Reflection Question:  How have you accomplished God’s work for you?

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 and 8:30am only  
Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil  
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

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

CONFESSIONS:  
Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am  
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm & 7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

RECTORY HOURS:  
Weekdays 9:00am - 9:00pm  
(closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)  
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, August 5  
Parish Library Open  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
House of Ministries  
913 Park Avenue

Monday, August 6  
Prayer and Life Seminar  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
House of Ministries

Wednesday, August 8  
Summer Book Study  
7:30pm – 9:00pm  
House of Ministries

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**Stewardship**

What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" John 6:28

What can we do to bring God's kingdom to those around us? It can seem daunting, perhaps even impossible. But Saint Paul takes Jesus' words and reminds us that we can do "all things through Christ." Through our service, support and sacrifice we bring Jesus to our community and indeed our world. What can we do? We can be the face of Christ in compassionate service; we can be the loving Christ through our supportive talents; we can be the merciful Christ in our sacrificial financial gifts.

Join us as we continue to be "doers of the Word." Thank you for all you do for Saint James and our sisters and brothers in Christ.
The last several Sundays have seen readings focused on bread. Old Testament and New Testament, bread from heaven and Bread of Life. It’s a great liturgical stretch in which to think about Eucharistic Adoration.

For those who may not be familiar, Adoration is when the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar in view, and the faithful come to sit or kneel in the pews to spend time in prayer with Jesus physically present. There are some prayers that traditionally begin and end whatever time is designated. Pretty simple!

So what’s the point of it? It’s not immediately apparent. The Eucharist is given to us to consume, so why spend time basically just looking at it? There are many reasons that are best understood through experience, but I’ll highlight just a couple. First of all, it fosters a deeper recognition of the Real Presence. This is, of course, a crucially important doctrine of our Catholic faith. We reinforce our understanding by placing ourselves in His presence even without receiving like we do at Mass. Second, regularly attending Adoration increases our devotion to Jesus. When we make time to spend with Him outside of Sunday Mass, it helps us to order our lives around worship more perfectly. It can involve sacrifice and inconvenience, especially when we’re busy—but there are always graces that flow from making even so small a sacrifice as another hour in the church every week.

How does it work? Do you just...sit there, in silence? Yes, if you want to! Adoration is a wonderful time for whatever devotions you may want to pray—the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, a novena—but you don’t have to. It’s perfectly fine to simply sit with the Lord and say nothing, basking in His presence, akin to the way you might be able to spend time with your best friend; no words needed. Maybe you’ve already tried Adoration and found it frustrating. Perhaps you couldn’t focus, or kept glancing at your watch as the time seemed to be crawling by at a glacial pace. Not to worry—that’s just the way prayer can go sometimes. Nothing at all was wasted. Setting aside the time, distracted as you may have been, is meritorious in itself. It’s enough for Jesus to work with—and He is the one who does the work in our prayer!

Of course, it’s very easy for me to sing the praises of Eucharistic Adoration, as I have the opportunity at the seminary to spend a full hour every single day praying before the Blessed Sacrament. I know that many St. James parishioners don’t have the time or access. But even so, I encourage all of you to try it out, even if it’s just for an hour every month. It won’t take much for you to find your prayer life enriched and your devotion profoundly deepened.

~ Tim Courtney

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RCIA: Volunteers Needed

The RCIA Program at our Parish will start on September 10, and we need your help. If you are interested in journeying with those who have sought to deepen their faith in God and learn more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr. Joseph Vu at fathervu@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815. If you are interested in joining the Support Team, or if you have volunteered as a Catechist teaching RCIA before, please do not hesitate to email or call me. Thank you for your consideration.
This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Wednesday: St. Dominic
Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday: St. Lawrence
Saturday: St. Clare

Today’s Readings

First Reading — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).
Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God’s way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).


Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Remember in Your Prayers…

the sick of our parish family:
Frank Amorosi
Elizabeth Fielder
Patricia Gaughan
Elizabeth Gibbon

and the deceased of our parish family:
Bernard Bosse
Lora Caputy

Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Please pray for our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially Justin Berg, Capt. Albert C. Young, Michele Petersen, and Roger VanSanford.

Please send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org, and let us know when your loved ones return home.
Giving Made Easy with Text-to-Give!

Forgot your checkbook? Or to enroll with Faith Direct? Supporting our parish ministries is now just a text message away.

1. Text $ amount to 703-584-7023.
2. Register your credit/debit card (you will only need to do this once).
3. Save the number as a contact in your phone to make future giving faster and easier.

Already enrolled with Faith Direct? Your one-time gift will link to your existing account once your register. A separate link is available to enroll in regular giving.

Text-to-Give allows you and our visitors to support collections for disaster relief, special parish collections and other stewardship opportunities on site. Contact Christine Hughes at advancement@stjamescatholic.org or at 703-532-8815 with questions.

STAY TUNED For Important Information in the Next Bulletin!

Next week, the August 12 Bulletin will contain important information about the Bible Study Program at St. James. You’ll definitely want to read it and join a study to further your knowledge of God’s word and His plan for us.

Celebrate Your Silver or Golden Anniversary

Were you married in 1968 or 1993? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass, to be celebrated on Sunday, October 14 at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas Moore, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. Contact Ginny Beauchamp in the parish office, at gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815 x.125, by September 14 to register for this Mass. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/2K5yLiu.

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Masses for this holy day of obligation will be offered on the following schedule:
Tuesday, August 14: 7:30pm (Vigil)
Wednesday, August 15: 6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, and 7:30pm

Connect With Us Online!

www.stjamescatholic.org
www.twitter.com/St_James_CC
www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurch
www.facebook.com/StJamesYoungAdultCommunity
DONUT SUNDAY!
August 12 In front of the Church after the 9:30am and 10:00am Masses
Donuts, Coffee, and a chance to say goodbye to our summer seminarian
Tim Courtney

Seniors’ Ice Cream Social Postponed Until September 20
Due to new flooring being installed in Heller Hall during the month of August, the St. James Seniors Ice cream Social luncheon will be rescheduled for September 20th at 5:30pm.

EDW Knights of Columbus Fish Club Crab Feast – August 10
The EDW Knights of Columbus Fish Club is hosting a Crab Feast from 6 to 9 pm on Friday, August 10, 2018 at the EDW Knights of Columbus Main Ballroom, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington. The menu features all you can eat crabs, Maria’s world famous crab soup, corn on the cob, coleslaw, hot dogs, BBQ. Soda, Beer and water are also included in the price. Adults $45, Children under 12 $10. Reservations are required by August 3. Payment is needed in advance. Credit cards/checks are accepted. Call the club at (703) 536-9656 Ext 310 to reserve. Questions? Contact Kenny Goss, PGK at kenny265@cox.net.

Wine and Cheese Reception August 12
Please join us on the lawn between the Rectory and House of Ministries (913 Park Avenue) on Sunday, August 12 following the 7:00pm evening Mass for wine, cheese, and fellowship with your fellow parishioners as well as visitors to the parish. The reception will be hosted by the contemporary music group. We will also have treats for the children.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive – August 19
The Knights of Columbus, located at 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, is holding a blood drive on Sunday, August 19 from 8:30am to 1:00pm in response to a call for help from INOVA Blood Donor Services. The INOVA hospitals continually rely on blood donations to treat their patients and ask your help in always being prepared. If you can give this life saving gift to help them, please come to our drive. Call INOVA at 1-866-256-6372 to sign up, or call Lenny Sese at 703-641-4843. Walk ins on August 19 are also welcome. God bless you.
It’s almost here! Save these important dates:

- August 15, 7:00-8:30pm New Parent Wine & Cheese
- August 23, 5:00-6:30pm Middle School Picnic
- August 24, 11:00am–1:00pm Meet n Greet & Uniform Exchange
  1:00-2:00pm, Kindergarten Orientation
- August 27, SCHOOL BEGINS FOR KINDERGARTEN!
  8:00-10:00am Kindergarten Parent Coffee
  (Kleenex will be provided!)
- August 28, SCHOOL BEGINGS GRADES 1-8
  11:30am Dismissal

PREP
Parish Religious Education Program
703-533-1182 x104, 830 W. Broad St.,
Falls Church, VA 22046
religionsed@saintjamesschool.org
Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP
Summer Office Hours: Monday thru Friday: 9:30am – 12:00pm or by appointment

New families are invited to call the Religious Education Office to register for next year.
Reregistration forms have been sent. Please be sure to return them soon, as classes are beginning to fill up.

Affordable Child Care
The Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center is a high quality early childhood program that serves low and moderate income working families in Fairfax County. We currently have openings in our two-and three-year old classrooms. Let us help your child enter kindergarten “ready to succeed.” Please call us at 703-534-4907 for more information.

Cuidado de niños asequible
Nosotros hablamos español! Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center es un programa de alta calidad en educación temprana de niños que sirve a familias trabajadoras de bajos recursos económicos del Condado de Fairfax. Actualmente tenemos espacios disponibles en nuestros salones de 2 y 3 años. Permitanos ayudar a sus niños que entren al jardín “listos para triunfar!” Llámenos al 703-534-4907 para más información.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARISH

Do you want to become more involved in St. James Catholic Church?
Whether you’re new to St. James Parish or a long standing member, and you have time to share your valuable talents and resources, we are looking for help! St. James has a number of ministries, projects, and activities where we need volunteers to participate or lead. 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 volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

Bereavement Ministry
St. James Catholic Church is forming a Bereavement Ministry to provide spiritual comfort to families and friends of the deceased in our parish. If you are interested in volunteering and/or participating in funeral services, or providing spiritual family consolation on behalf of St. James, please send an email message to volunteer@stjamescatholic.org, or call the rectory at 703-532-8815.

Gardening Enthusiasts Wanted!
We have a new garden located behind the garage at our House of Ministries at 913 Park Avenue. We are looking for volunteers to serve on a joint school/church committee to manage the garden. If you are interested, please contact us at volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

Grotto Update
We are forming a committee to build an outdoor shrine for Mary, Undoer of Knots. We seek volunteers who have some experience in contracting and landscape design. If you would like to participate, please contact our volunteer committee at volunteer@stjamescatholic.org or leave a message at the rectory, 703-532-8815 and we will return your call.

College Student Job Opportunities at St. James
St. James is seeking college students to provide staff coverage for the Rectory office outside of regular office hours: on Saturdays and during weekday evenings. Duties involve providing courteous assistance to people who visit or call the office, taking detailed messages, and helping with office work. Please send a cover letter explaining your interest in the position and your hours of availability to Rich Blickendorfer, Business Manager, at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

NEW Mass To Be Offered—St. James will begin to offer a “Mass for +Albert Augustyniaks” on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Church. Stay tuned for more
**The Consolation of Philosophy Book Study With our Seminarian Tim Courtney Concludes August 8**

Have you ever felt unhappy? Ever been the victim of injustice? Or wondered what the point of your life is?

If you’re a human being, you can probably answer ‘yes’ to these questions. Good news: Roman consul, senator, and Saint Severinus Boethius can help explain—and he did so 1,500 years ago!

Join St. James seminarian Tim Courtney for the last session of his summer book study on St. Boethius’ *Consolation of Philosophy*. A seminal work of the Western philosophical tradition, *Consolation* is a profound meditation on human happiness and fulfillment, the nature of God, good, and evil, and why bad things happen to good people.

The session will be Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30pm in the House of Ministries (913 Park Avenue). A few copies of the book are available.

For more information email Tim Courtney at tcourtney@stjamescatholic.org.

**Marriage Encounter Weekends**

Like to feel the sparks of love again your marriage? Come receive the tools to keep your marriage full of love and passion! The next World Wide Marriage Encounter weekends are: August 3-6 in Hanover, MD, and September 21-23 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at https://bit.ly/2ukayzZ, or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

**SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!**

For the St. James Community Picnic on September 8

5:00pm – 8:00pm.
August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
Universal – The Treasure of Families
That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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Weekly Reflection


Read the readings: https://bit.ly/2Lm4sK7

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