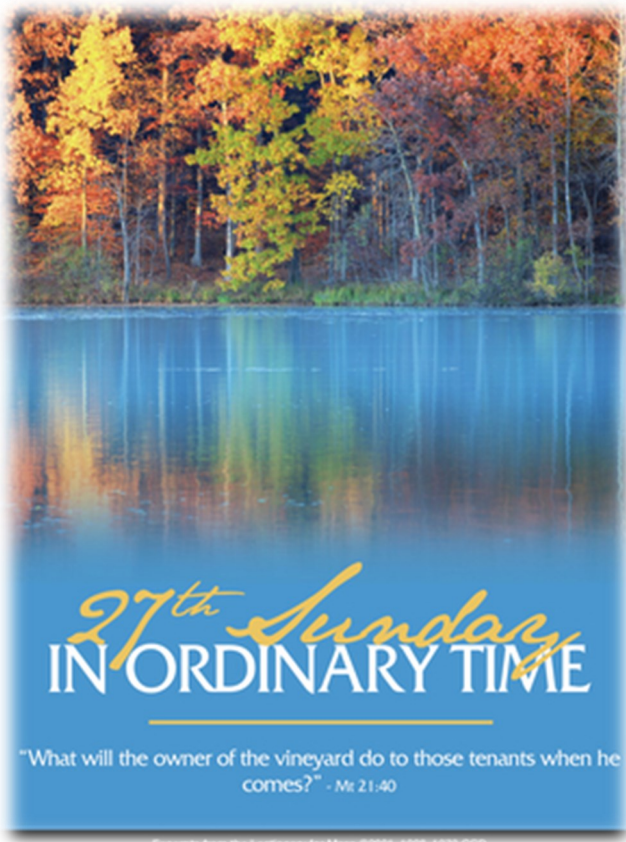


# St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

October 4, 2020



## MASS SCHEDULES

### Weekends

Saturday 4pm,

Sunday 8am, 9:30am and 11am

**See our website for more information  
about attending mass at St. James**

### Weekdays

Monday — Friday 8:30am

Wednesday 7pm

**\*\*No Saturday 8:30am Mass**

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6:00 — 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 — 10:00am

**PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT HAVE  
CONFESSION ON  
Saturday, October 10th**

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 6:00pm — 7:00pm

**\*\*Please visit our website for PROTOCOLS  
regarding attending any functions at St. James.\*\***

Parish Office (770) 957-5441

### Office hours:

Monday— Thursday 9:00am — 4:00pm

Parish Staff

### Clergy

Very Rev. Liam A. Coyne V.F .....ext. 105

Rev. Mr. Charles Iner, Deacon .....ext. 201

Msgr. Terry W. Young, Retired in Residence

### Staff

Sara Fried, Parish Secretary ..... ext. 100

Amy Gordineer, Receptionist..... ext. 100

Mara Martin, Parish Ministries Coordinator...ext. 101

Beckey Petty, Business Manager ..... ext. 102

Tasha Quinn, Accountant ..... ext. 120

Diane Scarbrough, Music Director ..... ext. 104

Gary Ames, Maintenance Coordinator ..... ext. 202

### Religious Education

Eric Bridwell, Director of Religious Edu. .... ext. 108

Tracy Howard, Assistant ..... ext. 109

Patti Lucas, Director of Preschool ..... ext. 121

Krissy Upcraft, Youth Minister ..... ext. 110

### Outreach

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1000 Decatur Road

McDonough, Georgia 30252

Email: [parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com)

<http://www.stjamesapostle.com>

## Readings for the Week

October 5 to October 11th

Monday: Gal 1:6-12, Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24, Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5, Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14, Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29, Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20,  
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

## Observances for the week of October 5th

Sunday: Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,  
Priest

Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest;  
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and  
Companions, Martyrs;  
St. John Leonardi, Priest



# *Mass Intentions*

**October 5 to October 11**

MON. 8:30am Jim Schlottman +  
by Maggie Schlottman

TUES. 8:30am Tom Enright +  
by Joanne Enright

WED. 8:30am Thomas Gasses +  
by KofC Holy Trinity Council 7601  
7pm Fr. Ed Flanagan  
by Valerie Ryczek

THURS. 8:30am Upcoming RCIA Candidates

FRI. 8:30am Marsha Weeks  
by Iner Family

SAT. 4pm Michael O'Boyle  
by Kellie Crespo

SUN. 8am Joseph P. Upchurch, Jr.  
+ by Elodia Upchurch  
9:30am Our Parishioners  
11am Diane M. O'Connor  
by Mr. & Mrs. Wally Marchant



## **PRAYER** *Requests*

Laura Alvarez, James Baker, Ron and Jan Banister, Angie Basista, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Lura Blankenship, Jacqueline Boshears, Ann Marie Callahan, Micah Carroll, Phil Carroll, Kathleen Cawley, Patrick Chesley, Jr., Ronald Christopher, Patricia Clark, Dudley A. DeCastro, John Dessez, Mary Alice Dessez, Melanie Dunn, Wanda Ellis, Richard Evarts, Vicki & Tom Farah, Vince Farah, Gib Finley, Nikolas Fried, Susie Gardner, Michael Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, Rodger Hallam, Chuck & Marlene Hargest, Ron & Margaret Heider, Sarah Hill, Lynn Hoffman, Madison Hoffman, Marty Huckaby, Connie John, Brenda Kent, Betty Kersey, Mike Lanasa, Bob Largin, Ron Lawrence, Hilda Lee, Latina Mason, Frank and Eunice McCarthy, Latrell McCurdy, Mason McCurdy, Maria McKinney, Tracy Miller, Cathy Moeller, Gary Moeller, Betty Monteau, Mott Family, Ray Mrozek, Sadie Alice Murtha, Irene Neilson, Edna Norton, Diane M. O'Connor, Margarita Papadimitriou, Bette Perkins, Hope Prudenti, Maureen Richardson, Valerie Ryczek, Eleanor Sinagra, Francesa Soares, Lou Sposaro, Anita Lenortavage Tarreto, Kalani Tejedor, Mike Tittiger, Ruth Van Liere, Sandra Vaughn, Greg Virag, Trish Voorhees, Mary Wagener, Jean Washo, Michelle Witman, Peggy Wofford, George and Kathleen Zanebis.

*If you or a loved one is in the hospital, homebound or in an assisted living situation, please call the Parish Office to notify us.*

**The Parish Office has reopened.  
Hours are Monday - Thursday from  
9am to 4pm.**



## Scripture Study

Join nationally known speaker, bestselling author and St. James the Apostle parishioner **Dr. Allen Hunt** for a scripture study via Zoom which explores the Gospel reading for the upcoming weekend's Mass. The meeting is held on Monday evenings from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. The link to the meeting will be sent out via flock note, email and will be on the parish website each week. Join us as we grow in our love and knowledge of Holy Scripture!



**Stewardship**

*a way of life*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**For September 26, 2020**

Offertory	\$26,284
YTD Offertory	\$205,535
<b>Over/ (Under)</b>	<b>-\$51,969</b>
Mortgage	\$3,070
YTD Mortgage	\$34,809
<b>Over/ (Under)</b>	<b>-\$22,481</b>
Arch SVDP	\$1,830
Catholic University	\$953
% Online Giving	32%

**Sacred Heart Homeschool** - a Southside homeschool community offers community/support for homeschooling families and meets several times a month for Mass and field trips. We are now offering a one day a week Classical Academic Online option. Serving areas of Peachtree City, Fayette, Tyrone, Fairburn, Griffin, Clayton etc. Contact Kelly Carney at [carney.kelly@yahoo.com](mailto:carney.kelly@yahoo.com) or Michelle Heekin at [michelleheekin@gmail.com](mailto:michelleheekin@gmail.com). Come join us.

# This Week's Reflection....

Dear Parish Family,

This month of October is Respect Life Month and marks a time for us to reflect upon the gift of human life and our personal responsibility in caring for and protecting the lives of all our brothers and sisters, born and unborn. Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *The Gospel of Life* powerfully proclaimed the right of children in the womb, elderly, disabled, and the marginalized.

The bishops of the U.S. have affirmed that ‘the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.’

Abortion is a reality in our wider society and sometimes in our daily lives. As I reflect upon this I’m reminded of how this reality has touched upon my own life and ministry.

I call to mind:

The child who explained to her Sunday-school teacher that her mother would be delayed in picking her up due to the family’s au-pair being dropped off at the abortion clinic.

The young non-Catholic pregnant woman who came seeking help because her catholic boyfriend (the father of the child) and his devout catholic family were placing considerable pressure upon her to ‘terminate the pregnancy’ – to abort the child.

The pregnant mother who was considering aborting her unborn child because she had been given a diagnosed of a possible fetal abnormality.

Sitting in a waiting room, as the woman across from me unabashedly and loudly explained on her cellphone that her daughter-in-law was at that time undergoing an abortion.

The young girl who confided in a fellow teen that she had had an abortion, who in turn told everyone. Certain parishioners denounced the girl inflicting wound upon wound, causing the girl to leave the parish and possibly the church.

When teaching or preaching about life issues and in particular abortion I am mindful of the reality that there is at least one girl or woman in the congregation who has had an abortion. I have no right (none of us has) to stand in judgement or to inflict further hurt upon those already wounded. The only message the Church has to offer such a person is the compassionate love of Jesus Christ and his tender mercy – mercy generously offered. No sin, not even the sin of abortion is beyond his mercy, freely given in the sacrament of reconciliation.

It this month ahead while giving preeminent priority to the threat of abortion, let us also be mindful of other Pro-life issues including poverty, racism, euthanasia, the death penalty, displaced immigrants and refugees. Each one of is called to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to life.

Wishing you a blessed, happy and virus free week ahead,

Fr. Liam

## **LATEST PARISH UPDATES**

Listed below are the many new protocols that all parishioners must follow to attend Mass at St. James. **Please read through these guidelines carefully.** These protocols are borne out of concern for the well-being of all of our parish family and the greater community of which we are a part. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this challenging time. They will be reviewed often and updated as necessary. The most up to date guidelines may be found on our parish website [www.stjamesapostle.com](http://www.stjamesapostle.com).

**YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN MASK and masks must be worn by everyone age 10 and older when present on our campus.**

### **DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS**

**\*\*The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for persons with health reasons or concerns remains in effect for all in the Archdiocese until further notice. Because of this, those wishing to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending any Mass any day of the week. The obligation to keep a holy Sabbath remains, and Catholics are reminded that, even while homebound, they are to devote themselves to, among other practices, personal prayer, meditation on the readings from the Sunday Mass and the making of a spiritual Communion.\*\***

**Those who are at risk or concerned that they or their family might become sick should stay at home and view live-streamed or online Masses. We urge those who have serious health issues, who are most vulnerable, who are not feeling well, or who fear for their own health, to refrain from attending church during this time.\*\***

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES** - Several parishes in the Archdiocese of Atlanta are offering televised masses. Go to the Archdiocese website/Covid -19 update/Spiritual Resources/List of masses livestreamed or broadcast.

### **WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS GUIDELINES**

**Weekend Mass times** will be Saturday at 4 pm; Sunday Mass times are 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

**Weekday Mass times** will be 8:30 am Monday through Friday and at 7 pm Wednesdays. There will be no weekday Masses on Saturdays - only the Vigil Mass at 4PM will be offered.

### **ARRIVAL PROCEDURES**

- You must be wearing a mask to be permitted into the church for Mass. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK)**
- Take your temperature and avoid coming to church if your temperature is 99.6 or greater.
- Restrooms are open for emergencies only; children must be accompanied by an adult.
- A mask is required to be worn during the reception of Holy Communion. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK)**
- Entrance to the church will be through the glass doors only.
- In order to facilitate social distancing of 6 feet or more between individuals (households are considered one group) during Mass, Mass Ambassadors will help guide everyone to their seats.

### **DURING MASS**

- There is to be no physical contact between households at the Sign of Peace or Lord's Prayer.
- Reception of Holy Communion will be in the hand only at this time.
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before Holy Communion is strongly encouraged.
- Follow the directions of the Mass Ambassadors.
- Masks should be worn in the communion line. When approaching the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister for Communion, place your hands, one underneath the other with your arms fully extended.
- Do not reach for or close your hands around the Sacred Host. The Sacred Host will be placed on your hand by the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister and then will be released to rest on your hand to avoid any contact by the priest/minister of your hand.
- After receiving Communion, step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, re-mask as you head back to your pew.
- As you return to your pew maintain social distancing from those near you.

### **DEPARTURE PROCEDURES**

- Exit as quickly as possible after Mass. Follow the directions of the Mass Ambassadors as you leave. Be sure to maintain a 6-foot social distance as you exit and walk to your cars.
- Please make sure you take all your belongings as you leave because sanitization of the church will begin immediately.

### **FOR WEEKEND MASSES ONLY:**

- Collections will take place as you enter the church. But we encourage everyone to make use of online giving. You can visit our website for more information about online giving.
- Please throw away or keep your liturgy sheets. Do not leave them on your seat.
- For those who would feel more comfortable attending Mass in your car we will be broadcasting the audio of the Mass. When you park you will see instructions on how to dial into the audio broadcast. You will come to the courtyard overhang area to receive Holy Communion.

### **CONFESSION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held on Saturdays at 9:00 am and Wednesdays from 6-7pm. Confession times will be Saturdays at 9:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. **You must be wearing a mask to be permitted into the building for Confession. (PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK.)** Before you arrive take your temperature and avoid coming to church if your temperature is 99.6 or greater. Entrance to the parish hall will be through the glass doors. Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more between individuals (households are considered one group.) Please keep your face mask on at all times, especially for confession.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Wednesdays from 6-7pm. Please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines: **You must be wearing a mask to be permitted into the building for Adoration. (PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK.)** Take your temperature and avoid coming to church if your temperature is 99.6 or greater. Entrance to the parish hall will be through the glass doors. In order to facilitate social distancing of 6 feet or more between individuals (households are considered one group) during Adoration, ushers will help guide everyone to their seats. Restrooms are open for emergencies only; children must be accompanied by an adult.

All UPDATES WILL BE COMMUNICATED VIA FLOCKNOTES. Text SJACC to 84576 to sign up for FLOCKNOTES if you have not done so already.

UPDATES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA can be found on the Archdiocese of Atlanta website at <https://archatl.com/covid-19/>.



### Family Honor Program Sessions Available Online!

Parents: need some help speaking with your younger child about ‘the birds and bees’? Or are you looking for tips on

how to talk with your older teen about sex, dating, and more? Or, maybe you’ve heard about Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, and you’d love for you and your teen to sit in on a talk together. Or ... you may just need some hope and encouragement as you parent different-age children. Whatever your reasons, we invite you to sign up for one or more of Family Honor’s new Fall 2020 Online Program Sessions, which we will present live via Zoom! Some sessions are for parents only, as we have frank discussions and answer your questions, and other sessions are for you and your teen or pre-teen to participate in together. Whichever session you want to attend, you can do from the comfort of your home this Fall. To register, go to Family Honor’s web site: <https://familyhonor.org/programs/find-a-family-honor-program-near-you/> Questions? Please call our office: 803.929.0858 or email us at: [info@familyhonor.org](mailto:info@familyhonor.org) The mission of Family Honor is to provide a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.



**Unite Our Nation**, founded by the laity, is a non-political organization formed to help bring peace and prayer to local communities, and healing to our nation. A local Eucharistic

procession is being organized for the Archdioceses of Atlanta. Please join us on October 11, 2020 ! It’s a family friendly event. You can see a video of what it’s like at [UniteOurNation.net](http://UniteOurNation.net).

A Eucharistic rosary rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs. Keep polarizing politics out of this rally and focus on prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in joining the leadership team or simply attending, please reach out to Christy Wynn at [Christywynn@bellsouth.net](mailto:Christywynn@bellsouth.net) In the meantime, take a look at the Unite Our Nation website [uniteournation.net](http://uniteournation.net) to learn more and get more details on this event!

**AM 1160 The Quest Atlanta Catholic Radio will feature local guests October 6-8, 2020, during live broadcasting!** Please tune in October 6-8, 2020, from 9AM-1PM



and 4PM-6PM to help financially support your Atlanta Catholic radio station. During the pledge drive, we will break from our regular programming and feature local hosts and guests including priests and ministry leaders from the Archdiocese of Atlanta to discuss their personal faith journeys, missions, and unique experiences while raising much needed funds. For a complete schedule of speakers, please visit [theQuestAtlanta.com](http://theQuestAtlanta.com). To learn more about The Quest, click on the link to view our newest video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cRdOInSOU>



**That Man is You!** meets on Saturday mornings at 7:45am. That Man is You! combines Scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For more information or to register email Deacon Charles at [ciner@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com) or visit the TMiy! section of our parish website.



**The Little Flower Women’s Bible Study** begins our Fall/Winter study on Friday, October 2 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**The Bible Timeline** by Ascension Press and

narrated by Jeff Cavins will run for 23 weeks and conclude on March 19. Connecting the Old Testament to the New Testament can be a challenge. This course covers most of the Bible and helps bridge that gap in a most interesting way. Classes will be digital for now. All women are invited to participate. Please contact Diane Scarbrough for more registration details.

[dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com). (770) 318-2577.



## **ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES!**

### **The 2020-2021 Faith Formation Year has now begun!**

The registration form can only be filled out online this year and will be accessible on our NEW website below...

[www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/faith-formation-sign-up/](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/faith-formation-sign-up/)

Please note that you have two options for Faith Formation this year.

1. All Digital
2. Digital + In Person (when available)

I have sent out a Flocknote with all of the new information associated with this year due to COVID-19.

Please review this information before registering your child.

The postponed First Holy Communion celebration now has a date and is set for **October 10<sup>th</sup>**! The celebration will be split into two masses, due to the number of children receiving, and will take place at **10am & 1pm** on that date.

**If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.**

[ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com)

As I am provided with any new information, please be assured that the information will be communicated to you via Flocknotes and through our NEW Parish website.

Thank you for your time and please stay safe!

**Eric Bridwell**

Director of Religious Education

## **NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY**

Winter is coming...and with the COVID-19 Virus more Henry County residents are staring at the prospect of a very bleak holiday season. But help is here for these people fallen on hard times through those of you willing to follow Christ's command Mt. 25:36. The vision of the New Beginnings Ministry is to provide exactly as the name implies; a new beginning. We are more than just meeting the temporary needs of hunger. Our core vision is to reduce poverty and eliminate homelessness in our community by providing a fresh start for those who need it. Whether it's temporary shelter or a ride to a job interview we will work to fulfill Christ's mission for us and improve our community.

If you are interested in being a part of this mission please contact: President-Michael Rebholz at 470-420-6496 [michael.rebholz@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.rebholz@yahoo.com)



## **Welcome back to St. James Life Teen!**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

#### **October**

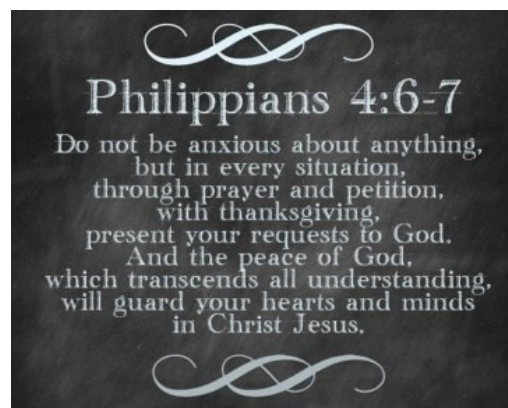
- ~Virtual Zoom Nights      Sundays Oct 4th & 18th 7pm
- ~In Person Small groups      Week of October 11th
- ~Adoration Night Sunday      October 25th 7pm

### **Last Sunday we talked about Prayer time**

Every moment of our lives leads us closer to Jesus or further away. So every moment we give God is something. Just like conversation, prayer has many forms. As Catholics we have a vast amount of written prayers, we have Scripture and we have the words that come from our hearts. So how will you begin the conversation? How much time will you spend? What will you say?

A few good tips to get started or keep going:

- ◆ Set aside time. Make it a priority. Set a reminder if you have to.
- ◆ Get quiet
- ◆ Speak from the heart.
- ◆ Understand things might change day to day...
- ◆ Never give up! If you forget one day, remember tomorrow.

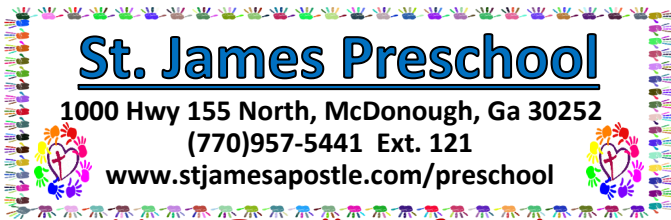


Thank you for your continued support,  
Krissy Upcraft ~ Youth Minister  
[kupcraft@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:kupcraft@stjamesapostle.com)  
770 957 5441 x110

**Flocknote: text SJACC to 84576  
and choose Life Teen**

<https://stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/faith-formation-sign-up/>

Instagram: stjames\_lifeteen



**Now Enrolling for the  
2020-2021 School Year!**

Please visit our preschool website at  
[www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool](http://www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool)  
for information and registration forms.

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**St. James Preschool along with the Catholic  
Schools of the Archdiocese of Atlanta  
is committed to providing a healthy and safe  
environment for our preschool students.  
We are developing guidelines and protocols  
to minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19  
exposure. Preventative measures will be in  
place (such as regular handwashing training  
and reminders, social distancing, disinfection  
along with continual and regimented  
environmental cleaning) to help lower the risk  
of COVID-19 exposure and spread during  
school sessions.**

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For more information about our preschool or to schedule a  
tour, call Patti Lucas-Director (770)957-5441 Ext. 121 or  
email [plucas@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:plucas@stjamesapostle.com).

## **Saint Vincent de Paul- Georgia**

The Annual 2nd Collection in Support of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia was collected recently. If you did not give, then maybe you could consider doing it this weekend. Use one of the envelopes at the church information center and mark it for SVdP – Georgia. How this donation will be used:

- This is the only collection that funds statewide programs and services such as our Food and Clothing Recovery & Distribution network operations that support the 38 food pantries throughout the state and 12 Thrift Stores; and the ability to operate our statewide programs including our new Community Pharmacy (Opening this fall), earned benefits screening, Jobs Center and workforce development, Mattress Program, and Connected Classroom for educational and client support.
- Our central Conference Support Center supplies administrative, legal, and fiduciary services to all 72 parish Society Conferences.
- The needs supported by this Annual Collection provide critical services, that otherwise would go unmet throughout the Atlanta Archdiocese.

**Once a year**, the St. Vincent de Paul Georgia Conference Support Center requests donations to help cover the costs of providing new and existing programs to each of its 72 parish based Conference ministries throughout the state.

**Please give generously** and help us help others during these turbulent economic times.

Visit [www.svdpgorgia.org](http://www.svdpgorgia.org) to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul. To find out how you can further support St. Vincent de Paul Georgia contact Elizabeth Sirk, Chief Development Officer, at [esirk@svdpgeorgia.org](mailto:esirk@svdpgeorgia.org) or 678-892-6160.

