



# 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

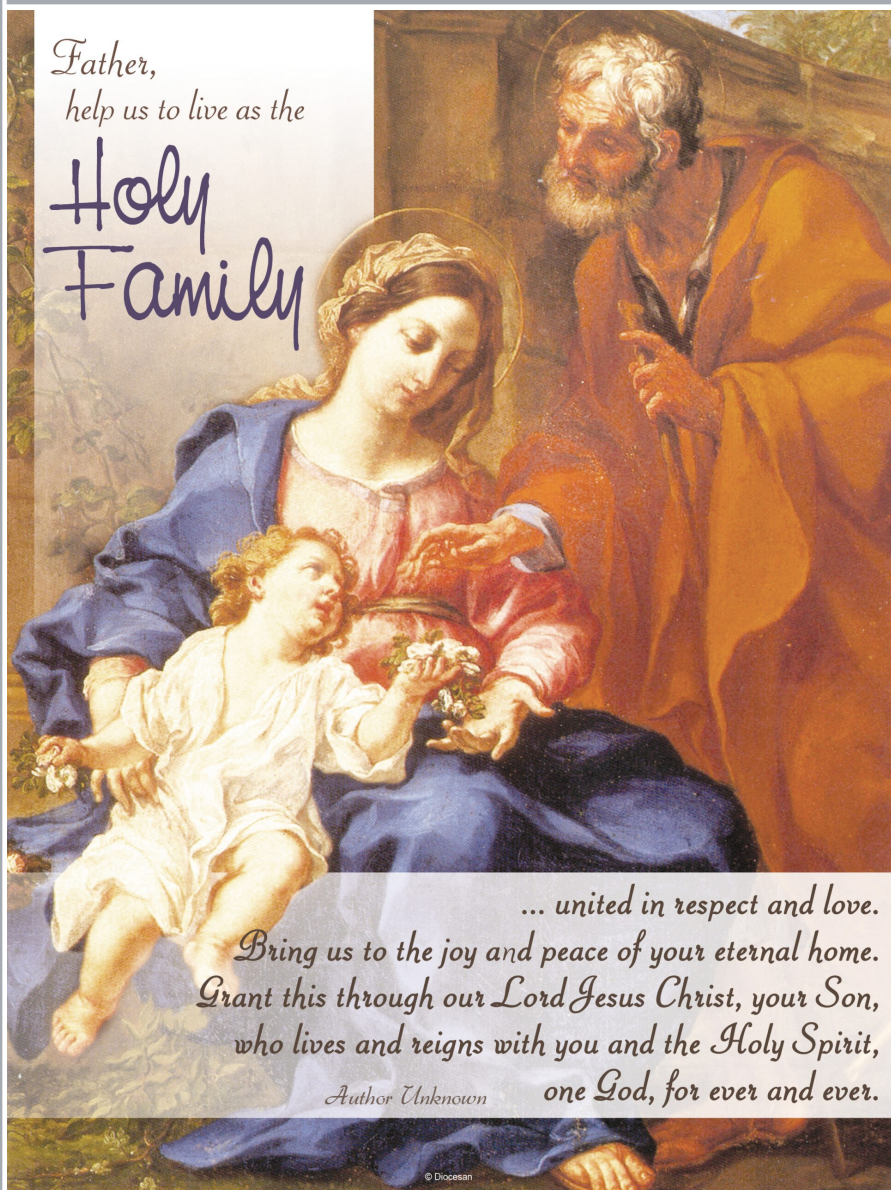
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00\* & 11:30\* am (\*Nursery available)  
Vigil: ..... 5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)  
Weekdays.....Monday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am  
Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm

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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH December 31, 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.

8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, Georgia 31406 ~ 912.355.1523 ~ website: [www.stjamesav.com](http://www.stjamesav.com)



**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**



**SCAN ME**

**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/)**

# 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 [stjamessav.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 \_\_\_\_\_

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Since we are still in the Octave of Christmas, I continue to wish you and your families a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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 9<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 week! Let's hear it...MERRY CHRISTMAS!

#### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas is Holy Family Sunday on which we reflect on the beauty and the dignity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of God made man. He so humbled Himself that he submitted to human limitations and human learning. Imagine that home with Jesus being taught by Joseph and Mary. Think of the magnificence of those two, our brother and sister in the flesh! What a man! What a woman! They are for us the greatest of all the saints in the heavenly kingdom! The two greatest human beings to have ever lived! Family life is celebrated this day – all the ups and downs, the highs and lows, the glories and the guts, the good times and bad times, the health and sickness, the peace and the chaos, the joy and the hurts. No family is immune from the human experience. May each of our families pull together and go through those times as one – leaning on each other, learning from each other, and loving each other.

May Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love fill the life of your family to overflowing!

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On this Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (not a Holy Day of Obligation tomorrow), we ring in a new year! We are expecting exciting new things here at St. James Church and School this next year that everyone will find joyful and glorious! I cannot go into details right now, but stay tuned and have patience! The good work the Lord Jesus has done in our parish community since 1956 will continue in extraordinary ways this year! I am so deeply grateful that I am here with you for this exciting journey!

As we make resolutions this year, please remember to make a spiritual resolution! What will you do this year to deepen and increase your love for Jesus? Perhaps it is reflecting on his life while praying the rosary. Maybe the increase happens by attending the 7:00 am mass or the 8:30 am mass twice a week. Going to the Sacrament of Confession once a month would be a great practice to incorporate in your life! Perhaps you would like to come to the Adoration Chapel to spend some time with the Lord once a week or once a month. Maybe you will decide to read a spiritual book about the saints or an explanation of our faith every other month. Whatever you decide to do, know that we, your priests, your deacon, and your sisters, are here to assist you!

Merry Christmas!

~ 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](http://diosav.org/gold-and-silver)



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

**12/31 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

7:30 am + Alan Lynch ~ Fr. King  
\*9:00 am For the People ~ Fr. Firmin  
\*11:30 am + Thomas Odom ~ Fr. Peter

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

**1/1 Monday Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

9:30 am Fr. Peter

*\*\*Bishops Stephen Parkes and J. Kevin Boland | Deacon Francisco Gamboa  
| Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill*

**1/2 Tuesday Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

7:00 am + Le Van Cu ~ Fr. Peter  
8:30 am Fr. King

*\*\*Jason Adams, Theodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel,  
Samuel Aniekwe | Kevin Braski | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso*

**1/3 Wednesday Most Holy Name of Jesus**

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

7:00 am + Ly Ngoc Tuan ~ Fr. King  
8:30 am Fr. Peter  
5:30 pm Fr. Firmin

*\*\*Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt, Christopher Awiliba  
| Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew*

**1/4 Thursday St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

7:00 am Fr. Firmin  
8:30 am Fr. King

*\*\*Tomas Beroch, Godfred Boachie-Yiadom, Brett Brannen,  
Joey Buencamino | Jared Miller | Samantha Rintoul*

**1/5 Friday St. John Neumann, Bishop**

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

7:00 am + Joe & Eleanor Foley ~ Fr. Peter  
8:30 am Fr. Firmin  
9:30 am (School) + Fernando Martinez

*\*\*Anthony Phong Bui, Juan Carlos Castillo, Michael Cerrone,  
Robert Chaney | Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill*

**1/6 Saturday Saint André Bessette, Religious**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

9:00 am Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay ~ Fr. Firmin  
5:00 pm + Rosina Tramonti, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Peter

*\*\*Douglas Clark, Casey Cole, William Cook, P. James Costigan  
| Fred Williams | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson*

**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*

**\*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.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

## We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Josie Lee, Paul Baldwin, Jane O'Brian, 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.***

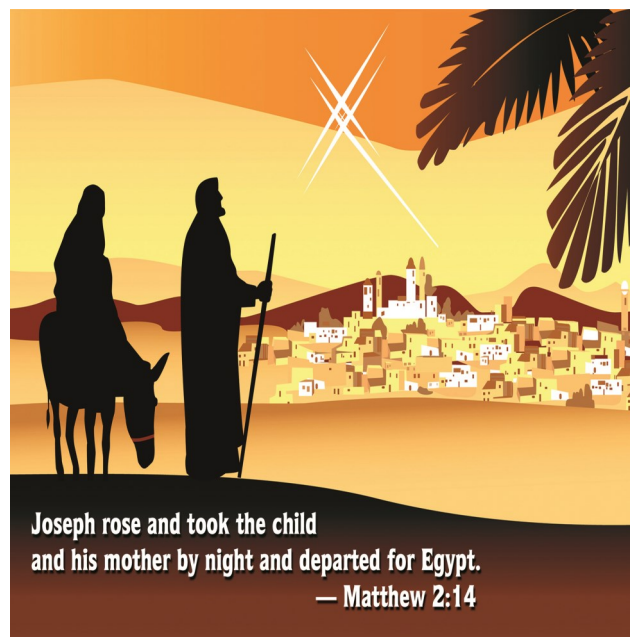
## A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

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, Ed Field, Jaylyn Archer, Carol Angers, Rita Vale and all our deceased family and friends.



Joseph rose and took the child  
and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.  
— Matthew 2:14

## St. James Weekly Calendar

**12/31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
 8:30-9:00pm SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm  
 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*

**1/1 Monday Happy New Year!**  
 Church office Closed

**1/2 Tuesday**  
 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church  
 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room  
 5:00-6:00pm Pro-life Rosary Holy Hour-Church  
 5:00-6:00pm Confessions-Church  
 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-Mercy Conference Room

**1/3 Wednesday**  
**SJS Classes Resume**  
 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 Conference Room  
 11:00am-3:00pm SJS Faculty Meeting  
 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

**1/4 Thursday**  
 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church  
 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room  
 2:15-2:45pm SJS Rehearsal-Church  
 3:00-4:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-Church  
 3:00-8:30pm SJS BB-PC/gym  
 6:00-8:00pm DOI Mtg-Cry Rm

**1/5 Friday**  
 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church  
 9:00am Rosary-Cry Room  
 3:00-8:30pm SJS BB-PC/gym

**1/6 Saturday**  
 7:30am-3:00pm Carmelite Secular Mtg-Mercy Conference Rm  
 8:30am Rosary-Church  
 11:00am Baptism-Church-Fr. King  
 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

9:00am-1:00pm SJS BB-PC/gym  
**1/7 The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 8:15-10:00pm SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm  
 10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS  
 4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour with Vespers-Church

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Offertory for Sunday

December 17, 2023 \$32,182.32

### YTD Offertory: July 1st through December 17th

2022 Actual \$688,183.23  
 2023 Budget \$708,929.20  
 2023 Actual \$695,662.32

### ACA Progress Report as of December 1st, 2023

Total Given: \$167,943.40  
 ACA Parish Goal: \$121,734.00  
 % Participation: 24.52

**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.

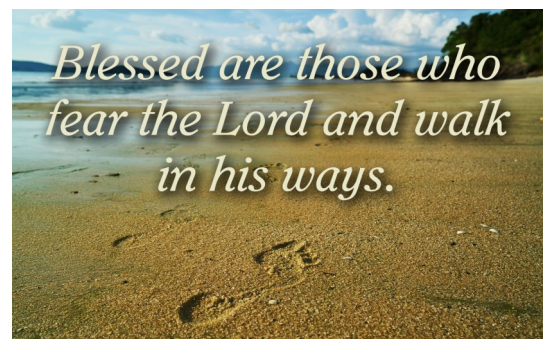
There will be a Cursillo weekend encounter in Collins, GA on **Thurs, Jan 25 – Sun, Jan 28 for men and on Thurs, Feb 1 – Sun, Feb 4 for women.**

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).

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*



## Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

**Holiday Schedule** The St. James PREP program will be on break for Christmas and New Year's from Sunday, December 24 until Sunday, January 7. PREP 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. We wish all of our PREP families a blessed and joy-filled Christmas and hopeful New Year!

## 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



# *Give the Gift of Catholic Education this Christmas*

Say YES to GRACE Scholars • Qualify for a 100% tax credit

For the 2023-2024 school year, St. James Catholic School is blessed to be able to offer financial assistance to 90 students. What a wonderful gift to give these families. Once a family is accepted into the GRACE program, their GRACE scholarship is funded throughout their St. James career.

**See what GRACE means to our families...**

## **Tax Credit Maximums**

**Single/head of household** – lesser of tax liability or \$1,000

**Married filing jointly** – lesser of tax liability or \$2,500. Names and SSN's are required for both taxpayers.

**Married filing separately** – lesser of tax liability or \$1,250

**Owners of interests in pass-through entities ('S' corporations, LLCs and partnerships)** – up to \$10,000 per owner. Indicate your tax filing status as individual (married/single/head of household).

**'C' corporation and fiduciaries (estates and taxable trusts)** – up to 75% of state estimated income tax liability

***There is no minimum!***

**"I think of GRACE donors as our Guardian Angels! With multiple children and limited resources, we wanted what was best for them and sometimes it is hard to make that happen. Our angels came in with big wings and made such a difference in their lives. I cannot imagine being at another school or in any other situation. God bless those who generously give of their resources to make the dream of an amazing education possible for those who are in need. It is a lifelong gift!"**

**"Thank God for GRACE! It has been a true blessing for our family. It has given us a tremendous opportunity that we might not have had otherwise. A Catholic education was very important to us but seemed out of reach due to the cost. Thanks to GRACE, we have been able to put our children in a wonderful environment where our values are integral to the curriculum and reinforced daily. We love our school and are so grateful that those who donate to GRACE have helped make our presence there possible."**

# **This is your moment! Say Yes to GRACE!**

Registration for a GRACE Scholars 2022 Tax Credit is still open! GRACE is now accepting pre-registrations for 2024 tax credits. You can submit your pre-registration online at [www.gracescholars.org](http://www.gracescholars.org).

**Say Yes** to helping deserving students enjoy the blessings of a Catholic education.

**Say Yes** to making Catholic education more available, affordable and accessible.

**Say Yes** to giving witness to religious freedom by making a donation to a cause you cherish.

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

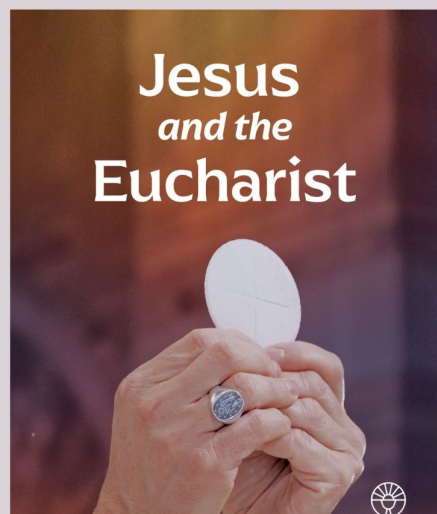
Cost: \$20 per person

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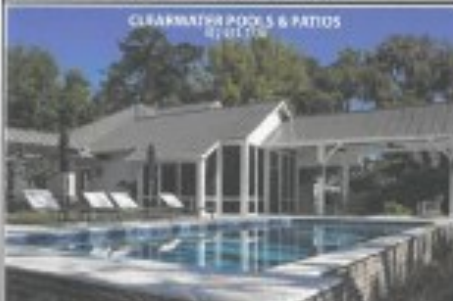
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