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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm		
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm		

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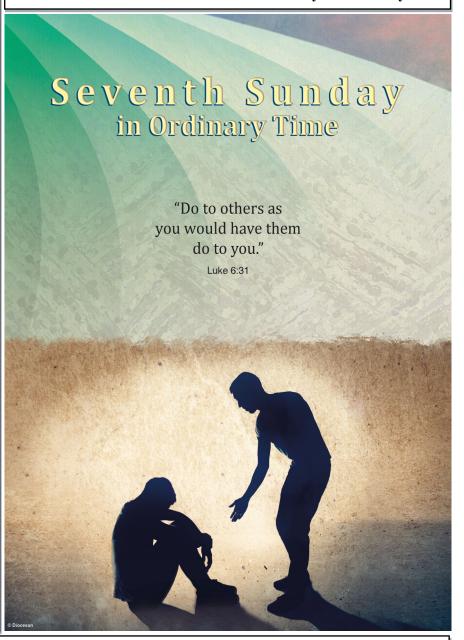
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Sunday:.....7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 am (Nursery available) Vigil:.....5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)

Mass Schedule

WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
Isle of Hope:
Holy Days of Obligation:
Sacraments Non-like Superior
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:
Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel24/7

February 23, 2025 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Saint James Parish Mission Statement

Saint James the Less Parish will conduct our lives in ways that illustrate our discipleship to Jesus Christ by evangelizing His Word, promoting a culture of life, embracing the richness of the Catholic Faith, use the Beatitudes to model our behaviors, and draw closer to Him through the Sacraments where we will receive courage, zeal, confidence, purpose, and the blessings of the Holy Trinity.

WELCOME, VISITORS! We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or at the kiosk located in the Narthex, and return it to the church office.

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PASTOR'S CORNER 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

CONFIRMATION

Wednesday evening, February 26th, Bishop Parkes will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on about 30 of our young men and women at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The Cathedral was gracious enough to host us as our sanctuary is being renovated. The Holy Spirit will rush upon these young people and give them the gifts of Fear of the Lord, Piety, Fortitude, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, and Wisdom. Please keep them in your prayers this week!

Perhaps we can ponder this week our own Confirmation. Who was your sponsor? Who was your patron saint that you chose? How are you using the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to you in this sacrament? What are your gifts and talents and are you using them in your own discipleship of Jesus Christ and the building up of our community of faith here at St. James?

May our ears and hearts be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and may we be docile in following as He leads us into a deeper relationship with God!

PREPARATIONS FOR LENT

This Sunday in the pre-Vatican II calendar is called "Sexegesima Sunday." We are only 10 days away from Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, March 5th! Can you believe it? Lent is upon us. We need to begin thinking now about how we will be entering into this wonderful season personally and as a community. Perhaps each of us can do one thing in each of these categories: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

As a parish, I would like to propose that we do something together for Lent. Every parish in the world has boundaries. St. James the Less Parish contains every soul within the following circumference: South down Abercorn Street from the corner of Abercorn Street and Derenne Avenue to White Bluff, Southeast down White Bluff continuing down Coffee Bluff to the Ogeechee River, down the Ogeechee River to the Atlantic Ocean, north up the coast (encompassing Skidaway Island and Wassaw Island) to the Wilmington River, Up the Wilmington River to the Herb River, up the Herb River to where Derenne Avenue if extended would intersect, West on Derenne Avenue to the intersection with Abercorn Street. Everything within that circumference is the "territory" of St. James. Every soul in that area is considered a parishioner of St. James. Many people outside of that area are also our parishioners as they register with the parish. I propose that each of us pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and a Glory be for ALL the members of our parish – those registered and unregistered, Catholics and non-Catholics living within our parish boundaries. Let's do this as a community this Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday!

Also, please pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis as he battles his health issues. St. James the Less, pray for us! May you and your family have a blessed and beautiful week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

2/23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9,1 2-13, 22-23; Ps 103;1-2, 3-4,8,10,12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

7:30 am + Stephen Tootle ~ Fr. Firmin

9:00 am + Warren Lambert, 21st Anniversary ~ Fr. King

11:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel

**Brian O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Otor, Peter Oyenugba, Ronald Pachence | Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

2/24 Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

7:00am + Pauline Winjum ~ Fr. King

8:30 am + Special Intention, Cecilia Rose Picchietti ~ Fr. Gabriel

**Francis Patterson, Steven Patti, Steven Pavignano, Saimel Perdomo | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

2/25 Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

7:00 am Special Intention, Vaughn Thomas ~ Fr. Firmin 8:30 am Special Intention, Shawnette Moll ~ Fr. Gabriel

**Thomas Peyton, Robert Phillips, Carlos Pinzon, Stephen Pontzer | Benjamin Harper | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

2/26 Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

7:00 a.m. + Sr. Maria Paula Delaney ~ Fr. Gabriel

8:30 a.m. + Tom Murphy ~ Fr. Firmin

No 5:30 p.m.

**John Quang, Gerald Ragan, Carlos Rivero, Luis Rosado, Mark Ross | Matthew Aondofa Nyikwagh | Samantha Scharf

2/27 Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

7:00 am Special Intention, Sr. Amanda Russell ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Ike New \sim Fr. King

**Rudy Roxas, Christopher Schreck, J. Gerard Schreck, Jude Shayo, Deacon Lou Santore | Samuel Imoter Terkura | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

2/28 Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

7:00 am + Sr. Joseph Helen Fullam ~ Fr. Gabriel

8:30 am + Martha Turner ~ Fr. Firmin

**Joseph Smith, Finbarr Stanton, Nathaniel Swann, Vincente Terrazas | Ethan Heusel | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

3/1 Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

9:00 am Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay ~ Fr. King

5:00 pm Fr. Gabriel

**Bishop Stephen Parkes | Deacon Kevin Braski | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

3/2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

7:30 am + Barbara Karl

8:00 am (IOH)

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

9:00 am For the People 11:30 am + Dorothy McNulty

**Bishop J. Kevin Boland | Deacon Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

The Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. 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.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, Hope Fuller, Jim McBride, Michael Walters, Noelle Franklin, Fran Kane, Kathleen Zurkuhlen, Vicky Reyes, Dick Buchner, Maria Polito, Monica & Pamela De Guzman, Brian DeRouen, those listed in the book of the sick and all caregivers 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.

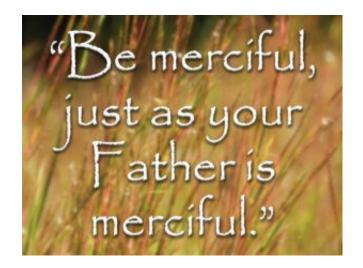
A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

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:

Ceceline Jones, Peter Cooley, Jr., Thomas Murphy, Leonard Michael Knight, Joseph Billotto, Leo Zurkuhlen, and all our deceased family and friends.



St. James Weekly Calendar

2/23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

8:30am-12:30pm Church office open

10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS

12:45-2:00pm Confirmation Practice-PC/gym

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

2/24 Monday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel-Office

9:00am Rosary-PC/gym

1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR

2/25 Tuesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. King-Office

9:00am Rosary-MCR 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR

2/26 Wednesday

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

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office

9:00am Rosary-MCR 9:45-11:15am Bible Study-MCR

6:00pm SJS Confirmation-Cathedral

2/27 Thursday

7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office

9:00am Rosary-MCR

3:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-MCR

4:00pm DOI Setup-PC/gym

6:00-8:00pm DOI Grand Marshall Dinner-PC/gym

2/28 Friday

7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office

9:00am Rosary-MCR

3:00pm Mass Setup-PC/gym

3/1 Saturday

3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office 11:00am Funeral-Fr. Firmin-PC/gym

1:00pm Wedding Vows-Fr. King-IOH Chapel

3/2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-11:15am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm

10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS



Council of Catholic Women

Support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

Our next meeting will be March 3 at 6:30 PM. Please come try your LUCK at Bingo!!!

Hope to see you all there.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

February 16, 2025 \$47,983.50

YTD Offertory: July 1st through February 16th

2023-24 Actual \$994,237.17 2024-25 Budget \$1,001,284.41 2024-25 Actual \$966,583.24

2024 ACA Final Report as of 1/10/2025

Thank you to all who gave to last year's Appeal!

Total Given & Pledged \$195,058.21 ACA Parish Goal: \$134,000 % Participation: 29.16

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

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PRAYER REQUESTS



The Discalced Carmelite Seculars of Savannah invite you to send them your prayer requests for the sick and dying or for other concerns.

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) is a religious association of the Roman Catholic Church composed of lay persons and

ordained diocesan priests and deacons. The intense prayer life of Seculars is intended to flow over into many apostolic endeavors, demonstrating how it is possible to seek intimate union with God even in the midst of worldly concerns. For more prayer requests or more information, please see: SavannahOCDS.org

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee



The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is currently seeking all children ages 8-18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities.

Space is limited so to reserve your spot, or if you have any questions, please contact Jake Roberts 912-659-3146 or flag_unit@
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For more information, contact Marcia Larner (407) 625-8840 or sjsgala@sjcs-savannahga.org



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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.

Kids Corner



St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next Food Pantry is March 15th. For more information, please call the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mary Lisicia at marylisicia@yahoo.com or call the church office at 912-355-1523. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to St. James Catholic Church and place in the memo line – "SJC Food Pantry" or you can donate online at our website: www.stjamessay.com

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The Food Pantry is every third Saturday of the month in the school cafeteria from 10:00 am -11:30 am. For more information, please call the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mary Lisicia at marylisicia@yahoo.com or call the church office at 912-355-1523.



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