Saint James Catholic Church
905 Park Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22046
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SUNDAY, MARCH 18

TODAY AT ST. JAMES
Cub Scout Krispy Kreme Donut Sales
(7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm)
AHG Power Pack Food Collection
(9:00am & 10:30am Masses Only)

Reflection Question:
What death to yourself is God calling you to, and what fear holds you back?

FRIDAY, MARCH 23
3:00PM-MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY Abstinence, Fish Fry & Nine Hours:
3:00-6:00pm: Confessions in English
6:00-7:30pm: Confesiones en Español & Via Crucis
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross in English
8:00-Midnight: Candlelight Adoration & Confessions
Come whenever you can!

PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK
NINE HOURS TO MERCY JOURNEY TOWARD THE CROSS

CONFESSIONS:
Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm & 7:30-8:00pm
or by appointment

Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm
First Fridays:
Exposition: 9:00am - 11:45am
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
12:00 noon and 7:00pm
Spanish Mass: 2:30pm
daily: 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8:30am
Federal Holidays: 6:30am, 8:30am
Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and
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Stewardship

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

March 25th is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Make time to join us in prayer and sacrament as we prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord.

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From Our Pastor

“The enemy is fear.
We think it is hate; but, it is fear.”
Gandhi

I am, by nature, an introvert. I can remember worrying before the first time I preached: Would I be good enough? Would I talk too quickly? Would I preach on the wrong Gospel? “Lord, let your words come from my mouth; let your Spirit reveal your great love and mercy.” Since then, in one form or another, this has been my prayer before every Mass.

We can all relate to being nervous and hesitant. Fear can stop us from reaching out to a lonely classmate (What will others think of me?); it can prevent us from serving those less fortunate than us (I would but the homeless scare me a little); it can withhold understanding (They don’t look/sound/act like me). How can we break these bonds?

We can’t. Not by ourselves.

We know that Christ knew fear. He knew that he would literally have to die to win our eternal life. In today’s Gospel, he tells his disciples and some visiting Greeks, “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’” (John 12:27)

Then the crowd hears God’s reassuring voice encouraging Jesus, and others, to trust Him.

It is this same voice which calls us to trust today; to go beyond our comfort zone; to be strong in the face of illness, loss or sadness. God calls us, most importantly, to love and to allow others to love us. “There is no fear in love. …perfect love drives out fear.” (1 John 4:18)

Next week we begin the ultimate journey of love. Let us love equally at the foot of the Cross as we do along the streets of Jerusalem.

~Fr. Posey

Mary, Undoer of Knots

Pray for us
Mother of fair love,
I look to you.
Take into your hands the ribbon of my life and see the snare of knots that keeps me bound to sin, anxiety, and hopelessness.

I beg you, Mother, by your powerful intercession and long fingers of love and grace, undo the knots in my heart and in my life. Free me to love as Christ loves.

Ponder the Theme: Are the knots in your life born of fear or of faith?

Weekly Reflection

Readings:
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51;
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

http://usccb.org/bible/readings/031818-year-b.cfm

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This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:  Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday:  St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:  Spring begins
Friday:  Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Today’s Readings

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Readings for the Week

Monday:  Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:  Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:  Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:  Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:  Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:  Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:  Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Andrea Andrade  Virginia Holmes
Brian Bulger  Aida Inocente
Maddie Cabatic  Ann McDermott
Dorra Dee Estes  Henrietta Panlilio

and the deceased of our parish family:
Patrick James McGinty

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

—Jeremiah 31:33
Adult Confirmation Opportunities
Classes Start This Spring
After Easter, St. James will be holding a series of three classes to prepare adult candidates for Confirmation. If you are a baptized Catholic who received First Communion but have not had the chance to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church welcomes you to partake in this grace-filled Sacrament. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate Adult Confirmation Masses this spring on Sunday, May 20 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 2:30pm and Sunday, June 10 at St. Andrew the Apostle in Clifton at 2:30pm.
For more info, contact Fr. Cozzi at 703-532-8815 or fathercozzi@stjamescatholic.org.

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703-533-1182 x104, 830 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046
religiouslyed@saintjamesschool.org
Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP
Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9:30am – 12:00pm
Tuesday: 2:30pm – 8:30pm or by appointment
Please note: PREP follows the Falls Church City Schools in the event of inclement weather

Stations of the Cross — Tuesday, March 20
Parents, please drop your children off at their classes and meet us in church!

“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”
— James 1:22

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Eighth grade artists connect portraiture (relief masks) to art history and create an expressive identity piece. Amazing!
Every Friday during Lent
5:00pm – 8:00pm
in Heller Hall

LAST WEEK!!    Betta not miss it!
THE HOLY TRIDUUM

We have come to the threshold of The Holy Triduum — The Three Days. These are the days when God moves most profoundly among us, the days when we enter most deeply into God’s action in our lives. In word and symbol and gesture, we celebrate the mysteries of life, death and resurrection in company with the Risen Christ who shows us the way.

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:30 pm

The Gospel leaves no room for doubt — the most humble service given in love surrounds the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood. Feet are washed — a demanding gesture, at once a little messy and awkward, like many of love’s demands. Wine and bread are consecrated — enough bread for tomorrow when even sacraments are silent. Procession with the Eucharist from the church building to the altar of repose in Heller Hall, accompanied by the Hispanic community. Adoration through the last hours of the day, until midnight, when Friday’s fast begins.

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm English
Living Stations of the Cross 5:00pm Español
Veneration of the Cross — 7:30 pm

We come to stand with the women and the beloved disciple to listen to the Passion according to St. John. We pray with every man and woman and child in whom Christ is still suffering. We eat the Bread of Remembrance. A single cross is lifted high for our veneration together, then placed at the altar steps. Individual veneration of the cross takes place when the celebration of the Lord’s Passion is over. We leave an empty church in silence.
EASTER VIGIL
8:30 pm – Church

“Mother of all vigils.” This is St. Augustine’s name for tonight, a name that conveys how the church cherishes this night that is different from any other. A vigil is a night watch: people who would normally be home resting are awake, gathered in expectation, waiting for news. We wait in a great company, as Christians around the world keep watch. Nothing is ordinary about this evening we spend together. The Vigil is long and full.

It begins outside with Fire, kindled in the presence of our elect, our candidates and those who accompany them. The Paschal Candle is ignited from that fire and carried into the darkened church where all our candles are lit from that flame.

We hear the EXSULTET – THE EASTER PROCLAMATION.
This is the night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the grave.

In the light of the Easter candle, we listen to God’s Word, the story of our salvation. Women and men from our assembly come, one after another, to proclaim the Word. Readings announce how God saves His people throughout history, pursuing us with unrelenting affection. These stories take time to tell and to savor, and call us to respond in psalm and in prayer. The Gloria sounds again after Lenten silence, and the Alleluia. Lights are thrown on. Bells ring.

Led to faith by God’s Word and by God’s people, our elect come to be baptized. Water is blessed and poured over Sitthidol Doysrieiam, Huy Hoang Le, Robin Moser, Matthew Nellor and Amy White. They are wrapped in the white garment of Christ’s life and are given the new light of Christ.

Called to remember and renew our own baptism, we stand to embrace the saving waters. We acclaim our candidates Laine Bowen-Watson, Jeremy Lowry and Lyndon Diaz as they reaffirm their baptism and, with the newly baptized, are sealed and confirmed with the oil of chrism.

Together we taste and savor the Bread of Life—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Risen Lord.

The Mother of all Vigils enfolds the Christian people, nourishes our Christianity, sends us out to embody Christ to the world.

EASTER SUNDAY
Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00 pm
Spanish Mass at 2:30 pm

The Great Sunday, the Feast of Fifty Days begins!
The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast day, The Great Sunday. The Easter candle is lit and God’s people may feel the waters of life throughout this season. New Catholics join their brothers and sisters at the Table of the Lord. A time of grace for our whole parish.

PENTECOST
May 20 — The Birthday of the Church! The celebration of all God’s people!
YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

ALTARATION
THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED

Starting
Tuesday, April 10
7:00-8:15pm in the School Library
Four Tuesdays

Contact Deacon Ed at 703-532-8815 at dcned@stjamescatholic.org.

St. James is putting together a Dodgeball team to compete with other parishes in a tournament on Sunday, April 22. High schoolers, we need you! Contact Fr. Oetjen to join the team.

Visit our website at www.stjamescatholic.org/youth or contact Fr. Oetjen at 703-532-8815 or fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help Needed at Food Distribution on Friday, April 6
On Friday evening, April 6, we are in need of additional volunteers to help us distribute food to the 125-150 families who receive fresh food and pantry basics. Adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers who can help would be welcome. Middle schoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Janet Qualters at 703-573-9170 or at janet.r.qualters@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Food for Others Seeking Volunteers
Food for Others is seeking volunteers to assist with deliveries to two Falls Church sites on Fridays once a month. The volunteer job takes approximately two hours once a month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Volunteers pick up food at the Merrifield warehouse and deliver it to two sites in Falls Church. During the distribution process, volunteers work with 2-3 other volunteers. Interested individuals please contact Kate Altmeyer at thealtmeyers@gmail.com.

Do you want to become more involved in St. James Catholic Church?
If you’re interested in giving of your time or have questions about our various groups, please contact the rectory at 703-532-8815, visit our website at www.stjamescatholic.org/volunteer or send an email to our volunteer coordinators at volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

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Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19!
Visit stjamescatholic.org/formed to register or watch for FREE!

Tea Time with Catholic Daughters of America — Saturday, April 7
It's “Tea Time” and all are cordially invited. Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 11:30am—1:30pm in Heller Hall. Proceeds will support Catholic Daughter's charities and projects. Reserve early. For information contact Marina Martini at 703-533-0296. For an online invitation email doncon13@hotmail.com.

Preborn Baby Facts: At twenty weeks old a preborn baby is 11 inches and weighs about 1 pound

40 Days for Life Continues
St. James parishioners joined others for a rosary rally to mark the midpoint of the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign. So far during this campaign, 271 lives have been saved around the world. You can also stop by to pray anytime on Wednesdays or whenever possible. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/falls-church.

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March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

**Formation in Spiritual Discernment:** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels

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**This Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday, March 18**

- **9:00am Mass** Third Scrutiny — RCIA
- **10:00am—2:00pm** Parish Library
- **12:00pm—1:45pm** Hispanic RCIA
- **1:00pm—2:15pm** Hispanic PREP
- **4:00pm—7:00pm** Hispanic Legion of Mary
- **4:45pm—6:45pm** Youth Ministry
- **5:00pm** Holy Hour

**Cub Scout Krispy Kreme Donut Sales after morning Masses**

**AHG Food Collection after 9:00am & 10:30am Masses**

**Monday, March 19**

- **3:45pm—5:15pm** Teacher Bible Study
- **7:00pm—9:00pm** Hogar English & Citizenship Classes
- **7:30pm—9:00pm** RCIA

**Tuesday, March 20**

- **4:45pm & 7:00pm** PREP Stations of the Cross
- **7:00pm** H.S. PREP — Catholicism
- **7:30pm—9:00pm** Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, March 21**

- **9:15am—11:00am** Scripture Study — Women
- **6:30pm—8:00pm** Light is On
- **7:00pm—9:00pm** Hogar English & Citizenship Classes
- **7:30pm—9:00pm** Charismatic Prayer Group

**Thursday, March 22**

- **9:30am—11:30am** Scripture Study — Co-ed
- **5:00pm—7:00pm** St. James Seniors
- **7:00pm—9:00pm** Scripture Study — Women
- **7:30pm** Young Adult Focus Group

**Friday, March 23**

- **11:15am—11:45am** Confessions
- **3:00pm—Midnight** Nine Hours to Mercy (see cover)
- **5:00pm—8:00pm** Fish Fry
- **6:00pm** Stations of the Cross in Spanish
- **7:30pm** Stations of the Cross in English

**Saturday, March 24 — Vigil of Palm Sunday**

- **3:30pm—4:30pm** Confessions
- **5:30pm—9:00pm** Hispanic Prayer Group Santiago Apostol
- **7:30pm** Confessions

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**CYO Girls Volleyball Registration — Deadline is March 19!**

CYO Girls Volleyball is open to girls in 3rd-8th grade who attend St. James School or PREP classes. To register, visit: [https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106543](https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106543). For questions, please contact Erin Connors at sjrocketsvolleyball@gmail.com.
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