#### **General Parish Information**

Staff

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Parochial Vicar
Parochial Vicar
Deacon
Dir. of Evangelization
School Principal
Director Early Learning Ctr
Director of Advancement
.Director of Communications
Director of Finance
Music Director & Organist
Administrative Assistant
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Mass ScheduleSunday: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: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:

Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel......24/7

May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter



"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."

- Revelation 5:12

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#### 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.

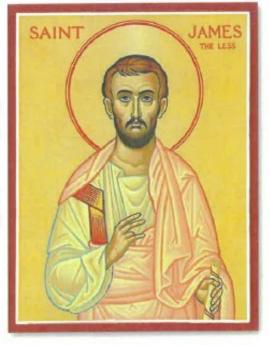
**WELCOME, VISITORS!** We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or at the kiosk located in the Narthex, and return it to the church office.

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# Parish Feast Day Dinner WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 6:00 PM in the Parish Center

Join us to celebrate the feast of our parish patron, St. James the Less!



An assortment of pasta dishes, salads, & Italian desserts will be served!

Please return the form below to the church office or visit stjamessav.com/event-rsvp by May 7, 2025.

There is no cost for this event!

St. James the	Less Parish Feast Day Dinner	回装料画
Family Name		
# of Adults	# of Children	
Phone Number		
Fmail Address		

# 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

on

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.

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	CCW Mother's Day Rose Sale
	ROSES (\$5 each)
Please print na	me(s) of loved ones honored/remembered:
Your Name:	
	sed:

# PASTOR'S CORNER 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### CONCLAVE

Twelve years ago in 2013, the College of Cardinals elected Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, as Bishop of Rome, our Supreme Pontiff, Pope. Since Easter Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the day of his death, we have been praying for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Francis. The 2013 conclave was different than others before it as Pope Benedict XVI resigned and was still alive at the time of the conclave to elect his successor. The 2005 conclave which elected Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger to succeed Pope St. John Paul II was more like this one.

Our brothers, Cardinals of the Church, will begin the conclave to elect our new Pope on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Many have begun speculating on who will be the successor of Francis. I don't want to do that or get into that. The speculation is not something that we should be doing, in my opinion. Rather, we should be engaging in prayer and fasting for the Cardinals and for ourselves.

The privilege of electing the next Bishop of Rome is that of a member of the College of Cardinals – bishops chosen from around the world by the Pope to be his advisers and to help him guide the Church. Our response in anticipating and participating in the conclave is to pray and fast for our brothers. As the days draw near for them to enter into the conclave and during it, please pray daily or multiple times a day for them. Perhaps offer a rosary for them. We should also fast for them. Acts of self-denial are good spiritual tools which we can offer for others and ourselves.

What should we pray for? Pray that the Holy Spirit grant them wisdom, insight, courage, and discernment. Throughout these days, they will be discussing the state of the Church and the world. They will dialogue about what the world needs the Church to be at this time and what the Church needs in a Pope. They will pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. We cannot vote, but we can do what we can – pray and fast. May our brothers be open to the Holy Spirit especially during this time!

We should also pray and fast for ourselves. We have no idea who the next Pope will be. The prayer for ourselves should be that we be open to whomever our brothers chose, whomever God sends us to be our Holy Father. We must react as good sons and daughters of Holy Mother Church. We should be open to all that God wants to give us in and through our next Pope. May we receive with open hearts, minds, and arms the man sent to us to be our Shepherd.

On Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, all the Masses celebrated at St. James will be "For the Election of a Pope." There will not be a special Mass. The normal Mass schedule will be observed: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 5:30 PM. Please attend and offer that Mass for our brothers and for ourselves.

#### Lourdes

Thank you for the prayers for a good pilgrimage to Lourdes! The Lord is doing great things! Be assured that I am taking you, your families, and your intentions with me as I pray at the Grotto, as I light a candle, and as I walk in procession. Y'all are with me every step of the way!

May the Lord Jesus abundantly bless you and your families this Easter Season! A Blessed Easter to you all! Christ is Risen!
He is truly risen!
St. James the Less, pray for us!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

#### **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

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

#### 5/4 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41;Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,13;Rev 5:11-14;Jn 21:1-19

7:30 am + Robert & Margaret Vita

8:00 am (IOH)

Special Intention for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church

9:00 am + Jeanne Bandy 11:30 am For the People

\*\*Samuel Aniekwe, Emmanuel Antwi, John Ariko, David Arnoldt | Justin Motes | Samantha Scharf

#### 5/5 Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

7:00 am + Mark Fuller 8:30 am + Eleanor Kane

\*\*Christopher Awiliba, Tomas Beroch, Godfred Boachie-Yiadom | Noah Pace | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

#### 5/6 Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

7:00 am Special Intention, Fr. Vincent Leahy

8:30 am + Tim Jenkins

\*\*Brett Brannen, Joey Buencamino, Anthony Phong Bui, Juan Carlos Castillo | Fred Williams | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

#### 5/7 Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

7:00 am

8:30 am + Mel McCombs 5:30 pm + Bill & Dee Muttera

\*\*Michael Cerrone, Robert Chaney, Douglas Clark, Casey Cole, William Cook | Stephen Owusu Dwamena | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

#### 5/8 Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

7:00 am

8:30 am + Brian Dascall

\*\*Gabriel Cummings, Benjamin Dallas, Matthew Ericksen, Rafael Estrada | Gilbert Ofori Mensah | Sr. Stephanie Gabriel

#### 5/9 Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

7:00 am

8:30 am + Doris Aiklin

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

#### 5/10 Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

9:00 am + Joseph Verwiel, 1st Anniversary

10:00 am Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel ~ Jubilee Year Mass

5:00 am + Ruby Wallace

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

#### 5/11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

7:30 am For the People 9:00 am + Joyce Egan 11:30 am + Helen Guissanie

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

#### 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.  $\sim$  **A**men.

#### We pray for the sick of our Parish Community:

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, Hope Fuller, Barbara Buchheit, Ashley Taylor, Jim McBride, Ed Carey, Mariela Gamboa, Jennifer Redmond, Lynn Shinal, Vicky Reyes, Fran Kane, 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:

Pope Francis, Neville D'Monte, Christian Huber, Thomas Nestler, Renee Hunter, Mike Kaprich, and all our deceased family and friends.



#### Welcome to our new member

Paula Williamson

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

#### 5/4 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 9:00am PREP May Crowning-PC/gym

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

#### 5/5 Monday

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

9:00am Rosary-PC/gym

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

5/6 **Tuesday** 

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

5/7 Wednesday

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

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

5/8 **Thursday** 

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

First Holy Communion Retreat and Confessions-SJS

9:00am Rosary-MCR

3:00-4:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-MCR

6:30-8:00pm Parish Council-MCR

Friday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

5/10 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-MCR

10:00am First Holy Communion-Cathedral

3:45-4:45 Confessions-Office-Fr. King

5/11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

1:30pm IOH Baptism-Deacon Lou IOH Baptism-Fr. Gabriel 3:00pm

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

April 27, 2025 \$24,490.73 YTD Offertory: July 1st through April 27 2023-24 Actual \$1,378,955.22 2024-25 Budget \$1,388,729.38 2024-25 Actual \$1,283,326.71

**2nd Collection** 

**US Home Missions** \$2,257.00

#### (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 \$134,000 ACA Parish Goal: % 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.



#### MEMORIAL CROSSES HONORING DECEASED VETERANS

The Catholic War Veterans of Savannah will once again be placing Memorial Crosses in the Catholic Cemetery, (1720 Wheaton Street). The Crosses will be put in place on May 21st and will remain in place through Memorial Day. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM Thursday, May 22nd, at the Catholic Cemetery. If you would like to honor a deceased Veteran in this manner, contact Melissa King at 912-572-3299 or CWVmemorialcrosses@gmail.com no later than May 6th. Request forms are available in the church office. Interment at the Catholic Cemetery is not required. There is

a one-time fee of \$30 for initial supplies. The Crosses will continue to be maintained and placed in the Cemetery each year thereafter.

#### MEMORIAL MASS TO HONOR DECEASED VETERANS

A Memorial Mass, to honor deceased Veterans, will be celebrated at 6:00PM Thursday, May 22nd, at the Catholic Cemetery, 1720 Wheaton St. The Service will be held at the base of the Holy Cross, at the rear of the Cemetery. The Memorial Service will begin promptly at 6:00PM. This Service is open to the public. Participants should allow time for parking and may bring a lawn chair.

#### 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.



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



### Schedule for the Jubilee

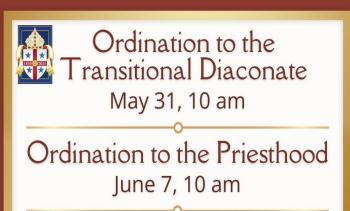
March 2025 ~ January 2026

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.



Savannah Cathedral



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!

Join us for an episode a week, sandwiches, fellowship and sharing!

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

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

General Chairpersons:
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~

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~ Pope Benedict XVI, God is Love

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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.



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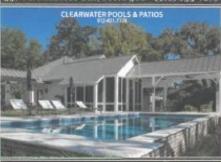
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