SAINTHJAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Parish Information

Directory

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

Staff

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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	
Mr. Richard Morgan	Maintenance
Mr. Matt Keck	

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)
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 Chapel 24/7

February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."



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 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE!

During the Jubilee of Hope (whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope), Pope Francis encouraged Diocesan Bishops to designate certain churches in their diocese as pilgrimage sites so that the Christian faithful could go on pilgrimage to them and gain graces and a plenary indulgence. Well, we have one such site in our backyard! In the February issue of The Southern Cross, the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Hope on the Isle of Hope was named a Pilgrimage Site! What a blessing for our parish! St. James has responsibility for the Chapel and we celebrate mass at 8:00 AM on the First Sunday of every month and on Christmas Eve. The Chapel is the first Catholic Church in what is now the parish boundaries of St. James the Less. It also happens to be the only church in the Diocese of Savannah to bear the name "Hope"!

What does this mean? We, as a Parish Staff and our Pastoral Council, are discussing different things we can do to make the Chapel more available to people during this Jubilee of Hope. Everyone will know what those things will be and when the Chapel will be open. Presently we are thinking of a Holy Hour of Hope on a Sunday late afternoon/evening and perhaps opening the Chapel from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturdays throughout the Jubilee Year for visitors. Perhaps we will have a walking pilgrimage from St. James Church to the Chapel! I am open to ideas if you have some!

It is an honor for our Chapel of Our Lady of Good Hope, who just celebrated last year the 150th Anniversary of its founding, to be named as one of the official Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese of Savannah!

UPDATES

Charging Forward in Faith and Education is moving along nicely! We would like everyone to be involved and support the campaign and everyone will be given a chance to do just that very soon! We are preparing for that weekend now! I am also inviting parishioners to visit with me and Sister Joan to speak about the vision and future of St. James Church and School. Please accept those invitations and schedule a time with us when you are invited via email!

The Church is on schedule and beginning to look beautiful! Be on the lookout for updated pictures and a new campaign video on our social media, website, and email communications. I am getting more and more excited about the vision for the School as we get closer and closer to seeing construction begin! Please pray for the projects and all involved and for the continued success of our fundraising efforts!

St. James the Less, pray for us! May you and your family have a blessed and beautiful week!

~ Fr. Daniel Firmin



Come join TMIY Spring 2025 Semester of "Apostles of the New Springtime" This is our 10th year of the TMIY (That Man is You) Catholic

Men's Program. Meetings are held on Wednesdays from 6:20 - 7:30am in the PC/gym. Come grow in your Catholic faith and become part of our TMIY brotherhood. Call Brian Kennedy, cell 912 661-0546 or Paul Lambert, cell 912 484-4670 for more information.



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.

<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>.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

2/16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
- 7:30 am + Maureen Drisner ~ Fr. King
- 9:00 am + George Heinz ~ Fr. Firmin
- 11:30 amFor the People \sim Fr. Gabriel
- **William Leahy, Raymond Levreault, Michael Lubinsky, Louis Lussier | Deacon Kevin Braski | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

2/17 Monday

Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

7:00am Special Intention, Christopher & Carolini Peters ~ Fr. King 8:30 am + Dominador Mesa Monterola ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

2/18 Tuesday

Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

7:00 am	+ Mary Purvis ~ Fr. Firmin
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8:30 am + Lewis Collins ~ Fr. King

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

2/19 Wednesday

Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

7:00 a.m.	+ Margaret Blume ~ Fr.	King
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- 8:30 a.m. + Danny Jenkins ~ Fr. Firmin
- 5:30 p.m. Fr. Gabriel

**Odel Medina, Pablo Migone, Richard Minch, Thomas Murphy | Justin Motes | Sr. Alexis Karen Reavill

2/20 Thursday

Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18; 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

7:00 am+ Peter Kaufman ~ Fr. Firmin8:30 am+ Arlene Crissan, 1st Anniversary ~ Fr. King

**Thomas Nellis, Kim Son Nguyen, Martino Nguyen, Peter Hung Nguyen | Noah Pace | Sr. Megan Elizabeth Capurso

2/21 Friday

Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 - 9:1

7:00 am + Patricia Weiss ~ Fr. Gabriel

- 8:30 am Special Intention, Linda Sanchez ~ Fr. Firmin
- **Fred Nijem, Patrick O'Brien, Daniel O'Connell, Paul O'Connell | Fred Williams | Sr. Rachael Elizabeth Wilson

2/22 Saturday

1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

9:00 am	+ Cephise Harty ~ Fr. Gabriel
5:00 pm	+ John Hanzel ~ Fr. Firmin

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

2/23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9,1 2-13, 22-23; Ps 103;1-2, 3-4,8,10,12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

7:30 am + Stephen Tootle ~ Fr. Firmin

- 9:00 am + Warren Lambert, 21st Anniversary ~ Fr. King
- 11:30 amFor the People ~ Fr. Gabriel

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

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.

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, Hope Fuller, Jim McBride, Noelle Franklin, Fran Kane, Anthony Viola, Kathleen Zurkuhlen, Vicky Reyes, Dick Buchner, Maria Polito, Brian DeRouen, Monica & Pamela De Guzman, those listed in the book of the sick and all caregivers 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:

Ceceline Jones, Peter Cooley, Jr., Thomas Murphy, Leonard Michael Knight, Joseph Billotto, Leo Zurkuhlen, and all our deceased family and friends.



Welcome to our new members:

Ms. Fabiola Avila Freites & Family

Mrs. Cassandra Johnson

Mr. Sergio & Mrs. Maria Ortiz & Family

Dylan & Zoey Rose & Family

Colleen & David Wiatt

Ms. Dawn Winjum-Thomas

St. James Weekly Calendar

2/16 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

8:00-11:15am SJC Choir-Mercy Conference Rm No PREP 10:30am Baptism-IOH Chapel-Fr. Firmin

Please join us for the Rosary for Fr. Firmin and his continued healing daily after the 8:30am

2/17Monday SJS&ELC Closed-President's Day 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Gabriel -Office 9:00am Rosarv-PC/gvm 1:00-2:30pm Contemplative Prayer Group-MCR 300-8:30pm SJS BB-PC/gym

2/18 Tuesday

7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. King-Office 9:00am **Rosary-MCR** 6:30-8:00pm RCIA-MCR

2/19 Wednesday

6:20-7:30am TMIY-PC/gym 7:45-8:15am Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office 9:00am **Rosarv-MCR** 9:45-11:15am Bible Study-MCR

2/20 Thursday

7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office 9:00am **Rosarv-MCR** SJS Children's Rosary-MCR 3:00pm

2/21 Friday

7:45-8:15pm Confessions-Fr. Firmin-Office 9:00am **Rosarv-MCR** 12:30-1:30pm SJS Confirmation Practice-MRC 3:00pm Mass Setup-PC/gvm

2/22 Saturday 3:45-4:45pm Confessions-Fr. King-Office

2/23 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00-11:15am SJS Choir-Mercy Conference Rm 8:30am-12:30pm Church office open 10:15-11:15am PREP-SJS 12:45-2:00pm Confirmation Practice-PC/gym



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

Our next meeting will be March 3 at 6:30 PM. Please come try your LUCK at Bingo!!!

Hope to see you all there.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory for Sunday February 9, 2025 \$27,726.09 YTD Offertory: July 1st through February 9th \$959.988.12 2023-24 Actual 2024-25 Budget \$966,792.60 2024-25 Actual \$916,999.38

2024 ACA Final Report as of 1/10/2025

Thank you to all who gave to last year's Appeal! Total Given & Pledged \$195,058.21 ACA Parish Goal: \$134,000 29.16 % *Participation*:

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



The Discalced Carmelite Seculars of Savannah invite you to send them your prayer requests for the sick and dying or for other concerns.

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) is a religious association of the Roman Catholic Church composed of lay persons and

ordained diocesan priests and deacons. The intense prayer life of Seculars is intended to flow over into many apostolic endeavors, demonstrating how it is possible to seek intimate union with God even in the midst of worldly concerns. For more prayer requests or more information, please see: SavannahOCDS.org

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee



The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is currently seeking all children ages 8-18 to participate in the Flags of Ireland Unit for the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade and other activities.

Space is limited so to reserve your spot, or if you have any questions, please contact Jake Roberts 912-659-3146 or flag unit@ savannahsaintpatricksday.com





HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEACHER OPENING: Email your resume to dawn.odom@svaga.net

- *Must have at minimum, Bachelor's Degree in **Mathematics**
- *Teaching experience is REQUIRED but students teaching is acceptable from an accredited University.
- *Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- *Willing to do whatever it takes to ensure students success
- *Flexible

Email your resume to Dawn.odom@svaga.net

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTANT

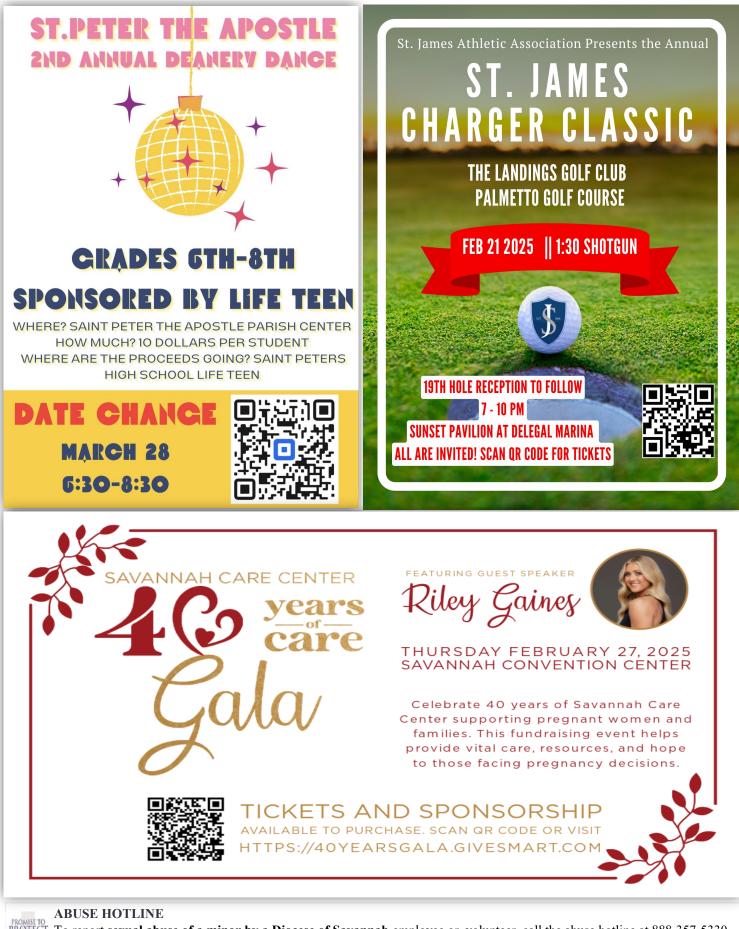
The Catholic Diocese of Savannah has an immediate opening for an Administrative Accountant. Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, this position will be responsible for a variety of financial administrative functions: logging checks, monthly statements, and/or posting of AP, AR and general ledger transactions. Risk and Property Management tasks will include point of contact for property, and vehicle insurance claims and tracking property inventory.

Knowledge and Experience required includes:

- Two years of formal accounting education and/ or 5+ years experience
- Knowledge of a CRM accounting software such as SAGE or Quickbooks Online

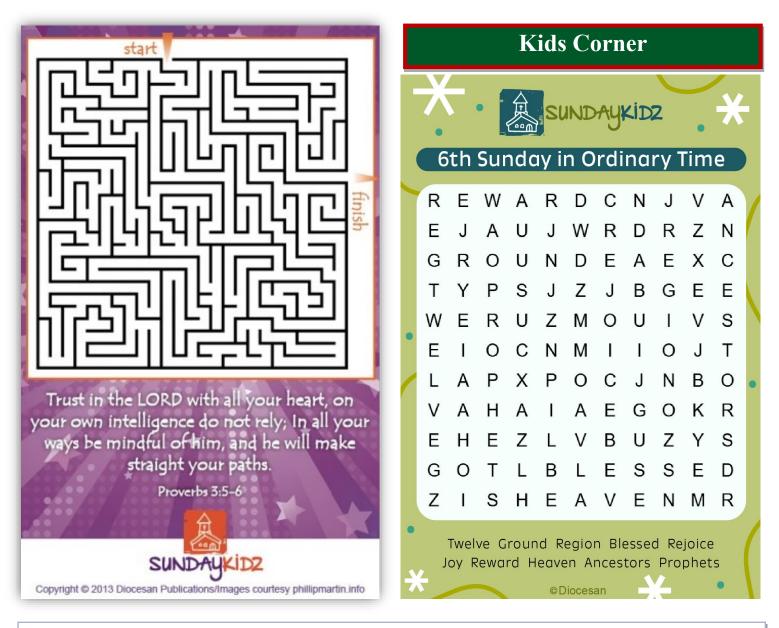
High level of confidentiality and professionalism Ability to Manage priorities and multi-task. Excellent written and oral communication skills Understanding of the Mission of the Catholic Church

To make application send a resume and cover letter to: jgreen@diosav.org.



PROTECT 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.

HEAL



St. James Church Food Pantry Ministry News

Our next Food Pantry is **March 15th.**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. 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	Baby and Adult Diapers/Wipes	Low Sodium Canned Vegetables &
Canned Chicken & Tuna	Canned Pasta Meals	Soup
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Toilet Paper	Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Soap
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Shelf Stable Milk	Healthy Snacks Including Nuts &
Dry Macaroni	Kleenex	Granola bars
Oatmeal Breakfast Cereal Canned Spaghetti Sauce Beef Stew	Canned Fruit Laundry Detergent Pancake Mix & Syrup Deodorant	

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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