THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

MARK 13:31

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

Reflection Questions: What are you doing to prepare yourself for Christ’s return? What are you truly thankful for?

This Week at St. James

Wednesday, November 21
School Holiday

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving Day
School and Rectory Offices Closed
Thanksgiving Mass
8:30am, Church
No Noon Mass

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**Stewardship: Thanksgiving**

“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything.” - Thomas Merton

This Thursday we will pause as a nation to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. It is the one holiday simply about gratitude; no presents bought or received. Just love. It is right to share this love with those for whom Thanksgiving is a reminder of loss, not plenty. Reach out to long-lost friends or relatives; invite a co-worker who is alone to your home. Remember our military and all absent loved ones in prayer. Remember to thank the One from who all "good gifts" come; remember to thank Our Lord whose love and blessings can be felt throughout the year, not just the fourth Thursday in November.
From Our Pastor

“It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord…”

These words, spoken at the Preface in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, are a familiar beginning to the most sacred part of the Mass. The priest literally invites the congregation to join him in thanking the Lord for the blessings and mercies He has bestowed upon us; we respond that it is “right and just” to give thanks. In these few words, we acknowledge that it is God who bequeaths salvation to us, through His Son’s sacrifice. A sacrifice that we have repeated daily throughout two millennia.

So, I thought it fitting to focus on these words when, in just a few days, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. I know, too, that just as the words we recite at Mass can become rote, Thanksgiving can become commonplace, another event serving as a prequel to big sales, Black what-ever-day-of-the week you want to cite. But, my sisters and brothers, we shouldn’t look at this national holiday as an excuse to eat turkey and watch football. Those are good things, don’t get me wrong, but they should not be the sole reason we gather.

Yet, many of us come to the family and Eucharistic tables broken, bent by the weight of fractured bodies, minds, and relationships. Sometimes seats are unoccupied for want of an absent member. While each table symbolizes community, love, and sacrifice, sometimes it is difficult, if not painful, to sit there.

I am not so naïve to think that one dinner, or even one Mass, can repair years of hurt, miraculously mend family strife, or soothe a grieving heart, but I believe in the Lord that by reaching out to those around us it is a step. If your table is full of happiness and plenty, praise God! If your soul rejoices in our God every Sunday (or perhaps even daily), praise God! Invite, then, others who may not be so fortunate. Share your blessings of bounty and faith with those who hunger for it. If you cannot do so in person, call while the turkey is baking. Let others know you are thinking of them. Give your heart and your thanks to God and to those in your life.

“It is right and just.”

On behalf of my brother priests, our IHM Sisters, deacons, faculty and staff, we wish you a truly blessed Thanksgiving. Know that you are remembered in prayer by us as we give thanks to you, our beloved parishioners. God bless.

~ Fr. Posey

A Thanksgiving Prayer

“This Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve on another and to walk together in God’s gracious world. With thankful hearts, we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.”

From Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls: Prayers for Black Catholics
This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
Saturday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).
Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).
Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).
Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
 Thanksgiving Day — Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Remember in Your Prayers…
the sick of our parish family:
Frank Amorosi  Jeannie Hunt
Joan Bellwoar  Ann McDermott
Janice Chory  Mary Remshard
Ernestine Elguera  Ann Smith
Patricia Gaughan  Brian Vibert

and the deceased of our parish family:
Bertha Silva Depaz  Mary Rose Keating
Sean Groff  Carol May LeClair

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.
Congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade tennis teams! Fifth grade took 4th place in the Wimbledon II division while sixth grade boys brought home the 3rd place trophy in the US Open I division (out of 24 teams!). Great work Rockets!

Our Sixth grade tennis players joined with Sister Mary Sue Carwile, IHM, Principal of St. James School, to celebrate their achievement. left to right: Andrew Christian, Jospeh Erickson, Sr Mary Sue, Henry Behrens, Bryce Gilbertson, Vu Tran, Alex Alvano, Jacob Nguyen.

Sister Mary Sue also joined our Fifth grade players. In alphabetical order: Ryan Behrens, Joseph Darnell, Chrissy Durand, Daniel Erickson, Sofie Giannelli, Vicente Laborde, Gabriel Ray and Matthew Tran.

We also took time to celebrate the fabulous 1950s on November 8, which was the 50th day of school.
Are You a Teen in Grades 9–12?

Wrestling With Important Topics Such as Freedom, Moral Relativism, and Truth?

Wondering how to Grow in Virtue? Or, Measure and Assess Love?

Then Part Two of the New Series, “You: Life, Love, and Theology of the Body” is for You!

Led By Deacon Ed and a Team of Adult Catechists on Tuesday Nights from 7:00pm to 8:15pm in the St. James School Library, This Part of the “You” Series Will Offer the Church’s Insight, Perspectives, and Wisdom on Some of the Most Challenging Issues Facing Teens Today, Including:

Abortion, Contraception, Gender Issues, Pornography, Sexuality, and Much More.

There is NO Enrollment Cost for this Series, and You Are Welcome to Join Us Even if You Missed the First Part of “You” Back in October!

Sessions Will Meet on This Schedule:

November 27
December 4 (Young Men Only)
December 11 (Young Ladies Only)
December 18

To Register for the Program, or For More Information About the “You” Program

Contact Deacon Ed at dcned@stjamescatholic.org
Year-End Giving Opportunities

Tax Savings Through a Gift of Stock

Consider a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or school. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: https://bit.ly/2OL7sRM.

Make a Gift through a Tax-Free IRA Gift

Why is this important? This provision allows individuals age 70½ or older to make tax-free gifts from an IRA directly to a parish, school, or the Diocese. To complete an IRA Charitable Rollover for 2018 please contact your IRA provider for exact instructions. Such gifts usually take a few weeks to transact.

Pro-Life Committee Update

The Pro-Life Group would like to remind parishioners that November is Adoption Month, and that less than two percent of unexpected pregnancies end in adoption, meaning that for every one child that is adopted, 61 are aborted. To read about one mother’s story of adoption, and to learn why adoption is so important, visit: https://bit.ly/2AWekmY.

The next meeting of the Pro-Life Committee will be on Thursday, December 6 at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9).

For more information on the St. James Pro-Life Committee, including a listing of upcoming events, please visit: https://bit.ly/2vODvoE.

Successful Catholic Charities St. Lucy Food Drive

St. James Parish participation in the Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project was a tremendous success! Your generosity yielded 6,526 pounds of food! The vision of the St. Lucy Project is to dramatically grow the existing food distribution network to reduce hunger and food insecurity in the Diocese of Arlington. Thank you very much for helping hungry families throughout the Arlington Diocese. Special thanks to the members of the Social Outreach Committee who distributed and collected the blue grocery bags and to the Boy Scouts who helped load the St. Lucy truck.
Save the Date!
Our 2nd Annual St. James Country Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 8, from 6:00pm—8:00pm. See you there!

Santa Invites You To Breakfast on Sunday, December 2

Take time out of your busy morning on December 2 to stop by the school between 8:00am and 2:00pm for a delicious pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa Clause. The breakfast will be served in the school’s cafeteria (door 18). After breakfast, stop by Heller Hall (Door 13) as some of Santa’s elves have made it possible for a selection of items, and greeting cards, to be available for sale at Santa’s Secret Shop—direct from the North Pole to you! You can even get pictures with Santa, starting at 9:00am.

Pro-Life Committee Christmas Greens Sale

The Pro-Life Committee will be holding a Christmas Greens Sale to benefit A Woman’s Choice Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center in Falls Church and Herndon, on December 1 and 2 after all masses. This is your chance to benefit the great work that the Center does while also obtaining lovely greenery for your home for the holiday season. Sale prices are as follows:

- Wreaths: $20.00—$25.00
- Advent Table Wreaths: $10.00
- Mixed Bunch of Greens: $5.00

Candles and Candleholders will also be available.

St. James Youth Ministry

2019 WorkCamp Registration Open

Any student currently in grades 9-12 is welcome to sign up for WorkCamp that will be held June 22-28, 2019. Participation includes four mandatory preparation meetings held from January-May, plus other optional events, in addition to the actual week of WorkCamp. For more information about WorkCamp, and to watch a video about the program’s impact, please visit the Arlington Diocese Website, https://bit.ly/2ONDgFU, and send an email to Karen Graffam at klgraffam@gmail.com. All participants must sign up by December 19, so even if you are just thinking about it, send a note to Karen.
Plan Ahead for These Important December and January Masses
To help you plan your Christmas Eve and Day festivities, as well as your New Year celebrations, please note these Mass times for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day.

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve
5:00pm (Children’s Mass), 7:00pm, 9:00pm, Midnight

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, 2:30pm (Spanish Mass, Misa en Español)

Monday, December 31—New Year’s Eve
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
7:30pm

Tuesday, January 1—New Year’s Day
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:5

Prep Parish Religious Education Program
703-533-1182 x104, 830 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046
religioused@saintjameschool.org
Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm
Tuesday: 2:30pm - 8:30pm or by appointment

As we approach the season of inconvenient and often slippery precipitation, the PREP office would like to remind all PREP families that PREP follows the closure and delay decision of Falls Church City Schools in all instances of inclement weather.

Sister Regina and the PREP Office Staff also wish all of our PREP families, and all St. James parishioners a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving!
**November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

Universal – In Service of Peace
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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**This Week in Our Parish**

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### Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Day, Special Mass of Thanksgiving at 8:30am, Rectory Office Closed, School Holiday

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**Weekly Reflection**

**Readings:** Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32


**Reflection Question:** What are you doing to prepare yourself for Christ’s return?

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