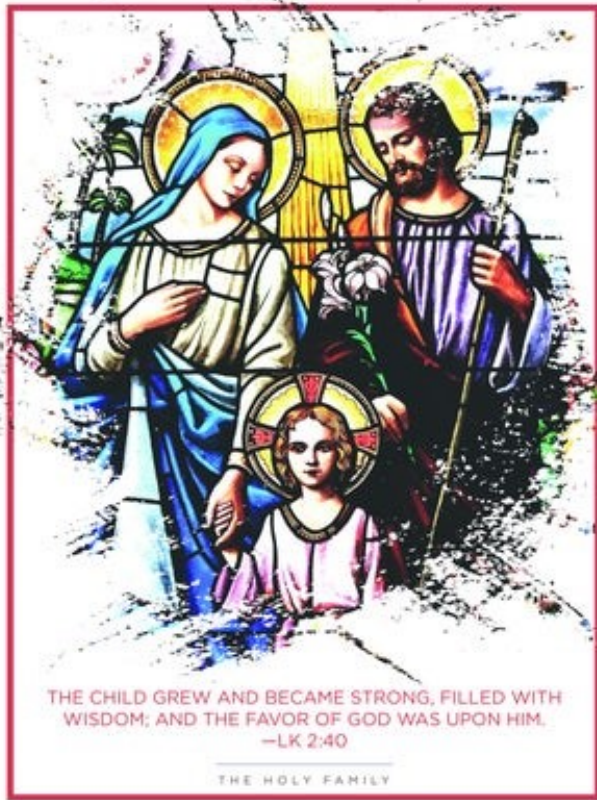


St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

December 27, 2020



Parish Office (770) 957-5441

Office hours:

Monday— Thursday 9:00am — 4:00pm

Parish Staff

Clergy

Very Rev. Liam A. Coyne V.Fext. 105

Rev. Mr. Charles Iner, Deaconext. 201

Msgr. Terry W. Young, Retired in Residence

Staff

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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

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Eric Bridwell, Director of Religious Edu. ext. 108

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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

CRY ROOM" AVAILABILITY

Our "cry room" is available for use once again. To access the "cry room" you will need to enter through the doors in the church itself and NOT through the faith formation building. We are limiting access to that area as part of our COVID protocols.

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

Readings for the Week

December 28 to January 3

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7,
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 28

Monday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket,
Bishop and Martyr

Thursday: St. Sylvester I, Pope
Friday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God;
New Year's Day

Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops
and Doctors of the Church





Mass Intentions

December 28 to January 3

- MON. 8:30am Patricia Cabral Carson+
by Mike & Carol Bridwell
- TUES. 8:30am Perera Family+
by Rohini Santha
- WED. 8:30am Cindy Shurling+
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fried
7:00pm Victoria Horton+
by Barbara Culp
- THURS. 8:30am Mary Bray+
by Elodia Upchurch
5:00pm Perera Family+
by Rohini Santha
- FRI. 8:30am Our Parishioners
- SAT. 4:00pm Our Parishioners
- SUN. 8:00am Perkins Family+
by Bette Perkins
9:30am Frank & Ann Skrobot+
by Gary & Laverne Simmons
11:00am Nicholas Fried
by Barbara Culp

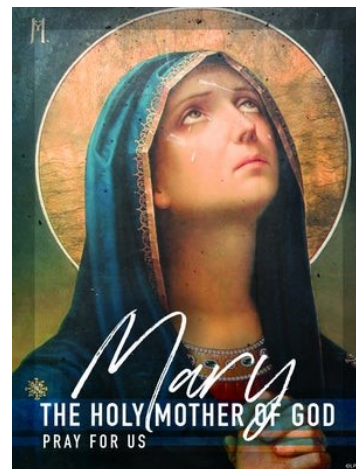


Laura Alvarez, James Baker, Ron and Jan Banister, Angie Basista, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Lura Blankenship, Jacqueline Boshears, Ann Marie Callahan, Micah Carroll, Phil Carroll, Kathleen Cawley, Patrick Chesley, Jr., Ronald Christopher, Patricia Clark, Dudley A. DeCastro, John Dessez, Mary Alice Dessez, Melanie Dunn, Wanda Ellis, Richard Everts, Vicki & Tom Farah, Vince Farah, Gib Finley, Nikolas Fried, Michael Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, Rodger Hallam, Chuck & Marlene Hargest, Sarah Hill, Lynn Hoffman, Madison Hoffman, Marty Huckaby, Connie John, Brenda Kent, Betty Kersey, Mike Lanasa, Joey Landon, 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, John Murray, Sadie Alice Murtha, Irene Neilson, Edna Norton, Diane M. O'Connor, Margarita Papadimitriou, Bette Perkins, Hope Prudenti, Maureen Richardson, Valerie Ryczek, Eleanor Sinagra, Dan Sitler, 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 will be closed until January 4th at 9am.



Masses for the
**Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

Vigil - Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

(No signup is required for the masses for the Solemnity of Mary)



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

For December 13, 2020

Offertory	\$16,345
YTD Offertory	\$386,382
Over/ (Under)	-\$89,010
Mortgage	\$2,019
YTD Mortgage	\$67,823
Over/ (Under)	-\$46,757
SVDP	\$2,648
% Online Giving	21%
Phase III—Statues	\$35,952

This Week's Reflection...

Dear Parish Family,

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we are granted an opportunity to reflect upon the first family and also our own lived experience of family. No family is perfect! Let's not allow the faults and failings of our family blind us from its very real goodness. We might wish that our family were more like the Holy Family, but perfection is not possible, nor is it required. Let's make every effort to search for Christ in our own family, before we look elsewhere.

Our family helps prepare us for heaven, even if at times it may feel more like purgatory. So often in our family relationships we can find our feelings bruised, our needs neglected, and the attitudes or actions of family members leave us disappointed. But in the cut and thrust of family life we gradually form hearts big and wide enough to love and forgive. Forgiveness is crucial, it takes a lot of humility to say "I'm sorry," and a big and generous heart to forgive.

Basing our family relationships on feelings is a recipe for disaster. Feelings are like the clouds in the sky, fickle and fleeting, they come and go. Love is not a feeling, it is a decision. Through making the daily decision to love our family, we are strengthened when difficulties and hard times arise.

The old saying *the family that prays together, stays together* may sound overly pious, but in reality it expresses a real truth. Prayer really can and does help bind us together as a family. In the year ahead let's renew our commitment to family prayer, coming together to Sunday Mass, prayer at meal times, the family rosary, and let's search for new ways to pray together.

In the New Year ahead let's be grateful for the family that God has given us. Let's recognize the grace and goodness found within our family. Let's try and find effective ways to express this gratitude within our family.

Wishing you and your family every happiness, peace and blessing in 2021.

*In Christ,
Fr. Liam*

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 via ZOOM meeting. Please contact Leticia Richards (770-507-7377) to be provided with zoom invite and details.

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.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Dear Lord,
Bless our family.
Be so kind as to give us the
unity, peace, and
mutual love that You found in
Your own family
in the little town
of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph,
pray for the head of our family.

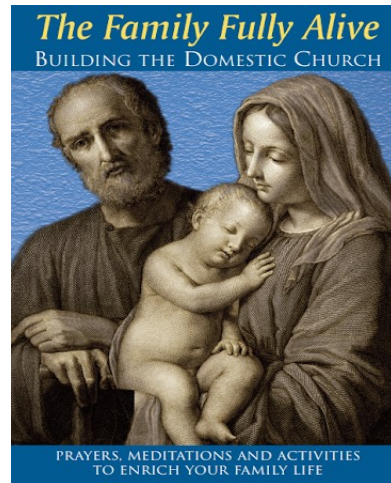
Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom,
and the prudence he needs to support and direct those
under his care.

Mother Mary,
pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure
and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she
resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus,
bless the children of our family. Help them to be
obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more
and more like You. Let them grow, as You did,
in wisdom and strength and grace before God
and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our
family and home more and more like Yours,
until we are all one family, happy and at peace
in our true home with You.

Amen.



The Family Fully Alive program was launched in our parish on Dec. 5th and 6th. The Family Fully Alive program ask families to invite God into their homes and cultivate each family as a miniature domestic church. Each month a new theme, scripture readings and family activities are presented in the program booklet. For the month of December, the theme is Joy. Joy is an attribute of God's divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ. Scripture readings for the month are Psalm 33:1-7, 20-22. The family activity for the month involves singing Advent and Christmas hymns. For any family who did not receive a booklet for their family and wishes to have one, please contact Grand Knight Larrie Garcia or Kevin Cravens.

COVID PANDEMIC UPDATE

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.

ST. JAMES WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS, CONFESSION OR ADORATION AT ST. JAMES:

- + Take your temperature and avoid coming to church if your temperature is 99.6 or greater.
- + You must be wearing a mask to be permitted into the church. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK)**
- + Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more between individuals (households are considered one group.)
- + A mask is required to be worn during the reception of Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion will be in the hand only at this time.
- + **For Weekend Masses only:** Collections can be accepted in our offertory box in the middle aisle of the church, but we encourage everyone to make use of online giving. You can visit our website for more information about online giving.
- + 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.

JOB OPENING St. James Catholic Church in McDonough, Ga is looking for a part time Business Manager. Applicant needs to have a bachelor's degree in business administration or a related field. Some experience in human resources, facilities management or financial administration is preferred. The position calls for sound interpersonal communication and organizational skills and an ability to relate effectively with others. The Business Manager is expected to share a personal commitment to the vision and mission of the Catholic Church and the parish of St. James. Please, send resume to Beckey Petty at bstonecipher@stjamesapostle.com.

This year the **Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Ecumenical Service** will take place on January 10th, 2021 at 2PM. The host church for the service will be Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church located at 1000 Decatur Road in McDonough, GA 30252. Inspired by Dr. King's lifelong dedication to equality, social justice and peace this year's theme will be "*Under Spiritual Reconstruction*". Join us for scripture, prayers, songs and words of inspiration from our guest speakers including Fr. Roy Lee.

 **Scripture Study** Join nationally known speaker, bestselling author and St. James the Apostle parishioner **Dr. Allen Hunt** as we resume our Monday night 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 and resumes on January 4th. 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!



Divine Mercy Prayer Group is meeting on Wednesdays via Zoom at 9:30am. The pass number for the Zoom meeting is 986-255-833. We are reading Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Contact Janet Pignataro at 678-490-5272 for more information.

TMİY **That Man is You!** meets on Saturday mornings at 7:45am. TMİY! will begin the spring semester of the Battle Over the Bride on January 9th. The Spring Semester helps men rediscover the true desires of their heart, identifies the major challenges in the spiritual life and the means for overcoming them, reveals to men the structured approach used by saints to make true progress in the spiritual life, and opens men to an encounter with Our Lady and the Holy Family that will transform their lives and that of their families.

For more information or to register email Deacon Charles at ciner@stjamesapostle.com or visit the TMİY! section of our parish website.



Christmas Remembrance Tree Mass

St. James Preschool would like to thank everyone who purchased an Angel to hang from our Christmas Remembrance Tree in our courtyard.

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church has welcomed thousands of people in to their parish family. What better time than the Advent season to reflect on all the people, both living and deceased, who have touch our lives here at St. James.

The purpose of the "**Christmas Remembrance Tree**" is to honor and recognize these people.

A mass will be said in honor of all the "angels" on Sunday, December 27th at the 11:00am Mass.



*May God bless you and your loved ones
this Advent Season!*





ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES!

I have some good news to share!

Fr. Liam, Tracy and I held a meeting to discuss the return of in-person learning to our Faith Formation program. We decided that, **starting January 10th, 2021**, Faith Formation will once again be allowed to be conducted in-person!

There will, however be some changes...

Elementary Faith Formation will now meet from **10 am-11 am.**

EDGE will meet from **12 pm-1 pm.**

We agreed that these times would best fit our new mass schedule as it would allow families to attend the 11am Mass either before or after their respective Faith Formation class times.

I will be sending out more information as we continue to prepare for the children and Teens return to the classroom!

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

ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com

Eric Bridwell

Director of Religious Education

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY

The New Beginnings Thanksgiving boxes were a great success last week. We were able to make 21 Thanksgiving dinners for Henry County families in need and deliver them all before Thursday. We at NBM would like to thank the parishioners who donated to our 'Prescription to End Homelessness' fundraising campaign. The amount raised far exceeded our expectations and continues to show how God can use adversity to make our inner light shine that much brighter.

Even though we just had our Coats for Kids Day on December 5, we would like to continue to ask for any old or unused winter clothing; coats, mittens, gloves, ear muffs, beanies etc. for impoverished families this Winter. Thanks for all you do.

President-Michael Rebolz #470-420-6496

michael.rebolz@yahoo.com

No Life Teen December 24th - Jan 9th !
No Small Groups, Virtual activities or
Wed., Fun Nights

What we are doing at St. James Life Teen!

2.In person: We will begin this Sunday.
Small Groups 3 weeks in a row- 1st,2nd,3rd Sunday.
Sunday 9:15 AM
Sunday 7:00 PM
Wednesday 5:00 PM

Adoration Night 4th Sunday 7-8pm – not Mandatory

Fun Wednesday Every Wednesday 6-7pm. Outside

3.Virtual 2 zoom nights and 1 Assignment
Zoom 1st and 2nd Wednesdays 3:45-4:45pm

Women's book Club will resume in January!

First Coming by Madeleine L'Engle

He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace.

He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time.

He came when the need was deep and great.

He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure.

In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.

To a world like ours, of anguished shame
he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,

for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!



Krissy Upcraft ~ Youth Minister

kupcraft@stjamesapostle.com 770 957 5441 x110

Flocknote: text SJACC to 84576 and choose Life Teen <https://stjamesapostle.catholicchurch.com>

stjamesapostle.catholicchurch.com

Instagram:stjames_lifeteen

St. James Preschool

1000 Hwy 155 North, McDonough, Ga 30252
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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.



**The Pregnancy Resource
Center of Henry County** is
taking applications for several
positions. Applicants must have
a strong pro-life position and
be in line with the Vision and Mission of the PRC.

Positions:

- Nurse Manager (30 hours/wk)
- Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
(8 hours/wk)
- Medical Administrative Assistant
(30 hours/wk)

Job Descriptions and Employment applications
can be found on our website at
www.prchc.org/our-team

Completed applications and/or resumes can be
sent to Sonja Hegwood at ceo@prchc.org

