SAINTHJAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

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

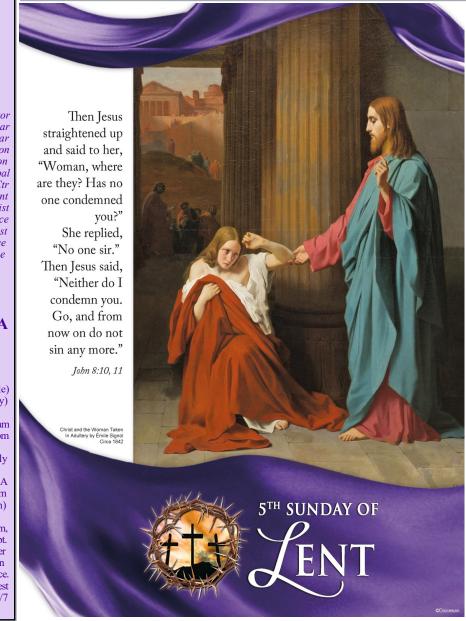
Staff

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Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL	Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Gberikon	
Rev. Lewis King	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Lou Santore	
Sr. Stephanie Gabriel, IHM	Dir. of Evangelization
Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM	
Mrs. Misty Ellison-Youssef	
Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay	
Mr. Charles Ancheta	Music Director & Organist
Mr. Mark Kolbush	
Mrs. Susanna Powers	Receptionist
Mr. Richard Morgan	
Mr. Matt Keck	

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: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 Chapel24/7

April 6th, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

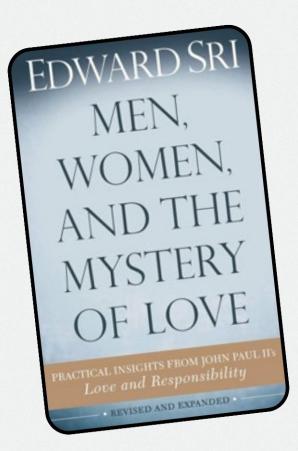


Saint James Parish Mission Statement

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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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 nd Semester
April 24 - BSC	June 5 - SJC
May 1 - SJC	June 19 - BSC
May 8 - BSC	June 26 - SJC
3 rd Semester	4 th Sem ester
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



Pastor's Corner 5th Sunday of Lent

Lent

This Sunday gives us only a week and a half until Holy Week. Palm Sunday is next Sunday! Lent is quickly coming to an end with the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection on the horizon! What a wonderful celebration this will be!

Please take advantage of our times for confession or go to confession at other parishes. We didn't have a Penance Service this year because of some logistics. Check social media, our website, and the bulletin for further information about other penance services elsewhere. The Sacrament of Confession is a perfect way to create a beautiful space in your soul to celebrate these Paschal Mysteries in a couple of weeks! Keep your eyes up and look forward to the day of peace, your redemption is at hand!

2025 GALA OF GIVING FOR ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

On Saturday, March 29, at the American Legion Ballroom on Bull Street, the 2025 Annual Gala of Giving was attended by many of our St. James parishioners and others! Everyone had a lovely time supporting St. James through sponsorships, purchasing tickets, raffles, a silent auction, a live auction, and a chance to just give in support of the school. To say it was quite successful is an understatement! The generosity of our St. James family was on full display and it was fantastic to behold! The proceeds go towards funding the furniture and infrastructure in the new classrooms and offices soon to be built.

I want to use this space to send a special Thank You to Marcia Larner, chair of this year's Gala. She was charged to elevate the Gala experience and she knocked it out of the park, out of the yard, and onto the streets beyond! Her energy and ideas pushed St. James to new heights and made this above and beyond the signature fund raising event for our school! She and her team of Keisha Brown, Jennifer Forbes, Thabo Hall, Joanna Little, Nicole Mayberry, Krystal Rolley, Nicole Whitt, Meaghan Keiffer, and our Advancement office staff, Stephanie Painter, Megan O'Neill, and Kaitie Hotard, cannot be commended enough for all the hard work, blood, sweat, and

tears that went into producing an event that launched our school into the future! Ladies, Sr. Joan and I thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are on target for a mid-to-late June re-entry into the Church! The scaffold is coming down and the new lighting plan and fixtures are being installed. The new flooring in the narthex and the Sanctuary will be laid soon! Be on the lookout for pictures on social media, email blasts, and the bulletin!

We are putting together the final engineered drawings for the school to give to our General Contractor and then turning to the County for permits, permissions, and approvals so that we can begin site work as soon as school ends. Please pray for smooth and speedy permitting!

St. James the Less, pray for us!

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

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

St. James Parish CRS Rice Bowls are due back. You can drop them off at the church office or bring next weekend and place them in the basket provide in the narthex or leave them with an usher.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass Tuesday -April 15th Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist—11:00 AM

Easter Triduum

There is <u>NO</u> daily Mass celebrated or daily Confessions heard after Wednesday of Holy Week.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday—April 17th—6:30 PM

Procession to St. James School Cafeteria with Adoration until 10:00 PM

Good Friday-April 18th

Tenebrae Service-8:30 AM Stations of the Cross—12:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena to follow liturgy

Holy Saturday-April 19th

Tenebrae Service—8:30 AM Easter Vigil—8:00 PM

Easter Sunday-April 20th

The Resurrection of the Lord Masses at 7:30, *9:30, and 11:30 AM *Overflow Mass in the School Cafeteria

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

4/6 Is 43:16-21; Ps 12	Fifth Sunday of Lent 26:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11	
7:30 am 8:00 am (IOH) Special Intention for th 9:00 am 11:30 am	Special Intention, Pierce Thomas ~ Fr. King Bishop Boland e healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church + Scott Johnston ~ Fr. Firmin For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel	
**Brett Brannen, Joey Buencamino, Anthony Phong Bui, Juan Carlos Castillo Fred Williams Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso		
4/7 Monday Dan 13:1-9, 15-1	7, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20	
7:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am (School	 + Nino Cefalu ~ Fr. King Special Intention, Margie O'Connor ~ Fr. Gabriel Pr. Gabriel 	
	e Robert Chaney, Douglas Clark, Casey Cole, Stephen Owusu Dwamena Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson	
4/8 Tuesday Num 21:4-9; Ps 1	102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30	
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ Michael Cefalu ~ Fr. Gabriel Special Intention, Mary Ann Fischer ~ Fr. King	
	gs, Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada Ofori Mensah Sr. Stephanie Gabriel	
4/9 Wednesday Dan 3:14-20, 91	-92, 95; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42	
7:00 am 8:30 am 5:30 pm	+Robert Oxnard ~ Fr. King + Special Intention, Jim Piette ~ Fr. Gabrielle Fr. King	
**Romanus Ezeugy Mariusz	vu, Eric Filmer, Daniel Firmin, Luis Fonseca, Fuks Benjamin Aler Sr. Joan O'Reilly	
4/10 Thursday Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59		
7:00 am 8:30 am	+ John Cefalu ~ Fr. King + Charlie Guzman ~ Fr. King	
**Francisco Gamboa, Gabriel Gberikon, George Gonzalez, Alfonso Gutierrez Benjamin Harper Sr. Catherine McElroy		
4/11 Friday Jer 20:10-13: Ps	18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42	
7:00 am 8:30 am	 + Nicholas Cefalu ~ Fr. Gabriel + Harold & Yvonne Jenkins ~ Fr. Gabriel 	
	hristopher Hassel, Thomas Healy, Francis Higgins v Aondofa Nyikwagh Sr. Virginia Scirocco	
4/12 Saturday	21.10 11 12abod 12. In 11.45 56	
9:00 am	31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56 + Kermit Dirkson ~ Fr. Gabriel + Robert Rohland ~ Fr. King	
**Gordian Iwuji, John Johnson, Solomon Kaanan, Adam Kasela Samuel Imoter Terkura Sr. Amanda Marie Russell		
1/13	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel

9:00 am Special Intention, Linda Sanchez ~ Fr. King

11:30 am + Barbara White \sim Fr. Gabriel

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

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:

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



Welcome to our new members

David Hughes

Mike & Barbara Hughes

Kurt & Jessica Kang

Frank & Amy Palermo

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.

St. James Weekly Calendar

4/6 Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm No PREP Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am Mass 4/7 Monday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel-Office 9:00am Rosary-PC/gym 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR 6:30-8:00pm CCW Meeting-MRC 4/8 Tuesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. King Office 9:00am **Rosary-MCR** 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR 4/9 Wednesday 6:20-7:30am TMIY-PC/gym 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Office-TBD 9:00am Rosarv-MCR 9:45-11:15am Bible Study-MCR 4/10 Thursday 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King Office 9:00am **Rosary-MCR** 1:00-2:30pm SJS Adoration-MCR SJS Children's Rosary-MCR 3:00pm 6:00-8:00pm DOI Mtg-MCR 4/11 Friday 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-TBD-Office 9:00am **Rosary-MCR** Mass Setup-PC/gym 3:00pm Stations of the Cross-PC/gym 5:30pm 4/12 **Saturday** 9:30-10:30am Exodus Bible Study-ELC Rm 2 10:00-11:30am St. James Food Pantry-SJS Cafeteria 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Office St. James Lenten Fish Fry-SJS Cafe 6:00pm Palm Sunday 4/13 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 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.



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 30, 2025 \$21,932.68 YTD Offertory: July 1st through March 30th 2023-24 Actual \$1,187,970.75 2024-25 Budget \$1,196,391.19 2024-25 Actual \$1,129,338.90

2nd Collection Catholic Relief Services \$3,569.00

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

(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



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 mercíful 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

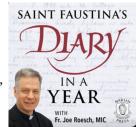
Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would my mercy not embrace a trusting soul (Diary, 1074). When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls (Diary, 1074). Mankind will have no peace until it turns with trust to my mercy (Diary, 327)!

Pray during the Hour of Great Mercy (3 PM)

At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 1320).

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

Thank you.

Thank you to all our generous benefactors from St. James Parish who made the 2025 Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) possible!

What impact did DYC make for our teens?

"DYC ... was something I never expected to happen. Seeing a community of teenagers coming together singing and praying their hearts out to the Lord our God ... I could not comprehend the sensation of peace and excitement with worship and adoration."

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 Rice Jelly Breakfast Cereal Laundry Detergent (small bottles or pods) Oatmeal Soap/Shampoo Pancake Mix & Syrup Kleenex Shelf Stable Milk Adult Diapers (various sizes) Canned Fruit Crackers Healthy snacks including nuts, granola & granola bars

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 marylisicia@yahoo.com.

with my family..."

"I want to change how I am

"I want to make God and prayer priorities instead of just getting to it whenever..."

Diocese of Savannah Vocations Summer Camps 2025 Registration opens Easter Monday, April 21 SAVANNAHVOCATIONS.ORG

"I've changed my perspective.

This year's theme is Anchored in Hope. Call to Holiness is June 22-25 For rising 7th grade through graduating senior girls Vocatio Dei is June 25-28 For rising 7th grade through 10th grade boys

Please note that 11th and 12th grade boys can apply to be junior counselors at Vocatio Dei. Senior counselors – college-aged young adult men and women – are needed for both camps. The camps will be at George Primitive Baptist Camp in Claxton.

> Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate May 31, 10 am

Ordination to the Priesthood June 7, 10 am

Savannah Cathedral

AAPI Month Mass with Bishop Parkes April 26, 2025, 11 am Sacred Heart Church, Warner Robins Reception to follow

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Optional: Bring a dish to share Optional: Wear your culture's traditional outfit

Theology on Tap: Wednesday, April 23

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to Theology on Tap on Wednesday, April 23 in Regina Coeli Hall at the Cathedral. To celebrate the Octave of Easter we welcome soprano, Kristi Bryson, and pianist, Cameron Fuhrman, as they present a lecturerecital entitled "The Restless Heart: Listening for God in the Concert Hall." The doors open at 7:30 PM and the lecture-recital begins at 8:00 PM. Beverages and snacks are provided. To learn more, follow us on Instagram (theologyontapsavannah) or email us (ToTSavannah@gmail.com).

Make a Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel! Jubilee Year 2025



Note: Chapel will be closed April 12 and April 20

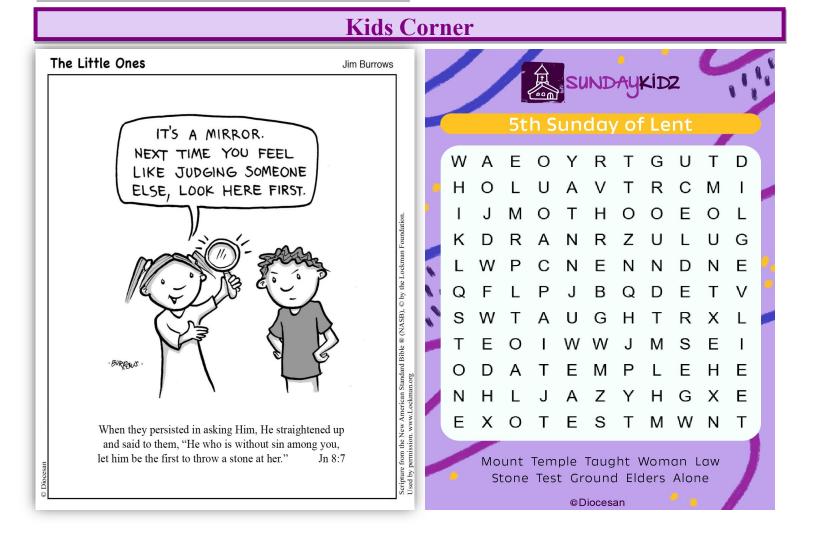
Schedule for the Jubilee March 2025 ~ January 2026

> <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

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.





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