



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. 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.....*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

March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

LENT

PRAYER PENANCE ALMSGIVING



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.

8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, Georgia 31406 ~ 912.355.1523 ~ website: www.stjamesav.com

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

3/9 First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel

9:00 am Special Intention, Rosemarie Burns ~ Fr. Firmin

11:30 am +Joseph Billotto ~ Fr. King

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

3/10 Monday

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

7:00am Fr. King

8:30 am Special Intention, Maria Montoya ~ Fr. Gabriel

****Francisco Gamboa, Gabriel Gberikon, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez
| Benjamin Harper | Sr. Catherine McElroy**

3/11 Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

7:00 am Fr. Firmin

8:30 am Special Intention, Members of CCW ~ Fr. King
(Josie Lee, Hope Fuller, Linda Sanchez)

****Richard Hart, Christopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, Francis Higgins
| Matthew Aondofa Nyikwagh | Sr. Virginia Scirocco**

3/12 Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

7:00 a.m. Fr. King

8:30 a.m. + Derrick Beal ~ Fr. Firmin

5:30 p.m. Fr. Gabriel

****Gordian Iwuji, John Johnson, Solomon Kaanan, Adam Kasela
| Samuel Imoter Terkura | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell**

3/13 Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

7:00 am + Paul Porzio, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Firmin

8:30 am Fr. King

****Michael Kavanaugh, Donal Keohane, Robert Keffer, Mike Kerin
| Ethan Heusel | Sr. Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew**

3/14 Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

7:00 am Special Intention, Sr. Virginia Scirocco ~ Fr. Gabriel

8:30 am + Elaine Ehret, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Firmin

****Inshik Kim, Lewis King, David Klecker, Vernon Knight, David Koetter
| Robert Sadowski | Samantha Scharf**

3/15 Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

9:00 am Special Intention, Michael Dirkson ~ Fr. King

5:00 pm Fr. Firmin

****Dawid Kwiatkowski, Brian LaBurt, Peter Lanshima, Andrew Larkin
| John Paul Brockman | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill**

3/16 Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. King

9:00 am + John & Julita Shallal ~ Fr. Firmin

11:30 am + Jim & Emmaline Routon ~ Fr. King

4:00 pm Holy Hour & Vespers - Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel

5:00 pm Mass for Hope - Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel

****William Leahy, Raymond Levreault, Michael Lubinsky, Louis Lussier
| Deacon Kevin Braski | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso**

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:

Pope Francis, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, Hope Fuller, Jim McBride, Noelle Franklin, Fran Kane, Vicky Reyes, Lydia Aldridge, 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.

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:

Louise Basso, Barbara White, Kathy Beckman, Ceceline Jones, Sue Bouton, Maureen Groves, Peter Cooley, Jr., and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

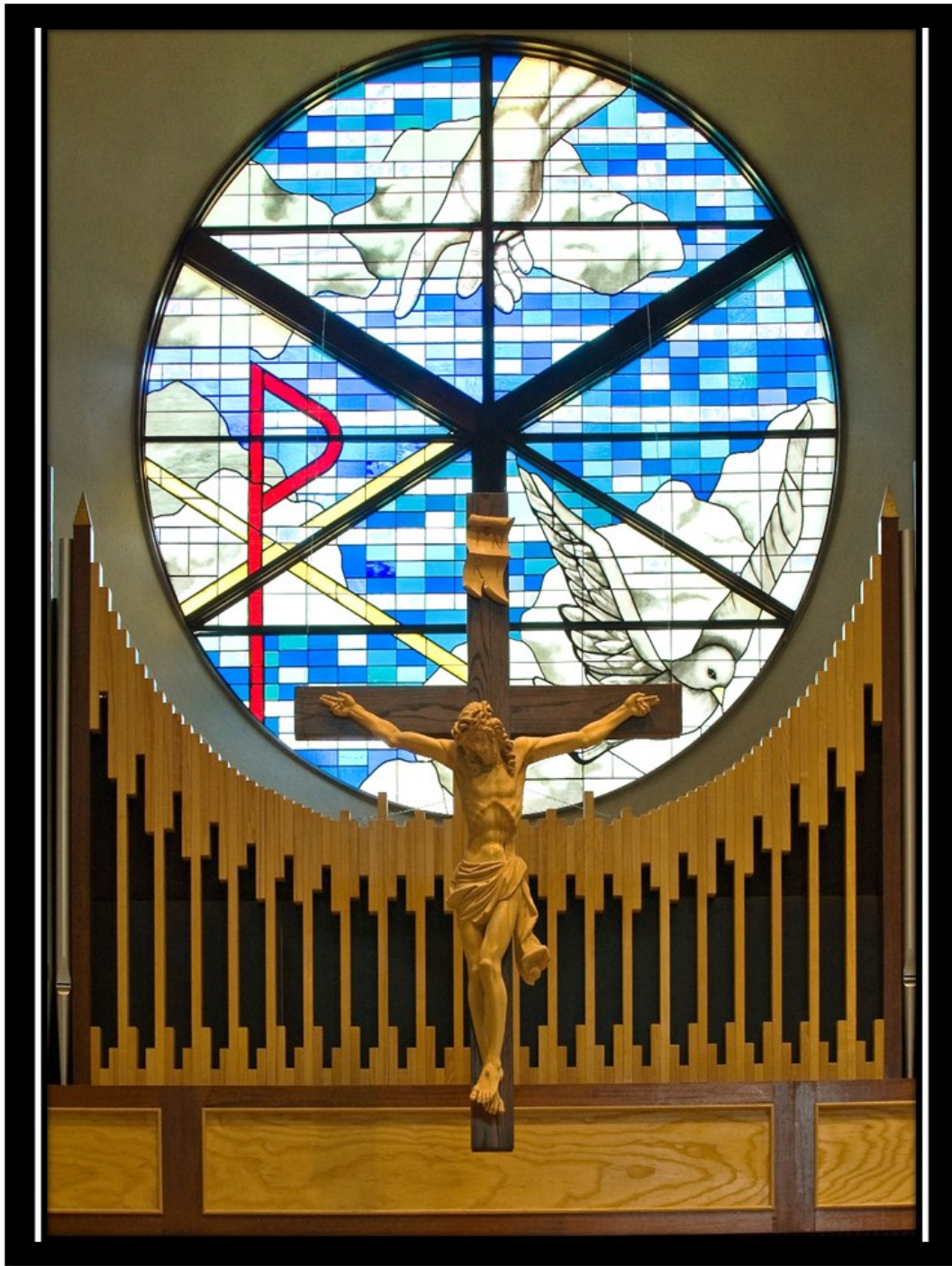
Matt & Bella Dodds

Marc and Meghann Meybaum & Family

Salomon and Nicole Nolasco & Family

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.

The Way of the Cross



**Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent
March 7th-April 11th
at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

If you cannot attend Stations in person, there is a video with our parish's
Station icons that you can pray along on our website at stjamesav.com
click the tab Enrich Your Faith and scroll down and click Stations of the Cross



SAINT JAMES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ways to give at St. James Catholic Church:



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Online



Mobile

Create a Pushpay account & manage your giving throughout the year!

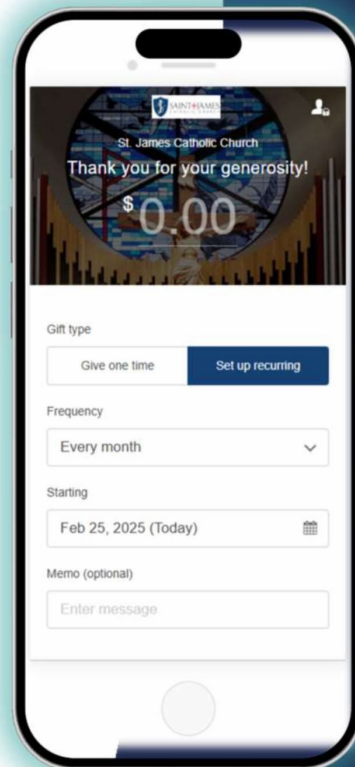
- Manage payment methods and account security.
- Edit your profile details.
- View your giving history and giving statements.
- Make a one-time or recurring gift.

Here's how to create a new account from the Pushpay website:

1. Navigate to the St. James giving page (<https://pushpay.com/g/stjamesav>) and complete the required fields (if you choose, "Set up recurring," there will be a few more details than shown below). Once complete, click "Next."
2. Enter your mobile number and click "Next."
**If you do not have a mobile number, you can use a landline number and receive your security code via voice call instead. To receive your code via a voice call:*
 - a. Input your landline number and click "Need help?" located below the field for your number.
 - b. A pop-up window will appear. Click "Send code via voice call."
 - c. You will be redirected to the "Verify Your Mobile Number" screen, where you will then click "Send code."
 - d. You will receive a phone call with your code.
1. Enter the security code sent to your phone and click "Confirm."
2. Complete the form and click "Next."
3. Fill in your payment details and click "Next."
4. Choose the payment method and click "Give \$____."
5. A confirmation screen will appear, and you will receive an email to complete your account creation.

Accessing your account (no password required!)

1. Navigate to <https://pushpay.com/login> and click "Sign in."
2. Enter your mobile number and click "next" for a 6-digit security code to be sent to your mobile phone via text message. If you aren't able to receive a text message on your mobile phone and you had previously set up a password, you can log in with your email address and password by clicking on "Sign in via email and password" instead, located above the "mobile" field.
3. Enter the security code you receive, click "sign in," and you will be logged into your account immediately.



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With Your Phone!



St. James Weekly Calendar

3/9 First Sunday of Lent

8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm
8:30am-12:30pm Church office open
10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS

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

3/10 Monday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel-Office
9:00am Rosary-PC/gym
1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR

3/11 Tuesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. King-Office
9:00am Rosary-MCR
6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR

3/12 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

3/13 Thursday

7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office
9:00am Rosary-MCR
10:00am SJS St. Patrick's Parade-Parking Lot
1:00-2:30pm SJS Adoration-MCR
3:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-MCR

3/14 Friday

7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office
9:00am Rosary-MCR
3:00pm Mass Setup-PC/gym
5:30pm Stations of the Cross

3/15 Saturday

3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Fr. Gabriel-Office
10:00am Baptism-IOH Chapel-Fr. Firmin
10:00-11:30am Food Pantry-SJS Café

3/16 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00-11:15am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm
No PREP



Council of Catholic Women

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

Our next meeting will be April 7, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. Please come and join us as we do the Stations of Mary. It's a beautiful way to prepare for Easter.

Hope to see you all there.



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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

March 2, 2025 \$28,777.88

YTD Offertory: July 1st through February 28th

2023-24 Actual	\$1,065,012.77
2024-25 Budget	\$1,072,561.67
2024-25 Actual	\$1,000,694.59

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

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal will kick off after August 1 and more information will be shared later this year. See Bishop Parkes' latest video on the diocesan or parish Facebook page more information.

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



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 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

1st Sundays

Mass at 8 a.m.

3rd Sundays

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



Rekindle Your Love: One Weekend Can Change Your Marriage

Reignite the spark in your marriage at the **Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat, March 21-23, 2025**, at the **Drury Plaza Hotel near the Savannah/Hilton Head Airport area**. This powerful weekend experience helps couples rediscover their love and build a stronger foundation for their future together. From Friday's 7:00 pm start to Sunday's 4:00 pm conclusion, you'll learn practical tools for enhancing intimacy and communication. The \$450 registration deposit includes lodging, meals, and a comprehensive program with a six-week post weekend talk series. Financial aid is available. Upcoming Weekends also in Atlanta area, Tampa, Jacksonville, Charlotte, Miami, and Orlando! **Take the first step towards a more fulfilling relationship at MarriageLifeline.org or by calling 1-866-470-2243 Ext. 709.**



Benefiting St. James Catholic School

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



Stay tuned for information about online bidding for silent auction items! Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities still available!

For more information, contact Marcia Lerner (407) 625-8840 or sjsgala@sjcs-savannahga.org

SAVE THE DATE

St. James Lenten Fish Fry will be Saturday, April 12th at 6:00 PM in the St. James School Cafeteria. More details to come soon!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 Due to pending construction taking place at St. James School, we will not be able to offer Vacation Bible School this summer. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause! We encourage families to contact neighboring Catholic parishes in Savannah for details about their VBS plans this summer – St. Frances Cabrini and Blessed Sacrament are great places to start!

Vacation Bible School will return to St. James as soon as construction conditions permit!

ROSARY RALLY FOR THE PRE-BORN

EVERY FRIDAY, 8:30 AM

Planned Parenthood
720 E. 71st Street, Savannah



Questions?

Contact Peter Crawford
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1st Sunday of Lent

B J N S W D E S E R T
 T R S E R V E K O Q Z
 V D E K P O E U O D V
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 B C Y K I N G D O M S

- Desert
- Forty
- Stone
- Bread
- Kingdoms
- Worship
- Serve
- Temple
- Angels
- Depart



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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.stjamesav.com**

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 marylisicia@yahoo.com or call the church office at 912-355-1523.

