SAINTHJAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

Church Office:	
School Office	
Early Learning Center:	
Convent:	
Email:	general@stjamessav.com
Website:	
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.: 9am-5	pm; Fri.: 9am-1:00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: 8:30am-12:30	om

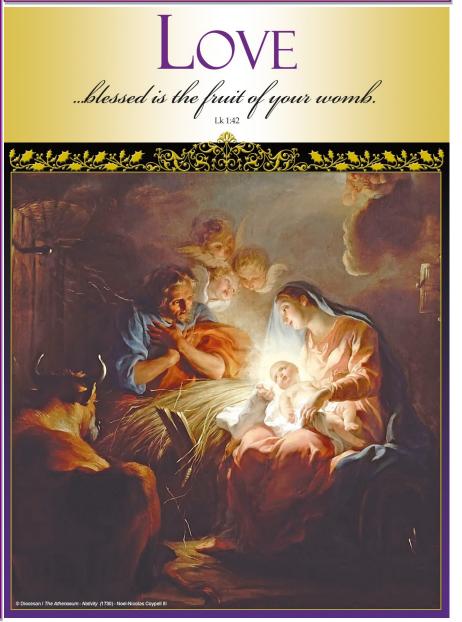
Staff

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Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCI	LPastor
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	
Mr. Charles Ancheta	Music Director & Organist
Mr. Mark Kolbush	
Mrs. Susanna Powers	
Mr. Richard Morgan	
Mr. Matt Keck	

St. James Catholic School For information or tours 355-3132 8412 Whitefield Avenue ~ Savannah, GA www.stjameschargers.com

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:
(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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22ND 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.

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

Pastor's Corner 4th Sunday of Advent

ANTIPHONS

On December 17^{th} , a set of seven of antiphons begins in the Church leading up to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord on December 23^{rd} . These antiphons are prayed during the Gospel Acclamation at Mass and at Evening Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. They are beautiful short reflections on who Jesus is – root of Jesse, Wisdom, Key of David, etc.... By reflecting on them, we come to know a particular aspect of who our Lord Jesus is in history and prophecy.

Since the 8th century, the Church has prayed them and sung them in liturgy. Included in the antiphon is not only a title of the Messiah taken from the Old Testament, but also an imperative – "Come". We ask the Messiah to come and set us free, come and heal our wounds, come and save us from our sins, come and teach us the way we should go. We acknowledge who God is and ask Him to help us. Though we are at the tail end of these Antiphons, perhaps it might be good to use them to prepare for Christmas coming in a few days!

Charging Forward in Faith and Education

As we celebrate Christmas and push towards the end of the year, I want to give you a little update on the progress of our Capital Campaign. The scaffolding is up church and the workers are getting the walls and ceiling ready for the painters to come in January to begin the decorative painting. We are well underway and I am excited to see what begins to happen as things begin to materialize! The access road behind the school is paved and will be ready for school reopening in January! Please continue to pray for the success of our campaign and the projects to be completed safely and in good time!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of Father Gabriel Gberikon, Father Lewis King, Deacon Lou Santore, and the whole Pastoral Staff of St. James, I wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas! Be assured that you are all included in my masses and prayers this day. May the Peace, Joy, and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you and your families during this Christmas Season and throughout this next year.

St. James the Less, pray for us.

May these final days of Advent and the beginning of Christmas be filled with 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

12/22 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 ~ Fr. Firmin

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

12/23 Monday

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8:30 am + Jack Kouvel ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

12/24 Tuesday

2 Sm 7:1-8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

7:00 amFr. Firmin8:30 am+ Sr. Incarnata Maria DiPilla ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

12/24 Christmas Eve

Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

*5:00 pm + Stephen Tootle ~ Fr. Firmin

*5:00 pm (overflow) Special Intention, Charles Ancheta ~ Fr. King
*7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Lowry Family ~ Fr. Gabriel
9:00 pm For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel
10:00 pm (IOH) Ed & Kate Filson

12/25 Wednesday The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

10:00 am only Fr. King **Thomas Peyton, Robert Phillips, Carlos Pinzon, Stephen Pontzer | Benjamin Harper | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

12/26 Thursday Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

No 7:00 am

8:30 am + Walter O'Leary ~ Fr. King

**John Quang, Gerald Ragan, Carlos Rivero, Luis Rosado, Mark Ross | Matthew Aondofa Nyikwagh | Samantha Scharf

12/27 Friday Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

No 7:00 am

8:30 am + Barrie Bell ~ Fr. Gabriel

**Rudy Roxas, Christopher Schreck, J. Gerard Schreck, Jude Shayo, Deacon Lou Santore | Samuel Imoter Terkura | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

12/28 Saturday Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 1 Jn 1:5 -2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- 9:00 am + Joyce Egan ~ Fr. Gabriel

5:00 pm Special Intention, Matthew Joy ~ Fr. King

**Joseph Smith, Finbarr Stanton, Nathaniel Swann, Vincente Terrazas | Ethan Heusel | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

- **12/29** Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
- 7:30 am Special Intention, Steve & Janey Hendrix ~ Fr. Firmin
- 9:00 am + Elizabeth Jacobi ~ Fr. King
- 11:30 amFor the People \sim Fr. Gabriel
- **John Reynolds Ha Tran, Mark Van Alstine, Gregory Visca | Robert Sadowski | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

<u>A PRAYER FOR THE SICK</u>

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 Amen.

We pray for the sick of our Parish Community: Fr. Daniel Firmin, Connell Youmans, Josie Lee, JoAnn Faust, John Broderick, Nathan Walker, 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.

 \sim Through Christ our Lord. \sim **A**men.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Paul Baldwin, Marie Robinson, Delores Flemming, Donna Katula, Elizabeth Berube, Mary Purvis, Edwena Garrett, George Messenger and all our deceased family and friends.



* The Nursery is available for children 4 and under located in the Early Learning Center, Classroom #2.

St. James Weekly Calendar 12/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am 12/23 Mondau 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel -Office Rosary-PC/gym 9:00am 12/24 Tuesday 7:45-8:15am Confessions-TBD 9:00am Rosary-MCR 10:00am-1:00pm Choir Practice-PC/gym 12/25 Wednesday Merry Christmas 2nd Collection is for Catholic Schools 12/26 Thursday 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office 9:00am Rosary-MCR 12/27 Fridau 7:45-8:15pm Confessions-TBD-Office 9:00am Rosary-MCR 12/28 Saturday 8:30am Rosary-MCR 10:00am Baptism-Carmelite Monastery-Fr. Firmin 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office 12/29 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:00-11:15am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm



Council of Catholic Women

Support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from CCW

There will not be a January meeting. We will resume February 3 at 6:30 PM. Karen Dills will show us how to make a flower arrangement.

"Be A Swaddling Angel"



Thanks to all who participated in the collection and delivery of 80 baby blankets to Memorial Children's Hospital for premies and newborns and bigger ones for children with cancer. May God bless all of these precious babies and children. I

rejoice and give thanks for the dear ladies of our Church who sew or crochet! Other blankets were delivered to Telfair newborns and to two birthing centers. Alleluia!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

 Offertory for Sunday

 December 15, 2024
 \$23,590.46

 YTD Offertory: July 1st through December 15th

 2023-24 Actual
 \$674,393.42

 2024-25 Budget
 \$679,173.58

 2024-25 Actual
 \$642,450.27

 Immaculate Conception
 \$2,370.00

<u>2024 ACA Progress Report as of 12/17/2024</u>

\$189,331.74
\$134,000
22.72

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.



RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068 | diosav.org/gold-and-silver



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:

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

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

Christmas Eve the nursery is available for the 5:00 & 7:00 PM Masses.

Christmas Day there will only be one Mass time at 10:00 AM and the 2nd collection will be for Catholic Schools.

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

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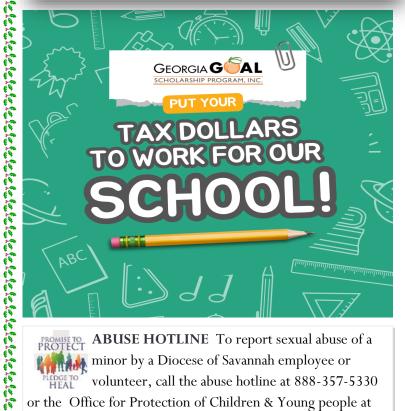
Benefiting St. James Catholic School

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





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



PROMISE TO ABUSE HOTLINE To report sexual abuse of a 🎁 🙀 minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or HEAL 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.







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
- 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.



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Our Speakers

Danielle Bean

Danielle Bean is creator and host of <u>Girlfriends</u>, 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.

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

*Vegetarian & gluten-free options available.

Registration \$50 per person

Three (3) ways to sign up!

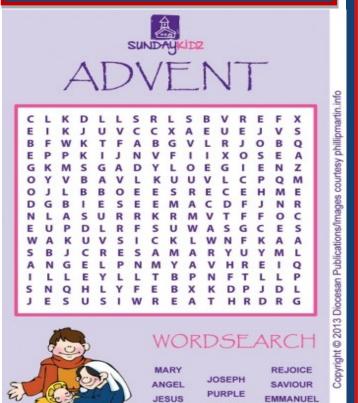
- Online at StJamesSav.com/womens-conference/
- Scan the QR code at right ~or~ use the form below

Women's Conference Registration

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Home Parish:	CA HOLK
Please make checks payable to St. James Church.	CONFEREN ST. JAMES CATHELIC CH

Kids Corner



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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>.



