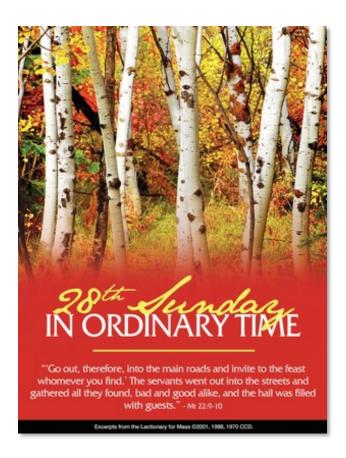
St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

October 11, 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

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

1000 Decatur Road McDonough, Georgia 30252 Email: parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com http://www.stjamesapostle.com

October 12 to October 18

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1,

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6, Lk 11:37-41 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25, Lk 11:42-46 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10, Lk 11:47-54 Friday: Eph 1:11-14, Lk 12:1-7 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23, Lk 12:8-12 Is 45:1, 4-6, 1, Thes 1:1-5b, Sunday:

Mt 22:15-21

Observances for the week of October 12

Monday: Columbus Day

Wednesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

St. Teresa of Jesus. Thursday:

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Hedwig, Religious;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Saturday:

Bishop and Martyr



October 12 to October 18

MON. 8:30am Betty Kersey

by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fried

TUES. 8:30am Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

by Channy O'Meara

WED. 8:30am Special Intention

by Krissy Upcraft 7pm Members of

St. James Music Ministry +

by Diane Scarbrough

THURS. 8:30am Upcoming RCIA Candidates

FRI. 8:30am Jenna Gordineer + by the Gordineer Family

SAT. 4pm Katherine A. & Gloria L. McCoy +

by Lauren Robinson

SUN. 8am Our Parishioners

9:30am Ruth Cleary + by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Cleary 11am Margaret & Pete Thaler +

by Mr. & Mrs. John Virag

Laura Alvarez, James Baker, Ron and Jan Banister, Angie Basista, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Lura Blankenship, Jacquline 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, Elva Medrano, 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, Bill Vandiver, 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.

You must wear a mask to be admitted into the building.

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!



For October 4, 2020

Offertory	\$21,574
YTD Offertory	\$227,109
Over/ (Under)	-\$50,203
Mortgage	\$4,454
YTD Mortgage	\$39,263
Over/ (Under)	-\$37,125
% Online Giving	34%



October is Month of the Holy Rosary

The Catholic Church designates October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month the faithful venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary

especially under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary, and make special effort to honor the Holy Rosary with group recitations and rosary processions. St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, is the saint to whom Our Lady famously appeared and gave the prayers of the Holy Rosary to assist him as a spiritual weapon in combating heresy and leading souls back to the one, true Catholic faith.

This Week's Reflection...

Life with Purpose

A priest in Minnesota recently shared with me a message he heard from a pastor at a funeral for two women.

Ruby and Laura were killed in Cameroon. Ruby—over 80, single all her life, a nurse. Poured out her life for one thing: to make Jesus Christ known among the sick and the poor in the hardest and most unreached places.

Laura, a medical doctor, and in her retirement, partnering up with Ruby. She was also nearing 80, and going from village to village in Cameroon. The brakes give way, over a cliff they go, and they're dead instantly.

The pastor asked his people, "Is this a tragedy?"

Two women, in their 80's almost, a whole life devoted to one idea—Jesus Christ magnified among the poor and the sick in the hardest places. And 20 years after most of their American counterparts had begun to throw their lives away on retirement trivialities in Florida and New Mexico, they fly over a cliff into eternity with a death in a single moment.

"Is this a tragedy?" the pastor asked.

The crowd knew the answer, calling out, "No!"

"It is not a tragedy," the pastor affirmed. "I'll read you what a tragedy is."

He pulled out a page from *Reader's Digest*. He read it to them:

'Bob and Penny . . . took early retirement from their jobs in the Northeast five years ago when he was 59 and she was 51. Now they live in Punta Gorda, Florida, where they cruise on their 30-foot trawler, play softball, and collect seashells.'

"That's a tragedy," he told the crowd.

It is true. Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions. Life consists in an abundance of divine love, purpose, and mission.

Allen Hunt

Sacramental Preparation & Information

INFANT BAPTISM Parents must be members of St. James for at least 3 months or have the pastor's permission, and must attend our pre-Baptism class which is generally held the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm. Please call the Parish Office to learn the requirements and policies of Baptism. After attending the class, please call to schedule your Baptism celebration. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the **first Saturday** of the month at 10:30 am, however there may be exceptions during certain times of the year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Children in the second grade, and active in the Faith Formation program for two consecutive years, are eligible to enroll in the sacramental preparation program. Special preparation sessions for these two sacraments are held throughout the year before the reception of these sacraments. Contact: the Faith Formation office 770-957-5441 ext.108.

CONFIRMATION Preparation for this sacrament is coordinated through our Youth Ministry Office. Youth in the 10th grade or older, and active in the teen program of the parish for at least two consecutive years, will be eligible to register for Confirmation. Contact: Krissy Upcraft at 770-957-5441 ext. 110 for more information.

For Adult Confirmation preparation, contact Deacon Charles Iner at Charles @inerfamily.com or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.

MARRIAGE Couples considering marriage must contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the projected date and must attend a pre-marriage program. ANOINTING OF THE SICK Celebrated the second Saturday of the month following the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass, or please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. If this is an emergency situation after hours, please call the Parish Office and press "1" for a sacramental emergency.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK If you or a loved one is in the hospital or in an assisted living situation, either temporarily or long term, please call the Parish Office to arrange a visit. This must be arranged prior to any weekend Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN Contact: Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.
PRAYER GROUP Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Room 214. Contact: Anna Cheverino at 770-320-8393.
MASS INTENTIONS Please contact the Parish Office.
Donation is \$15.

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD Saturday: 9:00 - 10:00 am and Wednesday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm or by appointment.

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.

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. <u>But we encourage everyone to make use of online giving. You can visit our website for more information about online giving.</u>
- 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/.



Dear Parish Family,

Last Wednesday the Pallium was imposed upon Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer OFM Conv., by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. What is the Pallium you may well ask? The pallium is a liturgical garment worn only by the pope and the metropolitan archbishops of the Church. It is an ancient symbol of each archbishop's

office. The pallium is a beautiful reminder of the pastoral responsibility and participation in the pastoral power of the pope. One of the most ancient symbols of Christ is that of the good shepherd carrying the sheep on his shoulders. The pope and archbishops wear this thin white band or scarf, made of pure lambs' wool, emblazoned with six crosses over their shoulders and chasuble. Traditionally the pallium has been imposed by the pope upon each new archbishop in St. Peter's Basilica. However, for pastoral reasons Pope Francis now requires that the pallium be imposed upon the archbishop in his home diocese.

Each morning we pray for our Archbishop in the mass both in the prayers of the faithful and in the Eucharistic prayer. The Archbishop as our chief shepherd has a special responsibility for us. We in turn have a responsibility to support and pray for him. Please join me in continuing to keep Archbishop Hartmeyer in our personal prayers as he continues to shepherd our Archdiocesan family.

Just a Reminder: The CDC recently reaffirmed that the virus can spread through small particles that linger in the air. Enclosed spaces with poor ventilation may represent a greater health risk.

In response to this concern and for your safety and protection, we have installed Bipolar Ionization Systems in each of our HV/AC units in our Church, Hall and wider facility. These systems produce both + and – ions which neutralize the corona virus, as well as other flu, cold and other airborne pathogens, allergens and pollutants.

For the filtration system to function properly the fans need to run and circulate the air as they did last Sunday. Moving forward please bring a jacket or other item of clothing to keep you warm. Fans will run, you have been warned, no excuses, no complaints.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr. Liam



The Little Flower Women's Bible Study

has begun with 2 options for participation - in person on Fridays from 9:30 - 11am or via Zoom on Tuesdays from 6:30pm - 8pm. We are studying

The Bible Timeline by Ascension Press and narrated by Jeff Cavins. 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. All women are invited to participate. Please contact Diane Scarbrough for more registration details.

dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com. (770) 318-2577.



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 or visit the TMIY! section of our parish website.



ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES!

I would like to invite all parishioners to congratulate our

2020 First Holy Communicants!

They all received this beautiful sacrament yesterday at two special Masses celebrated just for them. It was a beautiful celebration and I am so proud of them all!

Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their Catholic Faith!

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.stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/faithformation-sign-up/

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

ebridwell@stjamesapostle.com

As I am provided with any new information, please be assured that it 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



Welcome back to St. James Life Teen!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October

Virtual Zoom Nights
 In Person Small groups
 Adoration Night Sunday
 Guys Bible Study and Girls Bible Study will begin

soon!

Women's book Club is back!

We will meet on Tuesday nights, beginning Oct 13th, 6pm, at Queen Bee Coffee, Oct 13-Nov 17th. Ladies will read Rediscover Jesus and Young Adults, Girl Arise.

From Last week's Life Night:

"The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator. CCC2#27"

Thank you for your continued support, Krissy Upcraft ~ Youth Minister kupcraft@stjamesapostle.com 770 957 5441 x110

Flocknote: text SJACC to 84576 and choose Life Teen

https://stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/faithformation-sign-up/ Instagram:stjames lifeteen



St. James Preschool

1000 Hwy 155 North, McDonough, Ga 30252 (770)957-5441 Ext. 121 www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool

Now Enrolling for the 2020–2021 School Year!

Please visit our preschool website at www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool for information and registration forms.

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.

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.

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** or Michelle Heekin at **michelleheekin@gmail.com**.

Come join us!

U.S. Catholic History Did you know?

Catholic Firsts: Match the following positions with the people who held them.

Positions

Our first bishop
First citizen to be canonized
First American-born saint
First person to be nominated for
presidency

First person to be elected president First person to be Chief Justice First to be elected Vice-President First bishop to be canonized

People

- a. John F. Kennedy
- b. John Carroll
- c. John Roberts
- d. Roger Brooke Taney
- e. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- f. Joseph Biden
- g. Geraldine Ferraro
- h. Elizabeth A. Seton
- i. Alfred E. Smith
- J. Kateri Tekawitha
- k. John Neumann

Answers 1.b, 2.e, 3.h, 4.i, 5.a, 6.d, 7.f, 8.k