

DECEMBER 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Welcome to our weekend Mass. Sunday Mass is for the Members of the Parish and we pray for those at mass as well as for those who cannot attend mass and for those who are ill. Please pray for all health care workers and their families, medical researchers, civic leaders, and all public servants who continue to serve us.

There is a daily mass most every weekday; consider having a Mass intention scheduled for a weekday. The person who requests a mass intention, does not have to be present when the petition is offered. One's physical presence is not a requirement yet the graces/benefit of the Mass are still given.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tues. Dec. 24 5:00pm Mass at St. James
Tues. Dec 24 10:00pm Mass at St. James
Wed. Dec 25 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

New Year's Mass Schedule

Tues. Dec 31 Time 4:15pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Wed. Jan 1 12:00 Noon Mass at St. James-Solemnity of Mary

Office will be closed Dec. 25 thru Jan 1
Will reopen Jan 2, 2025

All Donations for 2024 must be received by Dec. 31, 2024 in order to appear for your tax state-

Schedule of Ministries

	St. James 4:30pm Sat. Dec. 28	Sacred Heart 9:00am Sun. Dec. 29	St. James 11:00am Sun. Dec. 29
Altar Servers	T.Antonacci		M.Weaver
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J.Barberio		R.Short
Readers	A.Paletta		J.Angiulli
Ushers	Policano Dosier	M. Cain	Colanero D;Agostino
Counters		April Susan Cathy	Regina Marlene

Liturgy Schedule & Intention

Mon. Dec. 23 - 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

Tues. Dec. 24 - 5:00 PM **Christmas Vigil** + Angie Crites
Tues. Dec. 24 - 10:00 PM **Christmas Night Mass**

Wed. Dec. 25 - 10:30 AM **Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart** + Gene & Joy Fahey

Thurs. Dec. 26 -12:00 Noon + John R. Minnocci

Fri. Dec. 27 - 12:00 Noon + Deceased Members of the Nardelli Family

Sat. Dec. 28 - 4:30pm + Joe Scardina

Sun. Dec. 29 - 9:00am + Sirpa Cain

Sun. Dec. 29 - 11:00am - Members of the Parish

It is a Holy and Wholesome Thought to Pray for the Dead More effective than flowers or memorial gifts, is to have the Liturgy offered for your deceased loved ones or a Liturgy celebrated as a "special intention" for a living person. Call or visit the parish office to request a Liturgy. The person requesting the mass intention does not have to be present when the petition is offered.

Light a candle (\$1 & \$3), **make a Mass Intention** (\$10 weekday/\$20 Saturday), or **light a Sanctuary candle** (\$10 week) in memory of your loved ones that have passed, or for a special intention or occasion. There is also a box of blessed candles for home use in the candle corner. Stop by the office to make arrangements for a Mass or Sanctuary candle. **The donation amounts listed above are for St. James. Sacred Heart donation amounts may vary, please check with Nancy for correct amounts.**

Prayer Requests & Intentions

To submit a prayer request at St. James or Sacred Heart, please contact the St. James office at 622-1668. Help us keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. Names will be published for until requested to be removed. To place someone on the list, (we must have their permission) please contact the office.

St. James Prayer Network: Remember to place your prayer intention in the Prayer Box located near the Shrine of the Holy Family in the Worship Area of the church. All intentions are included in the daily prayers of our Prayer Ministry Coordinators: **Mary Jo Veltri** (304-677-6457) and **Sylvia Basile** (304-623-4782). Also, if you feel called to this ministry, please notify either of the coordinators.

Sharon Stewart, Ralph Stanton, Ms. Jenn, Carmine Faro, Rose Brunetti Bennett, Makayla Posey, Terry Antonacci, June Angiulli, Nancy Scardina, Faith Garrett, Mary Jane Merandi, Virginia Liptak, Frances Pandora, Doug Bailey, Louie Talerico, Catherine Mancina, Dale Garrett, Jim Ayers

Offerings & Attendance

Dec. 14-15-, 2024

Regular Collection **\$1674.00**
Attendance: Saturday 44 Sunday 56

Dec. 8, 2024 (Salem)

Regular Collection **\$411.00**
Maintenance **\$50.00**
Attendance: Sunday 29

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please notify civil authorities first and then please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

Anniversary or Birthdays: If you are celebrating your Wedding Anniversary or Birthday call the office and we will announce it in the bulletin on the following Sunday. Father will do a "special blessing" for you at the Liturgy.

Rel Ed: Jan 5 - Confirmation Class #4 in the Parish Center 5:00pm-6:30 pm

Jan 26 - Family Session for Children and Adults in Parish Center 9:30-10:45

Jan 26 - Luncheon in the Parish Center 12:15/Family Game Day at 1:00pm



Question of the Week: In what ways can you imitate Mary and help bring Jesus to others?

Parish Council Meeting will be held Jan. 22 at 6:30pm in the Rolland Room. All members are asked to please attend. If unable to attend, please call the office at 304-622-1668.

Jubilee of Hope Celebrations: 2025 has been designated as the Jubilee Year of Hope focusing on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". It is no secret that our world is in need of hope. Bishop Brennan will be celebrating a special liturgy at 10:30am at the Cathedral in Wheeling and simultaneously at the Co-Cathedral in Charleston on Dec. 29. Realizing that date falls in the middle of the week and the busy holiday season, we encourage 2-3 people from St. James/Sacred Heart to consider participating in either the Wheeling or Charleston liturgy. Dec. 29th is the kick-off to what will be a Year of celebrations, pilgrimages, and other spiritual opportunities. Please consider attending one of these liturgies!! If interested in attending, please call the office at 304-622-1668. **There are prayer cards for the Jubilee Year of Hope on the table by the baptismal font and the brochure table in the Rolland Room.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent: The Fourth Sunday of Advent focuses on the final preparations for our Lord's coming. Common practices include increased prayer and acts of charity. These practices reflect the spirit of Christ's coming, helping us to live out His message of love and kindness.

This Sunday brings us closer to the birth of Jesus and invites us to reflect on important themes. Through the readings from Micah, Hebrews, and Luke, we learn about God's promise, the importance of humble beginnings, obedience to God's will, and recognizing Jesus in our lives. It encourages us to see the potential in our own humble beginnings. We should not be discouraged by small starts but trust that God can do great things through them. By embracing humility and trusting in God's promises, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent reminds us that obeying God can be challenging, especially when it goes against our own plans. It reminds us that true fulfillment comes from aligning our lives with God's purposes. This obedience leads to a deeper relationship with God and a more meaningful life. Reflecting on Jesus' obedience encourages us to examine our own lives. Are we willing to sacrifice our desires to follow God's will?

Jesus came to us as a baby, but He also comes to us in our daily lives. If we only see Him in the nativity scene, we miss many moments of grace. Through prayer and the sacraments, we prepare ourselves to recognize and welcome Jesus every day.

The first act of charity we can do for our neighbor is to offer a serene and smiling face. It is to bring them the joy of Jesus, as Mary did with Elizabeth.--Pope Francis



Fourth Advent Candle: Love - The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle leads us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

Catholic Charities: The second collection on Christmas Day: We recall God's fulfillment of His promise to send the world a Savior in which we are moved to engage in good works in Christ's name. Remember all the good works that Catholic Charities of West Virginia does in Christ's name and ours to help people in need. Show your support, help families with emergency expenses, The Birth to Three program for little children at risk of delayed development without early intervention-among many other things. Please be generous with your donation as you remember and honor God who gave us His Son in our need.

Catholic Sharing Appeal: Total for St. James so far this year is \$1,620, only 14% of our goal and Sacred Heart has \$590, only 23% of their goal. **We are encouraging you to donate, if possible, before Dec. 31. Support your parish by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. There are envelopes at the baptismal font, or you can go to dwc.org/CSA**

Merry Christmas

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 Saint James Catholic Church is a parish family that lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgy, prayer, teaching, and service, inspired by the example of Saint James the Greater.

Location: 2107 Pride Ave., Clarksburg, WV 26301
Phone: 304-622-1668
Parish Center: 304-918-9447
Email: stjamesparishclarksburg@gmail.com
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm
Website: www.stjamesparishclarksburg.org
Facebook: St. James Parish Clarksburg
Live Streaming on Facebook Sunday at 11:00

Mass
 4:30pm Every Saturday
 11:00am Every Sunday
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 3:30pm - 4:15pm Every Saturday
 or by appointment

Location: 53 Sacred Heart Lane, Salem, WV 26426
Phone: 304-782-2277

Mass:
 9:00am Every Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Fr. B. K Akila Rodrigo, T.O.R
Parish Secretary: Nancy Cain (304-782-2277)
Organist: April Seamone (304-871-0817)
Youth Group, Evangelization & Safe Environment:
 Nancy Cain (304-622-5856)
Women's Club: Nancy Cain (304-622-5856)

Parish Pastoral Staff
Pastor: Rev. Fr. B. K Akila Rodrigo, T.O.R
Parish Secretary: Linda Insani (304-622-1668)
Music Director: Gerald Somazze (304-622-5869)
DRE: Mike Spatafore (304-622-8270 or 304-641-5764)
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Finance Council: Marlene Woofter (301-641-8807)
Liturgy Committee: Gerald Somazze (304-622-5869)
Social Ministries: Helena Kerns (304-622-4862)
Altar Rosary Society: Sheila Marra (304-940-0242)
Parish Sacristan: Reta Gaston (304-709-4005)
Prayer Network Coordinators: Mary Jo Veltri (304-677-6457)
 Sylvia Basile (304-623-4782)
Hospital Ministry: Larry Woofter (304-641-9063)
Community Room Rental & Dinners:
 Patty Gonzalez (304-623-4085) **Parish Center** (304-918-9447)

Sacraments: If anyone is sick or in need of a sacrament, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 304-622-1668.

Parish Membership:
 We warmly welcome new or returning members and families to our Parish Community. Please register with the Parish Office during regular office hours to update the Census information.

Infant Baptism:
 Baptism preparation classes are required of parents wishing to have their baby baptized. Contact Fr. Akila to make an appointment. (Appointment prior to the birth of the baby is highly encouraged.)

Marriage:
 Marriage preparation classes are required by our Diocese. Couples wishing to get married should contact Fr. Akila at least six months prior to the requested marriage date to make arrangements.