



# 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  
 Website: .....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**

#### 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; Saturday 9am  
 Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm

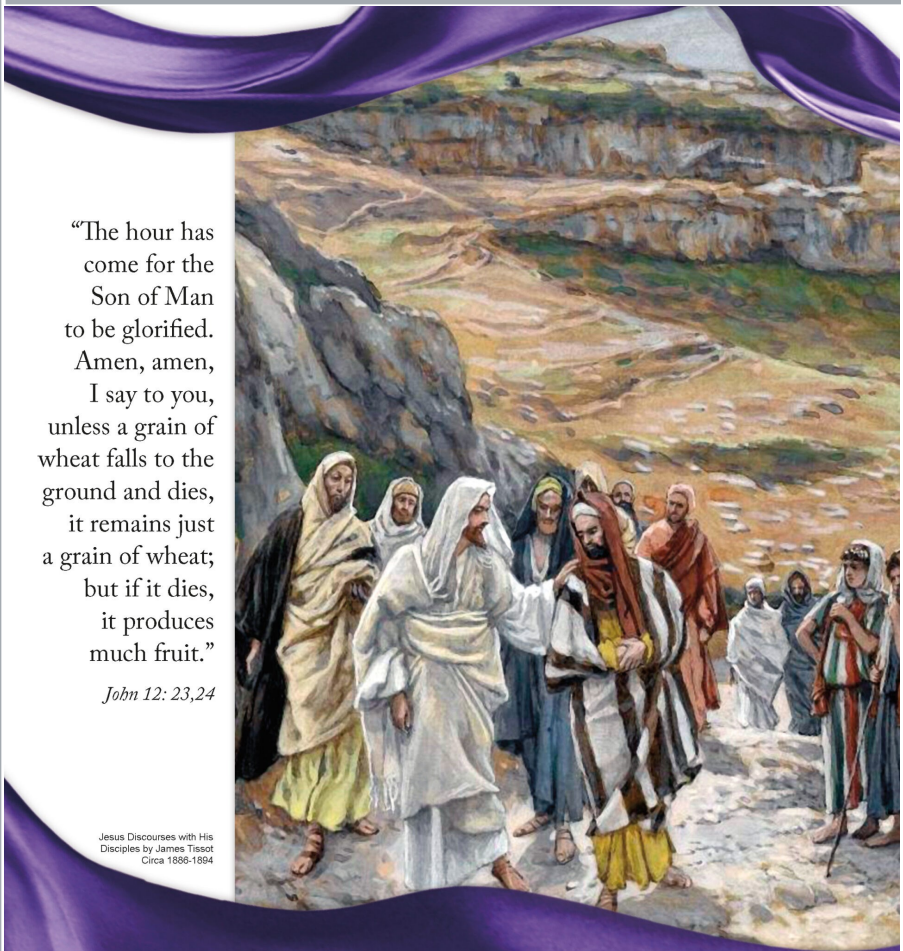
Isle of Hope:.....8:00 am - First Sunday only

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: 3:45-4:45pm, 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.....24/7

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 17, 2024



“The hour has  
 come for the  
 Son of Man  
 to be glorified.  
 Amen, amen,  
 I say to you,  
 unless a grain of wheat  
 falls to the  
 ground and dies,  
 it remains just  
 a grain of wheat;  
 but if it dies,  
 it produces  
 much fruit.”

*John 12: 23,24*

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot Circa 1886-1894



### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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### 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**

# Real Presence, Gift of God



**FREE  
CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE  
ALL THREE NIGHTS!**

**PARISH MISSION  
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 [stjamesav.com](http://stjamesav.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 **March** we will be collecting personal clothing and food items to help the Migrant Farmworkers.

Please donate only the items on this list.

We are **unable** to accept any **glass or porcelain** items.

## Most Needed Items:

Fungus Cream	Safety Glasses	Work Gloves	Microwaves	Boots/Work Shoes
Sunscreen	Fans	Long Socks	Hats	Water Bottles
First Aid Kits	Ear Protection	Bug Spray	Pots/Pans	Plastic Storage
English/Spanish Dictionaries				

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



## PERSONAL SUPPLIES:

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

## PASTOR'S CORNER 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday, March 17, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, is also the celebration of St. Patrick, missionary to the Irish people, Bishop and Patron of Ireland and beyond! Patrick was a man of great faith, courage, and zeal for souls. He wanted what was best for the people who enslaved him, he wanted their salvation. He desired eternal life for his capturers and for all people. As we celebrate St. Patrick, let's seek to emulate him. Do we desire and work for the salvation of those who hurt us or do we want revenge? A life in Christ is what every person needs to fully live as a human person. May you and I have the missionary spirit, the faith, the courage, and the zeal of St. Patrick.

Congratulations to Mr. John Forbes, parishioner of St. James and Grand Marshal of the 200<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah! We are honored as a parish to have one of our own serve in this capacity! May the Lord bless you in this celebration!

### PARISH MISSION

This weekend, our Mission Preachers will be preaching at all the masses giving a preview and invitation to our St. James Parish Lenten Mission which will be in the evenings of March 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme is *Eucharist: Real Presence, Gift of God*. As we move into the final two weeks of Lent, I invite all of you 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 from another parish too!

### 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 latest progress report of the Appeal, we have given and pledged \$121,000 of our \$134,000 goal! This makes me proud! Keep it up! We can surpass that goal soon!

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

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



### Prayer for Our Parish Mission

God our Father, grant that our parish Mission be a time of grace for all: a time of growth for our young, a time of refreshment for those retired, a time of renewal for our families, a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing, a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of hope for the sinner, and a time of homecoming for those who have been away. May the Mission bring down your richest blessings on us the parishioners of St. James. We ask this through the intercession of Mary and all the saints, in the name of Jesus Christ who is Lord. Amen



### 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@stjamesav.com](mailto:parishlife@stjamesav.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!



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

### 3/17 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 ~ 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*

### 3/18 Monday

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a,3b-4, 5,6; Jn 8:1-11

7:00 am Fr. King

8:30 am + Jeanette Hejka ~ Redemptorist

*\*\*Nicholas Mansell, John Markham, Allan McDonald, William McIntyre  
| Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill*

### 3/19 Tuesday Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

7:00 am Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Robert White ~ Redemptorist

*\*\*Timothy McKeown, Odel Medina, Pablo Migone, Richard Minch | Stephen Owusu Dwamena | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso*

### 3/20 Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

7:00 am Fr. Peter

8:30 am + Alex Watson ~ Redemptorist

**No 5:30 pm Parish Mission**

*\*\*Thomas Murphy, Thomas Nellis, Kim Son Nguyen, Martino Nguyen  
| Benjamin Aler, Christian Corulli | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew*

### 3/21 Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

7:00 am Special Intention, Erich Picchietti ~ Fr. King

8:30 am + Josephine Hawks ~ Fr. King

*\*\*Peter Hung Nguyen, Fred Nijem, Patrick O'Brien, Daniel O'Connell  
| Deacon Francisco Gamboa | Samantha Rintoul*

### 3/22 Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

7:00 am + Max Nicole ~ Fr. Peter

8:30 am + Jackie Kavanaugh, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Firmin

*\*\*Paul O'Connell, Kevin O'Keefe, Paulinus Okpala | Kevin Braski  
| Sr. Jennifer Maria O'Neill*

### 3/23 Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

9:00 am + Jose Tagle ~ Fr. Peter

5:00 pm + William Udry, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. King

*\*\*Keith O'Neill, Barnabas O'Reilly, Brian O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Otor  
| Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson*

### 3/24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Firmin

\*9:00 am + William Madison ~ Fr. Peter

\*11:30 am Deceased Members of the Jenkins Family ~ Fr. King

*\*\*Peter Oyenugba, Ronald Pachence, Francis Patterson, Steven Pavignano,  
| Jared Miller | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill*

**\*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, Phin Michael, Anne Pippin, Bob Tarjan, Josie Lee, Paul Baldwin, Joe Harty, Susan Reyes, Brian DeRouen, Tyra McKinley, Jody Moran, 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.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

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

Cephise Harty, Michael Cissone, Daniel Gonzales, Jean Lamson, and all our deceased family and friends.



*Welcome to our new members:*

*Francisco & Bertha Delgadillo*

*Sharon Hart & Family*

*Susan Nyberg*

*Alan & Melissa Sammons & Family*

*William & Catherine Walker & Family*

## St. James Weekly Calendar

**3/17 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30-9:00am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm  
No PREP

11:30am RCIA Third Scrutiny-Church

11:30-12:30am RCIA Mercy Conference Rm

12:45pm Baptism-Church-Fr. Firmin

4:00-5:00pm Prayer Service to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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

**3/18 Monday**

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

**\*10:00am-12pm Spiritual Direction/Conversation/Confession**

**\*1:30-3:00pm Spiritual Direction/Conversation/Confession**

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

1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer-Cry Room

**\*\*6:30-8:00pm Parish Mission with reception to follow in Narthex**

**3/19 Tuesday**

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

9:00am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

**\*10:00am-12pm Spiritual Direction/Conversation/Confession**

**\*1:30-3:00pm Spiritual Direction/Conversation/Confession**

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

**\*\*6:30-8:00pm Parish Mission with a Penance Service**

**3/20 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 Conference Room

**\*10:00am-12pm Spiritual Direction/Conversation/Confession**

**\*1:30-3:00pm Spiritual Direction/Conversation/Confession**

**\*\*6:30-8:00pm Parish Mission with a Mass to close the Mission with reception to follow.**

**3/21 Thursday**

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Church

9:00am Rosary-Cry Room

11:00-11:30am SJS Living Stations Practice-Church

11:30-2:30pm SJS Adoration-Church

12:30-2:00pm Prison Ministry-Mercy Conference Rm

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

6:30-8:00pm Adult Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

7:00-8:30pm Cursillo-Cry Rm

**3/22 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

**5:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church**

**6:00pm Lenten Fish Fry Dinner-PC/gym**

**3/23 Saturday**

8:30am Rosary-Church

9:00am-1:00pm RCIA Retreat with Breakfast MCR/Church

9:00-10:30am Exodus Bible Study-ELC Rm 2

3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Church

**3/24 Palm Sunday of Lent**

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

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

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Offertory for Sunday

March 10, 2024 \$32,161.53

### YTD Offertory: July 1st through March 10th

2022-23 Actual \$1,100,195.64

2023-24 Budget \$1,133,362.14

2023-24 Actual \$1,128,292.52

2nd Collection: CRS \$3,208.00

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

Total Given & Pledged \$109,000

ACA 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.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)

### 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**

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).





# The Message of Divine Mercy

given to us by Jesus through Saint Faustina

## ABC's of Mercy

### † Ask for God's Mercy

*I never reject a contrite heart (Diary, 1485).*

*I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to my compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy (Diary, 1146).*

### † Be merciful to others

*You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself of it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first - by prayer, the second - by word, the third - by deed. (Diary, 742).*

### † Completely trust in Jesus

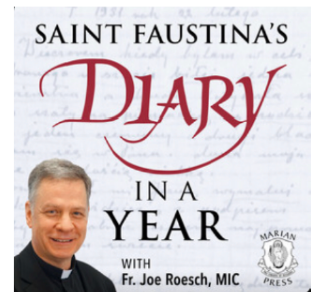
*Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would my mercy not embrace a trusting soul (Diary, 1074).*

*When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls (Diary, 1074).*

*Mankind will have no peace until it turns with trust to my mercy (Diary, 327)!*

### Saint Faustina's *Diary* in a Year

The Lord's "Secretary of Divine Mercy," St. Faustina, wrote what has become a modern-day spiritual classic – a blueprint for living a sacramental life in union with Jesus Christ. For anyone who may think the *Diary* is too thick and formidable, Fr. Joseph Roesch, MIC, has the solution. Join him for a few minutes each day as he reads from the *Diary* and offers commentary. Over the span of one year, you will have "read" the *Diary*, beginning to end and, by the grace of God, absorbed its rich teachings. Welcome to this spiritual journey! Together, through the mystical writings of St. Faustina, let's come to better know the tender love of Jesus for all humanity.



To access the daily podcast, go to your preferred podcasting platform and search:

*Saint Faustina's Diary in a Year*



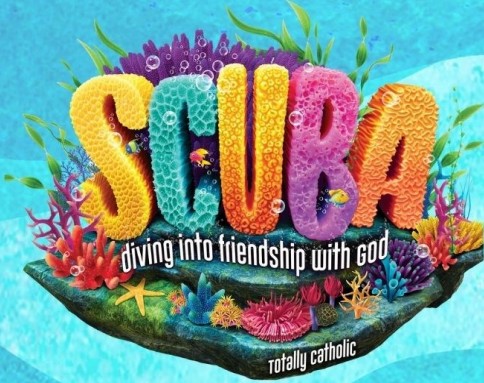
## ST. JAMES PARISH FAITH FORMATION

### RCIA Update: Scrutiny Rites for the Elect

This weekend our parish family will celebrate the third and final 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 two scrutinies were celebrated on the Third and Fourth Sundays of Lent. 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

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

### VBS CAMPERS

Open to children **starting** grades Kindergarten-4th



[tinyurl.com/VBS24REGISTER](https://tinyurl.com/VBS24REGISTER)

Paper registration available  
in the Parish Office.

#### Questions?

Sr. Stephanie Gabriel  
[SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com](mailto: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](https://tinyurl.com/VBS24VOLUNTEER)

NOTE: Volunteers age 18+ must  
be Virtus trained



### St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our Food Pantry for the month of April will be 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, Pancake mix, Canned pork & beans, Shelf stable milk, Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Laundry detergent.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

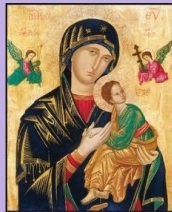
Oatmeal	Breakfast bars
Canned chicken	Breakfast cereal
Tuna fish	Canned fruits
Jelly & Peanut butter	Kleenex
Dry macaroni	Toilet paper
Spaghetti sauce	Low sodium soups & Veg

# 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

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