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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

Church Office: 912-355-1523
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Early Learning Center: 912-629-2430
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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm

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Rev. Lewis King.....*Parochial Vicar*
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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
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: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.....24/7

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023



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V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me
according to Thy word.



*Hail Mary,
full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

©Diocesan - The Annunciation - Luca Giordano, 1672

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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

St. John the Baptist is chosen and sent by God to prepare the way before the Messiah, Jesus! How beautiful is his example, his humility! He knew that it wasn't all about him. His mission was to help the people, to help us get ready for Jesus so that we would recognize the Savior when He arrived. St. John the Baptist can help us this Advent and every day to root out those things that make the way rocky and difficult so that it might be smooth for the Lord. Ask his intercession and assistance in preparing your heart to receive Jesus and recognize the Messiah.

In his ministry, John pointed out Jesus to his disciples saying, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." All that John did pointed to Jesus. John can do the same for us if we ask him. Also, John can be a model for us. We, too, are called to point people to Jesus. We need to bring people to Jesus so that he can bring peace, joy, love, and hope into their hearts and souls. St. John the Baptist, help us bring people to Jesus so that He might be known and loved and so that more and more people will experience the fullness of life that comes from a relationship with Him.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT REMINDER!

A reminder so that no one is caught off guard! December 24 is the 4th Sunday of Advent. December 25 is a Monday. So, what does that mean? 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!).

Which 4th Sunday of Advent Mass and which Christmas Mass will you and your family attend?

May the peace of Jesus reign in your hearts this week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

*Come and encounter
the Lord's abundant mercy!
Be ready to welcome Him
into your heart this Christmas!*

Additional priests will be
available to hear confessions.

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19
7 PM



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

12/10 Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 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

***Richard Hart, Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, Francis Higgins
 | Benjamin Aler & Christian Corulli | Sr. Virginia Scirocco*

12/11 Monday

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

7:00 am + Mitsue Miyagi Monterola ~ Fr. King
 8:30 am + Barbara Keck ~ Fr. Peter

***James Holloway, Daniel Ihunnia, Mike Ingram, Gordian Iwuji,
 | Deacon Francisco Gamboa | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell*

12/12 Tuesday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

7:00 am + Barbara Walsh, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Peter
 8:30 am + Annie Thomas ~ Fr. King

***John Johnson, Solomon Kaanan, Adam Kasela, Michael Kavanaugh
 | Kevin Braski | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill*

12/13 Wednesday St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

7:00 am + Sr. Patricia Ann Wolfe ~ Fr. King
 8:30 am + Earl Keck ~ Fr. Firmin
 5:30 pm + Vera Daly ~ Fr. Peter

***Donal Keohane, Robert Keffer, Mike Kerin, Inshik Kim, Lewis King
 | Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso*

12/14 Thursday Feast of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

7:00 am + Sr. John Joseph Schuyler ~ Fr. Firmin
 8:30 am + Mr. & Mrs. Nazareth ~ Fr. King

***David Klecker, Vernon Knight, David Koetter, Xavier Kumbalaparampil
 | Jared Miller | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew*

12/15 Friday

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

7:00 am + Sr. Mary Elizabeth McGuire ~ Fr. Peter
 8:30 am + Robert DeLeo ~ Fr. Firmin

***Dawid Kwiatkowski, Brian LaBurt, Peter Lanshima, Andrew Larkin
 | Samantha Rintoul*

12/16 Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

9:00 am + Kathy McCurry ~ Fr. Peter
 5:00 pm Special Intention, Brandon Ramirez ~ Fr. King

***William Leahy, Raymond Levreault, Michael Lubinsky, Louis Lussier
 | Fred Williams | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill*

12/17 Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Peter
 *9:00 am + Dorothy Waters ~ Fr. King
 *11:30 am + Zarela Cubas ~ Fr. Firmin

***John Lyons, John R. Madden, Anthony Madanu, Esteban Mallar
 | Tuan Joseph Vuong | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson*

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, Elizabeth Jacobi, Pauline Winjum, Brian DeRouen, Diane Roberson, Susan DuBois, 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.

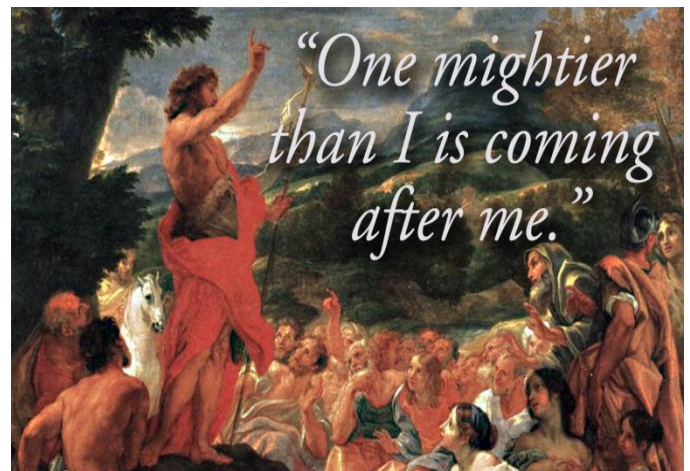
A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

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:

Frank Boland, Peter Kaufman, Carol Angers, Bob Schmitz, and all our deceased family and friends.



*** 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

12/10 Second Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection is for Religious Retirement

8:30-11:30 SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS

10:15am Baptism-Church-Fr. Firmin

2:00-4:00pm Daughters of Ireland Tea-PC/gym

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

12/11 Monday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

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

2:00-2:45pm SJS First Reconciliation Practice-Church

3:00-8:30pm SJS BB Practice-PC/gym

5:30-6:30pm SJC/SJS CC Meeting-Mercy Conf. Rm

12/12 Tuesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

9:30am-3:00pm SJS Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm

12:30-1:30pm SJS First Reconciliation Practice-Church

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

5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church

3:00-8:30pm SJS BB Practice-PC/gym

6:30-8:00pm RCIA-Mercy Conf. Rm

12/13 Wednesday

6:20-7:30am TMIY-PC/gym

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

9:30-11:00am Adult Bible Study-Mercy Conf. Rm

12:30-1:30pm SJS First Reconciliation Practice-Church

3:00-8:30pm SJS BB Practice-PC/gym

6:30-8:30pm KOC Meeting-Cry Room

12/14 Thursday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

10:00-11:30am Women's Ministry-Mercy Conf. Rm

2:00-2:45pm SJS First Reconciliation Practice-Church

3:00-4:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-Church

3:00-4:30pm SJS Dance Club-Mercy Conf. Rm

3:00-8:30pm SJS BB Practice-PC/gym

6:30pm SJS First Reconciliation-Church

12/15 Friday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

1:00-2:00pm SJS Practice-Church

3:00-8:30pm SJS BB Practice-PC/gym

12/16 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-Church

9:00-12:30pm SJS BB Practice-PC/gym

10:00-11:30am SJS Food Pantry-SJS Cafeteria

10:00am Baptism-Church-Fr. King

3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

12/17 Third Sunday of Advent

3rd Annual Christmas Creche Showcase after Masses in the gym.

8:15-11:30am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

December 3, 2023 \$33,562.10

YTD Offertory: July 1st through November 30th

2022 Actual \$570,680.23

2023 Budget \$587,883.96

2023 Actual \$593,818.54

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.stjamesav.com and select the *Online Giving* link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email: Mkolbush@stjamesav.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 11th.** We MUST have gifts by this date or some recipients may be left out.



There will be a meeting of **Council 5588** held in the Narthex/Cry Room at **St. James on Wednesday, Dec 13th at 6:30 p.m.** If you have any questions, please call Paul Macek at 912-349-5137.

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.



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DECEMBER

16-17

Display your family nativity scene for our 3rd annual
Christmas Creche Exhibit

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912.355.3132 OR
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UPCOMING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Advent Penance Service-7:00 PM

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve Masses

*5:00 PM, *8:00 PM (*overflow Mass in gym)

Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel

Christmas Eve Mass -10:00 PM

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas Day

10:00 AM (One Mass Only)

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Vigil Mass-5:00 PM

Monday, January 1, 2024

New Year's Day Mass 9:30 AM (One Mass Only)



BE A SWADDLING ANGEL

This is a Savannah CCW Deanery 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: Newborns 33"x 33" or larger and Neonates 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 sisipot@comcast.net. Thank you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**NEXT MEETING:
DECEMBER 14**

10 A.M. ~ MERCY CONFERENCE ROOM

AND

DECEMBER 15

**"CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN:
HOLY NIGHT"**

2 P.M. ~ AMC CLASSIC SAVANNAH

Questions?

Linda Stroyne

602-524-9570

St. James Church Food Pantry Christmas Donation

During the month of December our Food Pantry is in urgent need 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 monetary donation, please make the check out to St. James Catholic Church and place in the memo line – SJC Food Pantry

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| Rice | Canned Pasta Meals |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes | Canned Chicken & Tuna |
| Dry Macaroni | Peanut Butter & Jelly |
| Breakfast Cereal | Boxed Stuffing Mix |
| Canned Cranberry Sauce | Canned Spaghetti Sauce |
| Healthy snacks including nuts & granola bars | Beef Stew or Chunky Soup |
| Shelf Stable Milk | Oatmeal |
| Canned Fruit | Toilet Paper |
| Pancake Mix & Syrup | Kleenex |
| Low Sodium Canned Vegetable & Soup | Laundry Detergent |
| | 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.



Start each day off right!

Receive brief reflections from the Diary of St. Faustina every morning. Sign-up at TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup

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