



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”
- Jn 7:37b

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May 28, 2023

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1000 Decatur Rd McDonough GA | 770-957-5441

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00—4:00
parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com
<http://www.stjamesapostle.com>

Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Monday—Friday 8:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am | 11:00 am | 5:00 pm

Confession Schedule

Wednesday 7:00—8:00 pm

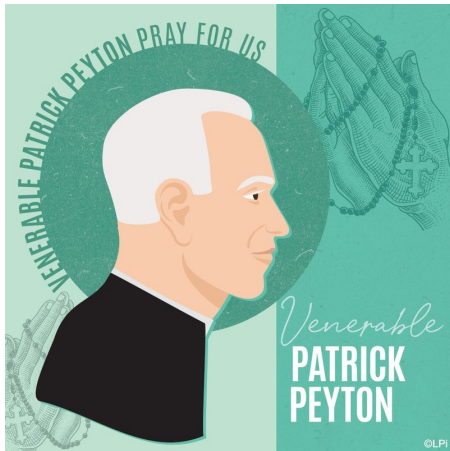
Saturday 9:00—10:00 am

Or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7:00—8:00 pm

First Fridays 9:00 am—8:00 pm



Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. was an Irish immigrant to the United States. A true pioneer of mass media evangelism, The Rosary Priest reached the entire world with his message of devotion to Christ reminding us that, “A family that prays together stays together.”

Readings & Observances Week of May 28

Monday:

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday:

St. Justin, Martyr
Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Sunday:

The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

Mass Intentions for May 29-June 4

Monday	8:30am Frank Leo, Sr.+ by Joe & Anne Allen
Tuesday	8:30am Ray Jander+ by Mike & Mara Martin
Wednesday	8:30am Margaret Rose+ by Robert & Linda Hess 6:30pm Ethan Soto+ by Elizabeth Soto
Thursday	8:30am Sara Ann Donahue+ by Eleanor Burke
Friday	8:30am Patrick Gillespie+ by Nancy Gillespie
Saturday	4:00pm William Balint, Sr.+ by John Seliga
Sunday	8:30am Paul Mollus+ by Eric & Torrie Sunstrom 11:00am Josefa Garcia+ by Maria Estrada 5:00pm Our Parishioners

Weekly Reflection

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— *Father John Muir*

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The Week Ahead

May 30: Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts | 7:00—9:00 | Parish Hall & Pavilion

Prayer Group | 7:00—8:30 | Room 214

May 31: Divine Mercy Prayer Group | 9:15-11:00 | Room 210

Confessions & Holy Hour | 7:00-8:00 | Church

May 28: Father Matthew Howard First Mass & Reception | 11:00-1:00 | Church & Parish Hall

June 2: First Friday Adoration | 9:00 am—8:00 pm | Church

The Month Ahead

June 7: Men's Fellowship | 6:00—9:00 | Room 210

June 11: Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession | 11:00—1:00 | Church & Parking Lot

June 14: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting | 7:00—8:00 pm | Room 210

June 15: Baptism Preparation Class | 7:00—8:00 pm | Room 210

June 17: Fr. Liam Anniversary Mass & Reception | 4:00—8:00 | Church & Parish Hall

June 19: New Beginnings Meeting | 2:00—3:00 pm | Room 210



The Feast of Corpus Christi is June 11

Our Eucharistic Procession will begin following the 11:00 am Mass. All parishioners are welcome to join us for this special occasion.



TODAY we celebrate newly ordained Father Matthew R. Howard's first Mass as a priest at 11:00 am. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall with Fr. Howard's First Blessings available for all. Please join us for this special occasion!

Weekly Collection for the Week of May 21

Weekly Offertory \$15,223
YTD Actual Offertory \$739,902
YTD Budgeted Offertory \$804,452
YTD Over/ **Shortfall** **-\$64,550**

% Online Giving 37%

Catholic Communications \$1,281

Archbishop's Appeal:

Goal \$82,600
Paid-to-date \$35,143 57.42% of goal
286 donors

Building Fund \$2,342
Total Building Fund \$27,448

Pending Building Fund Projects:

Faith Formation Floor Replacement
Altar Server Closet
Angel Doors
Paint Hallways
Roof Repair

Renovations: Phase III

Goal \$175,000
YTD \$38,801

Serve

New Beginnings Ministry News

HELP! Our ministry is looking for a more permanent place for our food pantry. Currently, items for grace bags are being stored in a member's garage. When the weather becomes hot, we bring food items inside the home to store in a dining room for quality preservation. Our other part of the food pantry (for families in need) is stored in another home wherever room is available. If anybody knows of a place that is temperature controlled that could be available to us, please contact Joel Walker at loneloper@gmail.com

Our current needs are razors and toothbrushes. If you would care to donate, please place items in the wooden bin at the back of the parish hall. Thank you for your continued support.

CURSILLO is a three-day, grace filled spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ held at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA.

For information contact Julie Gonzalez: 678-628-3322 or Betsy Devore: 678-591-7268

Next Weekends:

Men: October 5-8, 2023

Women: October 12-15, 2023

Clothing Donation Bin for Fr. Roy Lee

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



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Individual Retirement Account Donations

If you have an IRA and are receiving notifications about Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), you may wish to consider donating to the Church and getting a tax break. You may be able to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a tax qualified charity referred to as a qualified charitable distribution. This transfer counts towards your RMD but isn't included in your adjusted gross income for purposes of your tax liability. Ask your IRA administrator about this type of donation and its procedure.

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.

Parish Assistance Fund

St. James the Apostle is pleased to announce that we received a disbursement check of \$4,000 from the Parish Assistance Fund at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia.

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Faith Formation

Registration for **Vacation Bible School** is now available for PreK—5th grades! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Eric Bridwell—DRE
ebridwell@stjamesapostle.com



Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

While we aren't meeting this week, I'm busy in the office gearing up for our regular Wednesday evening gatherings and getting things organized for next year! I **am** still looking for Core Team Volunteers to help with Pizza & Prayer and/or our Sunday night events. Send me an email at awyatt@stjamesapostle.com if you'd like more information!



Enrollment for the 2023-24 School Year is Now Open!!!

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.



Whether you have been Catholic your entire life or are new to the faith, you are invited to find out more about the Catholic faith through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA Classes will resume in the fall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 17 is Fr. Liam's 25th Anniversary

We will host a reception and celebration following the 4 pm Vigil Mass. More details to follow.

THANK YOU

to our countless volunteers who assist our parish through service, liturgical ministries, and so many other ways. We are grateful for the time you give to our community!



Clergy & Staff

Pastor ext. 105, **Rev. Liam A. Coyne**
Deacon ext. 201, **Rev. Mr. Charles Iner**
Msgr. Terry W. Young, Retired in Residence

Business Manager ext. 102, **Tim Mitchell**
Music Director ext. 104, **Diane Scarbrough**
Pastoral Associate ext. 101, **Scott Major**
Parish Secretary ext. 100, **Amy Gordineer**
Accountant ext. 120, **Tasha Quinn**
Maintenance Coord. ext. 202, **Jim Zakutansky**
Liturgical Assistant, Don DeWeese

Religious Education

Director ext. 108, **Eric Bridwell**
Assistant ext. 109, **Tracy Howard**
Director of Preschool ext. 121, **Vickie Spieth**
Youth Minister ext. 110, **Allison Wyatt**

Please Pray For...

Cathy Allen, Genevieve Alston, Laura Alvarez, Ron Banister, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Chris Belback, Jacqueline Boshears, Ann Marie Callahan, Micah Carroll, Kathleen Cawley, Patrick Chesley, Jr., Patricia Clark, Chris Downie, Melanie Dunn, Catherine Dwyer, Richard Evarts, Vince Farah, Nikolas Fried, Marie Georganakis, Michael Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, John Glover, Rodger Hallam, Sally Henkel, Lynn Hoffman, Hue & Marty Huckaby, Brenda Kent, Betty Kersey, Caroline and Mike Lanasa, Joey Landon, Larry Lightle, Vilma Lowery, 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, Valeria Ryczek, Martin Schilling, Eleanor Sinagra, Francesa Soares, Anita Lenortavage Tarreto, Mike Tittiger, Greg Virag, Mary Wagener, Jean Washo, 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.

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.

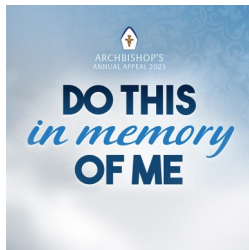
MARRIAGE Couples considering marriage must contact a priest or deacon **at least six months before** the projected date and must attend a pre-marriage program.

ANOIDING 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 Monday-Thursday 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.



Today we recognize those who not only support our parish, but also have made a gift or pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you to all who have already completed their pledge payments, as well as those who are still making payments. For

those of you who have not had an opportunity to make a pledge or a gift this year, please visit our website at www.archatl.com/appeal or you may contact the Office of Stewardship at 404-920-7600 or annualappeal@archatl.com.

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<https://reportbishopabuse.org> or call (800) 276-1562.



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ST. MARY'S ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP

We are excited to announce that summer camp registration at St. Mary's Academy is officially open! We have a number of exciting camps in STEM, Fine Arts, and Athletics. Please visit the school website for more information and to register.

(<https://smaschool.org/summer-information/summer-camps/>)