

General Parish Information

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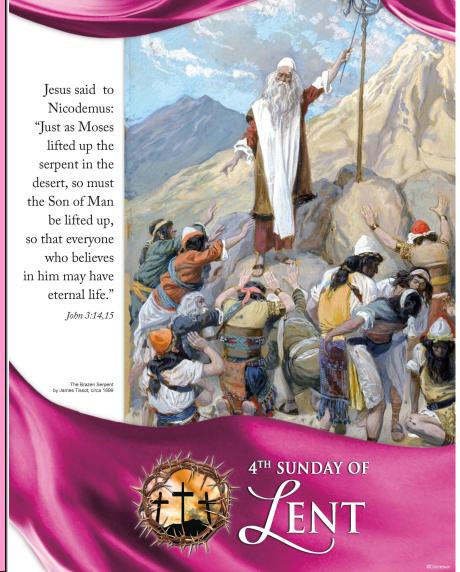
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Mass Schedule

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Sunday: 7:30, 9:00* & 11:30* am (*Nursery available)
Vigil:
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am
Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
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: 3:454:45pm, and by other times by appt.
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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 10, 2024



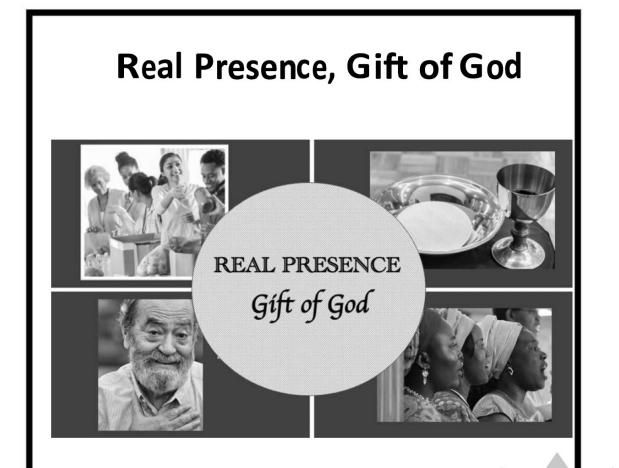
St. James Church Parish Mission Statement

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.stjamessav.com





PARISH MISSION

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE ALL THREE NIGHTS! for St. James the Less Savannah, Georgia See reverse & brochures in narthex for additional details!

6:30 - 8:30 PM March 18th - March 20th, 2024



Fr. Jim Wallace, C.Ss.R.



Fr. Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R.



Fr. Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R.

PARISH MISSION AT A GLANCE

Marian Prayer Service to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Sunday, March 17 4 p.m. Join us for prayers & devotions to

Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday, March 19 Immediately following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Anyone facing surgery, coping with long-term or chronic illness, the elderly, etc. are welcome to approach the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Spiritual Direction/Conversation

Monday-Wednesday, March 18-20 By appointment only ~ 20 minute meetings

Everyone is welcome to sign up for a meeting with one of our parish mission preachers. Each 20-minute appointment slot is an opportunity for spiritual direction/conversation and/or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sign up online at stjamessav.com or on paper in the Parish Office. Appointments REQUIRED.

Main Mission Sessions

Monday-Wednesday, March 18-20

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend one or more of the Main Mission Sessions, held in Church each night. Every night's topic will be different, and each night will include a special ritual in which all in attendance will be invited to participate.

Tuesday evening will conclude with a Penance Service.

Wednesday evening will be a Mass to close the Mission.

Childcare will be available all three evenings. No registration required. Children should be dropped off in Classroom #2 no later than 6:45 p.m.



MIGRANT FARMWORKER COLLECTION

During the month of <u>March</u> we will be collecting personal clothing and food items to help the Migrant Farmworkers. Please donate only the items on this list. We are <u>unable</u> to accept any <u>glass or porcelain</u> items.

Most Needed Items:

Fungus CreamSafety GlassesSunscreenFansFirst Aid KitsEar ProtectionEnglish/Spanish Dictionaries

Work Gloves Long Socks Bug Spray

Microwaves Hats Pots/Pans Boots/Work Shoes Water Bottles Plastic Storage

FOOD:

Maseca (corn flour to make tortillas) Rice Oil Pasta Spaghetti Sauce Canned Beans Canned Tomatoes Baby Food / Formula Canned Jalapenos Cereal / Granola / Nuts Canned Tuna & Chicken Peanut Butter & Jelly (plastic jars) Oatmeal Tomato Sauce Powdered Electrolyte Packets



CLOTHES: clothing for men only (women and children's clothing are not needed)

*Only items that are wash and wear are accepted. Please do not donate suits, silk or dress shoes Sweaters and Coats (any size) Tennis Shoes

Button Up Shirts T- Shirts-(sizes S-M-L) Underwear (new) Long Sleeved Shirts (most needed) Flip Fops (for showering) Jeans & Pants (size 32-34-36)

PERSONAL SUPPLIES:

Soap Toothbrushes & Paste Shampoos Blankets Towels Combs Deodorant Water Bottles Flip Flops Sheets Hats/Caps Sunglasses Razors/Shaving Cream Book Bags/Suit Cases Pony Tail Holders Combs Pony Tail Holders Bandanas





Pastor's Corner 4th Sunday of Lent

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday! What a joyful evening it was! The Holy Spirit came down in abundance! Thank you all for your prayers for them. May the Holy Spirit lead them into who He wants them to be as disciples of Jesus Christ!

PARISH MISSION

Our St. James Parish Mission will be March $18 - 20^{\text{th}}$. The theme is Eucharist: Real Presence, Gift of God and we will have three Redemptorist priests leading us through the Mission. What a blessing for us as a parish community to take a few days and reflect on the beauty of the Eucharist and the amazing gift we receive from our Lord – His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity! I hope to see you there each night or at least one night of the Mission! Bring a friend, too!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As we begin the week leading up to the 200th St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday and the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Patrick on March 17th, I wish all of you a very Happy St. Patrick's Day and a blessed time with family and friends. This day in Savannah is a beautiful time where we gather together and celebrate our faith, our family, and our community. Enjoy these days!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal! I invite all those who have not yet made a gift to participate in the building up of the Kingdom of God in our Diocese by being the Presence of Jesus to those throughout our Diocese of Savannah! In the first progress report of the Appeal, we have given and pledged \$109,000 of our \$134,000 goal! This makes me proud! Keep it up and lets surpass that goal soon!

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

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel 150th Anniversary

Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel, located on the Isle of Hope, will celebrate its 150th anniversary in May 2024.

Activities being planned include:

April 13th - Boat Cruise to Skidaway Island with a tour of the ruins of the historic mission of the Benedictine Monks May 5^{th} – Anniversary Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel

A Planning Committee consisting of members of the Benedictine Community, the Catholic Diocese of Savannah, St. James Catholic Church, and the Isle of Hope Community is gathering historical information about the chapel, including photographs of the chapel or chapel events, as well as stories or recollections of ceremonies or celebrations at the chapel. If you have any items or information to share, please contact Susanna Powers at <u>spowers@stjamessav.com</u> or call St. James Church at 912-355-1523. Your help in making this celebration a success is greatly appreciated.



Artist: Sally Welsh

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

3/10	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16,	19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
7:30 am	For the People \sim Fr. Peter
*9:00 am	+ Lana Wingo ~ Fr. King
*11:30 am	+ Jean Lamson ~ Fr. Firmin

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

3/11 Monday

7:00 am Fr. King 8:30 am + John Stawiarski ~ Fr. Peter

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

3/12 Tuesday

7:00 am	Fr. Peter
8:30 am	Special Intention, Lenora Everett ~ Fr. King

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

3/13 Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Fr. Firmin

- 8:30 am Special Intention, Fr. Peter Lanshima ~ Fr. Peter 5:30 pm Fr. King
- **Donal Keohane, Robert Keffer, Mike Kerin, Inshik Kim, Lewis King | Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

3/14 Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; I	Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
7:00 am	Special Intention, Sr. Virginia Scirocco ~ Fr. Firmin
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- 8:30 am + John Hanzel \sim Fr. King
- **David Klecker, Vernon Knight, David Koetter, Xavier Kumbalaparampil | Jared Miller | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew

3/15 Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22;	Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
7:00 am	Fr. Peter
8:30 am	+ Andy Caesar ~ Fr. Firmin
	vski, Brian LaBurt, Peter Lanshima, Andrew Larkin ace Samantha Rintoul

3/16 Saturday

9:00 am	+ Joanne Curtis ~ Redemptorist Priest
5:00 pm	+ John Doucette ~ Fr. Peter

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

3/17	Fifth Sunday of Lent
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Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

7:30 am For the People \sim Fr. King

- *9:00 am + Betsy McElroy ~ Redemptorist Priest *11:30 am Fr. Firmin
- **John Lyons, John R. Madden, Anthony Madanu, Esteban Mallar | Tuan Joseph Vuong | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

* The Nursery is available for children 4 and under during Masses as denoted. The Nursery is located in the Early Learning Center, Classroom #2

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father, your only son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of all mankind; through His passion and cross He taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim **A**men.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Anne Pippin, Phin Michael, Bob Tarjan, Josie Lee, Paul Baldwin, Joe Harty, Susan Reyes, Jody Moran, Brian DeRouen, Tyra McKinley, Robin Olson, Kelley Weston, Pamela De Guzman and all those listed in the book of the sick.

In order for a name to be included on the prayer list, an immediate family member must notify the church office at 912-355-1523. Names will be listed here for 4 weeks and then entered into the Book of the Sick, unless the office is notified otherwise.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, grant that our relatives, friends, and benefactors, who have passed from this world, may come to share your eternal happiness in the communion of saints.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim Amen.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Cephise Harty, Daniel Gonzales, Edmund Coulson, Jean Lamson, Rose Tootle, Evelyn Vasquez, and all our deceased family and friends.



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

St. James Weekly Calendar

3/10 Fourth Sunday of Lent			
SJS Art Exhibit			
8:30-9:00am	SJC Choir–Mercy Conference Rm		
9:00am	RCIA Second Scrutiny-Church		
9:00-10:00am	RCIA Mercy Conference Rm		
10:15-11:15am	PREP-Stations of the Cross-Church		
12:45рт	Baptism-Church-Fr. Lewis		
4:00-5:00pm	Holy Hour with Vespers-Church		
5:30-7:00pm	Sports Banguet		

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

3/11 Monday

7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church		
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room		
11:30am-12:30pm	Book Study–Mercy Conference Rm		
1:00-2:30pm	Contemplative Prayer-Cry Room		
5:30-7:00pm	Capital Campaign Meeting–Mercy Conference Rr		
3/12 Tuesday			
7:45 -8 :15am	Confessions-Church		
8:00am-1:00pm	Capital Campaign Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm		
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room		
5:00-6:00рт	Pro-life Rosary Holy Hour-Church		
5:00-6:00рт	Confessions-Church		
6:30~8:00pm	RCIA-Mercy Conference Room		
3/13 Wedness	lay		
6:20-7:30am	TMIY-PC/8ym		
7:45 -8 :15am	Confessions-Church		
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room		
9:30-11:00am	Adult Bible Study-Mercy Conference Room		
6:00-7:30pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner-PC/8ym		
6:30-8:00pm	KOC Council 5588 Mtg-Cry Rm		
3/14 Thursday	l		
7:45 -8 :15am	Confessions-Church		
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room		
10:00am~12pm	Capital Campaign Mtg-Mercy Conference Rm		
11:00-11:30am	SJS Living Stations Practice-Church		
11:30-2:30pm	SJS Adoration-Church		
3:00-4:00pm	SJS Children's Rosary–Church		
3:15~5:00pm	SJS Dance Club-Mercy Conference Rm		
6:30-8:00pm	Parish Council Meeting-Mercy Conference Rm		
3/15 Friday			
7:45-8:15am	Confessions-Church		
9:00am	Rosary-Cry Room		
10:30-11:30am	SJS Kindergarten Stations-Church		
2:00pm	SJS Stations of the Cross-Church		
3:45pm Parish Mission-Mercy Conference Rm			
5:30pm	Stations of the Cross-Church		
6:00рт	Lenten Soup and Salad Dinner-PC/gym		
3/16 Saturday			
8:30am	Rosary-Church		
9:00-10:30am	Exodus Bible Study-Mercy Conference Rm		
3:45-4:45рт	Confessions-Church		

Happy St. Patrick's Day

3/17Fifth Sunday of Lent8:15-10:00amSJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm11:30amRCIA Third Scrutiny-Church/Mercy Conference Rm12:45pmBaptism-Church-Fr. Firmin4:00-5:00pmPrayer Service to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Our parish target is <u>\$133,753</u>. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year through education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

March 3, 2024

\$32,742.22

YTD Offertory: July 1st throughFebruary 29th2022-23 Actual\$1,046,980.052023-24 Budget\$1,078,542.312023-24 Actual\$1,094,881.59

2024 ACA First Progress Report as of 2/29/2024

Total Given & Pledged\$109,000ACA Parish Goal:\$134,000% Participation:13.53

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

MEN'S EXODUS LENT PROGRAM

We will have an Exodus Lent Men's Group at Saint James starting Ash Wednesday, February 14. Exodus Lent is a shorter version of the well known Exodus 90 program. Exodus Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday (40 days). Exodus Lent is a challenging men's program that includes the same three core principles (increased prayer, asceticism/discipline, fraternity) of Exodus 90, just shorter and doesn't include cold showers. For any men who are looking to "step it up" in their faith life this Lent - this program is for you! This will be our third consecutive year. For more information, please contact **Brian Kennedy, cell 912 661-0546,** bjkennedy616@gmail.com.

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.

PROMISE

REAL PRESENCE: GIFT OF GOD PARISH MISSION ~ MARCH 18-20, 2024			
Prayer Service to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Sunday, March 17 at 4 p.m.	Anointing of the Sick Tuesday, March 19 Following 8:30 a.m. Mass		
Join us for a time of prayer and meditation based on the famous and miraculous icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The Redemptorists were commissioned by Pope Pius IX in 1866 to "make her known." Come to learn more about the story, the image and the message of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.	 Who can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Anyone preparing for serious surgery Those with long-term or chronic illness physical or mental The elderly Please gather in Church following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Those wishing to be anointed should be seated at the end of the pew. 		

Little Dresses for Africa

St. James will be sponsoring "Little Dresses for Africa" this year and we are looking for your help in sewing dresses or donating supplies from March 1- 31. In some villages little girls are the last to eat or be clothed. By making a dress for these girls it helps to let the girls know how important they are and that they are loved. These dresses are made out of pillow cases. All sizes are good! We have several examples in the Narthex to look at and the information on how to make them will be on the table near the dress. There will be a box for you in which to leave the dresses and we will make sure they are sent to our contact and to these beautiful young ladies. Please, if you cannot sew, consider donating pillowcases or monetary funds so we can get the products we need. For additional information on this project, visit https://littledressesforafrica.org.



Please note: There are FREE pillowcases available if needed. Please contact Kelley Miller via email at kmiller291@aol.com.

Thank you all for your support! May God continue to bless you all.



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

JOURNEY:

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

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN, AGE 50+

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 14

"Discover more about the Samaritan Woman"

10 A.M. ~ MERCY CONFERENCE ROOM

JOIN US FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION & FELLOWSHIP

Questions? Linda Stroyne ~ 602-524-9570





Savannah Care Center is in DIRE need of all size baby diapers! You can place your donations in the box provided in Narthex or you may drop off at Savannah Care Center, 105 E.34th St.

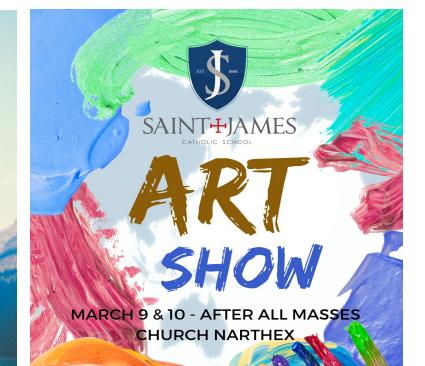


Join the Savannah MI Village!

The Militia of the Immaculata (MI) is a worldwide evangelization movement founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917 that encourages total consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a means of spiritual renewal for individuals and society. The MI movement is open to all Catholics over 7 years old. It employs prayer as the main tool in the spiritual battle with evil. Members of the MI also immerse themselves in apostolic initiatives throughout society, either individually or in groups, to deepen the knowledge of the Gospel and our Catholic Faith and to spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

www.militiaoftheimmaculata.com

Contact Kira King at thehomesteadkings@gmail.com for more information.



St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News



Due to St. Patrick Day Weekend our Food Pantry for the month of March will be on **April 20th** 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. **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. Shelf stable complete meals: Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops), healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars.

Oatmeal Canned chicken Tuna fish Jelly & Peanut butter Dry macaroni Spaghetti sauce Breakfast bars Breakfast cereal Canned fruits Kleenex Toilet paper Low sodium soups & Veg

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

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

ST. JAMES PARISH FAITH FORMATION

<u>RCIA Update: Scrutiny Rites for the Elect</u>

This weekend our parish family will continue to celebrate the Scrutiny Rites with the Elect. The Elect are those among us who are preparing to be baptized at Easter. As part of their final preparation for the sacraments, special prayers are offered for the Elect that they will have the help of God in their fight against sin in their lives, and the grace to respond to God's invitation to new life through baptism. The First Scrutiny was celebrated last week. The Second Scrutiny will be celebrated Sunday, March 10 at 9 a.m. Mass, and the Third Scrutiny will be celebrated Sunday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m. Mass.

At the conclusion of each Scrutiny, the Elect are dismissed from Mass for a time of reflection on the Sunday Gospel. The dismissal of the Elect highlights for them that they are not yet able to fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist and helps them develop a longing and an expectation for the day when they will join us all around the Eucharistic table. The Candidates – those already baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Catholic Church – join them in this time of reflection and preparation.

Please pray for all those preparing for the Easter sacraments!

Registration now OPEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

diving into triendship with GOD

June 10-14, 2024 ~ 9 a.m. to Noon

VBS CAMPERS

Open to children starting grades Kindergarten-4th



tinyurl.com/VBS24REGISTER

Paper registration available in the Parish Office. **Questions?** Sr. Stephanie Gabriel SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com or 912-600-2153

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Open to children **starting** grades 5-6 (junior counselors) and grades 7-8 (senior counselors); high school & college students, and adults

tinyurl.com/VBS24VOLUNTEER

NOTE: Volunteers age 18+ must be Virtus trained





Pray the Fatima Rosary with us...

You are invited to join a group from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church to pray the Fatima Rosary at St. James Church at our Blessed Mother Shrine in front of the school on March 13 at 5:00pm.



Calling All Chefs!

The St. James International Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 10th!

If you would like to participate and provide a dish, please contact Nan Keck at parishlife@stjamessav.com.

This is always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the various cultures of our parishioners!

Please be on the lookout for RSVP forms as the dinner gets closer!









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