

Father James Searby Bio:

Father Searby was born in Queens, NY and left at the age of eight when his family moved to Vienna, VA when his father worked for President Reagan. He attended Bishop O'Connell for three years before graduating from Northridge Preparatory School in Chicago. He graduated from the University of Dallas earning a BA in History. After university, he worked a variety of jobs in the tech world in marketing and sales, and eventually ran away with the circus (literally) when he worked for Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey, and Disney on Ice. He started to discern a call to the priesthood and entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1999 for the Arlington Diocese. He was ordained in 2005. He has served as parochial vicar at several parishes and as Chaplain at George Mason University. He is currently parochial vicar at the Basilica of St. Mary.

Father has an ongoing passion for the fine and performing arts, travel, and all things cultural. He oil paints as a regular hobby and has a podcast called "Holiness for the Working Day" (available on all podcast platforms).