



St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

1000 Decatur Road • McDonough, Georgia 30252

DECEMBER 4, 2022 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

second Sunday of ADVENT



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Monday— Thursday

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Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society 770-687-2617

Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
but he shall judge the poor with
justice, and decide aright for the
land's afflicted. (*Is 11:3-4*)

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

11:00am

5:00pm

Weekdays

Monday — Friday 8:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Confession Schedule

Wednesday 7:00 — 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 — 10:00am

or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7:00pm — 8:00pm

First Fridays of each month 9:00am - 8:00pm

Our "cry room" is available for use. Please access the cry room through the doors in the church.

Readings for the Week

December 5 through December 11

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11

Observances for the week of December 5

Monday:
Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoczin
Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto
Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent;
St. Damasus I, Pope



Mass Intentions

December 5 through December 11

Monday 8:30am Akueme Family
by Helen Akueme
Tuesday 8:30am Sara Fonseca+
by Rohini Santha
Wednesday 8:30am Patrick & Janet Pignataro
by Patrick & Janet Pignataro
6:30pm Patrick J. Gillespie+
by K of C Holy Trinity Co. 7601
Thursday 8:30am Elizabeth Seliga+
by John Seliga
7:00pm Our Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 8:30am Asher Cawley
by Tim & Alice Mitchell
Saturday 4:00pm The Perkins Family+
by Bette Perkins
Sunday 8:30am Clement J. Brunet+
by Peggy Brunet
11:00am Kevin Daniel+
by The Jordan Family
5:00pm Our Parishioners



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Weekly Collection for November 20 & 27, 2022

Weekly Offertory	\$27,226
YTD Actual Offertory	\$318,734
YTD Budgeted Offertory	\$376,552
YTD Over/ Shortfall	-\$57,818
Christmas Remembrance	\$1,346
Archdiocese Seminarians	\$1,639
% Online Giving	31%

Archbishop's Appeal:

Goal	\$ 95,900	
Paid-to-date	\$ 74,457	77.64% of goal

2nd collection for December 11 is for St. Vincent de Paul

Building Fund	\$6,601
Total Building Fund	\$34,055
Landscaping Project	\$3,600

Thank you to all of you who have donated to the parish Building Fund, Landscaping Fund and Offertory this past year. Your contributions have enabled the parish to maintain and/or upgrade our facilities, equipment and to enhance our parish landscape. As a reminder, donations to these funds must be to be received by the parish no later than December 31, 2022, to be applicable for 2022 tax purposes. Thank you for your continued commitment to St. James the Apostle Catholic Church.



Cathy Allen, Genevieve Alston, Laura Alvarez, James Baker, Ron and Jan Banister, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Jacqueline Boshears, Ann Marie Callahan, Evelyn Carr, Micah Carroll, Kathleen Cawley, Patrick Chesley, Jr., Patricia Clark, Dudley A. DeCastro, Chris Downie, Melanie Dunn, Catherine Dwyer, Richard Everts, Vicki Farah, Vince Farah, Nikolas Fried, Marie Georganakis, Michael Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, John Glover, Rodger Hallam, Sally Henkel, Lynn Hoffman, Marty Huckaby, Brenda Kent, Betty Kersey, Mike Lanasa, Joey Landon, Larry Lightle, Glen Lillquist, Latina Mason, Frank McCarthy, Maria McKinney, Elva Medrano, Tracy Miller, Cathy Moeller, Gary Moeller, Mott Family, John Murray, Irene Neilson, Angie Nelson, Edna Norton, Diane M. O'Connor, Margarita Papadimitriou, Bette Perkins, Hope Prudenti, Katerina "Katy" Puig, Maureen Richardson, Valerie Ryczek, Martin Schilling, Eleanor Sinagra, Francesa Soares, Lou Sposaro, Anita Lenortavage Tarreto, Mike Tittiger, Greg Virag, Mary Wagener, Jean Washo, Marsha Weeks, Michelle Witman, Peggy Wofford, George and Kathleen Zanebis.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, hospice, homebound or in an assisted living situation, please call our Sick Ministry at 770-957-5441 x118 to notify us.

This Week's Reflection

The 5 Keys to Living and Dying with No Regrets

Say Yes to God

God invites you onto a wonderful journey. When you say yes to God's invitation, you know where you're going.

Focus on a Fourth Quarter Virtue

Pursue one fourth quarter virtue God has specifically placed in you. Then watch it create blossoms in all areas of your life.

Give. It. Away.

The more you give yourself away, the happier you'll be.

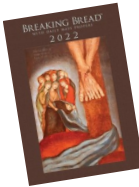
Forgive. Often.

Bitter and resentful is no way to live. And it's definitely no way to die.

Be Open to Life

Your fourth quarter can be more of a birthing than a dying. Be open to what can be.

– From *No Regrets: A Fable about Living Your Fourth Quarter Intentionally*



Music Ministry has a quantity of 2022 Breaking Bread books available. If you would like a copy, please see Music Director, Diane Scarbrough or call at (770) 957-5441, x104.

Our Lady of the Rosary Traveling Statue of Mary

The tradition of the traveling statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary started with recalling the event of the Holy Family seeking shelter to give birth to the baby Jesus. Out of this recollection the tradition for the Blessed Mother Statue to "travel" and visit different homes began among Hispanics. We have started the tradition in our parish and we would like to extend that invitation to all. The Rosary is prayed at the arrival in every home. The hosting family gets to keep the Blessed Mother Statue one or two nights. It is a beautiful opportunity for the family to pray for their most dear intentions.



If you would like to host the Blessed Mother Statue, please contact Julie Gonzalez 678-628-3322 or Betsy Devore 678-591-7268.

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 the Youth Ministry office at 770-957-5441 ext. 110 for more information.

For Adult Confirmation preparation, contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.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 Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 214. Please contact Anna Cheverino at 770-320-8393 for more details.

MASS INTENTIONS Please contact the Parish Office. **Donation is \$15.**

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD Saturday: 9:00 - 10:00 am and Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00 pm or by appointment.

First Friday Adoration

If you are interested in being a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament for **First Friday Adoration** please call Mary Byram at 678-228-3391.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Meets Wednesdays after the 8:30am Mass in Room 210. We study and discuss the diary of the Divine Mercy given to St. Faustina, supplemented with the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For more information please contact Kathy Cowin at 678-601-4517.

Dear Parish Family

We are blessed to have a beautiful church property. The property needs constant upkeep, and much of the work goes unseen.



As part of our upkeep and maintenance of the property we have drawn up a plan for some much needed landscaping in front of the church and along the entrance driveway beside the water retention pond, or what I affectionately refer to as 'the swamp'. The plan includes low maintenance and attractive shrubs and trees.

I'm asking for your kind help. If you can contribute towards the project, your gift will be greatly appreciated and will make a real difference. Please mark your gift so that we will know your intention 'Landscaping project.'

Thank you for your kind and generous support.
Fr. Liam



Mass for the
**Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**
(a Holy Day of Obligation)
will be celebrated
Thursday, December 8th
at 8:30am and 7pm.

~ Advent Schedule ~

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Amazing Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at St. James

Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

~ Holiday Mass Schedule ~

Christmas Vigil, Saturday, December 24

NO CONFESSIONS

4:00 p.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. Mass,

10:30 p.m. Christmas Hymns,

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil - Saturday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Amazing Christmas Celebration!

Saturday, December 10th • 5:00-8:00pm

Featuring
Lighting of our Christmas Tree
Christmas Dinner
Amazing Musical Program
And
"Cookies & Carols"

Cost of Admittance:
One Dozen Christmas Cookies

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE at St. James

Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

You are invited to find out more about the Catholic faith through a process called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. Whether you have been Catholic your entire life or are new to the faith, come on Tuesday nights for our RCIA sessions. There is no obligation to join.

RCIA Classes are held Tuesdays at 7:15pm.

The topic for Tuesday, December 6th will be
"Divine Revelation - Tradition"

FOR MORE INFORMATION
contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.com
or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.

If you were not able to attend the **End of Life Seminar** from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, the workshop recording and the GA advance directives are posted on the End of Life Site.

**End of Life Issues - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of
Atlanta | Atlanta, GA (archatl.com)**

Welcome!



Please welcome our New Parishioners:

Mr. & Mrs. Patino
Mr. & Mrs. Woodall

and our Newly Baptized:

Luca Gravina
Teagan Sgherza



A NEW LOOK IN THE PEWS

With the onset of the blessed Advent Season, you will notice a new look in our pews!

We are pleased to announce the addition of new hymnals here at St. James, JOURNEYSONGS, Third Edition by Oregon Catholic Press.

Having reviewed many Catholic hymnals, we believe JOURNEYSONGS 3 represents the best choice for St. James The Apostle. Included are Rites of the Church, Lectionary Readings, Prayers, Order of the Mass, many Mass Settings and over 850 hymns and songs.

The two main improvements are the 3 year cycle of Lectionary Readings (A, B & C) and the fact that this is a hardback and permanent hymnal. One book for the entire year which will remain in our pews. We will no longer need to replace our hymnal on an annual basis.

We pray you will be pleased with the new hymnal and take extra care in preserving the beautiful book that it is.

Music Ministry



Upcoming retreats at Blessed Trinity Shrine Mitchell, Alabama

Annual Women's Retreat: Into the Arms of the Father – Jennifer McKinney and Chrisje Molitor – January 20-22

Annual Men's Retreat: Fatherhood, the Source of Masculine Spirituality – Fr. Patrick Gilbreath – January 27-29

What Does It Mean to Be Chosen? Seeing Jesus through the eyes of His disciples. A facilitated retreat for Season 1 of *The Chosen* – JoAnn McCaffrey – March 3-5 (adults and children ages 10-17, accompanied by a guardian, are invited!)

For more information contact Elisabeth Donner, Executive Director, P: 334-855-4474 (ext 3), E: btsr.director@msbt.org



The Abbey Store

at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia is open Tuesday through Friday 11am to 4:30pm and Saturday 10am to 4:30pm. The store carries a large selection of Religious items, artwork, Bibles, books, gifts, bakery goods and more! Shop the store located at 2625 Hwy 212SW or order online. For more information contact (770) 483-8705.



Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Gift Project and Emergency Gift Cards

Collection – We will collect gifts at the boy scout shed in the back of the church parking lot before and after all masses on mass weekends from **December 10 and 11**. **Make sure to wrap your gifts and adhere the tag to the gift securely so that it doesn't fall off, We will need the tag to know who gets the gift.**

Gift Cards – Suggested cards: **Walmart and Kroger**
We will also be collecting Gift cards for the needy in our community for holiday emergencies in the church hall after all masses on December 10 and 11. Please limit gifts cards to \$25.00 (any amount of cards you wish to donate but not more than \$25.00 per card).



Advent by Candlelight

Please join us for a special evening as we prepare our hearts to receive our Savior. All women and their friends are invited (men also.)

Guest Speaker will be Deacon John Yaeger
Saturday, December 17 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm.

St. Pius X Catholic Church
2621 Highway 20 SE * Conyers, Georgia
Decorate your table for Advent or Christmas.
Bring snacks and wine. Other drinks will be provided.
Prize for the best decorated table. Basket raffle.

Each table seats 8 people.
\$10 per person payable to St. Pius X PCCW.
Reservation required. Contact Gwendolyn Scott
770-786-1429 or teerainbow@aol.com.

Coffee with the Principal

Visit our 3-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Experience the spirit of SJE!

Tuesday, December 6th
8:30 am @ St. John School

Register at www.sjecs.org

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School
240 Arnold Street • Hapeville, GA 30354
404-767-4312



The Holy Innocents Children Choir

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5-5:40 p.m. in the Music Room. Children from First Grade through Sixth Grade are eligible and welcome. All children must be able to read well in order to learn the verses of our songs.

Registration is available on our website under "Holy Innocents Choir" or in the Parish Office. Please contact Diane Scarbrough, Music Director, with questions. (770) 957-5441, x 104 or (770) 318-2577.



Attention Faith Formation Families!

We have begun collecting shoe boxes for this year's Christmas Shoebox project. If you have any shoeboxes laying around, please consider donating them so that we may pack them up, wrap them, and send them out to those who may not get any gifts this time of year.

Small gifts to pack the boxes with are also needed. For a list of these items, please email me at ebridwell@stjamesapostle.com We will pack the items and wrap the boxes when we return on **December 11th**.

December 18th, we will not have EDGE after the 11am Mass. However, Faith Formation classes will still be in session that morning from 9:45-10:45am.

Faith Formation and EDGE will not be held the following Sundays:

December 25th & January 1st.
Classes will resume on **January 8th**.

Thank you for your time and May God continue to bless you and your family this **ADVENT** and **CHRISTMAS** season!

Eric Bridwell
Director of Religious Education



**What we are doing at
St. James Life Teen!
For 9th-12th grade**

Sundays: 6-8 pm Life Nights
Wednesdays: 6-8:30 Pizza & Prayer

Upcoming:

12/4 - Life Night
12/7 - Pizza & Prayer

TONIGHT at Life Night, we'll meet the Holy Spirit and learn a bit about His role in our lives! Come join us!

awyatt@stjamesapostle.com 770-957-5441 x110
Instagram: stjames_lifeteen
Flocknote: text SJACC to 84576 and choose Life Teen

In Christ,
Allison Wyatt
Director of Youth Ministry

Bible Study



Please join Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic for a scripture study program every Monday evening at 7:15pm. Dr. Hunt will be broadcasting

via his YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/DrAllenHunt>



**Spaces are still
available for the
2022-23 School Year!**

Our Preschool classes are for children ages 1-5 years old (they must be that chronological age by September 1st). **Registration forms and information are available on our website:**
www.stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool.



For more information about registration, please call (770) 957-5441 extension 121 or email the Director at vspieth@stjamesapostle.com.

We also have a Facebook page and Instagram!

Clothing Donation Bin for Fr. Roy Le

Donations of gently used or new clothing can be placed in the designated bin located in the Parish hall. But please **DO NOT LEAVE HANGERS**.



Misplaced items can be found in the cabinet next to the sound box in the parish hall. Please note: Unclaimed items are removed from the cabinet at the end of each week.

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. The Angels will be on display beginning November 28th through the advent season. Don't forget to stop by and look for your Angels!

A mass will be said in honor of all the Angels on Sunday, December 18th at the 11:00am Mass.

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

ARCHDIOCESE ABUSE REPORTING
We are Here to Listen and Take Action

Archdiocesan 24 hour
Abuse Reporting Hotline
1-888-437-0764

Abuse hotline for bishops only:
<https://reportbishopabuse.org>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holy Trinity Council 7601



December 2022

- tbd – Coats For Kids
- 5th – Rosary for Life (6pm)
- 5th – Member’s Meal & Meeting (630pm)
- 6th – General Election Runoff
- 8th – Immaculate Conception
- 10th – Amazing Christmas Party (5pm)
- 19th – Planning Meeting (7pm)
- 25th – Christmas
- 31st – New Year’s Eve

January 2023

- 9th – Rosary for Life (6pm)
- 9th – Member’s Meal & Meeting (630pm)
- 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr's Day
- 24th – 4th Degree Meeting (7pm)
- 29th – Family Rosary (1215pm)

BE AN EVERYDAY HERO

Help us serve, protect and defend those in need. Join 2 million Catholic men on a path where faith leads the way.
Join the Knights of Columbus!



NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY NEWS

On December 6th, New Beginnings will be working with the scouts to assemble Christmas stockings for children who are going through hard times with their families. Last year we produced 125 stockings and are hoping to at least that this year. We are asking for donations of stocking stuffers such as: crayons, coloring books, magic markers, fancy hair clips, jewelry, candy, Hot Wheel cars, tiny stuffed animals, mini-games, etc. We will be donating the stockings to the Connecting Henry Toy Shoppe as we did last year. This event helps families having trouble providing gifts for their children.

Our winter outerwear collection began this past week. There are two labeled receptacles located in the parish hall for donations of gently used coats, jackets, hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, socks, and blankets. The weather is getting colder, and those living on the streets would appreciate your kind donations.

We have helped a disabled man living on the streets with hotel rent, food, medicine, and shoes. He had been sleeping on the floor of a bathroom in a pavilion for four nights when we first met him and only had flip-flops to wear for shoes. We also helped a mother with 2 children with hotel rent. The home she was renting was sold and she has been looking for a place to live that was in her price range. The good news is that she has found an apartment that she can afford. Thank you for consistently helping us help others through your generous donations!

Our next meeting will be held on 12-19-22 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 212-213. All are welcome!