



SEEK IN READING
& YOU WILL FIND
IN MEDITATION

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS &
The Prayer of Loving Attention

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Sunday, October 13 at 6:30 PM
St. James Catholic Church, Mercy Conference Room

RSVP BY TEXT TO 912-441-1452

KNOCK IN PRAYER & IT
WILL BE OPENED TO YOU
IN CONTEMPLATION



HURRICANE HELENE

Well, that was a much more devastating storm than predicted! I hope and pray that everyone has power and has recovered. We will all have stories for years to come! Pray for the people who are still without power and water and who have experienced more severe devastation than we – Valdosta up to Augusta, upstate South Carolina, western North Carolina, and Eastern Tennessee. We pray for the souls of those who lost their lives to this storm and for the comfort of their families and friends.

COUNTDOWN TO THE FINAL SUNDAY – OCTOBER 13

2 more weekends (including this weekend) in the Church before we move to the Parish Center! Bishop Parkes asked me the other day if I was excited to move mass to the Mercy Conference Room and to the Parish Center. I immediately responded, “YES! ABSOLUTELY! I AM THRILLED!” He looked a little shocked until I gave my reasoning. I am excited about moving out of the Church because it signals and marks the beginning of beautiful and magnificent renovations and updates to our Church and brings us another step closer to beginning the great plans for our School! I am also excited because we will be there as a community! St. James is so much more than bricks and mortar – it is YOU and YOUR FAMILY! We will be there together as a parish, as a community of disciples and believers! We will be there together as a family! I will be there with YOU! That is why I am excited!

Am I excited to worship our Lord and God in a gym and conference room? No, he deserves a better space! The altar and the setting won't be as pretty. The acoustics will not be as clear. We will have to set up and take down chairs each week (though the chairs are rather comfortable). There are countless other things that make the space not very conducive to prayer and the mass! I understand! The space was made for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and other gatherings, and not for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No doubt about it.

Sure, other churches will be more attractive and some may have the temptation to go to another parish while we are in the Parish Center. St. James will not be the same and our family won't be as complete as it should be if people go elsewhere for mass. Our return to the Church in May/June of 2025 will be even more glorious and triumphant if we go through this temporary inconvenience together as one St. James family of faith!

Please pray for the success of our Charging Forward in Faith and Education Capital Campaign, for successful fundraising and for the projects! St. James the Less, pray for us and all our endeavors and plans!

May the Lord Jesus bless you and your families abundantly this week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



Unfortunately, **LIFE CHAIN** been cancelled. We hope you'll join us in celebrating Respect Life Month in other ways.

ROSARY RALLY FOR THE PRE-BORN

EVERY FRIDAY, 8:30 AM

Planned Parenthood
720 E. 71st Street, Savannah

PROTECT THE INNOCENT

Questions?
Contact Peter Crawford
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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah
Savannah Deanery Respect Life



Save the Date!

JANUARY 25, 2025
9 AM TO 4 PM

BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL
SAVANNAH, GA

National Speakers:
Lisa Cotter & Danielle Bean



Registration opens in October 2024!

Council of Catholic Women

Thank you to all the ladies who came to our first CCW meeting of the year! I appreciate your support!

Our next meeting is October 7th at 6:30 in the Mercy Conference Room. Our guest speaker is Rob Weisel, who is certified in self-defense. He will teach us about how to be safer and more aware of our surroundings.



- At our November meeting, we will make bookbags for children in foster care. They are in need of the following:
- Clear, see-through or mesh bookbags
 - 8-Count Crayons
 - #2 Pencils
 - Rulers
 - Pocket folders
 - Safety scissors
 - Glue sticks or white glue
 - Composition books
 - Erasers

Thank you! - Kelley Miller, President

MIGRANT FARMWORKER COLLECTION



Due to Hurricane Helene, the October Migrant Farm Workers Clinic Collection has been cancelled. The collection will be scheduled for another time.

St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

The next food pantry will be on October 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

If anyone needs food assistance, please call the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006.

The food pantry is still greatly in need of non-perishable food or monetary donations to stock our pantry. We thank you for your generous donations that continue to help so many families in our community.

We CANNOT accept any items in glass containers or that have expired. St. James Food Pantry in Urgent Need of Items to Restock the Shelves. Shelf stable complete meals: Beef stew, or chunky soups (preferably cans with pull tops), healthy snacks including nuts, granola bars, pancake mix, canned pork & beans, shelf stable milk, toothpaste & toothbrushes, laundry detergent.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

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| Oatmeal | Spaghetti sauce |
| Canned chicken | Breakfast bars |
| Tuna fish | Breakfast cereal |
| Jelly & Peanut butter | Canned fruits |
| Dry macaroni | Kleenex |
| | Toilet paper |
| | Low sodium soups & Veg |



All Souls Book

During the month of October, there will be a Book of Remembrance in the narthex for you to write the names of any loved ones who have passed away in the last year. These souls will be remembered at the Vigil Mass on November 2nd.



RED MASS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Members of the legal community and all public officials are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, in prayer and fellowship for those responsible for the administration of justice.

Open to people of all faith traditions.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024 at 12 PM
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Reception to follow.
Please RSVP to Maggie Blanc at
mblanc@diosav.org or 912-201-4126

FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH 1PM-4PM

Bounce Houses, Games,
Prizes, Bake Sale,
Shopping & Food!

FOR PRE-SALE PURCHASE
CLICK HERE OR SCAN QR CODE

\$20 BRACELETS
(PRIOR TO OCT. 16)
\$25 AT THE DOOR



\$10 FOR 12 TICKETS
(PRIOR TO OCT. 16)
\$10 FOR \$10 AT THE DOOR



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