



# SAINT + JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

### Staff

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

### St. James Catholic School

**For information or tours 355-3132**  
**8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, GA**  
**www.stjameschargers.com**

### Mass Schedule

Sunday:.....7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 am (Nursery available)  
 Vigil:.....5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)

Weekdays.....Monday-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: 3:45-4:45pm, 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 Chapel.....24/7

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 8TH, 2024**

# PEACE

*...all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*  
 Lk 3:6



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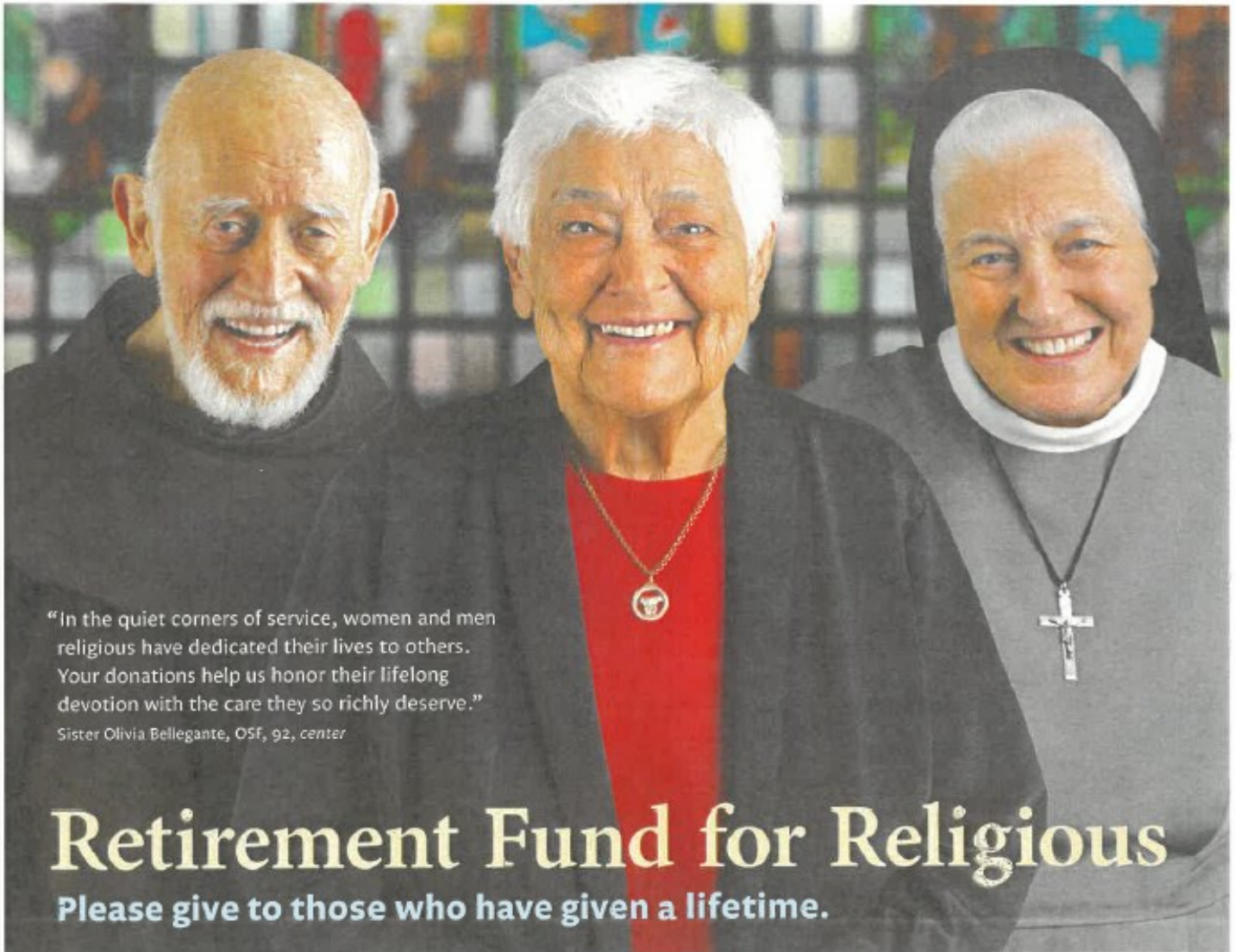
### Saint James Parish Mission Statement

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.

**8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, Georgia 31406 ~ 912.355.1523 ~ website: www.stjamesav.com**

# Today's 2nd Collection is for Religious Retirement



"In the quiet corners of service, women and men religious have dedicated their lives to others. Your donations help us honor their lifelong devotion with the care they so richly deserve."

Sister Olivia Bellegante, OSF, 92, center

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Our aging religious need your help.** Like those pictured here, more than 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually, for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation is crucial and can help bridge this gap, providing critical support for their essential care, medicine, and daily needs. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

From left:  
Father Maury Smith, OFM, 87;  
Sister Olivia Bellegante, OSF, 92;  
Sister M. Stephanie Belgerl, FSGM, 72.  
Visit [retiredreligious.org/2024photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2024photos)  
to meet the religious pictured.

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

**To give at your parish:** Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

**To donate by mail:** Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

Amount:  \$1,000  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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# Celebrating the *Feminine Genius*

**January 25, 2025**

**9 am to 4 pm**

**Benedictine Military School  
Savannah, GA**

National Speakers



Lisa Cotter



Danielle Bean

# Our Speakers

## Danielle Bean

Danielle Bean is creator and host of Girlfriends, an award-winning podcast that supports and encourages Catholic women from all walks of life. She is author of ten books, including *You Are Enough*, *Giving Thanks and Letting Go*, and *Whisper: Finding God in the Everyday*. Danielle has a special heart for families, and she encourages others to find humor in daily challenges and the joy God intends for every one of us. It is in her primary vocation to marriage and motherhood that Danielle finds the inspiration for all of her work.

## Lisa Cotter

Lisa Cotter is a Catholic speaker and author known for her practical insights on relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence. Lisa is the author of *Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius and Dating Detox: 40 Days of Perfecting Love in an Imperfect World*. Her work has been featured on Ascension Presents, the *Hallow App*, EWTN, Formed.org, Steubenville Youth Conferences, the SEEK Conference, and numerous other outlets.



## Day Includes

Mass celebrated by Bishop Parkes  
Four (4) talks  
Adoration & confession  
Light breakfast & lunch provided\*  
Local vendors



\*Vegetarian & gluten-free options available.

## Registration

\$45 per person until Nov. 25

\$50 per person Nov. 26 - Jan. 25

Three (3) ways to sign up!

- Online at [StJamesSav.com/womens-conference/](http://StJamesSav.com/womens-conference/)
- Scan the QR code at right ~or~ use the form below



## Women's Conference Registration

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to St. James Church.





# TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR TAXES

*Redirect the Georgia Income Taxes You Already Pay to Provide Scholarships*

Through the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program, you can make a difference by contributing funds that directly support deserving students' access to our school, and you will receive a 100% Georgia income tax credit in exchange for your contribution!

**Follow these Five Easy Steps to Secure a 100% State Income Tax Credit:**



## Tax Credit Limits Based on Filing Status:

Single Filer	\$2,500
Married Separate Filer	\$2,500
Married Joint Filer	\$5,000
Individual Pass-Through Owner	\$25,000
C Corp, Trust, or Electing Pass-Through	75% of annual tax liability

## PASTOR'S CORNER 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Since December 8<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Yes, Monday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at St. James will be at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 5:30 PM. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States of America. Join us as we ask for her intercession for ourselves and our nation. I will see y'all there!

This great feast celebrates Mary being conceived without original sin in the womb of her mother, Anne. By a singular grace, God preserved Mary, who is the new Eve, from original sin. In other words, God made Mary in the womb of her mother Anne just like He made Eve at the beginning of creation. Mary did not experience concupiscence or any disorder of the soul. All her faculties (intellect and will and senses) were in proper order and relationship. In the Garden, Eve, experiencing the same state of soul and body as Mary, was given a choice to say Yes to God or to say No. Eve said, "No." Mary, at the Annunciation, with the same state of soul and body as Eve in the Garden at the time of the great temptation which brought about original sin, said, "Yes, God. Let it be done according to your will and plan." These two women had to be on the same playing field to undergo the test.

There are many ways to illustrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Ark of the Covenant, Theotokos, etc. We could speak of Lourdes when Mary introduced herself to Bernadette as the Immaculate Conception. The Miraculous Medal apparitions to St. Catherine Laboure can be highlighted: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Our Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) will renew their vows on this day in the presence of Bishop Parkes. Please pray for them and celebrate with them on this special day!

### BLESSED ADVENT!

As Advent continues, be assured of my prayers for you and your family. I hope that you take some time to be quiet and enter into the great anticipation of the coming of the Lord. Let's all take some time to prepare our hearts and our homes for this celebration of Christmas. Our souls need to be ready to welcome Jesus whenever, however, wherever He comes to us! Pray that you can see Him when He comes! Look for Him in every face, every situation, every conversation, every encounter, every moment. May we recognize Him and welcome Him with open arms, heart, ears, and mind.

St. James the Less, pray for us

May you and your families know the abundant love of God this Advent Season!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

### **St. James the Less Catholic Church 2024 Christmas Mass Schedule**

*Masses at St. James will be held in the Parish Center, due to renovations of the Sanctuary.*

*The nursery will be available during the 5:00 and 7:00 PM Masses.*

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

**Christmas Eve Masses ~ \*5:00PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM (\*overflow Mass in the school cafeteria)**

**Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel ~10:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Christmas Day ~10:00 AM (One Mass Only)**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2025 ~New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
A Holy Day of Obligation ~Masses 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM**

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

### 12/8 Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

7:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel  
9:00 am + Frances DeWitt ~ Fr. King  
11:30 am + Julia Kerley ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

### 12/9 Monday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am Special Intention, Nguyen Le ~ Fr. Firmin  
8:30 am + Ed Field ~ Fr. Gabriel  
10:00 am (School) Bishop Parkes  
5:30 pm Fr. King

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

### 12/10 Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory ~ Fr. Gabriel  
8:30 am + Jack Kouvel ~ Fr. King

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

### 12/11 Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

7:00 am + Tina Varney ~ Fr. King  
8:30 am + Barbara Keck ~ Fr. Gabriel  
5:30 pm + Barrie Bell ~ Fr. Firmin

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

### 12/12 Thursday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am Fr. Firmin  
8:30 am + Annie Thomas ~ Fr. King

\*\*Gordian Iwuji, John Johnson, Solomon Kanaan, Adam Kasela  
| Samuel Imoter Terkura | Sr. Amanda Marie Russell

### 12/13 Friday St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

7:00 am + John & Julita Shallal ~ Fr. Gabriel  
8:30 am + Earl Keck ~ Fr. Firmin

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

### 12/14 Saturday St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

9:00 am + Francis Nazareth ~ Fr. Firmin  
5:00 pm + Robert Rohland ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

### 12/15 Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

7:30 am + Gerry McManus ~ Fr. Gabriel  
9:00 am + Bill Farmer ~ Fr. Firmin  
11:30 am For the People ~ Fr. King

## 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, Paul Baldwin, John Broderick, Nathan Walker, Delores Flemming, Vicky Reyes, Dick Buchner, Maria Polito, Thomas Turchiano, Brian DeRouen, Monica & Pamela De Guzman, and all those listed in the book 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:**

Elizabeth Berube, Joe Imholz, Jack Kasun, Edwena Garrett, Barrie Bell, Jack Kouvel, George Messenger and all our deceased family and friends.



**PROMISE**  **Pledge** **ABUSE HOTLINE...** 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](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).

**The Nursery is available for children 4 and under during the 9 AM & 11:30 AM Sunday Masses. The Nursery is located in the Early Learning Center, Classroom #2.**

## St. James Weekly Calendar

12/8 Second Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection is for Religious Retirement

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*

12/9 Monday

**A Holy Day of Obligation**

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

9:00am Rosary-PC/ gym

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

3:00-8:00pm SJS BB -PC/ gym

5:30-6:30pm CC Mtg-MCR

6:30-8:00pm WBS-MCR

12/10 Tuesday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

3:15-5:00pm SJS Faculty Mtg-SJS

3:30-5:00pm SJS BB -PC/ gym

6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR

12/11 Wednesday

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

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

9:30-11:00am Bible Study-MCR

3:00-8:00pm SJS BB Games-PC/ gym

12/12 Thursday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

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

3:00-8:00pm SJS BB Practice

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

12/13 Friday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

12/14 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-MCR

9:00am-12pm RCIA Retreat-IOH Chapel

3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Fr. Gabriel- Office

12/15 Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:15-11:15am PREP Classes/PREP Confessions-SJS

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday

November 24, 2024 \$24,761.02

**YTD Offertory: July 1st through November 24th**

2023-24 Actual \$554,554.44

2024-25 Budget \$558,485.17

2024-25 Actual \$548,594.04

Offertory for Sunday

December 1, 2024 \$24,789.00

**YTD Offertory: July 1st through November 30th**

2023-24 Actual \$595,648.54

2024-25 Budget \$599,870.55

2024-25 Actual \$558,099.04

**2024 ACA Progress Report as of 11/26/2024**

Total Given & Pledged \$184,992.19

ACA Parish Goal: \$134,000

% Participation: 22.35

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.

**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING** Visit our parish website at [www.stjamesav.com](http://www.stjamesav.com) and select the *Online Giving* link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email:

[MKolbush@stjamesav.com](mailto:MKolbush@stjamesav.com)



**Cursillo Weekend Encounter**

**What is Cursillo?**

*It is a movement of the Catholic Church that makes it possible for people to live what is fundamental to being a Catholic Christian. It helps people discover and fulfill their personal vocation, and promotes the creation of core groups of Christians who transform their environment through living the Gospel. It is for you if you feel called to a deeper commitment to your faith and are looking for a way to sustain your Christian journey. There will be a Cursillo weekend encounter in Collins, GA on Thurs, Jan 30 – Sun, Feb 2 for women and on Thurs, Feb 13 – Sun, Feb 16 for men. For more information, contact Sally Arman [sallyarman@comcast.net](mailto:sallyarman@comcast.net) 912-598-2177 or Chuck Medlock [chuckmedlock@aol.com](mailto:chuckmedlock@aol.com) 912-661-3962.*



**The Christmas Sharing Tree** is in place and decorated with 300 ornaments for 5 different LOCAL organizations to receive gifts this Christmas. These organizations consist of the St. Mary's Health

Center, The Good Samaritan Clinic, Greenbriar Children's Center, senior citizens at Williams Court Apartments, The Savannah Care Center, and adults with special needs. **We ask that you please follow the directions on each ornament.** Please return your gifts as soon as possible and place them around the tree or return to church office. The deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. We MUST have gifts by this date or some recipients may be left out.



*Immaculate Conception*

**A Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday, Dec 9th-Mass Times  
7:00am, 8:30am, and 5:30pm





Saint James Catholic School is looking to fill the following positions. Applicants must have clearances and Virtus training. If you or someone you know might be interested and qualified, please send a cover letter and resume with pertinent information to the contact person listed below.

Substitute teachers - Please contact Ms. Erika Minnis at [erikami@sjcs-savannahga.org](mailto:erikami@sjcs-savannahga.org) or 912-355-3132.

Classroom aide - Qualifications include willingness to learn the school and classroom routines, taking direction, assisting the classroom teacher in clerical and academic areas. Please contact Sister Joan at [srjoan@sjcs-savannahga.org](mailto:srjoan@sjcs-savannahga.org).

Part-time staff for after school care - Regular hours are 2:30 – 6 p.m. up to five days a week. Competitive hourly rate. Please contact Sister Joan at [srjoan@sjcs-savannahga.org](mailto:srjoan@sjcs-savannahga.org).

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP: DECEMBER 11TH**

All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to join us for our next Theology on Tap on Wednesday, December 11th. We will meet in Regina Coeli Hall at the Cathedral to celebrate the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The hall opens at 7:30 PM and our guest speaker will begin at 8:00 PM. Beverages and snacks will be provided. To learn more, follow us on Instagram at [theologyontapsavannah](https://www.instagram.com/theologyontapsavannah)) or email us at [ToTSavannah@gmail.com](mailto:ToTSavannah@gmail.com).

### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY**

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary will be prayed at Sacred Heart Church on Bull Street on Friday, December 13th, at 5:00 pm. At our Blessed Mother's request we will pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in our world.



**SAVANNAH CARE CENTER**  
Pregnancy Resource  
Affirming Life



Savannah Care Center is in **DIRE** need of **all size baby diapers!** You can place your donations in the box provided in church office or you may drop off at Savannah Care Center, 105 E. 34th St.

## ROSARY RALLY FOR THE PRE-BORN

**EVERY FRIDAY, 8:30 AM**

Planned Parenthood  
720 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Savannah



**Questions?**  
Contact Peter Crawford  
falfan52@gmail.com

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah  
Savannah Deanery Respect Life

## 2025 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

January 23-24, 2024

Join Bishop Parkes and the Diocese of Savannah for the 2025 March for Life in Washington, DC!

**COST**  
\$250/hotel room

**LODGING**  
Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf (480 L'Enfant Plaza SW). Two nights included (1/23-1/25) for 1-4 people. **Limited space available.**

**TRAVEL**  
The L'Enfant Metro station is located below the hotel. **Travel to DC is NOT included.**

**MEALS**  
A light breakfast the day of the March is included.

### EVENTS

**Life Fest Rally**  
January 24, before the March. Hosted by the Sisters of Life.

**March for Life**  
January 24. The March for Life Rally begins at 12 pm, followed by the March for Life at 1 pm.

**There will be time to explore the city.**

**QUESTIONS**  
ptunnell@diosav.org  
912.201.4068

**REGISTER BY DECEMBER 20**

diosav.org/march-for-life



The ladies of the CCW would like to thank all those parishioners who contributed to the success of the CCW Bake Sale last weekend. All funds raised will be used to fund a variety of worthwhile charities supported by the CCW.



**Council of Catholic Women**  
Support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thank you for the Christmas Joy you will give to the children in Catholic orphanages and schools. We received 158 Boxes of Joy as well as cash donations for their needs. A box of donated toys, candies, school supplies, and rosaries will be used for additional boxes by Cross Catholic. This annual parish project of giving has always provided hope and joy to children in need.



**“Be A Swaddling Angel”**

The next project will be collected December 2024.

Please participate by choosing to: **Donate YOUR CREATIVE crocheted, knitted, OR non-tie baby blankets.**

**Finished sizes: Newborns 33”x 33” or larger and Neonates 22”x 22.** Any donation of 1-2 yards of flannel / cotton fabrics are also appreciated. Please place your donation in the special hamper in the office breezeway. For any questions, please contact Anita Smith at [anitarsmith122@gmail.com](mailto:anitarsmith122@gmail.com)

**FORMED** Access to Formed.org.  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

1. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) 2. Click on “sign up” and then click “Sign up as a parishioner” 3. Enter Parish Code: NHNFN2 or Parish name (St. James) 4. Enter your email and create a password (You will use this to log in later). You can get Formed on your phone, tablet, Roku, Amazon Firestick, AppleTV.

**Thousands of resources available...Enjoy!**

### Daily Prayer for the Unborn Child

*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted Who is in danger of abortion.”*

## ST. JAMES CHURCH FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY THANKS YOU!

The Food Pantry Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners who made donations to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. With your generous donations we were able to provide Thanksgiving grocery items to over 60 families! Your donations truly made a difference in the lives of those we serve and allowed us to bring glory to God through this ministry.

Our next Food Pantry is December 21<sup>st</sup> and with your continued generosity we hope to provide Christmas dinner to more families experiencing food insufficiency in our community. We are in need of the following non-perishable and paper items to restock our pantry. *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” or you can donate online at our website: [www.stjamesav.com](http://www.stjamesav.com)*

Rice	Canned Chicken & Tuna
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Dry Macaroni	Oatmeal
Breakfast Cereal	Canned Spaghetti Sauce
Beef Stew	Baby and Adult Diapers/Wipes
Canned Pasta Meals	Toilet Paper
Shelf Stable Milk	Kleenex
Canned Fruit	Laundry Detergent
Pancake Mix & Syrup	Deodorant
<b>Low Sodium</b> Canned Vegetables & Soup	Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Soap
<b>Healthy Snacks</b> Including Nuts & Granola bars	

The Food Pantry is every third Saturday of the month in the school cafeteria from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. For more information, please call the Food Pantry line at 912-800-9006. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mary Liscia at [maryliscia@yahoo.com](mailto:maryliscia@yahoo.com) or call the church office at 912-355-1523.

## Kids Corner

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Mk 1:4



SUNDAYKIDZ

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

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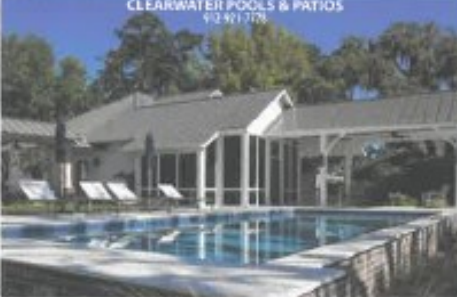
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