# SAINTHJAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

#### **General Parish Information**

#### Directory

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Church Office:	
School Office	
Early Learning Center:	
Convent:	
Email: Website: Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-	general@stjamessav.com
Website:	www.stjamessav.com
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-	5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30	Opm

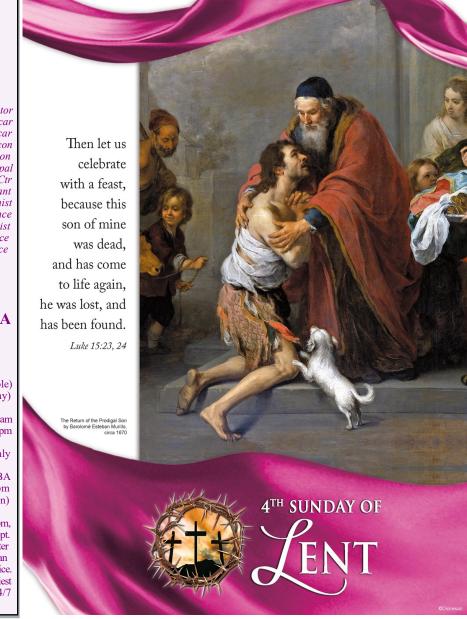
#### Staff

Stall	
Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL.	Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Gberikon	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Lewis King	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Lou Santore	
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	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:
Vigil:5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am
Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
Isle of Hope:
Holy Days of Obligation:TBA
Pro-Life Holy Hour:Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm
(Rosary, Adoration and Benediction)
Sacraments
Reconciliation:
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 Chapel24/7

#### March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent



#### 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** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### LENT

Well, my Lent started with a bang! How has yours been?

The day before Ash Wednesday, I went to the Emergency Room and was admitted to the hospital where I stayed for 10 days solving, with the help of wonderful doctors and nurses, a variety of cancer related issues. This resulted in an NG tube and nothing but ice chips for 3 days (those ice chips were the best!), a week of radiation treatment, the prescription of a new chemotherapy, and rounds of antibiotics. The week after I returned home, the effects of the radiation hit me and this week I started my new chemotherapy so I am feeling the results of that too. So, Lent and this March have been guite remarkable!

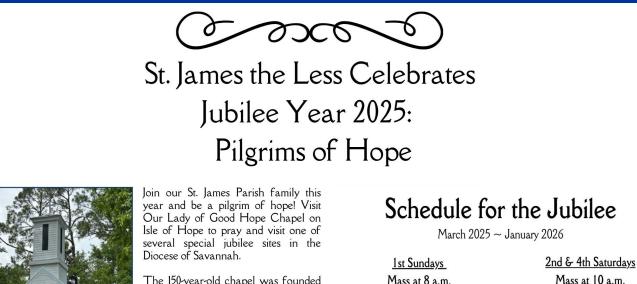
My beautiful friends, I cannot count the multitude of moments that thinking of your love, support, and prayers for me pouring into me, and into the very throne room of Almighty God, gave me courage, strength, and perseverance to accept, embrace, and endure the present issues and whatever lies before me. Where would I be without you? I shudder to think of the darkness shattered by God's light and love shown to me through you and to me directly. What hope and joy you give me in Christ!

I cannot wait to be with you once again at the altar, in the confessional, before and after masses, in the school, and the activities of the parish! Daily my strength is improving. You will see me here and there at various masses and events and meetings, but I must be careful to get the rest I need to continue to serve you and minister to you as a good shepherd. Being your pastor is a such a great honor, privilege, and blessing! The journey the Lord has me on is for my own eternal salvation and also your eternal salvation. May I walk it with dignity, nobility, grace, and joy!

St. James the Less, pray for us!

May you and your family have a blessed and beautiful week!

With a heart filled with love for you, I am sincerely yours in Christ, ~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



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.

Mass at 8 a.m. **3rd Sundays** 

Open for prayer: 10 a.m.~1 p.m. Docents will be available Holy Hour & Vespers at 4 p.m. to answer questions Mass for Hope at 5 p.m.

Note: Chapel will be closed March 22, April 12 and April 20



#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

<b>3/30</b> Jos 5:9a, 10-	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> -12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	His passion be brought o
7:30 am 9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Linda Broderick + Patrick Casey For the People	and sisters v pain, may the both body ar
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<b>3/31 Monda</b> Is 65:17-21;	<b>Ps</b> 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54	~ Through C
7:00 am 8:30 am	<ul><li>+ Frank Schroeder</li><li>+ Raymond Repage</li></ul>	We pray for Fr. Daniel Fi
**All decease	priests	Fuller, Jim N
<b>4/1 Tuesday</b> Ez 47:1-9, 1	7 2; Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Jn 5:1-16	Vicky Reyes DeRouen, M
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Eleanor Kane + Jerry Brofft	listed in the the sick.
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7:00 am 8:30 am 5:30 pm	+ Leatrice Weglarz + Carlito Mesa Gutierrez + Doris Aiklin	listed here f Book of the otherwise.
	Cevin Boland   Deacon Ziemowit Janaszek   Megan Elizabeth Capurso	A PRAYER
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7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Robin Molella, 1st Anniversary + Robin Molella, 1st Anniversary	friends, and world, may
	ns, Theodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel   Jared Miller . Rachael Elizabeth Wilson	the commun ~ Through C
<b>4/4 Friday</b> Wis 2:1a, 12	2-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	We pray for
7:00 am 8:30 am	<ul><li>+ Joe &amp; Eleanor Foley</li><li>+ Francis Dewitt, 1st Anniversary</li></ul>	Jerry Hipp, I Dascall, and
	ekwe, Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt stin Motes   Samantha Scharf	
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<b>4/6</b> Is 43:16-21;	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11	heav
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	for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church + Scott Johnston	deser

- 11:30 amFor the People
- \*\*Brett Brannen, Joey Buencamino, Anthony Phong Bui, Juan Carlos Castillo | Fred Williams | 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.

 $\sim$  Through Christ our Lord.  $\sim$  Amen.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community: Fr. Daniel Firmin, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, Hope Fuller, Jim McBride, Mark Wright, Ed Carey, Vicky Reyes, Fran Kane, 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:

Ierry Hipp, Doris Aiklin, Patrick Fier, Brian Dascall, and all our deceased family and friends.



#### St. James Weekly Calendar

3/30 Fourth Sunday of Lent 2nd Collection is for Catholic Relief Services 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 Monday 3/31 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel-Office 9:00am Rosarv-PC/gvm 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR 4/1 Tuesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. King Office 9:00am **Rosary-MCR** SJS Faculty Meeting-SJS 3:00-5pm 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR 4/2 Wednesday 6:20-7:30am TMIY-PC/gym 7:45-8:15am Confessions-TBD-Office 9:00am **Rosarv-MCR** 9:45-11:15am Bible Study-MCR 4/3 Thursday 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King Office **Rosary-MCR** 9:00am 1:00-2:30pm SJS Adoration-MCR SJS Children's Rosary-MCR 3:00pm 6:00-8:00pm DOI Mtg-MCR Friday 4/4 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-TBD-Office 9:00am **Rosarv-MCR** Mass Setup-PC/gym 3:00pm Stations of the Cross-PC/gym 5:30pm Saturday 4/5 9:30-10:30am Exodus Bible Study-ELC Rm 2 3:45-4:45pm Confessions--Office Fifth Sunday of Lent 4/6 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.

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## ROMISE TO ABUSE HOTLINE

PROTECT 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 23, 2025 \$21,591.59 YTD Offertory: July 1st through March 23rd 2023-24 Actual \$1,191,180.11 2024-25 Budget \$1,199,623.30 2024-25 Actual \$1,107,158.99

**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 29.16 % *Participation*:

(Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30)

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.

#### 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 verification.

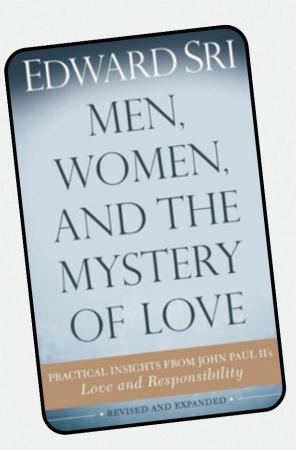
#### PRAYER REOUESTS



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



This four part program is based on Edward Siri's book "Men, Women and the Mystery of Love" and John Paul II's book, "Love and Responsibility"

1st Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
April 24 - BSC	June 5 - SJC
May 1 - SJC	June 19 - BSC
May 8 - BSC	June 26 - SJC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	4 <sup>th</sup> Semester
Sept 18 - BSC	Oct 16 - SJC
Sept 25 - SJC	Oct 23 - BSC
Oct 2 - BSC	Oct 30 - SJC

A Practical Program for Married Couples that Can Transform Your Relationship!

Thursday Evenings Begins April 24, 2025 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meetings will alternate between St. James Church and Blessed Sacrament Church

**Nursery Available** 

# Cost: \$40 per couple

(Financial assistance available upon request)

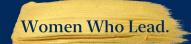
<u>Registration</u> To register, scan QR code or go to www.stjamessav.com and register under "Forms"



Questions? Contact: Deacon Lou Santore at LSantore@stjamessav.com or Deacon Bob Fritts at rfritts@mbschurch.org



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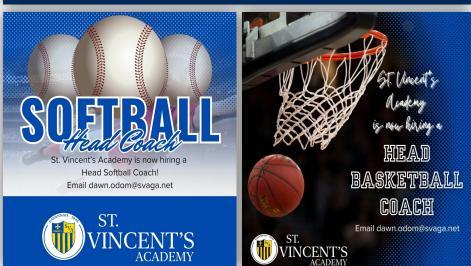






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#### Fourth Sunday of Lent Arm the Photon Torpedoes

The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert. They had been wandering much longer than expected because of their unfaithfulness. But now they are forgiven, and so celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father's forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That's where we end the parable, right?

Wrong. The parable continues with the older son's complaint about a feast for his brother. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back. This is where we come in. Most of us have no trouble asking God's forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back.

So we have to ask ourselves whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be "Forgive others as you would be forgiven." Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more? Tom Schmidt

#### **St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry**

Our next food pantry has been moved to April 12th from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. For more information, please call the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006. We would like to thank our parishioners for the generous donations that have helped so many families who are experiencing food insufficiency in our community. This month we are collecting the following items to restock our shelves.

White and Brown RiceJellyBreakfast CerealLaundry DetergeOatmealSoap/ShampooPancake Mix & SyrupKleenexShelf Stable MilkAdult Diapers (vCanned FruitCrackersHealthy snacks including nuts, granola & granola bars

Jelly Laundry Detergent (small bottles or pods) Soap/Shampoo Kleenex Adult Diapers (various sizes) Crackers

*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"* 

Our Food Pantry is every third Saturday of the month in the school cafeteria from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mary Lisicia at <u>marylisicia@yahoo.com</u>.

# **ROSARY RALLY FOR THE PRE-BORN**

## **EVERY FRIDAY, 8:30 AM**

**Planned Parenthood** 720 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Savannah



#### **Questions?**

Contact Peter Crawford falfan52@gmail.com

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah Savannah Deanery Respect Life

#### Daily Prayer for the Unborn Child "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted Who is in danger of abortion."



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# Start each day off right!

**Receive brief reflections from the** Diary of St. Faustina every morning. Sign-up at: <u>TheDivineMercy.org/</u> dmdsignup

#### **TITLES OF MARY OUR LADY OF GRACE** April 4

This popular title of Mary is identified by many with the image seen on the Miraculous Medal. An earlier devotion to Mary under this title dates from 1440 in Cambrai, France, where there is an icon from Rome depicting her holding the child Jesus.

# **Kids Corner**









Blind Works Light World Clay Eyes Opened Signs Lord See

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18-19

