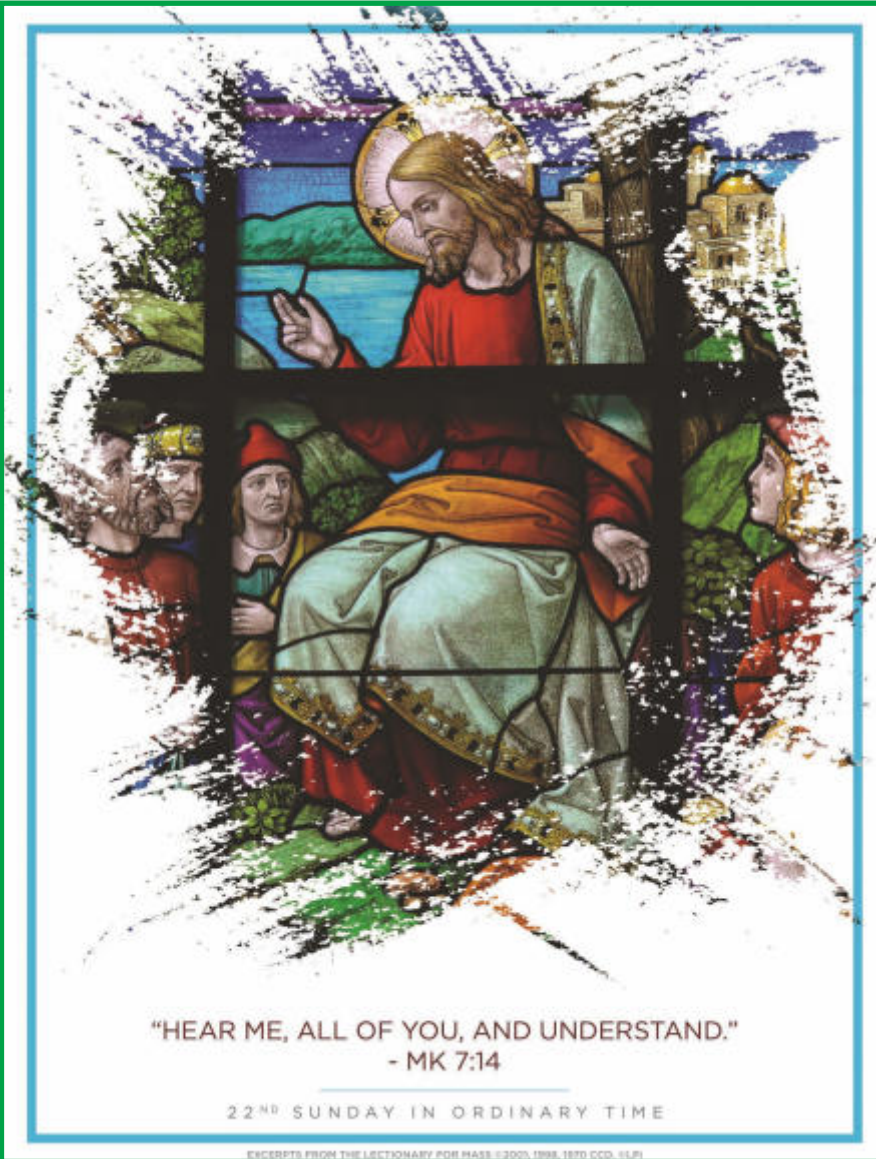




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MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass | 9:30 a.m. - Mass will be Live Streamed

Daily: Tuesday – Friday | 8:00 a.m. - Tuesday and Thursday Mass will be Live Streamed

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Six month notification required

Baptism: By appointment

Penance: Available the Second & Fourth Weekends each month.

Saturday: After 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday: After 9:30 a.m. Mass

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Office Closed

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR MASS

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD,
your God,
which I enjoin upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you nor
subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

PSALM:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the
Lord. (Ps 15)

SECOND READING:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding
yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

GOSPEL:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to
human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer Before Mass

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness.

May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

King God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so received into His mystical body and numbered among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You forever.

Amen

"The Celebration of
Holy Mass is as
valuable as the death
of Jesus on the cross."

Thomas Aquinas

REFLECT

FIRST READING

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

SECOND READING

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

GOSPEL READING

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?

I highlighted briefly last week in my bulletin article new and upcoming events that will take place at our parish beginning in September. I will be speaking briefly about these opportunities in the weeks ahead. I pray that these catechetical and social events will allow us to deepen our relationship with Christ and the Church and with each other as members of the Saint James Community. Each of us needs to ask ourselves regularly the question, *"What am I doing now to grow in my faith and relationship with Christ?"* Faith is like a muscle. If we never exercise it, it goes into atrophy. It begins to weaken and dies. This happens slowly over time and leads us on a downward spiral that ripples into other areas of our lives. We start to feel discontentment and lack purpose. We might find ourselves irritable towards others and suspicious of those who have a relationship with Christ. I invite you to use this opportunity to examine where you are in your faith development and relationship with Christ and to ask the question, what must my next step be?

Here are some opportunities that you may want to consider:

Young Adult Ministry

The first gathering will be on September 22 for those 18 – 40 years of age. This will be an informal gathering to allow the young adult members of our community to learn more about our Catholic Faith, and support each other in living as disciples of Christ.



Movie Night

This social event will also allow participants to enjoy a well-done production on the life of Christ and a chance to learn more about Christ and His relationship with His disciples. Please see details in the bulletin. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

In September, there will be two opportunities a month to participate in Eucharistic Adoration, which is the practice of adoring Christ exposed in the monstrance. Eucharistic Adoration occurs from 7:00 AM until 7:50 AM, before morning Mass on the first Friday of each month. In addition to this time, the Eucharist will be exposed all day, beginning at 8:30 AM until 6:30 PM. Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. The first all-day adoration will be on **September 14**, which is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Volunteers will be needed to cover a time slot throughout the day. Please watch the bulletin for more information!



Donut Sunday

Starting in September, the last Sunday of the month will be Donut Sunday, which takes place after the 9:30 AM Mass. This is a way for us to gather after our Eucharistic celebration to continue our Sunday celebration with our parish family. This also is a great way to meet other parishioners that you may see each Sunday but never have the opportunity to speak with.

Watch Fr. Bandura this weekend on WTAE as he talks about creating a culture of vocations in every parish.



"THE ACCENT ON-AIR"

In case you missed last weekend's show, it will be rebroadcast on:

Sunday, August 29, 2021

11:30 a.m.

WTAE - Channel 4

LITURGICAL SERVICES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021 | ANTICIPATED MASS - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 p.m. † For the People

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30 a.m. † Gary L. Stivason (Raffaella Dinga)

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 | WEEKDAY
NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021 | WEEKDAY
8:00 a.m. † James Hall (Rosary Altar Society)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 | WEEKDAY
8:00 a.m. † Charles (Burk) Burkholder Jr. (Frank & Cathy Levandosky)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 | WEEKDAY
8:00 a.m. † Joann Ragan (Munzek, Sharp, Chedrick Families)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 | SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8:00 a.m. † Jute Ragan (Munzek, Sharp, Chedrick Families)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 ANTICIPATED MASS - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 p.m. † For the People

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30 a.m. † Five Year Anniversary for Joan Ebert (Bill & Martha Ebert & Family)

SAINT JAMES PARISH PRESENTS - MOVIE NIGHTS "THE CHOSEN"

We will be hosting for four Saturdays, the First Season of the movie - *"The Chosen."*



**September 18
September 25
October 2
October 9, 2021
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Movie will be shown outside on church grounds - bring your lawn chair and your family and friends! Food and popcorn will be available. (In the event of inclement weather, movie will be shown inside our Church Social Hall). There will be a follow-up formation for adults on each following Tuesday evening in our Church Social Hall at 6:00 p.m. Contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829 for more information.

The Chosen is the #1 crowdfunded media project in entertainment history and the first multi-season show about the life of Jesus Christ and His disciples.

CANTOR MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Saint James is pleased to announce that Mr. Tom Octave, Director of Liturgical Music for the Diocese of Greensburg we will host a Cantor Music Ministry Workshop on **Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church. If you love to sing and are thinking that you would be interesting in cantoring, this is the event for you!

Please call the Parish Office at 724-668-2829 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! SAINT JAMES 9TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW & SPAGHETTI DINNER

If you have not signed up to help with the car cruise/dinner, it is not too late! You can also contact the Parish Office.

The spaghetti dinner preparation will be held the evenings of September 8 and 9th and during the days of September 10th and 11th. Times to be announced.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

COLLECTION REPORT

AUGUST 21, 2021 & AUGUST 22, 2021

Adult Envelopes:	\$1,320.00
Offertory Loose:	\$137.00
Flowers:	\$30.00
Candles:	\$52.50
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$10.00
Assumption:	\$35.00
Catholic Accent:	\$17.00
Total:	\$1,601.50

59 Adults

25 % out of 237 who choose to use regular Sunday envelopes

Income	Budget	Difference
\$1,584.50	\$3,688.85	\$ - 2,104.35

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God.

We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 21, 2021 & AUGUST 22, 2021

4:30 p.m. - 46

9:30 a.m. - 99

Total - 145

MINISTERS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, September 4, 2021

4:30 p.m.

Lector - Bill Mauck
Eucharistic Minister - Vicki Mauck

Sunday, September 5, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Lector - Nance Disciascio
Eucharistic Minister - Fran Disciascio

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning during the month of **September 2021**

In Memory of:

Charles (Burk) Burkholder, Jr.

Requested By: Family

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As a reminder the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered this weekend **August 28 and 29th, 2021** at the following times:

Saturday - after 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday - after 9:30 a.m. Mass



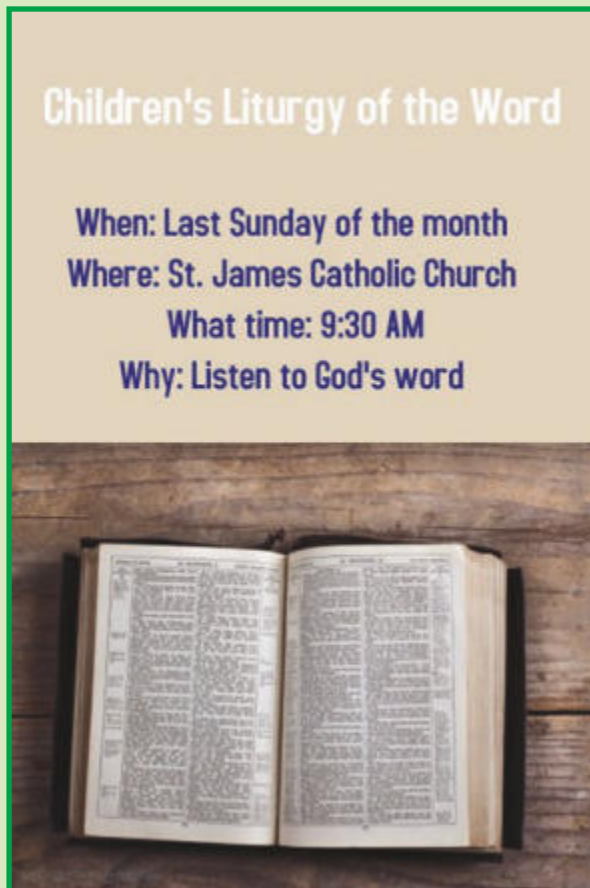
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FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Religious Education classes will still be on Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Our first class will begin on **September 22, 2021**. We will be using a new religious education book called Spirit of Truth from the Sophia Institute. The image to the right lists the classes for the fall semester. A spring schedule will be coming soon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In addition to Religious Education Classes, the last Sunday of the month starting **Sunday, September 26th** during the 9:30 a.m. mass, your child will have the opportunity to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FALL SCHEDULE	
SEPT Sept 22 6:00PM Sept 29 6:00PM	OCT Oct 6 6:00PM Oct 13 6:00PM Oct 20 6:00PM Oct 27 6:00PM
NOV Nov 3 6:00PM Nov 10 6:00PM	2ND GRADE ONLY Nov 20 9:00AM - 12:00PM Dec 4 10:00AM - 11:00AM



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Altar Society will be praying the rosary on Rosary Altar Sunday, **Sunday, September 5th at 8:45 a.m.** before Mass. Please come early to recite the rosary with our members.

The Rosary Altar Society will have their first meeting on **Thursday, September 9, 2021**. The Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. hosted by the officers. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend their first meeting of the fall.

September 2021

Saint James Catholic Church Calendar

Website: www.stjamesnewalexandria.org



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:00 a.m. Mass	2 8:00 a.m. Mass	3 Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Mass	4 4:30 p.m. Mass
5 Rosary Altar Sunday Rosary at 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Mass	6 Parish Office Closed NO MORNING MASS 	7 8:00 a.m. Mass	8 8:00 a.m. Mass Rosary Altar Society Marian Prayers at 1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	9 8:00 a.m. Mass Rosary Altar Society Rosary at 6:30 pm & Meeting at 7:00 pm	10 8:00 a.m. Mass	11 4:30 p.m. Mass Confessions after 4:30 Mass
12 9:30 a.m. Mass Confessions after 9:30 Mass Car Cruise & Spaghetti Dinner 11:00 to 4:00 pm	13 NO MORNING MASS	14 8:00 a.m. Mass Eucharistic Day-All Day Adoration & Benediction - 6:30 p.m. with evening prayer	15 8:00 a.m. Mass	16 8:00 a.m. Mass	17 8:00 a.m. Mass	18 4:30 p.m. Mass Movie Night "The Chosen" 6:00 PM inside Social Hall due to Demo Derby
19 9:30 a.m. Mass - Blessing of Catechists & Students 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 3:00 pm Demo Derby	20 NO MORNING MASS	21 8:00 a.m. Mass Adult Education "The Chosen" Discussion in Social Hall at 6:00 pm	22 8:00 a.m. Mass Young Adult Ministry 6:00 PM - 7:30 p.m. in Social Hall	23 8:00 a.m. Mass	24 8:00 a.m. Mass	25 4:30 p.m. Mass Confessions after 4:30 Mass- Movie Night "The Chosen" 6:00 PM outside parish grounds
26 9:30 a.m. Mass - Children's Liturgy Confessions after 9:30 Mass Donut Social after Mass	27 NO MORNING MASS	28 8:00 a.m. Mass Adult Education "The Chosen" Discussion in Social Hall at 6:00 pm	29 8:00 a.m. Mass Young Adult Ministry 6:00 PM - 7:30 p.m. in Social Hall	30 8:00 a.m. Mass		



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