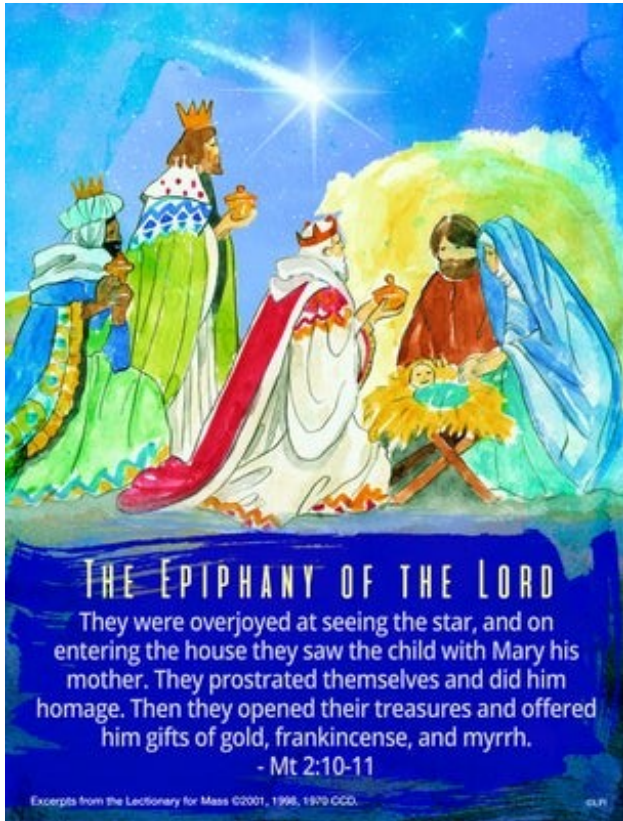


# St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

January 3, 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

### 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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1000 Decatur Road

McDonough, Georgia 30252

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

<http://www.stjamesapostle.com>

## Readings for the Week

January 4 to January 10

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4, Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38,  
Mk 1:7-11

Observances for the week of January 4


Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Happy New Year  
2021



# Mass Intentions

**January 4 to January 10**

Monday	8:30am Terry Milling+ by The Streeter Family
Tuesday	8:30am Charles & Marlene Hargest by Barbara Culps
Wednesday	8:30am Susie Gardner+ by Dawn D. Meeks 7:00pm Sarah Warren+ by Barbara Culps
Thursday	8:30am Eleanor Sinagra by Barbara Culps
Friday	8:30am Victoria Horton+ by Barbara Culps
Saturday	4:00pm Susie Gardner+ by Barbara Culps
Sunday	8:00am Joseph Upchurch+ by Elodia Upchurch 9:30am Our Parishioners 11:00am Philip & Laura Carroll by Barbara Culps



## 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 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 reopen  
January 4th at 9am.



This year the **Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Ecumenical Service** will take place on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**For December 20, 2020**

Offertory	\$13,480
YTD Offertory	\$399,862
<b>Over/ (Under)</b>	<b>-\$95,338</b>
Mortgage	\$1,452
YTD Mortgage	\$69,275
<b>Over/ (Under)</b>	<b>-\$45,305</b>
Religious Retirement Fund	\$1,598
% Online Giving	25%
Phase III—Statues	\$42,696

# This Week's Reflection...

## A Word for 2021

Words are wonderful things. I like words. I like to study them, how people use them, and what they mean.

Emerson said words are also actions. President Kennedy said Churchill mobilized words and sent them into battle. Kipling stressed that words are the most powerful drug used by man – words can calm, scare, excite, and even anger.

Some words reside on the endangered species list. Good words like “plumb” – as in I’m plumb tired, or the tire is plumb worn out. I’m afraid “plumb” may become extinct. Don’t hear that much anymore.

I invite you to focus on one word in the Gospel reading today. I’m afraid it’s endangered. Not sure why – but you just don’t hear it much. I’m worried about it. This is a good word, a friendly word, a reverent word. It’s special. **Worship.**

That’s the word. Worship. I’m afraid if we don’t do something, we may lose it.

In case you haven’t heard it much – I looked up its meaning:

To show reverence or devotion to a deity.

Demonstrate extreme devotion, intense love, admiration, and adoration.

What a wonderful word. Worship. As in Matthew 2:2: “For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him.”

The New Testament word for “worship” meant “to fall prostrate on knees and kiss the feet, ground, or hem.” Sometimes it is translated as “bow down or kneel.” The wise men were pretty serious about this worship thing. To bow down and show intense love for – we don’t do much of that anymore – maybe that’s why the word is endangered.

“For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship Him..” That’s why they came – not to see Jesus, nor to give Him gifts. They came to worship. That was their purpose in traveling cross country to find this child.

Worship...It’s a wonderful word.

*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 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.

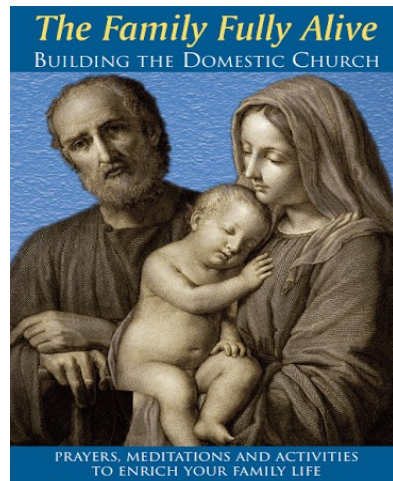
**Donation is \$15.**

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

### New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right. Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta



The Family Fully Alive program was launched in our parish in December. 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 January, the theme is *Family Prayer*. The Christian family needs to put things first by cultivating a relationship with God through prayer. Prayer is essential for families to develop Christian joy, faith, hope and love. Scripture readings for the month are Psalm 65:6-14. The family activity for the month recommends that we find a favorable place within the home for prayer. Booklets will be available in the Parish hall.

### 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).



**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.



**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!



**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.



**That Man is You!** meets on Saturday mornings at 7:45am. TMIY! 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](mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com) or visit the TMIY! section of our parish website.



**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](http://www.prchc.org/our-team)

Completed applications and/or resumes can be sent to Sonja Hegwood at [ceo@prchc.org](mailto:ceo@prchc.org)



**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.



**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

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

**Eric Bridwell**

Director of Religious Education

**NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY**

The New Beginnings Christmas boxes were a great success last week. We were able to make Christmas packages for Henry County families in need and deliver them all before Thursday. We at NBM would like to thank the parishioners who donated food and clothing over the last couple of weeks. We have been able to use these items at a homeless encampment in Stockbridge, the recipients of which were very grateful for the blessing.

President-Michael Rebholz #470-420-6496

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

**Life Teen Small Groups Resume January 10th and 13th**

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

**2. In person:** We will begin this Sunday. Small Groups 3 weeks in a row- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

Sunday 9:15 AM

Sunday 7:00 PM

Wednesday 5:00 PM

Adoration Night 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 7-8pm – not Mandatory

Fun Wednesday Every Wednesday 6-7pm. Outside

**3. Virtual 2 zoom nights and 1 Assignment**

Zoom 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 3:45-4:45pm

**Confirmation Paperwork has been emailed and is due the first day of Confirmation Classes!**

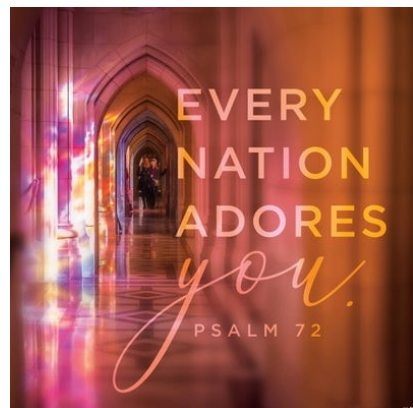
The Road to Holiness

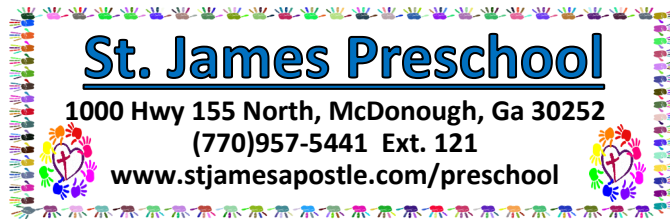
Holiness isn't always about changing your what but maybe, your why. Why should we want a relationship with God? So that we can be all that he created us to be and be that well. Our Spiritual acts of prayer, practice, and acts of service should reflect the love and redemption of Christ. They should reflect his work in our lives. Everything we do should reflect the love he has for us. A life with Christ can bring us so much Joy!

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>





## **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.

***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](mailto:plucas@stjamesapostle.com).

