

Saint James the Greater

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving the Community of Concord,

North Carolina and Beyond!

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord



Pastor

Rev. Jerome Chavarria, C.Ss.R.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. (Spanish) 5:00 p.m.
Monday	7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Tuesday—Saturday	11:00 a.m.
Thursday (Spanish)	7:00 p.m.
Reconciliation	
Saturday	2:00 –3:30 p.m. or by request
Eucharistic Adoration	
Monday	10:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed on Holy Days & Holidays

St. James Religious Articles & Bookstore

Open before and after all weekend Masses
Email: stjamescatholicbookstore@hotmail.com

Website & Social Media

Web: www.saintjamescatholic.org
Facebook: St. James the Greater Concord or
saintjamesthegreaterconcord

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to open “the door of faith” to our parishioners to make possible the life of communion with God and the transformation of the heart. The fruit of this transformation will be to unite in charity our diverse congregation and surrounding community; “breaking down the dividing wall” (Ephesians 2:14). As members of the one body of Christ, we accept our responsibilities as good stewards of His great gifts.



St. James the Greater Catholic Church

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New Parishioners: Please call the office as soon as possible. By Church Law, only registered parishioners can receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and be Sacramental Sponsors.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Registration and Baptismal Preparation class are required. To schedule a Baptism date contact the parish office.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist:
Contact Kayla D'Allura at 704-720-0600 x729

Confirmation:
Contact Michael Quinn at 704-720-0600 x720.

Adult Confirmation:
Contact Micki O'Connor at 980-621-5451.

Reconciliation Schedule:
Saturday 2:00—3:30 p.m. or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Registered Parishioners are required by Diocesan Policy to contact the office 6 months prior to the date of marriage. Marriage dates should not be set prior to meeting with the parish priest.

Sacrament of Anointing/Visiting Sick:
If you need a visit from a priest, please call the office. In case of an *EMERGENCY* call (704) 720-0608.

Letters of Eligibility:
Letters of Eligibility to act as Godparents or Sponsors can be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered and in good standing.

St. James Catholic Cemetery & Columbarium:
Plots and niches are available to all parishioners of St. James and St. Joseph, their families and practicing Catholics from other parishes. Contact Charlie Anzalone 704-490-3796.

Altar Servers:
Contact Robert Williams at rwilliams24@carolina.rr.com by phone at 704-467-3550.

RCIA Program:
Contact Ginny Lieto at 704-454-7561 or
Virginalieto@gmail.com

Bulletin Information:
Deadline is: 10 days prior to publication date. Send to:
communication@saintjamescatholic.org.

Parish Nurse:
Rosa Gonzalez, 704-720-0600 x754
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Online Giving: <https://saintjamescatholic.weshareonline.org>

THE REVELLE GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Meeting in Gill Hall, Monday through Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. Alcoholism is a complex problem with physical, behavioral, and spiritual components affecting all aspects of life. A content & healthy, sober life requires commitment & effort, but the journey is easier with friends who know the way. Reveille members help each other achieve & sustain sobriety by sharing their strength, hope & practical experience. If alcohol has become a problem in your life, or to learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous, we invite you to join us.

CHARITABLE DONATION STATEMENTS:

If you are in need of your statement of donations for tax purposes, please contact the office by email or phone and let us know. We can send them out via email, regular mail or you may pick them up. We will NOT automatically send these out, you must call. Email to bonniew@saintjamescatholic.org or call 704-720-0600 and leave your name with Miriam.

If you are not receiving Flock Notes, email your email address or cell number to: Bonniew@saintjamescatholic.org to be added.

Offertory Collection—12/25 & 26—01/01 & 02/22

Offertory.....\$88768.50
Budget\$44,770.00
This collection total accounts for Christmas and New Year's Day as well as the weekend collections of 12/26 and 01/02/2022.

Thank you for your continued generosity & support

If you have any questions, please contact communication@saintjamescatholic.org or the office at 704-720-0600.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS –JAN. 8—JAN. 16

Saturday, January 8

11:00 a.m. +Elsie Elizabeth Holtslander by Ginger & Al Curl

5:00 p.m. +Julia Erceg by The Erceg Family

7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. +Casasnovas-Maldonado Family by Norma Casasnovas

9:30 a.m. They Ray Batish Family by The Kincaid Family

11:00 a.m. +Robert Mendonsa by The Haywood Family

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

5:00 p.m. For all parishioners

Monday, January 10

7:00 p.m. +Patsy Cunningham by Carol Soucie

Tuesday, January 11

11:00 a.m. +James Bianco by Roe & Roy Thompson

Wednesday, January 12

11:00 a.m. +Kathleen Stadler by Mary's Visitors

Thursday, January 13

11:00 a.m. +Roberto Mendonsa by Veronica Brilhante
Veronica Brilhante Birthday Anniversary

7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Friday, January 14

11:00 a.m. +Eleanor Waligora by The Waligora Children

Saturday, January 15

11:00 a.m. For the marriage of Mike & Leslie Walter by
Rosemary

5:00 p.m. +Theresa Stockdale by Gail Abraham

7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. +Ellie Waligora by David Corbett

9:30 a.m. +Jenny Batish by The Kincaid Family

11:00 a.m. For fallen police, firefighters & first responders by
The Labonte Family

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

5:00 p.m. For all parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 9—JAN. 15

Sun, Jan. 9: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mon, Jan. 10: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tue, Jan. 11: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wed, Jan. 12: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thu, Jan. 13: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Fri, Jan. 14: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Sat, Jan. 15: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Readings are also at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

Thank You!



The members of Mary's Visitors would like to thank the Women's Guild for providing the gift bags full of snacks and other items that we delivered to those on our home bound and nursing facility visitation list. Everyone was so grateful for the thoughtfulness of St. James parish. Thank you also to the Columbiette ministry for the greeting cards they provided for those we visit. It's especially nice when several ministries come together for such a heartwarming cause!

CHILDREN'S MASS LECTORS & GREETERS:

Contact Mike Boteilho at
mboteilho13@gmail.com
to begin serving.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Machala Anderson
Ramona Baudion
Larry Brantley
Michelle Belofski
Charlotte Bond
Danielle Buckner
Melissa Carl
Megan Carney
Donna Carrow
Alden Chapman
Ralph Clark
Angela Colbert
Mona DanDunk
Pete Delaney
Denny Dicky
Jane Drake
Sherry Earnhardt

Gary Emblar
Peter Franzese
Betty Gann
James Gann
Stacy Gibbons
Maria Gross
Eileen Guttridge
Janies M. Hosson
Bill Hurst
Berniece Janke
Emilee Johnson
David Kelemecz
Florence Keogh
Lisa King
Irene McConnell
Patricia McGeady
Rachel McGirt
Rachel McNellie
Joyce Milliron

Memorie Munson
MaryAnn Neilson
Sarah Ott
Evelyn Parker
Heidi Payne
Joe Piccirilli
Dawn D'Amat I. Ralston
Bo Riggins
Brian Schlemmer
Barbara Sedegren
Angela Sherrill
Ashley Sibley
Daniel Sibley
James Sibley
Patricia Sibley
Victoria Sibley O'Keefe
Florence Smelkoff
Albertine Smith
Robert Wadman
Beth Wilson

Please remember to contact the office when we can remove your loved one from our prayer list or St. Gerard list. We will remove names periodically to free up space. Thank you!

ST. GERARD LIST: let us pray for these mothers and their babies through the intercession of St. Gerard.



Brenda Calarza—Mar. Kristin Keidel—Mar.
Michelle Chromosamki—Mar. Angela Crenshaw—Apr
Sarah Lasseter—Apr.

Please contact the office to be put on the St. Gerard List.

BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

01/15/2022, Saturday

5:00 p.m. Robby & Charlotte Schomberg

7:30 p.m. Robby & Charlotte Schomberg

01/16/2022, Sunday

8:00 a.m. Kathy & Paul Southworth

9:30 a.m. Steve, Stephen & Liza Baker

11:00 a.m. Angie & Paul Harness

1:00 p.m. Maria & Daniela Rivera

5:00 p.m. Kim Lane & Reba Marie Meskill

LECTOR SCHEDULE:

01/15/2022, Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Joyce Preston

01/16/2022, Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Jenny Schmidt

9:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Angie Harness

5:00 p.m. Teen Ministry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Continue to sign up on Sign-up Genius from email sent out. If you would like to begin serving again, please contact Tanya Sastoque at tanyadimarco@hotmail.com.

The St. James Women's Guild will not be holding a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 11th at 6:30 pm in Geiger Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Michelle Briggs. Michelle is a member of St. James and teaches Zumba classes, both at St. James and the Senior Center. Her topic for the evening will be "A Matter of Balance". Michelle is a course instructor for this class. Masks will be required.

The board of the St. James Women's Guild would like to wish the members of the parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Blessed New Year.

RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS:

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of Feb 11-13, 2022 call 434-793-0242 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.org.

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE: There is no eating or drinking in the Church! We are having issues with drinks being spilled on the pews, finding food crumbs in the pews and gum being stuck to the back of the pews.

If your child needs food or drinks during Mass please take them to the cry room or the vestibule. Thank you!

ST. JAMES & CCM PANTRY NEEDS FOR THE MONTH:

Our current big needs are:

Cereal	Canned Carrots
Tomato Soup	Canned Potatoes
Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned Pinto Beans (15 or 16 oz.)
Canned fruit	Canned Baked Beans (15 or 16 oz.)
Whole Grain Items	Low Sodium Items
No-added Sugar Items	Canned Peas
Diapers (all sizes)	

We have plenty of the following:

Pasta	Macaroni & Cheese
Rice	Tuna
Chicken & Rice soup	Pasta Sauce
Diced Tomatoes	Canned Green Beans & Corn

We thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Crusader's Stations of the Cross: My name is Gabe Glass, I am a sophomore student at Christ The King looking to raise money for funds for my Eagle Scout project and need your help. In order to gain that rank I must complete a service project where I will build 14 Stations of the Cross behind Christ The King. In order to accomplish that, I ask for your donation to spread the precious openness of prayer. Thank you, Gabe Glass.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an Adult (19 and older) who is active in our Catholic faith but never received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please join us for this 10 week course of preparation. This course will guide you through your final initiation into the Catholic Church in June.

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Conference Room (located in the Office)

Sessions begin February 24, 2022

For more information and to register, contact Micki O'Connor at mickio53@hotmail.com or 980-621-5451

JOB POSTING – STAFF ACCOUNTANT

The Diocese of Charlotte is seeking a full-time Staff Accountant for Parish Accounting Services. Areas of responsibilities include general bookkeeping and accounting for parishes, missions and parish schools: monthly close, financial statement preparation, general ledger maintenance and reconciliations, journal entries, accounts payable and cash receipts processing, payroll entries, budgeting, sales tax and year-end tax reporting.

Requirements include:

- Education with a focus in Accounting, Finance or related field.
- Experience in accounting or bookkeeping, preferably for a parish.
- Excellent computer skills - specifically with Excel.
- Experience with ParishSOFT software - a plus.

Please send resume and salary history/requirements by December 31, 2021 to: Mason Beaumont, Controller, Diocese of Charlotte, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203-4003, or email to mtbeaumont@rcdoc.org.

The Diocese of Charlotte is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



IT'S SUPERBOWL TIME!!!

The Knights of Columbus, will once again be selling Superbowl Squares starting in January. We are going to add a \$20 per square board also this year. So, we will have a \$5.00 per square board, a \$10 per square board & a \$20 per square board. We will need your help to sell out. If you haven't participated before, now is your chance. We will be outside of Masses the whole month of January. Please join in on the Fun this year! The Superbowl is on Sunday Feb 13th. We will be taking cash or checks made out to **Lamb Foundation of NC**. If, you can't make it to Mass, but would like to participate, then call Jeff Mathews (704)890-4237 & I will make arrangements to sell you some squares. As always, thanks in advance for your support! And all monies raised goes to the special needs Dept. of Cabarrus County Schools.

St. James the Greater

Family Dinner



RESERVATIONS MANDATORY:
Make your reservation by calling the parish office by Monday, January 17th by 2 PM. First 100 will be accepted!

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

St. James Geiger Hall

5:15pm UNTIL 6:30pm

Featuring: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Veggie, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert, and Drink

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Please make your reservations by Monday, January 17th



St. James Hospitality Committee 2022

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- 2** Select your donation amount and frequency.
- 3** Enter in your account and payment information.

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. — C. S. Lewis



**Come for a hearty start to the day!
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St. James the Greater Sunday Morning Breakfast



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GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to provide encouragement and to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. We know it hurts and we want to help. There is no fee. Optional is the purchase of a \$15.00 workbook. If interested, please register.

Upcoming weekly sessions:

St. James Catholic Church – Geiger Hall Classroom

139 Manor Avenue, SW

Concord, NC 28025

Mondays, January 17 - April 18, 2022

Contact: Toni Swick (732) 330-9744 or toniswick@gmail.com

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. sessions

Contact: Fran Vogeliien (704-918-4010) or vogeliien@hotmail.com

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. sessions

Avisos desde la oficina

Horario de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano: de martes a viernes 1:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede llamar al 704-720-0602

BAUTISMO

Próximos Bautismos: 26 de febrero a las 12:00 p.m. en el templo. La próxima plática bautismal será el 19 de febrero de 4:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m. en el Gill Hall. Deben asistir padres y padrinos. Llegar entre 3:30 y 3:50 para efectos de registración. Por favor no traer niños.



GRUPO DE ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS "LA ALEGRÍA DE VIVIR"

¿Tiene usted problemas con el alcohol o con otras adicciones? El Grupo de Alcohólicos Anónimos (AA) aquí en St James, ha reiniciado las reuniones y está aquí para ayudarle a usted a enfocarse en su bienestar, le invitamos a que se una al grupo. Para más información se puede comunicar con cualquiera de las siguientes personas: Lázaro Cruz 704-701-9179, José Oviedo 704-490-9562, Gustavo Gallo 704-491-0876, o también es bien venido a la reunión sin previo aviso. Los domingos y viernes de 7:00pm-9:00pm en el Guadalupe Hall.

NUESTRA AGENDA

Enero 10 (lunes)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exposición del Santísimo y Adoración

6:00 p.m. Ensayo de coro - G.H

7:00 p.m. Reunión Hombres y Mujeres CRSP - OLG

Enero 11 (martes)

6:00 p.m. Ensayo Coro - Templo

7:00 p.m. Reunión Mujeres CRSP - OLG Hall.

7:00 p.m. Consagrados a Jesús por María – Capilla

Enero 13 (jueves)

6:30 p.m. Rosario **7:00 p.m.** Eucaristía

7:45 p.m. Adoración a Jesús Sacramentado

Enero 14 (viernes)

7:00 p.m. Reunión de Mujeres y Hombres CRSP – OLGH. Ensayo Coro - G. H.

Enero 15 (sábado)

6:00 p.m. Reunión Hombres CRSP - OLG Hall. Ensayo Coro - G. H

7:00 p.m. Rosario **7:30 p.m.** Eucaristía

Enero 16 (domingo)

11:30 a.m. Catequesis para Padres en el Guadalupe Hall - Asamblea. Todos invitados.

12:30 p.m. Rosario **1:00 p.m.** - Eucaristía

SERVIDORES - SANTO ROSARIO

JUEVES ENERO 13	SÁBADO ENERO 15	DOMINGO ENERO 16
Yahvy Arias	Gloria Narvaez	Luz Ozuna

SERVIDORES - MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS - JUEVES ENERO 13

EUCARISTÍA	LECTORES
Norma Gomez, Adela Nolasco, Gloria Narvaez	1. Katia Caballero S. Martha San Juan

SERVIDORES – MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS – SABADO ENERO 15

EUCARISTÍA	LECTORES	UJIERES	ACÓLITOS
Angel Viguera Leticia Lopez Ernesto Landaverde Marina Hernandez Raul Hernandez	M. Adriana Mejia 1. Edmundo Rivas S. Christina Panchi 2. Maria Ramirez	Luz G., José A., Clementa P., Juan M., Desiderio M., Bertha U., Leodegario S., Marcos B., Kayla H., Cornelio H.	Elidio Bustos Leodegario Soto

SERVIDORES - MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS – DOMINGO ENERO 16

EUCARISTÍA	LECTORES	UJIERES	ACÓLITOS
Cristina Montoya Anibal Perez Enmanuel Juarez Raul Macias Araceli Hernandez	M. Ivonne Erion 1. Gustavo Gallo S. Liliana Rojas 2. Madai Campos	Roxana, Paula H., Filiberto S., José S., Marisol A., Marcos C., Yolanda T., Yadira G., Yael V.	Angel Viguera Jason Arellanos Leonardo Rivas

LA PALABRA DE DIOS CADA DIA DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Mc. 1,14-20- *“Venid conmigo y os haré pescadores de hombres.”*

Martes: Mc. 1,21-28- *“Sé quién eres: el Santo de Dios.”*

Miércoles: Mc. 1,29-39- *“Vámonos a otra parte, a las aldeas cercanas, para predicar también allí; que para eso he salido.”*

Jueves: Mc. 1,40-45- *“No se lo digas a nadie; pero, para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo que mandó Moisés.”*

Viernes: Mc. 2,1-12- *“Hijo, tus pecados quedan perdonados.”*

Sábado: Mc. 2,3-17- *“No necesitan médico los sanos, sino los enfermos. No he venido a llamar a los justos, sino a los pecadores.”*

EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA POSTSINODAL EL AMOR EN LA FAMILIA DEL PAPA FRANCISCO (Continuación)

Las familias tienen, entre otros derechos, el de «poder contar con una adecuada política familiar por parte de las autoridades públicas en el terreno jurídico, económico, social y fiscal»[26]. A veces son dramáticas las angustias de las familias cuando, frente a la enfermedad de un ser querido, no tienen acceso a servicios adecuados de salud, o cuando se prolonga el tiempo sin acceder a un empleo digno. «Las coerciones económicas excluyen el acceso de la familia a la educación, la vida cultural y la vida social activa. El actual sistema económico produce diversas formas de exclusión social. Las familias sufren en particular los problemas relativos al trabajo. Las posibilidades para los jóvenes son pocas y la oferta de trabajo es muy selectiva y precaria. Las jornadas de trabajo son largas y, a menudo, agravadas por largos tiempos de desplazamiento. Esto no ayuda a los miembros de la familia a encontrarse entre ellos y con los hijos, a fin de alimentar cotidianamente sus relaciones».

«Son muchos los niños que nacen fuera del matrimonio, especialmente en algunos países, y muchos los que después crecen con uno solo de los padres o en un contexto familiar ampliado o reconstituido [...] Por otro lado, la explotación sexual de la infancia constituye una de las realidades más escandalosas y perversas de la sociedad actual. Asimismo, en las sociedades golpeadas por la violencia a causa de la guerra, del terrorismo o de la presencia del crimen organizado, se dan situaciones familiares deterioradas y, sobre todo en las grandes metrópolis y en sus periferias, crece el llamado fenómeno de los niños de la calle». El abuso sexual de los niños se torna todavía más escandaloso cuando ocurre en los lugares donde deben ser protegidos, particularmente en las familias y en las escuelas y en las comunidades e instituciones cristianas.

Las migraciones «representan otro signo de los tiempos que hay que afrontar y comprender con toda la carga de consecuencias sobre la vida familiar». El último Sínodo ha dado una gran importancia a esta problemática, al expresar que «atañe, en modalidades diversas, a poblaciones enteras en varias partes del mundo. La Iglesia ha tenido en este ámbito un papel importante. La movilidad humana, que corresponde al movimiento histórico natural de los pueblos, puede revelarse una auténtica riqueza, tanto para la familia que emigra como para el país que la acoge. Otra cosa es la migración forzada de las familias como consecuencia de situaciones de guerra, persecuciones, pobreza, injusticia, marcada por las vicisitudes de un viaje que a menudo pone en riesgo la vida, traumatiza a las personas y desestabiliza a las familias. El acompañamiento de los migrantes exige una pastoral específica, dirigida tanto a las familias que emigran como a los miembros de los núcleos familiares que permanecen en los lugares de origen. Esto se debe llevar a cabo respetando sus culturas, la formación religiosa y humana de la que provienen, así como la riqueza espiritual de sus ritos y tradiciones, también mediante un cuidado pastoral específico [...] (Continuará...)



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