

#### **General Parish Information**

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www.stjamessav.com
1-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm
30pm

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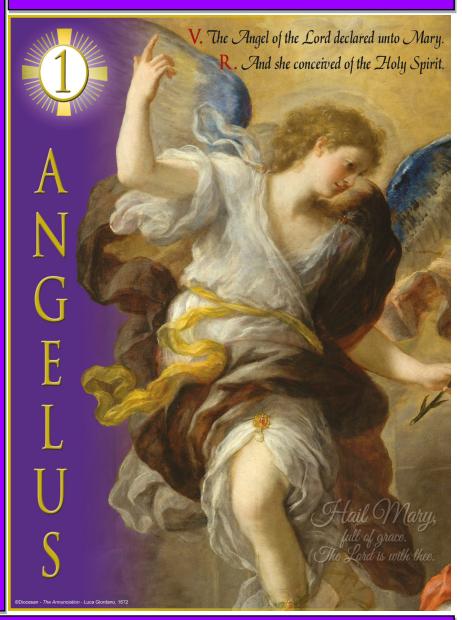
#### **Mass Schedule**

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 

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:.....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

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 3, 2023**



#### **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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## Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

# **Retirement Fund for Religious**

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Top row, from left: Brother Charles Douglas, SSJ, BB; Sister Marlana Danko, SSM, 80; Father James Day, OSST, 77. Bottom row, from left: Sister Celeste Burgos, MHSH, 79; Sister Branda Cherry, OSP, 84.

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#### Pastor's Corner 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, one of our parishioners, Mary Speir, received the Gartland Service Award! She was nominated for her years of service to St. James the Less Parish as the Director of Religious Education, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a minister to the homebound, a member and leader of the Bereavement Committee, and countless other areas! Congratulations, Mary, for your distinguished service and for the gift you are to your brothers and sisters here at St. James the Less!

#### **BLESSED ADVENT!**

Advent begins today! I hope that you have your wreaths out and your Advent Calendars hanging in your homes! We begin this Sunday a period of anxious anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We prepare by getting our hearts and souls clean. We prepare by resisting the rush and busyness of the month and purposefully enter into some stillness and quiet time with the Lord Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. How will you prepare?

We have ordered some Advent Companions from Magnificat publications. This can be a resource and tool for you to take advantage of this beautiful season of Advent. There is a limited supply in the narthex, but you can also order one at <u>www.magnificat.com</u>.

Last year, we had the longest Advent we could possibly have. This year Advent is the shortest it could ever be! December 24 is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day, December 25, is a Monday. So, what does that mean? In short, it means you will need to go to Mass twice!

To fulfill your Sunday obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, you must come to Mass either at the Saturday evening Vigil (5:00 PM) or on Sunday morning (7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.).

To fulfill your Christmas Mass obligation, you must come to Mass again either Sunday evening (Dec. 24) or Monday morning (Dec. 25).

We will begin Christmas Masses at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 24. We will have two Masses offered at that time – one in church and one in the gym. We will also have Masses at 8 p.m., again with one in church and one in the gym. There will be one Mass offered on Monday, Christmas Day, at 10:00 AM (one of the most beautiful masses of the year in my opinion!).

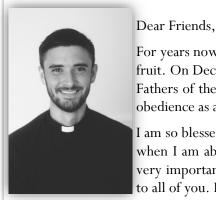
I urge you to begin planning your 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas mass schedule for your family!

May you and your families know the abundant love of God this week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

#### **MAGNIFICAT ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

A limited amount of Magnificat Advent Reflection booklets will be available in the narthex beginning in early December as long as supplies last. These booklets are free -- first come, first served. Please take one as a prayer resource for the Advent and Christmas seasons.



#### THANK YOU!

For years now, you have prayed for me by name every Sunday, and those prayers have not been without fruit. On December 8th, 2023, I profess my perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. These are my promises to God to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience as a member of my religious community for the rest of my life.

I am so blessed to have a home parish that has supported me in my vocation and I enjoy seeing all of you when I am able to visit my family. I am still a few years away from the priesthood, but since this is a very important moment in my vocation, I just wanted to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you. I am truly thankful that you have kept me in mind and prayed for me over the past 6 years.

May God bless all of you most abundantly!

Your brother in Christ, Br. Patrick Lynch, MIC

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions \*\*Plaasa provideily for our Priests Sominarians & IHM Sistors

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<b>12/3</b> Is 63:16b-17,19b,64	First Sunday of Advent 4:2-7;Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19;1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37	
7:30 am	For the People ~ Fr. Firmin	
8:00 am (IOH)	Fr. Peter e healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church	
*9:00 am	+ Dennis Burns ~ Fr. King	
*11:30 am	+ Claire Youmans ~ Fr. Firmin	
	, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, Christopher Awiliba it Janaszek   Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew	
12/4 Monday		
	1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11	
7:00 am	+ Patty Greer ~ Fr. King	
8:30 am	+ Gemmo Monroid ~ Fr. Peter	
	odfred Boachie-Yiadom, Brett Brannen, ncamino   Jared Miller   Samantha Rintoul	
<b>12/5 Tuesday</b>	:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24	
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7:00 am 8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Moon Family ~ Fr. Peter + Sam Tootle ~ Fr. Firmin	
	Bui, Juan Carlos Castillo, Michael Cerrone, haney   Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill	
12/6 Wednesday		
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23	3:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37	
7:00 am	+ Ed & Kate Filson ~ Fr. King	
8:30 am 5:30 pm	+ Rita Vale ~ Fr. Peter Fr. Firmin	
**Douglas Clark, C	Casey Cole , William Cook, P. James Costigan 'illiams   Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson	
	<b>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27	
7:00 am	+ Sr. Maureen James Lilly ~ Fr. Firmin	
8:30 am	Special Intention, Carrie Morgan ~ Fr. King	
	gs, Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada seph Vuong   Sr. Stephanie Gabriel	
	mmaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	
7:00 am	Special Intention, IHM Sisters ~ Fr. Firmin	
8:30 am	Special Intention, Bucher Family ~ Fr. Peter	
10:00 am (School) 5:30 pm	) + Monique DeCicco Jones ~ Bishop Parkes Special Intention, Christina Robbins ~ Fr. King	
**Romanus Ezeugw	vu, Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Fuks   Gilbert Ofori Mensah   Sr. Joan O'Reilly	
12/9 Saturday	6; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	
9:00 am 5:00 pm	+ Dennis & Angela Walsh ~ Fr. King + Bill Barr ~ Fr. Firmin	
** Gabriel Gberikon, Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez   Stephen Owusu Dwamena  Sr. Catherine McElroy		
<b>12/10</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; P	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> s 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8	
7:30 am	For the People ~ Fr. King	
*9:00 am	+ Dennis & Angela Walsh ~ Fr. Firmin	
*11:30 am	+ Artie Bolta ~ Fr. Peter	
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\*\*Richard Hart, Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, Francis Higgins Benjamin Aler & Christian Corulli | Sr. Virginia Scirocco

#### **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, Josie Lee, Paul Baldwin, David Shockley, Pauline Winjum, Sherry Faulker, Nick Turchiano, Brian DeRouen, Gloria Cirincione, Margie O'Keeffe, Robin Olson, Kelley Weston, Pamela De Guzman, 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.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

#### We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Peter Kaufman, Amelia Quiniff, Pete Moon, Bob Schmitz, and all our deceased family and friends.



#### Welcome to our new members:

Roussel & Isabelle Bouendeu & Family

Gabriela & Xavier Rodriguez & Family

Julie & Cameron Talbot & Family

Ray & Anna Wallace & Family

\* The Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9:00 AM and the 11:30 AM Sunday Masses located in the Early Learning Center, Class Room #2.

	St. James Weekly Calendar
12/3 First Su	anday of Advent
	SJS Choir–Mercy Conference Rm
10:15-11:15am	
	BRUCH WITH ST. NICHOLAS-PC/ <sub>6ym</sub>
1	Holy Hour-Church
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	r the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing
	e 8:30am Mass in the Cry Room
12/4 Monde	
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church
9:00am	Rosary–Cry Room
	Contemplative Prayer Group-Mercy Conf. Rm
	SJS First Reconciliation Practice
3:00-8:30pm	SJS BB Games-PC/gym
12/5 Tuesda	
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room
	om SJ S Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm
2:00-2:45pm	SJS First Reconciliation Practice
	SJS Faculty Mtg
	Prolife Holy Hour -Church
3:00-8:30pm	Confessions – Church
,	SJS BB Practice-PC/gym RCIA
6:30-8:00pm	
12/6 Wedne	•
6:20-7:30am	TMIY-PC/gym
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room
	Adult Bible Study-Mercy Conf. Rm
2:00-2:45pm	
3:00-8:30pm	SJS BB Practice-PC/gym
12/7 Thursd	5
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church
7:00-11:00am	
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room
1:00-4:00pm	Homebound Ministry-Mercy Conference Rm
2:00-2:45pm	SJS Mass Rehearsal
3:00-4:00pm	SJS Children's Rosary–Church
3:00-8:30pm	SJS BB Practice-PC/gym
12/8 Friday	
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room
2:00-2:45pm	SJS First Reconciliation Practice
3:00-8:30pm	SJS BB Practice-PC/gym
3:00pm	IOH Wedding Rehearsal
12/9 Saturd	-
8:00am	IOH Wedding-Fr. Firmin
8:30am	Rosary-Church
9:00-12:30pm	SJS BB Practice-PC/gym
12:30pm	Baptism-Church-Fr. King
3:45-4:45pm	
	l Sunday of Advent
	i is for Religious Retirement
8:30-11:30	SJC Choir–Mercy Conference Rm
4:00~5:00pm	Holy Hour-Church

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### **Offertory for Sunday**

November 19, 2023	\$21,001.23
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YTD Offertory: July 1st through November 19

2022 Actual	\$548,163.74
2023 Budget	\$564,688.68
2023 Actual	\$548,737.35

2nd Collection Human Development \$3,882.00

#### **Offertory for Sunday**

November 26, 2023	\$31,014.09
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#### YTD Offertory: July 1st through November 26

2022 Actual	\$570,680.23
2023 Budget	\$587,883.96
2023 Actual	\$579,751.44

#### ACA Progress Report as of November 22, 2023

 Total Given:
 \$166,332.57

 ACA Parish Goal:
 \$121,734.00

 % Participation:
 24.29

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 select the *Online Giving* link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email: Mkolbush@stjamessav.com



The Christmas Sharing Tree is in place and decorated with 200 ornaments for 5 different LOCAL organizations to receive gifts this Christmas. These organizations consist of the Greenbriar Children's Center,

senior citizens at Williams Court Apartments, The Savannah Care Center, The Social Apostolate, and adults with special needs. **We ask that you please follow the directions on each ornament**. Please return your gifts as soon as possible and place them around the tree in the Narthex. The deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>. We MUST have gifts by this date or some recipients may be left out.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary will be prayed at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, December 13th, at 5:00 pm. At our Blessed Mother's request we will pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in our world.



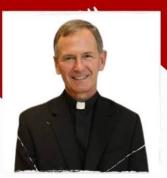
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

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Speakers: Deacon Larry Oney Fr. Brett Brannen



**Deacon Larry Oney** 



Fr. Brett Brannen

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#### SAVANNAH DEANERY CCW "Christmas Tea"

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM Shriners Club, Tybee Island \$15.00 per person RSVP by December 4, 2023 Make check payable to: St. Michael Catholic Church with CCW in the memo line. Mail to: Margaret Raymond 16 Horse Pen Point Drive, Tybee Island, GA 31328 Email:mraymond@hotmail.com Cell phone: 904-537-7377

#### Savannah Deanery Charity: Fresh Air Home Please bring an item or items to donate:

Spray sunscreen, bug spray, 3-in-1 body wash, shampoo for all kinds of hair, HE liquid detergent, boys and girls underwear-(Sizes 4-XL), flip Flops-(Sizes 4-11), kickballs and other outdoor playthings.



Wednesday, Dec 13th at 6:30 p.m.

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



BE A SWADDLING ANGEL

This is a Savannah CCW <u>Deanery's</u> service to donate baby blankets to local hospital nurseries, Savannah Cares, and Living Vine. Please

participate by choosing to:

Donate YOUR CREATIVE baby crocheted, knitted, OR non-tie blankets.

Finished sizes: <u>Newborns</u> 33"x 33" or larger and <u>Neonates</u> 22"x 22"

**Or:** Donate 2 yards of 100% **cotton** flannel or fleece materials. Baby sports yarns also appreciated.

**Or:** VOLUNTEER to cut fabrics to be sewn; instructions will be provided.

**Or:** LEARN to make non- tie blanket.

YARNS AS WELL AS FABRICS CAN BE PROVIDED WHEN NEEDED.

Please email JOSIE LEE at <u>sisipot@comcast.net</u>. Thank you.

#### St. James Church Food Pantry Christmas Donation

During the month of December our Food Pantry is in <u>urgent need</u> of the following non-perishable and paper items to provide Christmas dinner to our families experiencing food insufficiency in our community.

If you prefer to make a <u>monetary</u> donation, please make the check out to St. James Catholic Church and place in the memo line – SJC Food Pantry

#### Rice Instant Mashed Potatoes Dry Macaroni Breakfast Cereal Canned Cranberry Sauce Healthy snacks including nuts & granola bars Shelf Stable Milk Canned Fruit Pancake Mix & Syrup Low Sodium Canned Vegetable & Soup Canned Pasta Meals

Canned Chicken & Tuna Peanut Butter & Jelly Boxed Stuffing Mix Canned Spaghetti Sauce Oatmeal Toilet Paper Kleenex Laundry Detergent Beet Stew or Chunky Soup Shelf Stable Milk Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Soap

Our Food Pantry is every third Saturday of the month in the school cafeteria from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. 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.



#### ST JAMES CCW CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND BUSINESS MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to our December 4th Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Mercy Conference Room. Please bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert, along with the recipe to share. Also, bring an

unwrapped gift (any used item in good shape) to exchange. Just for FUN!

Immagulate Conception

<u>A Holy Day of Obligation</u> Friday, Dec 8-Mass Times 7:00am, 8:30am, and 5:30pm

#### **UPCOMNG LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

Friday, December 8, 2023-Immaculate Conception Masses -7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, & 5:30 PM

Tuesday, December 19, 2023- Advent Penance Service-7:00 PM

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve Masses:

\*5:00 PM, \*8:00 PM (\*with overflow Mass is gym) & 10:00 PM

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas Mass-10:00 AM (One Mass Only)

Sunday, December 31, 2023-Vigil Mass-5:00 PM

Monday, January 1, 2024–9:30 AM (One Mass Only)

#### **A Prayer for Peace**

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You!

> Amen. By My Catholic Life! Inc.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

YEARNING FOR A PLACE TO CONNECT & SHARE YOUR FAITH?

> JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, FAITH-SHARING & REFLECTION

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 14 10 A.M. ~ MERCY CONFERENCE ROOM

Sign up online at www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/ Questions? Linda Stroyne | 602-524-9570

