## **General Parish Information**

Directory		
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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-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm		
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm		

#### Staff

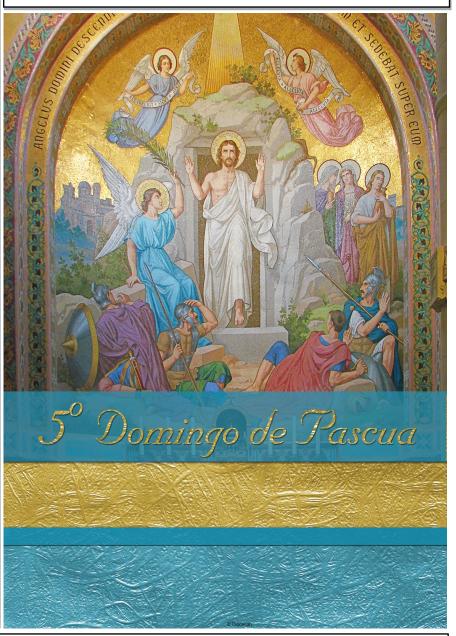
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Mass Schedule Sunday:7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 am (Nursery available) Vigil:5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)
WeekdaysMonday-Friday 7:00am & 8:30am; Saturday 9am Wednesday additional Mass at 5:30pm
Isle of Hope:8:00 am - First Sunday only
Holy Days of Obligation: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

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May 18, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter



## 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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To register and pay online, scan the QR code. Registration assistance available in the Parish Office.

Questions?
Contact Sr. Stephanie Gabriel at
SrStephanieGabriel@StJamesSav.com
or 912-600-2153.



Tuition \$65 for one child \$100 for two \$135 for three + Financial assistance available upon request.



# PASTOR'S CORNER 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Lourdes

There is no other place on this planet that offers me a greater experience of peace than the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes at the foot of the Pyrenes mountains in southern France. This peace of our Lord and our Blessed Mother calls me back time and time again! My most recent pilgrimage to this holy place was with the Federal Association of the Order of Malta (including parishioners of St. James – Marguerite Baxter, Charles and Carla Stappenbeck and two of their children). We brought with us a number of *malades* (people battling illness or those struggling because of physical malady). I was counted among the chaplains of the group – priests and bishops from the United States – to serve and minister to the *malades*, the volunteers, and the members of the Order. A pilgrimage of service and ministry was unlike the other times have been to Lourdes. I still encountered the peace and blessedness of our Lady and our Lord in amazing ways!

One particular encounter occurred at the Baths. I went in and washed in the water and drank some of the water while praying for particular intentions (including each of the parishioners of St. James). As I walked out of the Baths, I was greeted by 3 people who represented the Church to me: Bishop Stephen Lopes (a friend I have known for 25 years since my first year of seminary at the Pontifical North American College in Rome), Fr. Jerry Ragan (a fellow priest of the Diocese of Savannah – a brother), and Marguerite Baxter (a parishioner here at St. James). They surrounded me with the love of the Church, with the love of my bishop and brother priests of Savannah, and with your love, the love of the people the Lord has called me to serve. As you know, I am prone to tears and that encounter of the magnificent love of our Lord and our Lady through them nearly overwhelmed me! I would not be here without your love and support and that of my brother priests and the Church.

Another encounter of the great peace and love of Lourdes happened at a meeting of the *malades*. At the end of our session, I asked Abbot Placid Solari (the Abbot of Belmont Abbey whom I have known for 20 years) if I could speak. That moment was the first time I shared in a group of people struggling with illness, bad diagnosis, physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual pain. It was cathartic for me and, it turns out, very helpful for other *malades* in the group! What a blessing that the Lord was using me and my illness in such powerful ways! I have said frequently that this road the Lord has me walking down is for my own salvation and the salvation of others. It is drawing me and others much closer to God and deeper into His heart! For that I am so very thankful!

I lit a candle (a pretty big one in fact) for our parish – you, your families, and your intentions. You were with me every step of the way throughout this pilgrimage! May you be drawn ever closer to Almighty God through the maternal care of Our Lady of Lourdes!

St. James the Less, pray for us!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

### 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

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## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

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

#### 5/18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

7:30 am + Sherri Young  $\sim$  Fr. Gabriel 9:00 am + Rose Tootle  $\sim$  Fr. King 11:30 am For the People  $\sim$  Fr. Firmin

4:00 pm Holy Hour & Vespers - Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel 5:00 pm Mass for Hope - Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel

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

#### 5/19 Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

7:00 am Fr. King

8:30 am + Marianne Altobelli ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

#### 5/20 Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

7:00 am Fr. Gabriel

8:30 am + Thomas Moran ~ Fr. King

\*\*Thomas Nellis, Kim Son Nguyen, Martino Nguyen, Peter Hung Nguyen | Noah Pace | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

#### 5/21 Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

7:00 am Fr. King

8:30 am + Neville D'Monte ~ Fr. Firmin

5:30 pm Fr. Gabriel

\*\*Fred Nijem, Patrick O'Brien, Daniel O'Connell, Paul O'Connell | Fred Williams | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

#### 5/22 Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

7:00 am Fr. Firmin

8:30 am + Pat Huffman ~ Fr. King

\*\*Kevin O'Keefe, Paulinus Okpala, Keith O'Neill, Barnabas O'Reilly | Stephen Owusu Dwamena | Samantha Scharf

#### 5/23 Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

7:00 am Fr. Gabriel

8:30 am + Barbara Buchheitt ~ Fr. Firmin

\*\*Brian O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Otor, Peter Oyenugba, Ronald Pachence | Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

#### 5/24 Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

9:00 am + Paul David Rees~ Fr. King

10:00 am Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel ~ Fr. Firmin

5:00 am + Jerry Hipp ~ Fr. Gabriel

\*\*Francis Patterson, Steven Patti, Steven Pavignano, Saimel Perdomo | Benjamin Aler | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

#### 5/25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

7:30 am For the People  $\sim$  Fr. Firmin

9:00 am Special Intention, Hope Fuller ~ Fr. Gabriel

11:30 am + Suzanne Bouton ~ Fr. King

\*\*Thomas Peyton, Robert Phillips, Carlos Pinzon, Stephen Pontzer | Benjamin Harper | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

## 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, Patricia Sidebotham, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, Hope Fuller, Ashley Taylor, Susie Ramirez, Linda Byerly, Jim McBride, Mariela Sainz, Lynn Shilal, Brian DeRouen, Dick Buchner, 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:

Barbara Buchheitt, Linda Sanchez, Noelle Franklin, Jerome McLaughlin, Neville D'Monte, Mike Kaprich, and all our deceased family and friends.



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

5/18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 10:00-11:00am Baptism-IOH-Fr. Barnabas 1:00-2:00pm Baptism-IOH-Fr. Firmin

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

5/19 Monday

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

9:00am Rosary-PC/gym

1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR

5/20 Tuesday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

5/21 Wednesday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR 9:45am Bible Study-MCR

6:00-8:00pm SJS 8th Grade Awards/Dance-PC/gym

5/22 Thursday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

6:00-8:00pm SJS 8th Grade Graduation-PC/gym

5/23 Friday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

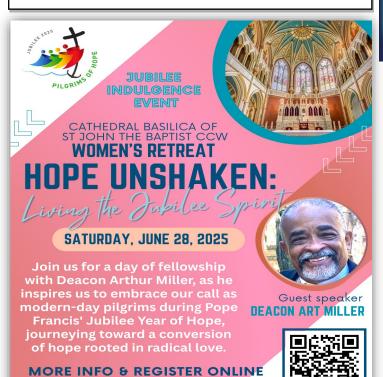
5/24 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-MCR

9:45am CCW Board Mtg-MCR 3:45-4:45 Confessions-Office-Fr. King

5/25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00-11:15am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 1:00-2:00pm Anniversary Celebration-PC/gym



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#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

May11, 2025 \$24,427.71

**YTD Offertory: July 1st through May 11th** 2023-24 Actual \$1,425,547.66 2024-25 Budget \$1,435,652.07

2024-25 Actual \$1,334,423.83

## (Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30)

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.

**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

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.





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



## 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.



Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate May 31, 10 am

Ordination to the Priesthood June 7, 10 am

Savannah Cathedral



Aml Are you interested in learning more about caring for your loved ones who Savannah Georgia live with a mental health diagnosis?

NAMI Savannah is offering a free, four-week educational program in May on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 to 8:30 pm. This program is for family members, caregivers and friends of people living with mental illness. NAMItrained family members lead the course with presentations, discussions and interactive exercises. Contact Tracy @ 912-667-2728 or Alloceia @ 912-661-7104 for more information and to register. Space is limited.

## Chosen and Cheesesteaks

**Sundays** July 20 ~ Sept. 14 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mercy Conference Room

SAVE THE DATE!

Season 5: **Last Supper** 

Registration will open in June. There is no cost to register, but your response helps us order food! All are welcome!

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## St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry Our next food pantry is on June 21st 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

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make a monetary donation, please make the check out to St. James Catholic Church and place in the memo line – "SJC Food Pantry"

If you prefer to

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 marvlisicia@vahoo.com.







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Tickets may be purchased at www.martindeporressociety.org or Eventbrite 7th Annual Jazz Benefit Concert.

Additionally, you may receive further information from Mrs. Bonnie MacAulay or any office staff member in the main office of the church regarding tickets, sponsorships and donations.

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Sacred Heart, Savannah



shc.chantcamp@gmail.com June 2025

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## **Kids Corner**



## 5th Sunday of Easter





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