



SAINT + JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

Church Office:912-355-1523
 School Office912-355-3132
 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

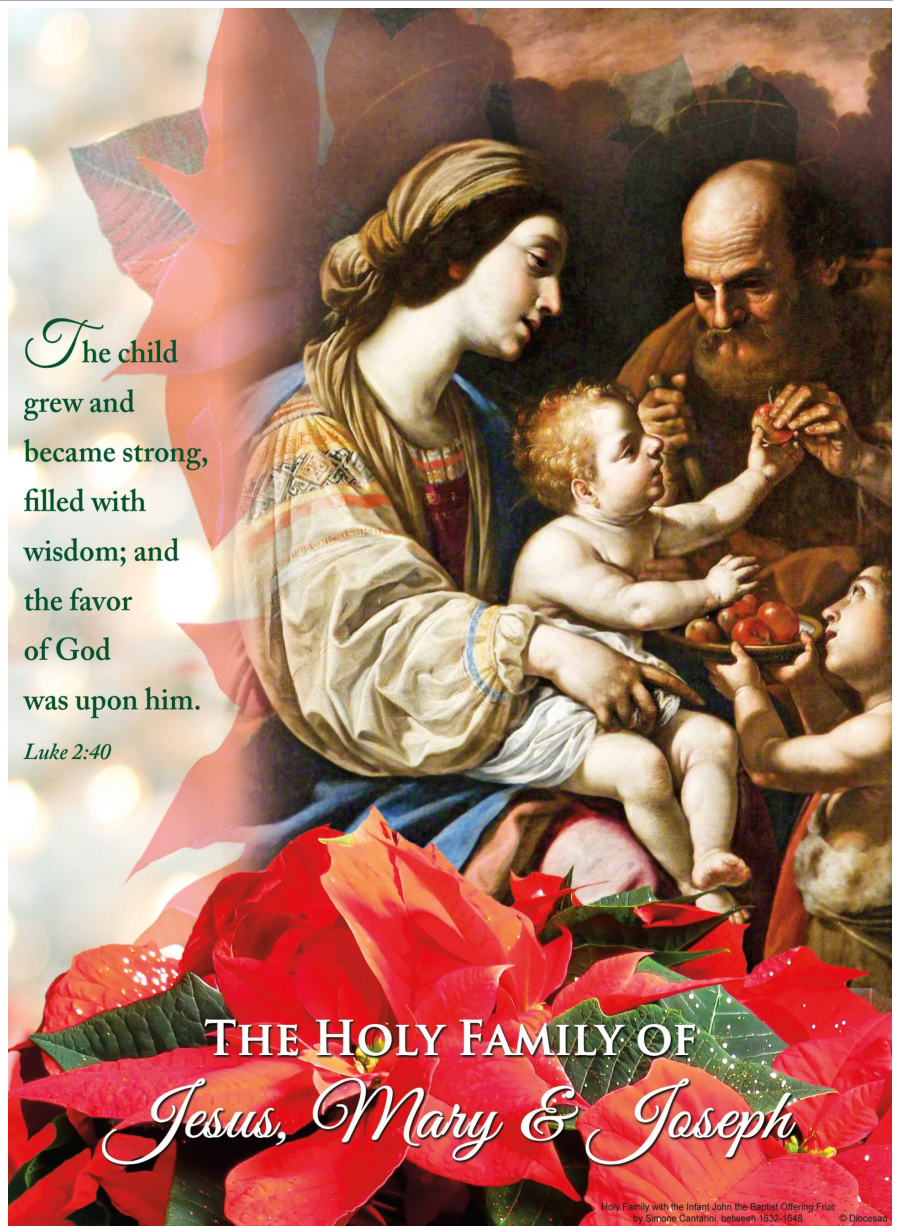
Isle of Hope:.....8:00 am - First Sunday only

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 29TH 2024



The child
 grew and
 became strong,
 filled with
 wisdom; and
 the favor
 of God
 was upon him.

Luke 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY OF
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Holy Family with the Infant John the Baptist Offering Fruit by Simone Cantarini, between 1632-1643 © Diocesan

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

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 & Janet Hendrix ~ Fr. Firmin
9:00 am + Elizabeth Jacobi ~ Fr. King
11:30 am For the People ~ Fr. Gabriel

**John Reynolds Ha Tran, Mark Van Alstine, Gregory Visca
| Robert Sadowski | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

12/30 Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

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

**Vincent Vodjogbe, J. Scott Winchel, John Wright, Frank Ziemkiewicz
| John Paul Brockman | Samantha Scharf

12/31 Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

7:00 am Fr. Gabriel
8:30 am + Ralph Schilly ~ Fr. Firmin

**All deceased priests

1/1 Wednesday Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

No 7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Fr. Gabriel
5:30 p.m. + Paul Baldwin ~ Fr. Firmin

**Bishop Stephen Parkes | Deacon Kevin Braski / Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

1/2 Thursday Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

7:00 am Fr. Firmin
8:30 am + Jack Kouvel ~ Fr. King

**J. Kevin Boland | Deacon Ziemowit Janaszek | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

1/3 Friday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

7:00 am + Joe & Eleanor Foley ~ Fr. Gabriel
8:30 am + Jack Kouvel ~ Fr. Firmin

**Jason Adams, Theodore Agba, Jacob Almeter, Fredy Angel | Jared Miller
| Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

1/4 Saturday St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

9:00 am Special Intention, Bonnie MacAulay ~ Fr. King
5:00 pm + Robert Rohland ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

1/5 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30 am Special Intention, Matilda Montoya
8:00 am (IOH)
Special Intention for the healing of victims of abuse and for the purification of the Church
9:00 am + Bernie & Butch DeNitto
11:30 am For the People

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

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, 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.

~ Through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen.

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Paul Baldwin, Marie Robinson, Delores Flemming, Donna Katula, Elizabeth Berube, and all our deceased family and friends.

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.



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass times
8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

The Church office will reopen
at 9 AM on Thursday,
January 2nd, 2025

St. James Weekly Calendar

12/29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
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

12/30 Monday

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

9:00am Rosary-PC/gym

12/31 Tuesday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

1/1 Wednesday

Happy New Year

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

1/2 Thursday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

1/3 Friday

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

9:00am Rosary-MCR

1/4 Saturday

8:30am Rosary-MCR

3:45-4:45pm Confessions-TBD- Office

1/5 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

10:15-11:15am PREP -SJS

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

2024 ACA Progress Report as of 12/17/2024

Total Given & Pledged \$189,331.74

ACA Parish Goal: \$134,000

% Participation: 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.stjameessav.com and select the *Online Giving* link. If you have any questions please contact Mark Kolbush at 912-355-1523 or email:

Mkolbush@stjameessav.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 912-598-2177 or Chuck Medlock chuckmedlock@aol.com 912-661-3962.



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!



Couples celebrating their **25th** or **50th** wedding anniversary in 2025 are invited to the

GOLD and SILVER JUBILEE

Anniversary Mass

February 8, 2025, 10 am
Cathedral Basilica of St. John
the Baptist, Savannah

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



Benefiting St. James Catholic School

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



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

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) UPDATE

The St. James PREP classes will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. A General Parent Meeting is also scheduled that day; parents/guardians of PREP students should plan to attend!



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 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.

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.

GEORGIA GOAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, INC.
PUT YOUR
TAX DOLLARS TO WORK FOR OUR SCHOOL!



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.



ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE

January 26th
Presentation begins at 1:00 PM

Come see how your daughter can become a Woman Who Leads!

For 2025-2026 School Year Information, Contact amy.greene@svaga.net



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

\$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: _____

Please make checks payable to St. James Church.



She Shall Be Called Woman

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
PARADISUS DEI

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



MARI PABLO
Catholic Speaker
& Evangelist



KATIE HARTFIEL
Content Coordinator
She Shall Be Called Woman



JORDAN LANGDON
CEO
Families of Character



SR. ALEXIA ZALDIVAR
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 ZALDIVAR

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
ALICIA 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 stjamesav.com.
For help registering, please
call the Parish office at
912-355-1523.



SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
PARADISUS DEI

St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next Food Pantry is January 18th 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

Ric
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 marylisicia@yahoo.com or call the church office at 912-355-1523.

Kids Corner

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



When Joseph and Mary saw Him, they were bewildered; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You!” And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?” Lk 2:48-49

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SUNDAYKIDZ

Feast of the Holy Family

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Twelve Feast Passover Custom Caravan
Journey Relatives Obedient Wisdom Favor

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