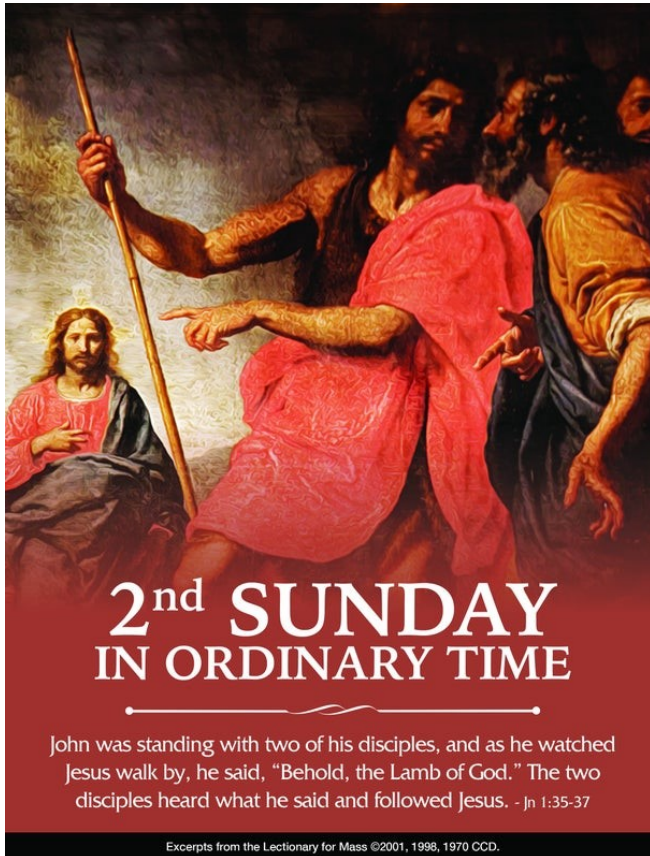


# St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

January 17, 2021



## 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.\*\***

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

Amy Gordineer, Parish Secretary..... 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

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McDonough, Georgia 30252

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

<http://www.stjamesapostle.com>

## Readings for the Week

January 18 to January 24

Monday: Heb 5:1-10, Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20, Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17, Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6, Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14, Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31,  
Mk 1:14-20

## Observances for the week of January 18

Monday: January 18-25 is the Week of  
Prayer for Christian Unity;

Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;

St. Sebastian, Martyr

Thursday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin;

BVM



**January 18 to January 24**

Monday	8:30am Bernadine Wingerter Tosseth+ by the Block Family
Tuesday	8:30am Elizabeth Jones+ by the Block Family
Wednesday	8:30am Rufus C. Perkins, Sr.+ by Bette Perkins 7:00pm The Cawley & Mitchell Familys by David & Katie Cawley
Thursday	8:30am Gaylon William Elliott+ by the Block Family
Friday	8:30am The Unborn
Saturday	4:00pm Frances Lena Lamalice+ by the Lodato Family
Sunday	8:00am George Ferderer+ by the Block Family 9:30am Mariett Ollander & Jack LaVonté+ by Al Florez 11:00am Our Parishioners



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

We will reopen Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00am.



### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Our Boy Scouts from Troop 66 and Cub Scouts from Pack 66 will be collecting canned foods and dry goods to benefit our New Beginnings Homeless Ministry. Flyers with items needed will be distributed the weekend of January 30th & 31st. The bags will be **collected at the Scout Trailer** before and after Masses the following weekend February 6th & 7th. Some items New Beginnings is asking for are canned vegetables, and protein foods like peanut butter, tuna and Vienna sausages. *Please give generously.*



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, 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, 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.*



January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

# This Week's Reflection...

## There is Nothing Ordinary about Ordinary Time

In order to try to help us better unfold the mystery of Christ's life, the Catholic Church uses what is called the liturgical year. The liturgical year is split into six seasons which are Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. Ordinary time is further divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time). But one thing we must remember is that there is nothing "ordinary" about Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, comes from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. So the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in a time of penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in a time in which we consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people and wait in joyful expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for us to grow and mature in the mysteries of Jesus' life. During this season we hear proclaimed at Mass the scriptures that reveal his teachings and works as he lived and traveled among his people.

It's appropriate, then, that the Gospel for this weekend, the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time), is John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God. John seeing Jesus walk by announces, "*Behold, the Lamb of God.*" John the Baptist points us to the one who we, as Christians, are called to follow and imitate. The Lamb sent by the Father to dwell with us and to save us from our sins.

For us Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

*Deacon Charles Iner*

## 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 Thursday 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.





That Man is You! meets on Saturday mornings at 7:45am. The TMIY! spring semester of the Battle Over the Bride has begun but it's not too

late to join. 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](mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com)

or visit the TMIY! section of our parish website.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

For January 10, 2021

Offertory	\$16,951
YTD Offertory	\$465,287
Over/ (Under)	-\$89,337
Mortgage	\$3,672
YTD Mortgage	\$79,529
Over/ (Under)	-\$54,148
SVDP	\$2,497
% Online Giving	49%
Phase III—Statues	\$56,987

### 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](mailto:bstonecipher@stjamesapostle.com).



## 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. 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!



### Interested in becoming Catholic?

RCIA classes have begun but it is not too late to join us. Contact us by phone or email for an interview appointment. The interview assists us in how to best serve our Inquirers in the RCIA process.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Complete your full initiation into the Catholic faith with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Contact Deacon Charles Iner at [charles@inerfamily.com](mailto:charles@inerfamily.com) or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.



**The Little Flower Women's Bible Study** meets 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 narrated by Jeff Cavins.

Please contact Diane Scarbrough for more information at [dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com) or (770) 318-2577.



### 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.

# St. James Preschool



**"Growing a Heart for  
Jesus and  
a Love of Learning"**



## **Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year Opens February 15th.**

Our preschool classes are for children ages 1-4 years old (they must be that chronological age by September 1st).

Registration forms and information are available

on our website at

[www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool).



**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 have developed guidelines and protocols to minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19 exposure. Preventative measures are 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,** please call (770) 957-5441 ext 121 or email the director at [plucas@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:plucas@stjamesapostle.com). You can also find additional information on our website at: [www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool](http://www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool). We also have a Facebook page and Instagram!



**Welcome back and Happy New Year!**

**Attention Faith Formation Families**

In-person Faith Formation and EDGE classes have been postponed until January 24th in response to the Henry County BOA's shift back to remote learning for the month of January.

The following information will go into effect on January 24th, 2021.

Due to our new mass schedule, below are the new times for Faith Formation.

Elementary Faith Formation meets from **10 am-11 am**.

EDGE meets from **12 pm-1 pm**

**Currently, these in-person studies are for those who opted into them when they registered their children.**

**At this time, if a new family registers and requests in-person study, due to classroom sizes, we will have to take each registration on a case-by-case basis.**

**Digital learning is available for all those who would like to take advantage of Faith Formation at home.**

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

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

Thank you for your time and May God continue to bless you and your family in this New Year!

**Eric Bridwell**

Director of Religious Education

**NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY**

New Beginnings Ministry has been helping people with hotel rent and food as Georgia's winter weather has set in. God has had His hand in these situations as he directs those in need to us, and thanks to all parishioners who have donated money, food, toiletries, and some clothing, we were able to tend to their needs. We thank all generous hearts who have helped us help others. God bless you!

President-Michael Rebholz #470-420-6496

[michael.rebholz@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.rebholz@yahoo.com)

**What we are doing at St. James Life Teen!**

**Life Teen ALL VIRTUAL Till Jan 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**Confirmation Paperwork has been emailed and is due the first day of in person Confirmation Classes! Please respond that it has been received!**

In today's world...

What I believe is going to make a difference in the world today: not our opinion but our obedience. Our obedience to the principles of compassion, mercy, respect and love that Jesus showed with every action, to every person he encountered.

How serious do we need to be about this?

Really serious.

Why? Because we know the truth.

Every person on this planet was created by God, in his image and has the same right to dignity, as anyone else. Of course, not everyone has the same status in society. It has been that way from the beginning and it will not change. There will always be rich and poor, successful, unsuccessful, criminal, and just.

That isn't about inherent dignity. That isn't about worth or honor.

We have a responsibility as Christians to care about people and their dignity. We are to show them who Jesus is and he in turn will lead them to our Father. Their Father, that loves them unconditionally. So today, let's ask of our families, how can we be Jesus to the world?

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>  
Instagram: stjames\_lifeteen



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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