

#### **General Parish Information**

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-5pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm
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#### Staff

Starr	
Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCI	Pastor
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Rev. Lewis King	Parochial Vicar
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Mass Schedule
Sunday:
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:Please contact a parish priest
Lumen Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel24/7

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15TH, 2024



#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### **GAUDETE SUNDAY**

*Gaudete in Domino, semper; iterum dico, gaudete! Dominus enim prope est.* Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.

The above verse from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:4-5) is the Entrance Antiphon on the  $3^{rd}$  Sunday of Advent (and, coincidently, the motto of Bishop Stephen Parkes). Holy Mother Church bids us – Rejoice! For the Lord is near!

His coming foretold by the prophets, prepared for by Moses and the Law, David and the kings of Israel, and proclaimed by John the Baptist approaches quickly! The whole world awaits His appearance on earth! Our salvation is at hand! The Kingdom of God is among us! God is with us! Excitement builds as we barrel towards Christmas! There may be some trepidation because we haven't finished our shopping yet (perhaps we just wrap IOUs in big boxes!). Plans are being set. The house is being decorated. Special Advent music is playing. The wait is coming to an end soon!

#### JUBILEE OF HOPE

Beginning on December 24<sup>th</sup> with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome, the Jubilee of Hope begins! Every 25 years (except for years of calamity and war), the Church has proclaimed a Jubilee. *The Southern Cross* has an excellent article on what that means (FYI, the article was written by a St. James parishioner). During this Jubilee of Hope, our Holy Father is asking us to reflect on what it means to be on a pilgrimage of hope with all our brothers and sisters in faith.

One of the first things we will do to celebrate this Jubilee as a parish will be to provide a book on prayer for every adult in the parish. This book is written by Bishop Robert Barron and presented by Word on Fire Ministries. What better way to enter into a Jubilee than to strengthen our life of prayer? We are thinking of other ways we can celebrate this year including pilgrimages to different places in the Diocese of Savannah and perhaps doing somethings at the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Hope throughout the year. Stay tuned for more ways to celebrate this Jubilee!

It is also a jubilee for our Diocese of Savannah! We celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a diocese! The jubilee days will begin on Corpus Christi Sunday (June 22<sup>nd</sup>) and end on the date of erection of our Diocese of Savannah (July 19<sup>th</sup>). These three weeks will be celebrated by different things throughout the diocese and end with a couple days of celebration at the Cathedral Basilica here in Savannah. Be on the lookout next year for more information!

#### St. James the Less, pray for us.

May this final week of Advent be a week of joy and peace so you can prepare yourself for the exciting and solemn celebration of the Birth of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

12/15	Third Sunday of Advent
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- 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 amFor the People  $\sim$  Fr. King

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

#### 12/16 Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

7:00 am	+ Elizabeth Berube ~ Fr. King
8:30 am	+ Salvator Aliotta ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

#### 12/17 Tuesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

7:00 am	+ Dorothy Waters	~ Fr. Firmin

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

#### 12/18 Wednesday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

7:00 am	Fr. King
8:30 am	+ Susan Dubois, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. Firmin
5:30 pm	+ Barrie Bell ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

#### 12/19 Thursday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

- 7:00 amFr. Firmin8:30 am+ Robert Roberts, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. King
- \*\* Odel Medina, Pablo Migone, Richard Minch, Thomas Murphy | Justin Motes | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

#### 12/20 Friday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

- 7:00 amSouls in Purgatory ~ Fr. Gabriel8:30 am+ Stephen Tootle ~ Fr. Firmin
- \*\*Thomas Nellis, Kim Son Nguyen, Martino Nguyen, Peter Hung Nguyen | Noah Pace | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

#### 12/21 Saturday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33-2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

- 9:00 am + Jeanne Bandy, 10th Anniversary ~ Fr. King 5:00 pm + Rose Tootle ~ Fr. Firmin
- $\pm$  Kose Toolle ~ Fr. Firmin
- \*\*Fred Nijem, Patrick O'Brien, Daniel O'Connell, Paul O'Connell | Fred Williams | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

#### 12/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

7:30 am Special Intention, Rosario Montoya ~ Fr. King 9:00 am + James Hotard ~ Fr. Gabriel

- 11:30 am For the People  $\sim$  Fr. Firmin
- \*\*Kevin O'Keefe, Paulinus Okpala, Keith O'Neill, Barnabas O'Reilly | Stephen Owusu Dwamena | Samantha Scharf

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.

### 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, 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:

Donna Katula, Elizabeth Berube, Mary Purvis, Joe Imholz, Jack Kasun, Edwena Garrett, Jack Kouvel, George Messenger and all our deceased family and friends.



St. James Weekly Calendar 12/15 Third Sunday of Advent 8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm PREP Classes / PREP Confessions-SJS 10:15-11:15am Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am 12/16 Mondau 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel -Office 9:00am Rosary-PC/gym 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR SJS BB GAMES-PC/gym 3:00-8:00pm 12/17 Tuesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel-Office 9:00am Rosary-MCR 3:30-5:00pm SJS BB -PC/gym 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR 12/18 Wednesdau 6:20-7:30am TMIY-PC/gym 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office 9:00am Rosary-MCR 9:30-11:00am Bible Study-MCR 3:00-8:00pm SJSBB-PC/gym 12/19 Thursdau 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office 9:00am Rosary-MCR 3:00-4:00pm SJS Children's Rosary-MCR 12/20 Friday 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office 9:00am Rosary-MCR 12:00pm SJS Dismissal 12/21 Saturday 8:30am Rosary-MCR 10:00-11:30am SJC Food Pantry-Cafeteria 11:30am Baptism-IOH Chapel-Fr. Firmin 3:45–4:45pm Confessions–Fr. Gabriel–Office 12/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00-11:15am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm NOPREP



#### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

 Offertory for Sunday

 December 8, 2024
 \$43,098.77

 YTD Offertory: July 1st through December 8th

 2023-24 Actual
 \$615,143.54

 2024-25 Budget
 \$619,503.73

 2024-25 Actual
 \$616,486.81

2nd Collection Religious Retirement \$7,300

#### 2024 ACA Progress Report as of 12/5/2024

Total Given & Pledged	\$187,556.74
ACA Parish Goal:	\$134,000
% Participation:	22.42

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.stjamessav.com and select the *Online Giving* link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email: Mkolbush@stjamessav.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, Feb16 for men. For more information, contact

Sally Arman <u>sallyarman@comcast.net</u> 912-598-2177 or Chuck Medlock <u>chuckmedlock@aol.com</u> 912-661-3962.





# 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 \*5:00 PM 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)

Wednesday, 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

### **CHRISTMAS** Announcements:

<u>For the Christmas Holidays</u>, the Church office will close at 1:00pm, Friday, December 20th and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd at 9:00 AM.

<u>Christmas Eve Masses</u> the traffic will be <u>ONE WAY</u>. Enter from Whitefield Avenue and leave by Laberta Avenue. There will be Police Officers directing the traffic.

<u>Christmas Eve</u> the nursery is available for the 5:00 & 7:00 PM Masses.

<u>Christmas Day</u> there will only be one Mass time at 10:00 AM and the  $2^{nd}$  collection will be for Catholic Schools.

<u>New Years Day.</u> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Wednesday, January 1st, 2025. There will be NO nursery available on New Years Day.



Christmas Sharing Tree gifts are due back TODAY! If for some reason you were unable to purchase a gift, please return the tag to the office so that the recipient is not left without a gift. **Thank you for your generosity!** 





Benefiting St. James Catholic School

The American Legion Ballroom March 29, 2025 • 6:30 PM *Tickets on Sale Soon* 



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For more information, contact Marcia Larner (407) 625-8840 or sjsgala@sjcs-savannahga.org





Savannah Care Center is in DIRE need of all size baby diapers! You can place your donations

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

# 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."



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.

<u>Substitute teachers</u> - Please contact Ms. Erika Minnis at <u>erikami@sjcs-savannahga.org</u> or 912-355-3132.

<u>Classroom aide</u> - 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 <u>srjoan@sjcs-savannahga.org</u>.

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





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

# "Be A Swaddling Angel"

Please participate by choosing to: Donate YOUR CREATIVE crocheted, knitted, OR nontie baby blankets. Finished sizes: <u>Newborns</u> 33"x 33" or larger and <u>Neonates</u> 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 Thank you!!!









# SEASON TWO TEN VIRTUES of MARY

The Blessed Mother is our perfect example of what it is to be a woman in love with the Lord. Saint Louis de Montfort defined ten virtues that Mary exhibited that define her life. These virtues are challenging, but they are not impossible. This season will shed light on each of these virtues while offering a roadmap to holiness. Each session provides a practical framework so you can deepen your prayer life, improve your relationships, and enrich your family life.



SARAH SWAFFORD

Speaker & Founder

Emotional Virtue Ministries



ALICIA HERNON Co-founder Messy Family Project

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MARI PABLO Catholic Speaker & Evangelist



KATIE HARTFIEL Content Coordinator She Shall Be Called Woman



Families of Character



Servant of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary



LISA COTTER Catholic Speaker & Author

# Nine Engaging Sessions

- 1 ANGELIC SWEETNESS KATIE HARTFIEL
- 2 Blind Obedience LISA COTTER
- 3 DIVINE WISDOM SR., ALEXIA ZALVIDAR
- 4 ARDENT CHARITY SARAH SWAFFORD
- 5 PROFOUND HUMILITY & UNIVERSAL MORTIFICATION JORDAN LANGDON

- 6 LIVELY FAITH MARI PABLO
- 7 SURPASSING PURITY SR. ALEXIA ZALDIVAR
- 8 HEROIC PATIENCE ALICIIA HERNON
- 9 UNCEASING PRAYER KATIE HARTFIEL



# PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Multiple Days of the Week Different times of day Hosted in parishioners' homes

#### SCHEDULE:

30 minutes of fellowship 20-30 minute video 30 minute discussion Groups begin the week of Feb. 3, 2025!

#### REGISTRATION:

To register, scan the QR code, or visit stjamessav.com. For help registering, please call the Parish office at 912-355-1523.



### 'She Shall Be Called Wôman

Paradisus Dei



Celebrating the Feminine

> January 25, 2025 9 am to 4 pm Benedictine Military School Savannah, GA

> > National Speakers



Lisa Cotter



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Danielle Bean

Our Speakers

### Danielle Rean

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.

# Lişa 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.





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



# Women's Conference Registration

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Home Parish:	
	Women's
Please make checks payable to St. James Church.	CONFERENCE

Please make checks payable to St. James Church.

### 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 <u>monetary</u> 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: <u>www.stjamessav.com</u>* 

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
Low Sodium Canned Vegetables & Soup	Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Soap
Healthy Snacks 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 Lisicia at <u>marylisicia@yahoo.com</u> or call the church office at 912-355-1523.





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