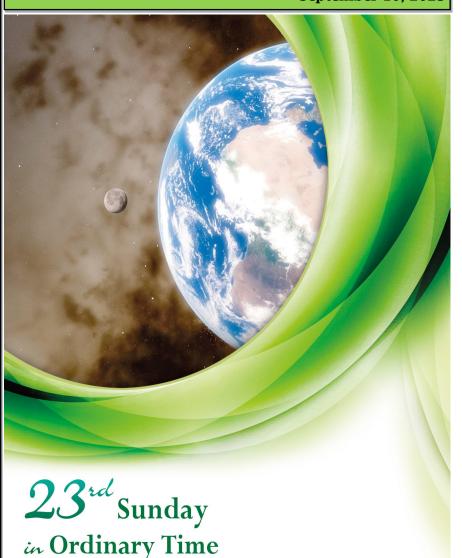
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| Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCLPastor                 |
| Rev. Peter LanshimaParochial Vicar                    |
| Rev. Lewis KingParochial Vicar                        |
| Rev. Mr. Lou SantoreDeacon                            |
| Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHMDir. of Evangelization      |
| Sr. Joan Felicia, IHMSchool Principal                 |
| Mrs. Misty Ellison-YoussefDirector Early Learning Ctr |
| Mrs. Bonnie MacAulayAdministrative Assistant          |
| Mr. Charles AnchetaMusic Director & Organist          |
| Mr. Mark KolbushDirector of Finance                   |
| Mrs. Susanna PowersReceptionist                       |
| Mr. Richard MorganMaintenance                         |
| Mr. Matt Keck   |
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#### St. James Catholic School For information or tours 355-3132 8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, GA www.stjameschargers.com

#### Mass Schedule

| I | Sunday: 7:30, 9:00* & 11:30* am (*Nursery available)       |
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|   | 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                   |
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#### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023



"Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." *Matthew 18:19* 

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND**

We are blessed at St. James with so many opportunities to know and live our faith and develop our relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church. In the Narthex, you will see tables with signs and sign-up sheets for all the opportunities for ministry and growing in knowledge of our faith and deeper in prayer. Each September we focus on these aspects of how you can be involved in one of the many groups, studies, liturgical ministries, and educational opportunities here at St. James. Every year the number of opportunities increase as we provide more opportunities for prayer and the development of our spiritual lives, as we engage in more social outreach, and as we give everyone occasions to expand their knowledge of our beautiful Catholic faith.

All of these opportunities have one aim in mind: to deepen your love for Jesus Christ, expand your knowledge of Jesus and His Body the Church, and give you opportunities to serve your brothers and sisters. We were created to love, know, and serve God in this life so as to live with Him in the next. As a parish community, we provide these opportunities for each other. I encourage you to sign up for something this weekend. The more we give, the more we receive. How does the Lord Jesus want you to be more involved and use your gifts and talents to serve your brothers and sisters in our St. James family and beyond?

#### RELICS

A few years ago, a damaged reliquary of many different relics was given to St. James by a parishioner. We then sent it to an expert who repaired the individual containers and reset the relics properly. A few weeks ago, they arrived at St. James. Now at our parish, we have a relic of the true cross of Our Lord, a piece of the column of flagellation where Jesus was scourged, a piece of the veil of Mary and a piece of her tunic, a piece of the mantle of Joseph, and bone fragments of Saints Peter, Paul the Apostle, Anne, Teresa of Avila, Lawrence, Lucy, Aloysius Gonzaga, Camillus of Lellis, Philip Neri, and Sebastian. What an amazing gift! We are looking at ways to display them and we need some money to display them properly and for reliquaries for more dignified veneration. This surprise was not in our budget this year!

On different feast days for the saints or the Passion of our Lord, we will bring them out for veneration and prayer. For instance, September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will bring out after mass for an hour the veil and the tunic of Our Blessed Mother for veneration. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, we will bring out the relic of the true cross for veneration. These are certain days when the whole Church celebrates a mystery of our faith or one of our brothers and sisters who is a Saint in heaven. On that day, we remember them and ask for their intercession so that we can become holy and follow the Lord Jesus with our whole heart like they did!

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

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



Today is

Please plan to take a few moments after Mass today to learn more about the many ministries and learning opportunities in our parish and consider signing up. JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

# ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 17, 2023 12:30 - 3:00 PM McBride Field - Behind St. James School

# BURGERS & HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED! PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE!

BRING CHAIRS IN CASE EXTRA SEATING IS NEEDED

KIDS! BRING TOWELS & SWIMSUITS FOR A WATER SLIDE!



PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10TH

Return form below to church office, scan the QR code or email parishlife@stjamessav.com.

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Name

How Many Attending? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** 

Will you bring a side dish or dessert? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to help set up/serve/clean up? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions \*\*Please prav daily for our Priests, Seminarians & IHM Sisters

# **9/10 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 33:7-9: Ps 95:1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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| 7:30 am   | For the People                    |
| *9:00 am  | + Mark Strickland                 |

- \*11:30 am + Gordon Ennis
- \*\*Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez, Richard Hart | Sr. Virginia Scirocco

#### 9/11 Monday

- Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- 7:00 am + Le Van Troung 8:30 am + Thaddeus Hejka
- \*\*Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, John Paul Heiser, Francis Higgins | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell

## **9/12 Tuesday Holy Name of Mary**

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

| 7:00 am | + Sr. Maureen Rose Waters |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 8:30 am | + Sheila Pippin           |

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

# 9/13 Wednesday St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

| 7:00 am | + Stephen Thomas, Sr. |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 8:30 am | + June McCombs        |
| 5:30 pm | + Cleo Mayfield       |

\*\*Solomon Kaanan, Adam Kasela Michael Kavanaugh, Donal Keohane | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

#### 9/14 Thursday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9: Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

7:00 am

8:30 am + Ellen Casper, 1st Anniversary

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

#### 9/15 Friday Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14;Ps 16:1b-2a & 5,7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

7:00 am

- 8:30 am + Amy Speir
- \*\*Xavier Kumbalaparampil, Dawid Kwiatkowski, Brian LaBurt, Peter Lanshima | Jared Miller | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

# **9/16 Saturday** Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

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| 9:00 am |   | + Vincent Dinitto |
| 5:00 pm |   | + Bob Hachrik     |

- \*\*Andrew Larkin, William Leahy, Raymond Levreault, Michael Lubinsky | Noah Pace | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill
- 9/17 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeSir

27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

- 7:30 am For the People
- \*9:00 am Special Intention, Kathy Winship
- \*11:30 am Special Intention, Erich & Sandra Picchietta
- \*\*Louis Lussier John Lyons, John R. Madden, Esteban Mallar, Nicholas Mansell | Fred Williams | 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.

 $\sim$  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, Francisco Fantauzzi, Margie Waters, Brian DeRouen, Gloria Cirincione, Mimi Nettles, Margie O'Keeffe, Robin Olson, Charles DuPlay, Kelley Weston, Pamela De Guzman, Marie Orvin, Eleanor Collini Farkas, John Tumino, 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:

Samuel Lorver Kor, Hazel Shockley, Stephen Walsh, Stephen Dinitto, Bill Miltiades, Fernando Martinez, Monique DeCicco-Jones, Elizabeth McGough, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new member:

Judith Johnson

#### St. James Weekly Calendar

| 9/10 Twentu                                  | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  |  |  |  |
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| Stewardship Sunday in the Narthex after Mass |  |  |  |  |
| 10:15-11:15                                  | RCIA Inquiry-Church  |  |  |  |
|  | Holy Hour-Church   |  |  |  |
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|  | r the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued<br>a after the 8:30am Mass in the Cry Room |  |  |  |
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| 9/11 Monda                                   | 5  |  |  |  |
| 7:45-8:15am                                  | Confessions-Church   |  |  |  |
| 9:00am                                       | Rosary-Cry Room  |  |  |  |
| 9/12 Tuesday                                 | 5  |  |  |  |
| 7:45-8:15am                                  | Confessions-Church   |  |  |  |
| 9:00am                                       | Rosary-Cry Room  |  |  |  |
| 3:00-8:00pm                                  | SJS VB -PC/gym   |  |  |  |
| 3:30-5:00pm                                  | Right for Life Meeting-Cry Rm  |  |  |  |
| 5:00-6:00pm                                  | Prolife Holy Hour -Church  |  |  |  |
| 5:00-6:00pm                                  | Confessions – Church   |  |  |  |
| 6:30-8:00pm                                  | RCIA Inquiry-Church  |  |  |  |
| 9/13 Wedne                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 7:45-8:15am                                  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:00am                                       | Rosary-Cry Room  |  |  |  |
| 6:15-8:00pm                                  | Adult Choir - Church   |  |  |  |
| 6:30-8:00pm                                  | KOC-Cry Rm   |  |  |  |
| 7:00рт                                       | First Holy Communion Parent Mtg-PC/gym   |  |  |  |
| 9/14 Thursda                                 | 5  |  |  |  |
| 7:45-8:15am                                  | Confessions-Church   |  |  |  |
|  | n SJS/ELC Pictures-Mercy Conf. Rm  |  |  |  |
| 9:00am                                       | Rosary-Cry Room  |  |  |  |
| 3:00-4:00pm                                  | Children's Rosary-Church   |  |  |  |
| 3:00-4:30pm                                  | SJS Dance Club-Mercy Conf. Rm  |  |  |  |
| 3:00-8:00pm                                  | SJS VB -PC/8ym   |  |  |  |
| 6:30-8:00pm                                  | SJC Parish Council Mtg-Mercy Conf. Rm  |  |  |  |
| 9/15 Friday                                  |  |  |  |  |
| SJS Grandpare                                | 5  |  |  |  |
| 7:45 <b>-8</b> :15am                         | Confessions-Church   |  |  |  |
| 9:00am                                       | Rosary–Cry Room  |  |  |  |
| 12:00pm                                      | SJS Dismissal  |  |  |  |
| 12:15pm                                      | SJS Safety Meeting-Mercy Conf. Rm  |  |  |  |
| 9/16 Saturda                                 | 5  |  |  |  |
| 8:30am                                       | Rosary-Church  |  |  |  |
|  | SJS VB -PC/gym   |  |  |  |
| 9:30-11:00am                                 | ,  |  |  |  |
| 10:00am-11:30p                               | om SJC Food Pantry-Cafeteria   |  |  |  |
| 11:00am                                      | Baptism-Church-Fr. Firmin  |  |  |  |
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|  | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time   |  |  |  |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·        | Parish Picnic-SJS McBride Field  |  |  |  |
| 10:15am                                      | Baptism-Church-Fr. King  |  |  |  |
| 4:00~5:00pm                                  | Holy Hour-Church   |  |  |  |

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### **Offertory for Sunday**

September 3, 2023

\$30,498.30

#### YTD Offertory: July 1st through August 31st

| 2022 Actual | \$244,192.67 |
|-------------|--------------|
| 2023 Budget | \$244,409.67 |
| 2023 Actual | \$233,758.74 |

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

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

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.

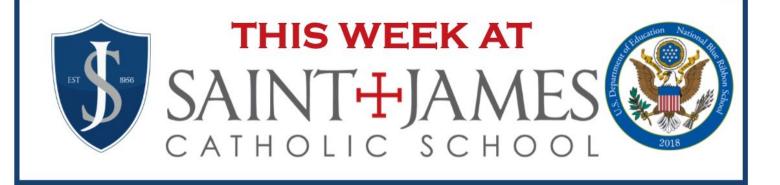
Are you interested in learning more about caring for your loved ones who Ive with a mental health diagnosis?

NAMI Savannah is offering a free, nine week educational program on Tuesday evenings, <u>starting September</u> <u>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.



There will be a meeting of <u>Council 5588</u> held in the Narthex/Cry Room at St. James on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Paul Macek at 912-349-5137.





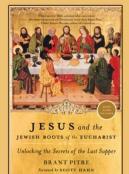
3rd grade students are busy preparing the garden for their fall planting of vegetables and herbs. They've been weeding and learning about a garden's life cycle. They were really excited to find treasures from last season and a few friends who make their homes in the garden. Thank you to Denise Mielnicki, retired Catholic school teacher of many years and a certified Horticulturist, who is volunteering her time to teach our 3rd graders! Here's to new growth in 2023-2024!







# Wednesday Adult Faith Series



# Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre

4 weeks beginning September 20 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mercy Conference Room Cost: \$20 per person

Facilitators: St. James Clergy

Register online at <u>www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/</u> Paper registration forms available in Parish Office. Questions? Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

ST. JAMES ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Stay tuned for new topics every few months!



# St. James Parish Religious Education Program

# ENROLL TODAY!

St. James Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is 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 +

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.

Classes begin Sept. 24

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

#### 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

~or~

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.

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

#### Mercy Conference Room Meetings begin Sept. 19.

Starts

9/18

Starts

Starts

9/20

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.

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## 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 | Shel | ves |
|----|--------|------|----|-------|----|---------|-----|------|-----|
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| Oatmeal               | Breakfast bars  |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Canned chicken        | Breakfast cerea |
| Tuna fish             | Canned fruits   |
| Jelly & Peanut butter | Kleenex         |
| Dry macaroni          | Toilet paper    |
| Spaghetti sauce       | Low sodium se   |

Breakfast cereal Canned fruits Kleenex oilet paper ow sodium soups & Veg.

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

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

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

PROTECT

**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.

# Fall Adult Faith & Fellowship

## BIBLE STUDIES

#### Monday Women's Bible Study

Mondays ~ 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Topic: When You Pray by Edward Sri Cost: \$20 per person

#### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

9/20 Wednesdays ~ 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Topic: Catholic Letters of the New Testament by Brant Pitre Cost: \$15 per person

#### Wednesday Adult Faith Series

Wednesdays ~ 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Topic: Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre Cost: \$20 per person

#### <u>How to sign up</u>

Online at www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/ Paper registration available at Parish Office.

SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153.

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Raising Saints: Catholic Family Ministry Starts 9/28

4th Thursdays ~ 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Peer ministry for building Christ-centered Catholic families.

**Bootcamp for "Bad Catholics"** 

1st Thursdays ~ 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For self-described "bad Catholics" and anyone struggling to rediscover their Catholic faith.

#### Women's Fellowship Groups

#### Young Moms (20s-40s)

Starts 9/21

2nd Thursdays ~ 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hosted in organizers' homes For women seeking community, prayer, and Christ-centered support in living out their vocations as women and mothers.

#### Women 50+

Starts TBD

Meetings by arrangement; locations TBA For women seeking community, prayer and Christ-centered support in living out their vocations in a later stage of life.

All meetings are held in the Mercy Conference Room unless otherwise noted. Programs are free unless noted. Starts 10/5

