



# SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

## General Parish Information

### Directory

Church Office: ..... 912-355-1523  
School Office: ..... 912-355-3132  
Early Learning Center: ..... 912-629-2430  
Convent: ..... 912-355-6815  
Email: ..... [general@stjamesav.com](mailto:general@stjamesav.com)  
Website: ..... [www.stjamesav.com](http://www.stjamesav.com)  
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm  
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm

### Staff

Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL.....*Pastor*  
Rev. Peter Lanshima.....*Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Lewis King.....*Parochial Vicar*  
Rev. Mr. Lou Santore.....*Deacon*  
Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM.....*Dir. of Evangelization*  
Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM.....*School Principal*  
Mrs. Misty Ellison-Youssef.....*Director Early Learning Ctr*  
Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay.....*Administrative Assistant*  
Mr. Charles Ancheta.....*Music Director & Organist*  
Mr. Mark Kolbush.....*Director of Finance*  
Mrs. Susanna Powers.....*Receptionist*  
Mr. Richard Morgan.....*Maintenance*  
Mr. Matt Keck.....*Maintenance*

### St. James Catholic School

For information or tours 355-3132

8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, GA

[www.stjameschargers.com](http://www.stjameschargers.com)

### 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

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7th, 2024



Adoration of the Magi  
by Juan Bautista Mayo  
cira 1612-1614  
© Diocesan

### 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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# Feast of the Epiphany



The Epiphany is indeed a great feast, and the joy caused us by the birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas day, it shows us our incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, Who has appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand manifestation of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas, it was a few shepherds that were invited by the angels to go and recognize the Word made flesh; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God Himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus and hear Him.

The mystery of the Epiphany brings upon us three magnificent rays of the Sun of Justice, our Savior. In the calendar of pagan Rome, this sixth day of January was devoted to the celebration of a triple triumph of Augustus, the founder of the Roman Empire: but when Jesus, our Prince of Peace, Whose empire knows no limits, had secured victory to His Church by the blood of the martyrs, then did this His Church decree that a triple triumph of the immortal King should be substituted, in the Christian calendar, for those other three triumphs which had been won by the adopted son of Caesar.

The sixth of January, therefore, restored the celebration of Our Lord's birth to the twenty-fifth of December; but, in return, there was united in the one same Epiphany three manifestations of Jesus' glory: the mystery of the Magi coming from the East, under the guidance of a star, and adoring the Infant of Bethlehem as the divine King; the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, Who, while standing in the waters of the Jordan, was proclaimed by the eternal Father as Son of God; and thirdly, the mystery of the divine power of this same Jesus, when He changed the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana.

*Dom Prosper Guéranger (d. 1875) — Benedictine priest, scholar, abbot, and founder of what is now the Solesmes Congregation in France.*

## Epiphany Customs

### Blessing of Epiphany Water, Chalk, Lintels of Homes

It is customary in some places for parish priests to bless water on the eve of Epiphany, which is used for the blessing of homes the next day. Chalk for each family is also blessed so that they may mark the names of the Three Magi over their doors, as a witness of the Faith, to beseech salvific benefits, and protection against evil.

*Please see opposite side for instructions.*



## Epiphany Inscription Over the Doorway of the Home

**20 + C + M + B + 24**

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat*," "*May Christ bless the house*." The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent the protection of the Precious Blood of Christ, whom we invoke, and the holiness of the Three Magi sanctified by their adoration of the Infant Christ. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and protector of the beginning and end of things. This blessing "christens" the ancient Roman observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by the Adorable and Eternal Word of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The lintel of the main door of the house (and other doors if desired) is marked by a senior member of the household (usually the father) in the following way:

**20 + C + M + B + 24**

While saying the following prayer:

"The Three Wise Men,

Caspar, (write the letter "C")

Melchior, (M)

and Balthazar, (B)

followed the star of God's Son Who became man,

Two Thousand (20)

and twenty-four years ago. (24)

May Christ bless our home "++" (first two crosses)

and remain with us through the new year "++" (last two crosses).

C

C M

C M B

20 C M B

20 C M B 24

20 + C + M B 24

20 + C + M + B + 24

The senior member may then proceed to sprinkle the interior of the home with the blessed Epiphany Water.



SAINT JAMES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024  
6:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

St. James Parish is blessed by so many individuals who dedicate their time to our liturgical ministries, pastoral care, finances, grounds, and numerous other ministries that work to bring Christ into the world and our community.

We invite our volunteers to an Appreciation Dinner on January 19th! Join us as we show our thanks and acknowledge your dedicated service!

Visit [stjamesav.com/event-rsvp/](http://stjamessav.com/event-rsvp/), scan the QR code, or return the form below to the church office to RSVP by January 10!



*Thank  
you!*

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - January 19, 2024  
***Please RSVP by January 10!***

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Area(s) of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_



**CATHOLIC  
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

# **Esto Vir! Be a Man!**

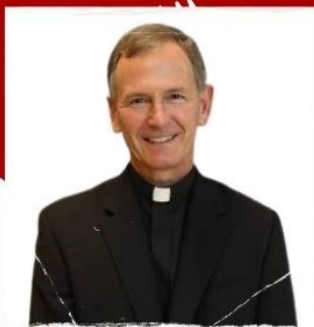
**Speakers:**

**Deacon Larry Oney**

**Fr. Brett Brannen**



Deacon Larry Oney



Fr. Brett Brannen

**MASS, TALKS, LUNCH,  
ADORATION AND MORE!**

**\$50/PERSON BEFORE JAN. 12, 2024**



**JANUARY 27, 2024 | 9 AM TO 4:30 PM  
ST. JAMES CHURCH ~ SAVANNAH, GA**

**REGISTER HERE:**

**[WWW.STJAMESSAV.COM/MENS-CONFERENCE/](http://WWW.STJAMESSAV.COM/MENS-CONFERENCE/)**



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

One more day! I can still wish you and your families a MERRY CHRISTMAS this weekend! Come Tuesday, the Christmas Season ends and we begin Ordinary Time (which is never ordinary because God became man, the Eternal entered into and sanctified time!).

For us Christians, Christmas begins on December 25<sup>th</sup> with the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and it ends with the Feast of Baptism of the Lord (this year on January 8<sup>th</sup>). This is the Christmas Season! We should be greeting people with the words, "Merry Christmas" each day of this Season! One more day! Let's hear it...MERRY CHRISTMAS!

#### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Our celebration of Epiphany marks the visit of the Magi to the stable in Bethlehem, where they found the child Jesus with Mary and Joseph. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts will you bring to Jesus this year? Time in prayer would be a good thing – reading and meditating on the daily readings for 15 minutes each day or committing to an hour of adoration once a week or once a month with a few friends. Maybe a commitment to praying a rosary as a family Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday is a gift the whole family can bring to Jesus this year. We have heard it said each and every Christmas – presents and material gifts are wonderful, but time with family and friends is the greatest gift of all. This year, perhaps we as a parish can give the gift of Time in prayer to Jesus. Let's each make a gift to spend more time with Him daily (and perhaps on a retreat or a conference (Men's Conference on January 27<sup>th</sup> or the Parish Mission during Lent)). The Lumen Christi Adoration Chapel is a perfect place to spend time with the Lord Jesus!

Don't forget to pick up your Epiphany Water and Chalk! The lovely devotion and tradition of blessing our home at the beginning of the new year comes this year to our parish family! The instructions on how to bless the home and use the chalk and water are provided in the bulletin. This one and all the many wonderful devotions and prayers help our faith become part of our daily rhythm of life. Think of other ways we can do this!

May the Lord Jesus bless you and your families abundantly this week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

# GOLD *and* SILVER JUBILEE

Anniversary Mass  
**25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup>** wedding  
anniversaries in 2024  
February 10, 2024, 10 am  
Savannah Cathedral

RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068  
[diosav.org/gold-and-silver](https://diosav.org/gold-and-silver)



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

### 1/7 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30 am + Gerry McManus ~ Fr. King

8:00 am (IOH) For the People

\*9:00 am Fr. Firmin

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

\*11:30 am + Arturo Santos ~ Fr. Peter

**\*\*Gabriel Cummings, Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada  
| Tuan Joseph Vuong | Sr. Stephanie Gabriel**

### 1/8 Monday Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

7:00 am + Bette Welsh

8:30 am + Linda Harper, 1st Anniversary

**\*\*Romanus Ezeugwu, Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca,  
Mariusz Fuks | Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Joan O'Reilly**

### 1/9 Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

7:00 am Special Intention, Aubrey Smith

8:30 am + W.V. De Blieux

**\*\*Gabriel Gberikon, Stephen Giorno, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez  
| Stephen Owusu Dwamena | Sr. Catherine McElroy**

### 1/10 Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

7:00 am + Sr. Mary Angela Menna

8:30 am + Antonio Valle

5:30 pm

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

### 1/11 Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

7:00 am + Sr. Geraldine Cantwell

8:30 am Special Intention, Martha & Tony Hejka

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

### 1/12 Friday St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

7:00 am + Sr. Virginia Catherine Varallo

8:30 am + Joann Aulwes

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

### 1/13 Saturday St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

9:00 am Special Intention, Bonnie Macaulay

5:00 pm + Theresa DuFrain

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

### 1/14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1Sm3:3b-10,19;Ps40:2,4,7-8,8-9, 10;1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

7:30 am + Gerry McManus

\*9:00 am For the People

\*11:30 am + Gregoria Dagsaan

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

## 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, Jane O'Brian, Rick Klievert, David Shockley, Pauline Winjum, Brian DeRouen, Diane Roberson, 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.***

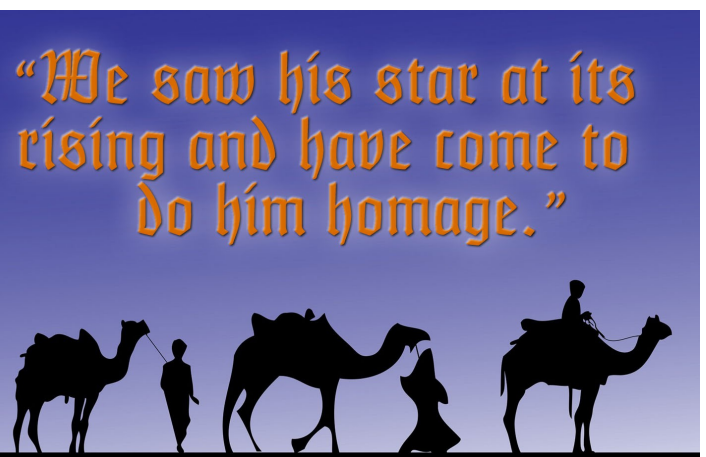
## A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

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:

Margie O'Keeffe, Robert Roberts, Susan Dubois, Ed Field, Carol Angers, Rita Vale and all our deceased family and friends.



**\*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.

## St. James Weekly Calendar

1/7 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30-9:00pm SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS

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

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

1/8 Monday 1/9 Tuesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

11:30am-12:30pm Book Study-Mercy Conference Rm-Fr. King

1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer-Mercy Conference Rm

4:30-7:30pm SJS BB Games-PC/gym

5:00-6:00pm CC Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm

6:30-8:00pm WBS-Mercy Conference Room

1/9 Tuesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

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

5:00-6:00pm Pro-life Rosary Holy Hour-Church

5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church

6:30-8:00pm RCIA-Mercy Conference Room

1/10 Wednesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

9:30-11:00am Adult Bible Study-Mercy Conference Room

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

6:30-8:00pm Adult Faith Series-Mercy Conference Rm

6:30-8:00pm Adult Choir Practice-Church

6:30-8:00pm DOI-Cry Rm

1/11 Thursday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

10:00-11:00am Women's Fellowship 50+ Group-Mercy Conf. Rm

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

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

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

6:30-8:00pm Parish Council Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm

1/12 Friday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

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

1/13 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-Church

9:00am-12:30pm RCIA Makeup-Mercy Conference Rm

10:00am Baptism-Church-Fr. Firmin

11:00am Baptism-Church-Fr. Peter

3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

9:00am-1:00pm SJS BB-PC/gym

1/14 Second Sunday in Ordinary time

8:15-10:00pm SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

No PREP

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

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Offertory for Sunday

December 24, 2023 \$25,682.81

Christmas Offertory 2023 \$27,210.00

### YTD Offertory: July 1st through December 25th

2022 Actual \$772,027.00

2023 Budget \$795,300.53

2023 Actual \$748,554.93

2nd Collections-Diocesan Schools \$7,746.00

### Offertory for Sunday

December 31, 2023 \$47,349.31

Solemnity of Mary \$3,562.00

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

2022 Actual \$798,677.77

2023 Budget \$822,754.71

2023 Actual \$793,253.24

### ACA Progress Report as of December 21st, 2023

Total Given: \$171,115.98

ACA Parish Goal: \$121,734.00

% Participation: 24.68

**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](http://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](mailto:Mkolbush@stjamesav.com)



### CURSILLO WEEKEND ENCOUNTER

**What is Cursillo?** *Cursillo is a movement of the Catholic Church that makes it possible for people to live what is fundamental to being a Catholic*

*Christian. It helps people discover and fulfill their personal vocation, and promotes the creation of core groups of Christians who transform their environment through living the Gospel.*

It is for you if you feel called to a deeper commitment to your faith and are looking for a way to sustain your Christian journey.

There will be a Cursillo weekend encounter in Collins, GA on **Thurs, Jan 25 – Sun, Jan 28 for men and on Thurs, Feb 1 – Sun, Feb 4 for women.**

For more information, contact Sally Arman [sallyarman@comcast.net](mailto:sallyarman@comcast.net) 912-598-2177 or Chuck Medlock [chuckmedlock@aol.com](mailto:chuckmedlock@aol.com) 912-661-3962



**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](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).



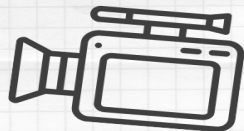
## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) UPDATE

The St. James PREP program classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. A General Parent Meeting is also scheduled that day; parents/guardians of PREP students should plan to attend. **Welcome back!**

## LIVESTREAM MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Livestream Ministry streams the 9:00 AM Mass weekly for parishioners who are unable to attend in person, as well as Holy Days and other special events and services.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Stephen Hotard at [hotardsf@gmail.com](mailto:hotardsf@gmail.com). A training will be coordinated with those who are interested.



## St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News



Our Food Pantry is every third Saturday of the month in the school cafeteria from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Our next food pantry distribution will be **January 20th**. 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.



## St. James Women's Ministries

*Women's Fellowship*

**YOUNG MOMS (20s-40s)**

For moms, ages 20s thru 40s

Join us for fellowship, prayer & reflection!

**Meets 3rd Thursdays**

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Hosted in group leaders' homes

Free

Come as you are, when you can

Bring a friend

Sign up online at [www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/](http://www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/)

Questions?  
Sr. Stephanie Gabriel  
[srstephaniegabriel@stjamessav.com](mailto:srstephaniegabriel@stjamessav.com)  
912-600-2153.

*Join us  
in the  
New  
Year!*

**JOURNEY:**

ENCOURAGING WOMEN  
IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE  
IN TIMES OF GROWTH & TRANSITION

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN  
AGES 50+

MEETS 2ND THURSDAY

10 A.M. ~ MERCY CONFERENCE ROOM

JOIN US FOR PRAYER,  
REFLECTION & FELLOWSHIP

Questions?  
Linda Stroyne  
602-524-9570

Questions? Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM [SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com](mailto:SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com) or 912-600-2153

NEW IN JANUARY!

## Book Study

SPIRITUAL READING  
WITH FR. KING  
BEGINS JANUARY 8, 2024

### BOOK

**LEISURE: THE BASIS OF CULTURE  
BY JOSEF PIEPER**

Mondays ~ 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Mercy Conference Room

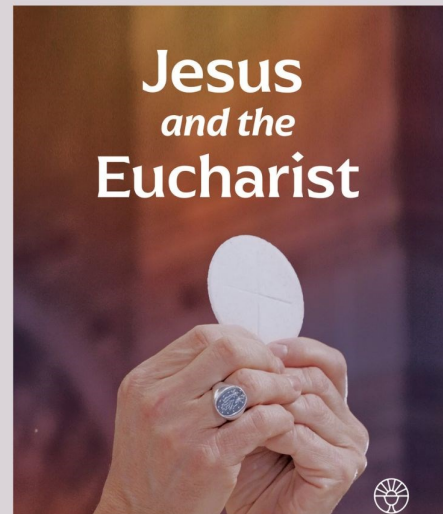
Cost: \$20 per person

Register online:  
[www.stjamessav.com/  
adult-faith-formation/](http://www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/)

Paper registration available on the kiosks  
in the narthex or at the Parish Office.

Questions: Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at  
[SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com](mailto:SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com) or 912-600-2153.

## Monday Women's Bible Study Returns Jan. 8, 2024



7-part series ~ 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Mercy Conference Room ~ No cost

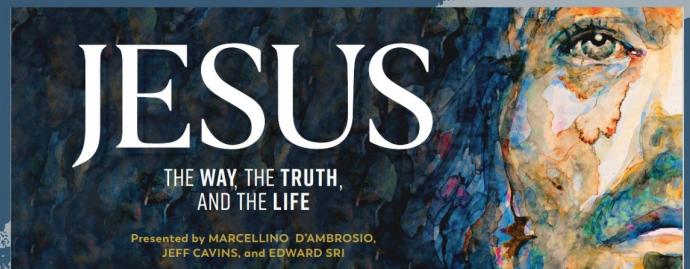
Register:  
[www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/](http://www.stjamessav.com/adult-faith-formation/)  
Paper forms in narthex or Parish Office.

### **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.*

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



NEW STUDY STARTS:  
JAN. 10, 2024

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## ST. JAMES PARISH SERVICES

**Altar Servers:** Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact church office at 912-355-1523

**Youth Ministry:** For more information call Stephen and Kaitie Hotard at 912-355-1523.

**Nursery** is available during 9:00am & 11:30 am Masses on Sunday.

**Bereavement Ministry:** A group of volunteers who deliver food to grieving families at the time of their loss and/or assist the church in providing hospitality after a funeral service. Contact person is Mary Speir at 912-665-1554.

**Bereavement Group:** For those suffering the loss of a loved one. Contact Deacon Lou at 914-393-1900.

**Parish Registration:** Newcomers are invited to join our parish by completing a registration form available at kiosks located in the Narthex or via Website at [www.stjamessav.com](http://www.stjamessav.com)

**Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members:** Notify Parish Office

**Career Network Ministry:** Contact Deacon Lou at 914-393-1900.

**Caregivers Support Ministry:** Contact Marilyn Benson Athey at 912-598-3957 (Temporarily not available).

**Hospice Helpers Volunteer Ministry:** Contact Deacon Lou 914-393-1900 (Temporarily not available).

**Prison Ministry:** Contact Deacon Lou Santore at 914-393-1900.

**Religious Education:** Sundays during the school year 10:15am-11:15am at the School. Contact Sr. Stephanie at 912-355-1523.

**Music Ministry:** Charles Ancheta Please E-mail Charlie at [cancheta@stjamessav.com](mailto:cancheta@stjamessav.com) or see him after Mass.

**RCIA:** Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Parish Office.

**Perpetual Adoration 24/7:** Spend an hour in prayer in the Lumen Christi Chapel. Contact church office at 912-355-1523 for details.

**Contemplative Prayer Group:** Contact Nancy Kochanik at 912-655-1201.

**Hearing Impaired:** See an usher to check a set of Hearing Aids for use during Mass. Return it to an usher immediately after the service.

**CCW:** The Council of Catholic Women uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Contact church office 912-355-1523.

**Men's Club:** The Men's Club is a social service group for the men of the parish. For more information call church office.

**Ushers:** Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming an usher, please contact Alvin McGrath 912-856-6544.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE.

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.



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Thank you SWADDLING ANGELS of St. James for your gift of 135 baby blankets. They will truly warm the babies and their mothers' hearts. Blankets were delivered before CHRISTMAS to our local hospital nurseries, baby clinics, and Living Vine.

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## Daily Prayer for the Unborn Child

*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life Of the unborn child that I have  
spiritually adopted Who is in danger of abortion."*



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## 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.**

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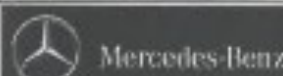
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