Sunday - August 25, 2019

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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 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
On The Way

Some years ago, a parishioner came to me for help with an application. He had volunteered to work with a military chaplaincy and needed a “minister” of his “denomination” to vouch for him. The questionnaire he provided was standard bureaucratic stuff. But one question caused me to stop and think: What does your denomination require of its members?

Now, the immediate dilemma was how to answer that question in the small space provided. But there was a deeper issue also: How do you summarize what is required of Catholics? Are they simply to “Pray, pay, and obey” (as the old saying has it)? Are they simply to register in the parish? Give weekly? Follow the Ten Commandments and the precepts of the Church? What is the short answer for what the Church requires of her members?

In fact, we do know what is required of us. Saint Paul tells us with his customary bluntness: This is the will of God, your holiness (1 Thess 4:3). All the other practices, duties, obligations, commandments, and precepts serve this one purpose: holiness. Indeed, without this as the goal, our faith becomes just a moral code, an ideology, or a clique. The French poet Charles Peguy famously said, “Life holds only one tragedy, ultimately: not to have been a saint.”

Holiness may seem like a remote possibility for us. In fact, however, it has already been given to us. At Baptism, we were made children of God, sharing in His divine nature and thus in His holiness. This is why we profess in the Creed that the Church is “Holy.” The Catholic life is a matter of growing into this identity as children of God, of learning complete trust in and dependence on the Father. But how do we do this?

Unfortunately, we make the mistake of thinking that spiritual and religious matters don’t require the same rigor and precision that secular things do. We don’t think that the discipline, effort, and toil necessary to become an accountant, lawyer, or musician applies to matters of faith and sanctification. In fact, becoming holy (which is nothing more than living out our Baptism) requires great practicality. To think on divine things does not mean we can have our head in the clouds! We have to have a plan for how to grow in our faith.

Of course, there is no formula or program for sanctity. Holiness is the work of God’s grace, not our own effort. But His grace requires our cooperation. And there are certain specific practices that saints both ancient and new have observed. They are tried and true means of cooperating with God’s grace or, better, of allowing God’s grace to grow more fruitfully within us. Beginning with this column, then, I will consider the various practices and how we can live them in our lives.

Next week: The plan of life. - Fr. Scalia
**Stewardship**

*It Takes Discipline to Enter By the Narrow Gate*

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must “strive to enter the narrow gate,” we must strengthen our spiritual conditioning. We wouldn’t expect to be able to complete a marathon without proper training, in the same way, without appropriate spiritual discipline, we can’t expect to enter into our Lord’s presence after our deaths. We must make sure that we are not indulging in the wrong things—sin, vice, worldly temptations, but rather consuming the right things—the Word, prayer, the Eucharist—as we continue on our journey. So, train well so that you may enter through the narrow gate.

**Notices from St. James**

**St. James Webpages Updated**

You will find a link to the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Child Protection on the top right-hand corner of the St. James Catholic Church and School webpages. We pray that nobody will ever have a reason to use it, but it is there if needed, and to remind us that we all play a role in protecting our children. To visit the office's homepage, go to: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/.

**St. James Seeks Director of Advancement**

St. James Catholic Church seeks a Director of Advancement to devise and implement a strategic plan of public relations, marketing, fundraising, and special events promoting involvement and investment in both the Parish and School. Must have outstanding organizational and communication skills. For a complete job description, visit http://bit.ly/2JypBwE. Please send a letter of interest and a resume to rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

**St. James School Seeks Full-Time Technology Coordinator**

St. James Catholic School seeks a full-time Technology Coordinator to manage electronic student records and provide technical support to teachers and students. Familiarity with technology needs in an educational setting is desired. Send resume and cover letter to rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

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The Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 24
St. Bartholomew
5:00 p.m.  +Ann O’Hara

Sunday, August 25
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.  +Dennis Gacquin
9:00 a.m.  +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.
10:30 a.m. People of St. James
Noon  +Conchita Urmeneta and Aquilina Canuda
2:30 p.m. +Pilli Fernandez and Tony Frontera
7:00 p.m.  +C. Anders

Monday, August 26
Twenty-First Monday in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m. +Dorothy Carwile
8:30 a.m. +Daniel A. O’Donohue
Noon  +Mariamma Pottanat

Tuesday, August 27
St. Monica
6:30 a.m. +Rosario and Beatrice Macalinao
8:30 a.m. +Bernard Prokopiak
Noon  +Carol Bennett

Wednesday, August 28
St. Augustine
6:30 a.m.  +Gerald Boyle
8:30 a.m.  +Debra Battista
Noon  +Ronda Conway

Thursday, August 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
6:30 a.m. +Louise Peabody
8:30 a.m. +Castulo Urmeneta and Bienvinido Urmeneta
Noon  +Bryan Gabriel Zeringue

Friday, August 30
Twenty-First Friday in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m. Fr. Timothy Gallagher
40th Anniversary of Ordination
8:30 a.m.  +Kirk Patchel
Noon  +Frank Whitesell, Jr.

Saturday, August 31
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
8:30 a.m. The Armstrong Family
5:00 p.m.  +Robert J. O’Hara

Sunday, September 1
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.  People of St. James
9:00 a.m. +Elpidio Bulpandres
10:30 a.m. +Marion Yevonishon
Noon  +Beth Bove
2:30 p.m. +Frano Ramirez
7:00 p.m. +Vivian Borman

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).
Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).
Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).


Readings for the Week

Monday:  1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:  1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:  1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:  1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday:   1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:  1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:  Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Remember in Your Prayers…

the sick of our parish family:
Janice Chory   Hoa Nguyen
Jessica Kelly   Kathy Patterson
Laura Lareau   Russell Ross
Rob Lemmers   Robyn Stewart
Jim Lillis   Barry Tindall

and the deceased of our parish family.
Alfredo Loy

and those serving our country:
Our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially:
Justin Berg   Roger VanSanford
Major Alan Harvey   Major Albert C. Young
Michele Petersen
Back to School Information

Monday, August 26
Kindergarten, 8:00am—10:00am

Tuesday, August 27
Grades K-8
7:55am—11:30am

Wednesday, August 28
K – 8, Kindergarten Dismissal at 11:30am,
all others, 3:15pm.
Day Care Provided for K at 11:30am, other Grades until
6:00pm

Thursday, August 29
K – 8
Kindergarten Dismissal at 11:30am, all others at
3:15pm. Day Care Provided for K at 11:30am/other Grades
until 6:00pm

Friday, August 30
K-8, 7:55am – 11:30am
Day Care Provided until 6:00pm

Monday, September 2
No School, Labor Day

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Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP

Office Summer Hours:
Monday—Friday: 9:30am—Noon
or by appointment.

Save These Dates

• Commissioning of Catechists
  Sunday, Sept. 8, Noon Mass

• General Catechist Meeting
  Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:00pm

• PREP Begins
  Tuesday, Sept. 17, 4:45pm/7:00pm

• Home School Parent Meeting
  Thursday, Sept. 19, 7:30pm
St. James Food Distribution Program Requests Donations

The Saint James food distribution program is in need of the following food donations: cereal, one-pound bags of rice, one-pound bags of beans (black/pinto), peanut butter, jelly, tuna, pasta, and tomato sauce. You can leave your donations in the boxes near the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) Begins Tuesday, September 24

Would you like to discover Christ and His Church? Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but haven’t completed the other sacraments? Do you want to help others find their spiritual home in the Catholic faith? Do you, or someone you know, fit the above description, and have the same questions? Desire the same grace? If the answer is YES! Then the Rite of Christian Initiation as Adults is for YOU! Classes will be held on Tuesdays this year, starting on September 24, from 7:30pm—9:00pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9).

To register, or for more information about R.C.I.A., contact Father Joseph Vu at fathervu@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815.

2019 St. James Parish Picnic Music Theme—“A Night at the Movies”

This year, our picnic will feature music from across the decades of cinema, and we are asking for your help in deciding what to play. The only two requirements are that the music or song must be from a film and it must be appropriate for a mix-aged, parish picnic. If you have music or a song you want to hear, email dhyland@stjamescatholic.org and he will consider it for the playlist. Thank you!

PREP Program Still Accepting Registrations

We are still accepting new registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Classes are held on Tuesday afternoons (4:45 - 6:00pm) and evenings (7:00 - 8:15pm). Please call 703-533-1182 ext.104 to make an appointment. You will need a Baptismal Certificate if your child was not baptized at St. James, a check or cash for tuition ($140 for one child/$190 for two or more children), and, if your child was previously in a Catholic School or Religious Education Program, a letter from that school or parish program.

Please note: In order for your child to begin Religious Education Classes (PREP) on September 17, your Registration Form must be in the PREP Office no later than Friday, Sept. 6. The children of those families who register after that date will begin PREP classes on September 24. Classes are beginning to fill up, so we urge you to register as soon as possible.

Catechists and Assistants Needed for PREP Program

We are currently looking for dedicated, faith-filled people to teach and assist in our Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm - 6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm - 8:15pm). If you feel you would like to share your faith with our young people as a way of actively participating in the Church's mission of evangelization, please contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 ext. 103 or dre@saintjamesschool.org for further information.

St. James Parish Picnic
Saturday, October 5
Noon—4:00pm
American Heritage Girls Registration Night—September 9

American Heritage Girls Troop VA0681 is having its Registration Night for the 2019-2020 program year on Monday, September 9, from 7:00pm—8:30pm in Heller Hall. AHG is a faith-based character development program for girls ages 5-18 dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and, country. AHG is also looking for VIRTUS trained adults who would like to help out in Sibling Care for our troop during meeting times. Please email ahgtroopva0681@gmail.com for more info.

St. James Now Signing Up Altar Boys

Are you a male student in grades four through 11? Do you feel a call to be an altar server? Are you already a server and wish to continue serving? If so, we are now accepting registrations. Please visit http://j.mp/2YuJDTe to download the registration form. Please submit completed forms to Father Joseph Vu at fathervu@stjamescatholic.org, he will then contact you about the upcoming series of training classes that will need to be completed before beginning, or continuing, your service. Thank you for your consideration of this vital part of the Church.

St. James Parish Children’s Choir Resumes Practice On September 5

The St. James Parish Children’s Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 5 from 5:30pm—6:30pm in the school music room. The choir rehearses once a week and sings at the 9:00am Sunday Mass twice a month.

The choir is open to any singer in Grades two -12. New members are always welcome! Please contact Natalie Keffalas to sign up: nkeffalas@saintjamesschool.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program Needs Volunteers

The RCIA Program at St. James will start on Tuesday, September 24, 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 him.

CONNECT Young Adult Brunches

CONNECT hosts monthly potluck brunch for young adults to connect, discuss their faith, and form friendships. All young adults are invited! Feel free to invite friends and bring a dish to share. Brunch will be hosted in the social space on the second floor of Northgate apartments. Please call or text Aaron Tishkoff at (734) 972-0866 if you have any questions or have trouble entering the building.

If you are interested in joining the CONNECT e-mail list to receive weekly event updates, please email Aaron Tishkoff at aarondt@umich.edu. For more information about CONNECT, visit http://bit.ly/2YtbdLF.
Six on-campus Bible Studies for adults will begin next month. Each group meets weekly to view a DVD teaching, followed by discussion and prayers. Contact the Bible Study coordinators for information about starting a new Bible Study group or if you have questions about joining an existing group.

### Sundays (Co-Ed), 1:30pm—3:30pm  
School Library, September 8  
*Moderators: DonnaMaria Duatschek, Yari Rivera*  
Lectio: Philippians (Fall)  
Lectio: Mark (Fall/Winter)  
No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through the Passion (February/March)

### Mondays (Teachers), 3:45pm—5:30pm  
School Room #19, TBD  
*Moderator Janet Purdy*  
Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness (Fall)  
Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance (Spring)

### Wednesdays (Women), 9:15am—11:00am  
Knecht Conference Room, September 18  
*Moderator: Katie Greenhalgh*  
Genesis to Jesus (Fall)  
Romans: The Gospel of Salvation (Winter)

### Thursdays (Co-Ed), 9:30am—11:30am  
Knecht Conference Room, September 26  
*Moderator: Estela Arciaga*  
Galatians: Set Free to Live (Fall)  
Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging Struggles of Your Heart (Spring)

### Wednesdays (Women), 7:00pm—9:00pm  
Knecht Meeting Room, September 12  
*Moderator: Patti Valancius*  
Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John (Fall)  
Consoling the Heart of Jesus (Winter)  
Catholicism: A New Evangelization (Spring)

“To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers; so it is the same with the Scriptures. The more familiar they become, the more they reveal their hidden treasures and yield their indescribable riches.” –St. John Chrysostom

### Bible Study Coordinators  
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### Location Guide for Meeting Spaces:  
Knecht Meeting Room and Conference Room, Doors 8 & 9  
School Library, Door 17
Updates From the St. James Pro-Life Ministry

The St. James Pro-Life Ministry wants you to know that It has been reported that “no shows” go up by as much as 70% when people are praying in front of an abortion facility.

They ask: Could you be there for someone? Peaceful prayer is always needed in front of the Falls Church abortion facility at 900 South Washington Street.

They remind you: The fall 40 Days for Life campaign (https://40daysforlife.com/) will start with a vigil on September 24, 2019 at 7:00pm and the campaign will be September 25 – November 3, 2019. For 40 days and nights, people of faith and conscience will stand in constant, peaceful vigil outside hundreds of abortion facilities … to do the single most important thing we can do: PRAY.

They invite you to a Lecture featuring Mary Lenaburg: "Be Brave in the Scared: Disability, End of Life Issues, and Finding Life in God," Thursday, September 12, 7:30 pm at Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main St, Fairfax, VA. The event is free, but please RSVP to http://j.mp/2H5bZc3.

Divine Mercy Care (DMC) has many volunteer opportunities this summer. DMC’s mission includes advancing pro-life healthcare through programs that serve those in need (especially those with financial hardship). Learn more at http://j.mp/2Z7pQsB.

The Pro-Life ministry will next meet on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9).

Remember: At sixteen weeks old a preborn baby is inhaling and exhaling the amniotic fluid through the lungs.

2019 Tema de Música Picnic de la Parroquia de St. James— "Una Noche en el Cine"

Este año, nuestro picnic contará con música de todas las décadas de cine, y estamos pidiendo su ayuda para decidir qué jugar. Los dos únicos requisitos son que la música o la canción debe ser de una película y debe ser apropiado para un picnic parroquial con edades. Si usted tiene música o una canción que desea escuchar, correo electrónico dhyland@stjamescatholic.org y él lo considerará para la lista de reproducción.

Retiros Para Quinceañeras 2019

La diócesis católica de Arlington ofrecerá Retiros para Quinceañeras 2019 en Español en 21 de Septiembre 21, o 19 de Octubre, desde 9:30am a 12:30pm a Lugar Del Retiro, 80 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Costo: $50.00 (solamente por la quinceañera). Por favor traiga un cauderno y bolígrafo, ¡Papá o Mamá tiene que acompañar a su hija al retiro! ¡No traer ninos por favor! Para más información sobre Quinceañeras vista la página web de la Diócesis: http://bit.ly/2Z0BEcG.
August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
Families, Schools of Human Growth
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

This Week in Our Parish

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Father Scalia’s Sunday Homilies and “On The Way” Columns Now Online

Every Monday morning, you will now be able to listen to Father Scalia’s Sunday Homily by visiting [http://j.mp/2YLRHPL](http://j.mp/2YLRHPL). Take some time and listen as our Pastor better explains the Sunday readings (found on page four) and how they relate to our lives. Father’s homilies will also be posted to Facebook and on the “Current Events at St. James” portion of the website. Additionally, if you missed the Sunday bulletin, you will now be able to find Father Scalia’s “On The Way” column (from page three of the bulletin), at [http://j.mp/2TFQJPe](http://j.mp/2TFQJPe).

Know Your Patron Saints—St. Thomas More, Patron Saint of the Arlington Diocese

Born in London, England on February 7, 1478, St. Thomas More is the Patron Saint of: Adopted Children, Attorneys, Civil Servants, Court Clerks, Lawyers, Politicians, and Public Servants. A devoted father, noted author, philosopher, and statesman, More believed that no secular ruler could overrule Christ’s Church. He was subsequently martyred by King Henry the VIII by refusing to support the King’s efforts to divorce Catherine of Aragon so he could marry Anne Boleyn. More was executed on July 6, 1535. Learn more about More at: [http://j.mp/2z2qEQC](http://j.mp/2z2qEQC).
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