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

Staff

Stair	
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	Director Early Learning Ctr
Mrs. Stephanie Painter	
Mrs. Kaitie Hotard	.Director of Communications
Mr. Mark Kolbush	Director of Finance
Mr. Charles Ancheta	Music Director & Organist
Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Susanna Powers	
Mr. Richard Morgan	
Mr. Matt Keck	

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Mass	Schedule

Sunday:7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 am (Nursery available)
Vigil:5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am
Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
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Isle of Hope: 8:00 am - First Sunday only
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Holy Days of Obligation
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 Chapel24/7

April 13th, 2025 Palm Sunday



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 6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK - EASTER TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday is one of the more solemn days of the year for us. It marks the entrance of Our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem where He will soon undergo His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Today is the beginning of the Holiest Week of the Year. We call this week "Holy" because in each liturgy we celebrate the mysteries of His deep and abundant love for us. We celebrate how He heals the wounds in us, how He liberates us from sin, how He lifts our lives to abundance, how He makes us holy! "By His wounds we are healed."

We are reconciled to God and one another. We are made holy because of what He went through. We have life now – eternal life. We no longer have to fear death as death is not the end but a change of life for us who believe. We celebrate His conquering our death with His death and resurrection! His death and resurrection destroyed our eternal death and opened for us eternal life! He has sanctified us in all these events we celebrate and remember!

I invite you to join in the celebrations this week and walk with your brothers and sisters of St. James and with Our Lord in these liturgies! On **Holy Thursday** evening, we celebrate the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* at 6:30 PM with the washing of the feet and then we end with a Eucharistic Procession to the Altar of Repose where we spend time with Jesus in prayer. **Good Friday**, we begin the day with a Tenebrae Service at 8:30 AM and have Stations of the Cross at Noon. The *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion* is at 3:00 PM. Confessions will be available after the *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*. The *Divine Mercy Novena* begins after the liturgy also. **Holy Saturday** begins with Tenebrae Service at 8:30 AM and then culminates in the *Easter Vigil* at 8:15 PM.

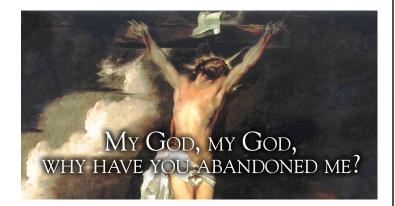
These liturgies and services help us enter the Divine Mysteries of our salvation, our faith, hope, and charity. They bring a richness to our life of faith and help us be a part of the life of our Lord Jesus. I hope you all can attend, if not all the liturgies at least a few of them!

Easter Sunday masses will be at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (in the Parish Center and the School Cafeteria), and 11:30 AM. There will be many people here for mass on Easter Sunday, please be patient and welcome ALL who come to worship with us!

I wish each of you a Blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week!

St. James the Less, pray for us!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



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—8:15 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

The St. James Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring

Roses for Mother's Day

CCW will be selling roses to honor or remember our mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunts.

These roses will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day, May 1 1th.

Those being honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin Mother's Day weekend.

CCW members will be collecting orders after all the masses

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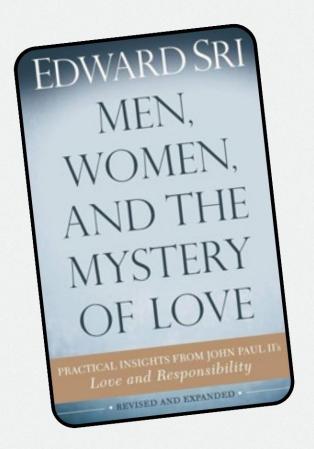
April 26th, 27th & May 3rd, 4th.

Orders can be turned in to the church office no later than

May 5th.

Checks payable to St. James Church Funds raised will be used to support CCW charities.

******	CCW Mother's Day Rose Sale
ROSES (\$5 each)	ROSES (\$5 each)
Please print r	name(s) of loved ones honored/remembered:
Your Name	
Amount Engl	need:



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
3rd 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)

Registration
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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

4/13 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 \sim Fr. Gabriel

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

11:30 am + Barbara White ~ Fr. Firmin

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

4/14 Holy Monday

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

7:00 am + Helen Laird \sim Fr. King 8:30 am + Helen Laird \sim Fr. Gabriel

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

4/15 Holy Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a; 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

7:00 am + Fred Miller \sim Fr. King

8:30 am + Robert Daniel White ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

4/16 Holy Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

7:00 am + Pauline Winjum ~ Fr. Gabriel

8:30 am + Lottie Dunn, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. King

5:30 pm Fr. Firmin

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

4/17 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16 bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

6:30 pm Only Dominador & Mitsue Monterola ~ Fr. Gabriel

**John Lyons, Anthony Madanu, John R. Madden, Esteban Mallar | Deacon Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

4/18 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

8:30 am
Tenebrae Service ~ Fr. Firmin
12:00 pm
Stations of the Cross ~ Fr. Gabriel
3:00 pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion ~ Fr. King

**Nicholas Mansell, John Markham, Allan McDonald, Timothy McKeown | Jared Miller | Samantha Scharf

4/19 Holy Saturday Vigil

Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4 -5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

8:30 am Tenebrae Service ~ Fr. King 8:15 pm Easter Vigil ~ Fr. Firmin

**Odel Medina, Pablo Migone, Richard Minch, Thomas Murphy | Justin Motes | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

4/20 The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

7:30 am + Wright & Ruth Powers ~ Fr. King 9:30 am + Margaret Dalrymple ~ Fr. Gabriel

9:30 am (Overflow) Fr. King

11:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel

**Thomas Nellis, Kim Son Nguyen, Martino Nguyen, Peter Hung Nguyen | Noah Pace | 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:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, Hope Fuller, Jim McBride, 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, Patrick Fier, Brian Dascall, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members

Bradley and Anastasia Leiphart & Family

Kurt and Jessica Kang

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

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.

4/13 Palm Sunday

8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 10:15-11:15am PREP

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

4/14 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

4/15 Tuesday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

11:00as Chrism Mass-Cathedral Basilica

6:30-8:00pm RCIA Rehearsal-MCR

4/16 Wednesday

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

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Office-TBD

9:00am Rosary-MCR

4/17 Holy Thursday

12:00pm SJS Dismissal

1:00pm Church office Closes

6:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper-PC/gym Procession to St. James School Cafeteria with

Adoration until 10:00PM

4/18 Good Friday-

A day of fasting and abstienence

Pontifical 2nd Collection for the Holy Land

Church office, SJS and ELC Closed

NO Morning Masses

8:30am Tenebrae Service-PC/gym 12:00pm Stations of the Cross-PC/gym

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion-PC/gym

Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena

4/19 Saturday

No Morning Mass

8:30am Tenebrae Service-PC/gym 9:30am Easter Vigil practice-PC/gym

9:30am Decorating for Easter PC/gym/Cafeteria 8:15pm Easter Vigil-PC/gym –Overflow SJS Cafe

4/20 Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord 2nd Collection Priests' Retirement

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

No PREP

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena-Church

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

April 6, 2025 \$60,875.78

YTD Offertory: July 1st through March 31st
2023-24 Actual \$1,201,453.74
2024-25 Budget \$1,209,969.75
2024-25 Actual \$1,132,248.25

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.

REMINDERS

On Holy Thursday the church office closes at 1 PM and will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 9 AM.

On Easter Sunday the 9:00am Mass will be at 9:30am

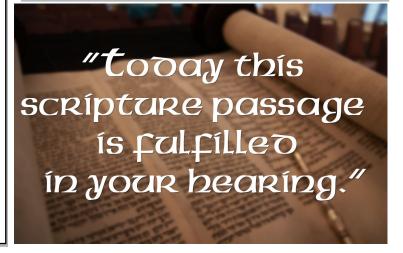
because of the high attendance on Easter Sunday. We have an additional 9:30 am Mass in the School cafeteria.

Please remember that traffic for Easter Sunday is ONE WAY.

Enter Whitefield side and leave Laberta Blvd. There will be police officers directing traffic.

April 27th -Divine Mercy Sunday Devotional Service-3 PM

Eucharistic Adoration + Chaplet of Divine Mercy +Reading/Homily Followed by Reception



The Promise of Divine Mercy

Regarding the Feast of Divine Mercy, Our Lord said to Saint Faustina:

"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

The theologian who examined Saint Faustina's writings for the Holy See, Rev. Ignacy Rozycki, explained that **this is the promise of a complete renewal of baptismal grace**, and in that sense like a "second Baptism."

To obtain the extraordinary graces promised by Our Lord, we must:

- † Follow the ABC's given to us by Jesus through Saint Faustina:
 - Ask for His Mercy, sincerely repenting of our sins
 - **B**e merciful to others, through actions, words, and prayers
 - Completely trust in Jesus
- † Go to Confession (during Lent or Easter Week)

On Divine Mercy Sunday:

- * Receive Holy Communion
- † Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy



Divine
Mercy
Sunday
April 27
"On that day the
very depths of My
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open."

Confessions

Mon.-Fri., 7:45 AM – 8:15 AM

Saturdays, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM (except Holy Saturday)

Divine Mercy Novena

April 18 – April 26, 3:00 PM (Begins Good Friday, after 3:00 PM liturgy) and after AM mass beginning April 21

Novena Pamphlets available outside of Conference Room Chaplet prayed daily at 3:00 PM on EWTN

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotional Service

Sunday, April 27, 3:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration †

Chaplet of Divine Mercy †

Reading/Homily





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."

"I want to change how I am with my family..."

"I've changed my perspective...

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

St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry Our next food pantry has been moved to May 17th 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 monetary 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.

Diocese of Savannah Vocations Summer Camps 2025

Registration opens Easter Monday, April 21 SAVANNAHVOCATIONS.ORG

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

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

AAPI Month Mass with Bishop Parkes

April 26, 2025, 11 am Sacred Heart Church, Warner Robins Reception to follow

> 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 lecture-recital 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

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

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.



Rooted in the Catholic tradition, St. Vincent's Academy educates young women by fostering intellectual and personal growth. Give your daughter **the opportunity** to learn in an environment of **academic excellence**, integrity and personal responsibility. St. Vincent's Academy . . . a true sisterhood.





APPLY NOW FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Limited Space Available. Email Amy.Greene@svaga.net Based on eligibility, financial aid may be available. Apply by April 15, 2025.











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