SAINTHJAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

Church Office:	
Church Office: School Office Early Learning Center:	
Early Learning Center:	
Convent:	
Email:	general@stjamessav.com
Website:	www.stjamessav.com
Convent:	
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30	om

Staff

Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCI	Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Gberikon	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	
Mr. Charles Ancheta	Music Director & Organist
Mr. Mark Kolbush	
Mrs. Susanna Powers	
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:
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

March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

"No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Luke 6:40





Ashes to be distributed at the Masses.

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 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

CONGRATULATIONS!

Wednesday evening, February 26th, Bishop Parkes conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on about 30 of our young men and women at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Through the prayer, the laying on of hands and the anointing by the Bishop, the Holy Spirit flowed down upon these young people giving them the gifts of Fear of the Lord, Piety, Fortitude, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, and Wisdom. These gifts will be needed as they go forth into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ! Congratulations!

Lent

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. We celebrate Lent and Easter later this year than most years, but somehow, it probably still sneaked up on most of us! In the season of Lent, we enter into 40 days of fasting and abstinence, prayer and almsgiving. What will you fast from this Lent? How will you increase your prayer, your conversation with God? What will you do to give more of yourself through monetary donations and works of charity (Almsgiving)?

We will all do things individually, but let's do something else as a community. Let's pray for one another each day! Let's pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and a Glory be for ALL parishioners of St. James – those registered and unregistered, Catholic and non-Catholic living within our parish boundaries. Join us in this act of prayer for each other.

New Online Giving Platform

We are changing our online giving platform beginning this weekend! Beginning this weekend, We will be moving to Push Pay/ParishStaq as our online giving platform. This new system will be more user friendly and brings us the capability to give directly from our phones. There is a QR code on page 3 in the bulletin that you can scan and set it up in a matter of a few minutes. For those who give online already, you have received an email this weekend with instructions on how to change to the new platform and how to delete your recurring gift in the old platform. Please contact Mark Kolbush or Kaitlyn Hotard for assistance if you need it this week.

Presently, 33% of our Offertory comes through online giving. For those of us who give weekly or monthly, it is a wonderful tool which enables us to provide for the needs of the Church even if we are not physically present on a given weekend because of illness, vacation, work travel, sports travel, or the myriad of other things that may take us out of town (retreats, seminars, pilgrimages, workshops, etc...).

This also gives us a chance to examine how much we give to the weekly offertory. Perhaps it has been a few years (and a few raises in pay) since we last increased what we give to the Parish. Each person needs to decide what they will give. Might I suggest that we work towards giving 5% of our paycheck (before taxes). The government will take some, but we should be giving God the firstfruits, the best of what we have, before the government takes its share. Develop a plan to get to that 5% giving to our St. James Parish community. This helps us to continue the mission of forming and raising up disciples of Jesus Christ. Your weekly offering goes towards outreach programs like the food pantry and prison ministry; Evangelization and Formation efforts like the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) on Sunday mornings, weekly Adult Formation programs, Parish Missions, and our Men's and Women's Conference; Priests and Staff to minister to the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish; Parish Life activities which build community. Your generosity keeps our Parish active in spreading the Gospel and building the Kingdom of God

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

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

<u>A PRAYER FOR THE SICK</u> 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, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, Hope Fuller, Jim McBride, Louise Basso, Noelle	
 Franklin, Fran Kane, Kathleen Zurkuhlen, Vicky Reyes, Dick Buchner, Brian DeRouen, Monica & Pamela De Guzman, 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. <u>A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD</u> 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: Barbara White, Ceceline Jones, Sue Bouton, Maureen Groves, Peter Cooley, Jr., Thomas Murphy, and all our deceased family and friends.
	Pelcome
	Welcome to our new members:
	Jane Barraclough
	Mary Deloach
Joshua and April Mallard & Family	
Edward & Jillison Parks	

*Romanus Ezeugwu, Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Mariusz Fuks | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Joan O'Reilly

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.

Christopher & Brooke Workmon & Family

Eric & Caitlin Sullivan

St. James Weekly Calendar

3/2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time 8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS

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

3/3 Monday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel-Office 9:00am Rosary-PC/gym 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR 3/4 Tuesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. King-Office 9:00am **Rosary-MCR** 3:00pm SJS Faculty Mtg-SJS 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR 3/5 Ash Wednesday 2nd Collection is for Central and Eastern Europe 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 3/6 Thursday 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office 9:00am **Rosarv-MCR** 3:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-MCR 3/7 Friday 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office **Rosary-MCR** 9:00am 3:00pm Mass Setup-PC/gym Stations of the Cross 5:30pm 3/8 Saturday 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office 3/9 **First Sunday of Lent** 8:00-11:15am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 8:30am-12:30pm Church office open 10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for SundayFebruary 23, 2025\$27,337.47YTD Offertory: July 1st through February 23rd2023-24 Actual\$1,049,704.772024-25 Budget\$1,057,145.172024-25 Actual\$993,920.71

2024 ACA Final Report as of 1/10/2025

Thank you to all who gave to last year's Appeal!Total Given & Pledged\$195,058.21ACA 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.



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@ savannahsaintpatricksday.com





St. James the Less Celebrates Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope



Join our St. James Parish family this year and be a pilgrim of hope! Visit Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel on Isle of Hope to pray and visit one of several special jubilee sites in the Diocese of Savannah.

The 150-year-old chapel was founded by Benedictine monks, and the community formed the nucleus of what became St. James the Less Parish. Through trials and setbacks, the community held on to hope that their community would survive and share the Faith with future generations. Today, Mass is celebrated at the chapel on the first Sunday of each month.

Schedule for the Jubilee

March 2025 ~ January 2026

<u>1st Sundays</u> Mass at 8 a.m.

<u>3rd Sundays</u> Holy Hour & Vespers at 4 p.m. Mass for Hope at 5 p.m. 2nd & 4th Saturdays Mass at 10 a.m. Open for prayer: 10 a.m.~1 p.m. Docents will be available to answer questions



Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

Build the Marriage You Both Desire: A Weekend of Transformation

Transform your relationship at the Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat on March 21-23, 2025, at the Drury Plaza Hotel in the Savannah/Hilton Head Airport area. This intensive weekend offers couples the tools to rebuild trust, improve communication, and create the marriage they've always wanted. From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, you'll engage in private exercises and hear inspiring stories from couples who've revitalized their own marriages. The \$450 registration deposit covers lodging, meals, and all program materials, including a six-week postweekend talk series. Don't miss this chance to invest in your relationship. Upcoming Weekends also in Atlanta area, Tampa, Jacksonville, Charlotte, Miami, and Orlando! Register at MarriageLifeline.org or call 1-866-470-2243 Ext. 709 for more information.



Benefiting St. James Catholic School

The American Legion Ballroom March 29, 2025 • 6:30 PM



of Children & Young people at 912-201-4073. To read the policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. We invite you to journey with us this Lent with Friday Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM every Friday in the Parish Center/gym.

MARCH 5TH- ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but attending Mass and obtaining ashes on your forehead is a great way to start the holy, penitential season of Lent.

Mass times

7 AM, 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM. Ashes to be distributed at the Masses located in the Parish Center/gym.

From the Office of the Bishop—Lenten Penance Requirements – (Canons 1251 – 1252)

Fasting and Abstinence

To sum up those requirements, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

<u>Fasting</u> as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

<u>Abstinence</u> forbids the eating of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

<u>Abstinence</u> does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. So it is permissible to use margarine and lard. Even bacon drippings which contain little bits of meat may be poured over lettuce as seasoning.

Kids Corner





DIAPER DRIVE To Benefit the Savannah Care Center. Please bring your donation and leave it in the breezeway between Sunday March 9th to Sunday March 16th. Diapers, all sizes and pull-ups are needed and large diapers are the biggest need. **Sponsored by the KOC Council 5588**



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 <u>marylisicia@yahoo.com</u> or call the church office at 912-355-1523. If you prefer to make a <u>monetary</u> 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: <u>www.stjamessav.com</u>

Rice Canned Chicken & Tuna Instant Mashed Potatoes Peanut Butter & Jelly Dry Macaroni Oatmeal Breakfast Cereal Canned Spaghetti Sauce Beef Stew Baby and Adult Diapers/Wipes Canned Pasta Meals Toilet Paper Shelf Stable Milk Kleenex Canned Fruit Laundry Detergent Pancake Mix & Syrup Deodorant Low Sodium Canned Vegetables & Soup Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Soap Healthy Snacks Including Nuts & Granola bars

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 <u>marylisicia@yahoo.com</u> or call the church office at 912-355-1523.

