Today at 5:00pm
Holy Hour
With Special Guest
Mark Forrest

“Walk With Me”
a Program of
Music and Prayer

Reflection Question: Have you ever looked the truth straight in the face and still had doubts about it, like Thomas?
Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Thank you.

Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." John 21:29

Sight is an important element in Scripture. From Genesis where God sees his creations and declares them “good,” to Samuel, “stand still and see this great thing the LORD is about to do before your eyes,” (1 Sam 12:16), to the prophets and evangelists. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, we see the importance of recognizing God, of acknowledging Jesus as the Christ. Sight gives proof; sight equates to belief.

Today’s Gospel is known as the Great Commissioning. Except for two, the disciples had seen the Risen Jesus. Their faith was rewarded with the physical proof of His resurrection. At first bewildered and afraid, they are now ready to share the Good News. We know Thomas’ story; we know he still needs that one-to-one, personal experience of Christ. We know how his story ends, or rather begins.

The disciples are commissioned to build the Church, to “write on a scroll what you see.” To provide proof that they can be trusted; that what they saw was real and transformative. The power of their words, of those recollections of amazing sights and experiences, transcends centuries precisely because the lives of the authors were radically changed. Inspired and led by the Holy Spirit their examples became proof of the power of belief for future generations.

We “see” this today. We see how personal encounters with Christ can change lives. We experience Him profoundly in the Sacraments, but so too in the business of everyday life. The kindness and compassion we extend to others and which is extended to us is like touching the wounds on Christ’s hands. We come in contact with Jesus through others. We are both examples and recipients of His mercy.

The recent fire at the cathédrale Notre-Dame shocked the world. Crowds gathered before this iconic testament to faith, aspiration, and creativity. They cried and prayed as they saw her glorious spire crash upon her roof. We all saw the destruction and felt the loss. That this fire occurred at the start of the holiest weeks of our liturgical year was ironic; yet as it replayed on live TV, it was an odd precursor to the Triduum: our sense of loss, the worry, and grief of the crowds somehow mirroring (in a small way) the sense of loss of Good Friday. What our eyes saw cannot dampen what we feel in our hearts. The soul of our faith is not housed just in the wood, stone, and glass which comprises Notre-Dame. It is not housed here in the beautiful stone, wood, and glass of Saint James. It is housed within us. And no fire can destroy that.

I ask you to join the Great Commission, to carry all the joy of last week’s celebrations into our world. Let others see Christ in you; be that transformative catalyst for them. Happy Easter!

~Fr. Posey

“Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever.”
This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:  Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter

Monday:  St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday:  St. Pius V

Wednesday:  St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday:  St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer;
Yom Ha-Shoah
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday:  Ss. Philip and James; First Friday

Today’s Readings

First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).


Readings for the Week

Monday:  Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:  Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:  Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9, 17-20; Jn 3:16-21 or
(for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Thursday:  Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:  1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:  Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:  Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Laura Lareau          Conley Rohall
Rob Lemmers          Russell Ross
Lily O’Brien          Barry Tindall

the deceased of our parish family:
Ann McDermott
Mary Remshard

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.
Congratulations to our students who participated in this year’s Diocesan Science Fair. We had notable winners! Physics: Honorable Mention (out of 29 projects) for Olivia Newberry; Zoology: 3rd place Maggie Kelley; Microbiology: 3rd place Madison Cervenak; 2nd place Ella Newton who was also awarded a special 1st place prize from HP Environmental, Inc. which includes $100 and a tour of the company’s lab. Great job by all our Diocesan finalists: Aidan Joseph, Cate Powell, Maggie Kelley, Julia Latessa, Olivia Newberry, Madison Cervenak, Ella Newton, Nick Miller and Sebastian Groh.
Only a Few Days Left to Win a Car—Raffle Closes on April 30

There’s only a few days left for you to, possibly, become a “Highway Star” in a new car in the 2019 “All Saints Catholic Church Multi-Car Raffle.” Part with $5.00 and take a chance on winning one of the following, 2019 model year vehicles: Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Pickup Truck, Honda Civic, Honda CRV, or a Honda Odyssey Van. You could also win up to $20,000.

The raffle closes in two days, on April 30, and All Saints Catholic Church will hold the drawing on May 5. This raffle continues to benefit our parish as well as many charitable causes throughout the diocese. Please make all checks payable to “All Saints Catholic Church,” and make sure that you return your check(s), ticket stubs, or unsold tickets directly to All Saints Catholic Church, as mandated by the regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming. Take a chance before time runs out!

Win the World for Jesus! Vacation Bible School
July 15—19

Win the World for Jesus! Vacation Bible School, July 15—19, at St. James.

Are you ready to Win the World for Jesus? Kids become missionaries in the Church today as they learn the virtue of zeal for souls. (“Zeal for Souls” is a song they will not forget either!) Each day, the kids go on an expedition with one of the saints who brought the love of Jesus and the Church to the New World. They will travel North and South America, become a pioneer of the US, travel the seas of the South Pacific and explore Mexico. Participants will visit each new land with a famous saint! The kids will also help with a global medical mission; helping doctors go to places around the world. Let’s go exploring!

Registration Forms are now available at the entrances of the church. Please contact Sister Regina Rosarri McLallen, IHM, Director of Religious Education at dre@stjamesschool.org with any questions.

Don’t Forget—May 12 is Mother’s Day!
Adult Confirmation Opportunities Classes Start April 30

After Easter, St. James will hold 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 this spring on Sunday, June 9 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 2:30pm.

Classes will be held in Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9) from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, on these dates: April 30, May 7, and May 14.

To register for the classes or for more information, contact Fr. Oetjen at 703-532-8815 or fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org.

Check out Next Week’s Bulletin for Details on the May St. James Seniors’ Event!

First Communion Practices: April 29—May 2

This Saturday, May 4, young people in our parish and PREP community will be making their First Holy Communion. To ensure that the day is a holy and special memory for all involved, the groups of aspiring communicants will practice at the Church from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on the following schedule:

- First Communion Group A—Monday, April 29
- Hispanic First Communion Group—Wednesday, May 1
- Frist Communion Group B—Thursday, May 2

Please pray for these young people as they receive the Eucharist for the first time, that the grace that they gain from receiving the sacrament, now, and in the future, will deepen their love of God and their love for His holy church.

Your Parish Library Is Waiting to Serve You

Looking for a good read? Want to learn more about the Church and our faith? Looking for literature with a Catholic perspective on life? Tired of the same-old-same-old at your public and school libraries? Your Parish Library is waiting for you. Our library is in the House of Ministries, 913 Park Avenue, and is open from 10:00am to 2:00pm on the first and third Sunday of each month. We will also be experimenting with weekday hours this summer. With over 700 volumes, you are sure to find something you’ll like.

Your parish library is here for you; we hope you will use it! Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events for adults and children.

“When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us.” - St. Jerome

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**How to Keep Your Faith in College — April 30 & May 7**

“How to Keep Your Faith in College,” is a new, free, two-part series for all St. James students, and their parents, in grades 9-12. Meeting on April 30 and May 7 at 7:00pm in the St. James School library, the series, led by Deacon Ed and his team of catechists, will tackle the issues that students will grapple with on their college campuses:

- The spiritual characteristics of a typical Catholic teen heading off to college
- The weaknesses that make their faith vulnerable at school
- Three significant threats to the Catholic faith found in the university environment
- What we (as Catholic students and parents) can do to build our defenses and preserve our faith during these crucial college years

The class will include multiple handouts, opportunities for group discussion, and videos by noted Catholic speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron and Father Mike Schmitz.

With Faithwire reporting in its January 23, 2019 issue that over two-thirds of students abandon their faith during their college years, this is a class that nobody who will be attending college should miss.

To register for the series, or to get more information, contact Deacon Ed at dcned@stjamescatholic.org.

**Save the Date For the St. James Volunteer Recognition Dinner — May 15**

If you are one of the over 400 volunteers that helps our parish carry out its mission, you should have received your invitation to the annual St. James Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm in Knecht Gymnasium. We hope that you will be able to set aside some time to come and let us: the priests, deacons, sisters, and staff of St. James show you how much we appreciate all you do for us! RSVP to your electronic invitation, or by calling the Rectory at 703-532-8815.

**American Heritage Girls Selling Krispy Kreme Donuts on May 5**

The American Heritage Girls of St. James will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts and baked goods on May 5 after the 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, and 2:30pm, Masses. Come buy some delicious treats and support our troop! Proceeds will benefit girls who will be attending summer camp.

**Falls Church-McClean Children’s Center Hosting Open House on May 18**

The Falls Church-McClean Children’s Center is hosting an open house and early childhood exposition on Saturday, May 18 from 9:30am to Noon. Located at 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, VA 22043, the Shelter is a non-profit, full-day preschool for children ages 2-4 who come from low income families. For more information, contact Lucy Pelletier, the Center’s Assistant Director at assistantdirector.fcmllc@gmail.com or at (703) 534-4907.
Support HOPE in Northern Virginia

The St. James Social Outreach and Pro-Life Committees are once again reaching out for help to HOPE in Northern Virginia (our neighbor on Park Avenue). HOPE is a Christian, pro-life pregnancy resource center dedicated to empowering women to choose life. While HOPE owns the house outright, there are many everyday expenses that go along with owning a house as well as helping pregnant mothers and their babies. There are always other items that need to be purchased regularly including diapers, wipes, baby bottles, etc.

On the weekend of May 4 and 5, the Outreach Committee and Pro-Life Committee will be handing out baby bottles after all the Masses. We are asking parishioners to fill the bottles during the week with coins, bills, or a check (made out to St. James) and return the bottles on May 11 and 12 (Mother's Day). Both the Outreach Committee and the Pro-Life Committee will be outside of the church that weekend collecting the returned bottles. Your children may want to get involved too, with helping to fill the bottles. Please encourage them to do so.

More details about HOPE are available at www.hopehousenova.org. Any questions? Please e-mail HOPE at hopeinnova@gmail.com.

Mission Opportunities Available

Are you being called to mission? October 2019 is Extraordinary Missionary Month! Partake in the Church’s mission life - become a missionary disciple and join one of CBC's weeklong mission trips for adults & families. There are spots still available for the Dominican Republic, June 8 to June 16; Kenya, July 5 to July 14; Peru, August 3 to August 10; and West Virginia, November 1 to November 5. Don't delay - register now at www.commissionedbychrist.org. Contact Michelle Haworth at 571-699-3339 with questions.

Strengthen Your Marriage — Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA and Oct 25-27, 2019 in Gaithersburg, MD. We recommend early registration for the program. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Weekly Reflection


Read the Readings: https://bit.ly/2YX8Nq5

Reflection Question Have you ever looked the truth straight in the face and still had doubts about it, like Thomas?
May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity
That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

This Week in Our Parish

**Sunday, April 28 — Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour With Mark Forrest at 5:00pm**
- 11:30am—2:15pm Hispanic RCIA Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
- 1:00pm—2:15pm Hispanic PREP School — Door 16
- 1:30pm—3:30pm Bible Study School Library — Door 17
- 3:45pm—6:00pm Grupo de Oración Emmanuel Heller Hall — Door 13
- 4:30pm—6:00pm Hispanic Legion of Mary House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue
- 5:00pm Holy Hour With Mark Forrest Church

**Monday, April 29 — First Communion Practice — Group A**
- 6:30pm—8:30pm First Communion Practice — Group A Church
- 7:00pm—9:00pm Prayer and Life Seminar House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue
- 7:00pm—9:00pm Hogar English & Citizenship Classes School — Door 16
- 7:30pm—9:00pm RCIA Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

**Tuesday, April 30 — PREP Resumes, 4:45pm & 7:00pm**
- 4:45pm & 7:00pm PREP School — Door 16
- 7:00pm—8:30pm High School PREP Library — Door 16
- 7:30pm—9:00pm Adult Confirmation Class Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
- 7:30pm—9:00pm Legion of Mary House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

**Wednesday, May 1 — Hispanic First Communion Practice**
- 9:15am—11:00am Scripture Study — Women Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
- 9:15am—11:00am Scripture Study — Women Knecht Meeting Room — Doors 8 & 9
- 6:30pm—8:00pm Hispanic Communion Practice Church
- 7:00pm—9:00pm Hogar English & Citizenship Classes School — Door 16
- 7:30pm—9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

**Thursday, May 2 — First Communion Practice — Group B**
- 9:30am—11:30am Bible Study Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
- 6:30pm—8:30pm First Communion Practice — Group B Church
- 7:00pm—9:00pm Scripture Study — Women Art Room — Door 17
- 7:30pm—9:00pm Pro-Life Group Meeting Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

**Friday, May 3 — First Friday, 9:00am—11:45am Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction, No Parking in A or B Lots for Masses Due to Colonial Day Activities**
- 9:00am—11:45am Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction Church
- 6:30pm—8:00pm Food Distribution Heller Hall — Door 13
- 6:30pm—8:30pm Middle School Fusion Knecht Gymnasium
- 6:45pm—9:15pm Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

**Saturday, May 4 — God Bless our First Communicants!**
- 10:00am—11:30am First Communion Church
- 3:30pm—4:30pm Confessions Church
- 5:30pm—9:00pm Grupo de Oración Santiago Apostol Heller Hall — Door 13
- 7:30pm Confessions Church

“...Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”
John 20:31
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