



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

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November 19, 2023 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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

The password to our public wifi is
Atlanta1996



Register as a St. James the Apostle parishioner by scanning the QR code above!

Especially as the holidays approach, please be aware that St. James the Apostle nor any employee of St. James the Apostle, including Fr. Liam and Deacon Charles, will never contact you in any way requesting financial aid or gift cards. If you receive a text or email claiming to be an employee, please delete it immediately.

Readings & Observances Week of November 19

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;

Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Mass Intentions | Week of November 19

Monday	8:30am All Souls by The Sanchez Family
Tuesday	8:30am The Young Family by Scott & Mary Beth Young
Wednesday	8:30am All Souls by The Sanchez Family 6:30pm Cameron Vaught+ by Mr. & Mrs. Barry Richardson
Thursday	8:30am Keith & Leticia Richards by Leticia Richards
Friday	8:30am Elsa Rey+ by The Cole Family
Saturday	4:00pm Jaime Sanchez+ by Elizabeth Baker
Sunday	8:30am Bertie Henry Danker+ by Sandra Quady 11:00am German Reyes+ by Frances Reyes 5:00pm Our Parishioners

Weekly Reflection—Rev. Mr. Charles Iner

You may have noticed that we are using incense more regularly at Mass. We have set up a rotating schedule so that each Mass, excluding the Saturday 4pm Vigil, will have incense about once a month. So you may ask why do we use incense at church? The simplest answer is, “Because God likes it.” It was His idea, really, and when He gave the instructions for the Tabernacle to Moses on top of Mount Sinai, He spent a lot of time talking about incense in the Tabernacle, to be offered every morning and evening (Ex. 30:1-8). When King Solomon was explaining his plans to build the Temple in Jerusalem, the first thing he mentioned was that it would be for the burning of incense before God (2 Chr 2:4). The burning of incense was a beautiful part of the worship of God throughout the Old Testament.

This practice of burning incense continued into the New Testament. In the first chapter of the Gospel According to Luke, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, is chosen to burn incense in the Temple, and the angel Gabriel appeared to him and foretold the birth of John the Baptist beside the altar of incense (Lk 1:8-11). And at the Nativity of Our Lord, one of the three gifts the Wise Men offered to the Lord was incense (Mt. 2:11).

In the Mass, incense can be used during the Entrance Procession, at the beginning of Mass where the priest incenses the cross and altar, at the proclamation of the Gospel, and incensing the offerings of bread and wine as well as the altar, the cross, the priest and the people at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Incense is a sacramental. As the priest places the incense on the coals he blesses it. The smoke created by the burning incense obscures our sense of sight and adds an appreciation of the true mystery involved in the worship of God and our sanctification. It also pleasantly engages our sense of smell, along with our other senses involved in worship. As the incense is consumed and ascends as smoke, it reminds us that our own earthly life will also be consumed, and we hope to ascend to heaven having joined ourselves throughout our life to the fragrant sacrifice of our Lord.

Calendar of Events

The Week Ahead

- November 19: No Religious Ed / EDGE / Youth Group
- November 20: New Beginnings Monthly Meeting | 6—8:30 pm | Room 212
New Beginnings Winter Clothing Drive Begins
- November 21: NO RCIA
- November 22: Parish Offices Close 2 pm
No Evening Meeting / Events
- November 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass | 10 am
Parish Offices Closed

The Month Ahead

- November 26: Youth Ministry Parish Apparel Fundraiser Begins
- December 1: First Friday Adoration | 9 am—8 pm | Church
- December 2: Knights of Columbus Christmas Party | 5—9 pm | Parish Hall
- December 16: Young at Heart Bingo | 5—8 pm | Parish Hall

Serve

The Holy Innocents Children's Choir rehearsals have begun. We meet on Wednesdays from 5-5:40 pm in the Music Room. Children in 1st-7th grade are eligible and welcome. Registration is available on our website or at rehearsal. Contact Diane Scarbrough with questions.

New Beginnings

Nov. 20th Assembling of Thanksgiving Food Boxes for 25 families

Nov. 28th Christmas Stocking Stuffing with the Scouts
The stuffed stockings are then donated to Connecting Henry's Community Cares Toy Shop Toy Drive for families struggling to provide gifts for their children.

The **St James Men's Fellowship** holds weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:15pm in room 210A of the religious education building. If you have any questions please contact Mike Martin at (404) 557-0083 or Tommy Paterson at (678) 549-7382.

The **Little Flower Women's Bible Study** begins their Advent session on Friday, December 1. "Prepare Your Hearts" from Ave Maria Press will run 4 consecutive Fridays from 12/1 to 12/22 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All women are invited. Please contact Diane Scarbrough (770) 957-5441, x104 or (770) 318-2577 for more information.

St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry Our mission is to properly maintain and clean and polished sanctuary within the church of St. James The Apostle. Our ministry chose the name of St. Zita as she was a housekeeper during the 13th century in Italy. We meet in the church every other Thursday from 4-5 p.m. We have teams of 3 -4 volunteers and sign ups are done on our website. If interested, please sign up on our website or contact Diane Scarbrough at (770) 957-5441, x104 or dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
Holy Trinity Council 7601

Thank you to all who participated in the October Blood Drive. Together we

were able to collect 23 units to donate, which made it our most successful Blood Drive to date!

The annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament net about \$4000 which will be contributed to the Henry County Bridge Well South Prolife Center and the St. Vincent de Paul at St. James.

Pray

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. For more information please contact Kathy Cowin at 678-601-4517.

PRAYER CHAIN Contact Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.

PRAYER GROUP Meets Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 214. Please contact Anna Cheverino at 770-320-8393 for more details.

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 Gonzlez: 678-628-3322 or Claude Gaw 505-946-7012

Next Weekends:

Men: February 22—25

Women: February 29—March 3

Ultreya Meetings for all who have made or are interested in making a Cursillo are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Join us at 9 am in Room 212.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols

Presented by St. James the Apostle Music Ministry

Narrated by Rev. Mr. Charles Iner

Under the direction of Diane S. Scarbrough

Thursday, November 30, 2023

7:00pm

Reception Immediately Following

in the Parish Hall



Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Due to Thanksgiving Break, there will be no Religious Education Classes on November 19th and 26th.

Classes will resume December 3rd.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

No Youth Group or Pizza and Prayer this week. We will resume on December 3!



St. James Youth Ministry will be selling Parish Apparel as a fundraiser in the parish hall beginning November 26, but you can make a purchase now by visiting the Youth Ministry Office on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays! We have S-2XL short sleeve shirts, long sleeve shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies, and a couple of quarter-zips. Contact Allison Wyatt at awyatt@stjamesapostle.com with any questions.

Christmas Remembrance Tree Fundraiser

St. James Preschool is once again offering a wonderful Advent tradition. We will have an Outdoor **Christmas Remembrance Tree** in the courtyard. The purpose of the **Christmas Remembrance Tree** is to honor and recognize loved ones, both living and deceased.

For a small donation of \$5, an angel will be hung on the tree displaying the name of someone dear to you. **For \$10, you may keep your angels to take home and hang on your own tree after Advent.** The angels will be on display through the advent season starting **November 27th**, and a Mass will be said for the Angels on **December 17th at 11:00am**. **Donations will be accepted at our table in the parish hall on the weekends of November 4th, 11th and 18th.** If you miss this deadline you can stop by the Preschool Office with your form and donation. Donations must be received before we can personalize the angel and hang it on the tree.

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

Advent Retreat: Encountering the Christmas Miracle
December 1, 6 p.m. – December 3, 12 p.m.
Ignatius House 6700 Riverside Dr., Sandy Springs, GA
Directed by Sr. Susan Arcaro, r.c.
To register: <https://bit.ly/495SR98>

During this retreat, we will reflect on the Christmas Miracle as a miracle for all seasons not only for the Christmas Season. We will learn to listen for the Christmas Miracle present in our everyday lives and so celebrate Emmanuel, God-With-Us, every day throughout the year.

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat is offering an Advent Retreat December 13-17. Guests can choose to spend one night or all four nights. This retreat is a silent, private retreat where guests will be welcome to join the Sisters for morning and evening prayer. Registration is easy at msbt.org/btsr



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 the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

No Class November 21

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

Happy Thanksgiving

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**

Adult Ed / RCIA | Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441 x201
Boy Scouts | Ray Lightner | 678-231-2490
Council of Catholic Women | Polly Crozier | 678-697-7690
Cub Scouts | Brooke Greene | 770-851-6696
Daisies Girl Scouts | Jennifer Tadrzak | 404-969-8661
Divine Mercy Group | Kathy Cowin | 678-601-4517
First Friday Devotion | Mary Byram | 678-228-3391
Girl Scouts | Susan McCurdy | 770-957-1863
Ingrid Zabala | 678-583-0616
Knights of Columbus | Shane Persaud | 678-699-0020
Lectors/EMHC Scheduling | Michelle Harada | 404-680-3710
Liturgy | Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441x201
Scott Major | 770-957-5441x101
Little Flower Women's Bible Study | Diane Scarbrough |
770-318-2577
Ministry to the Sick | Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441x201
Music Ministry | Diane Scarbrough | 770-318-2577
New Beginnings | Joel Walker | 678-764-7998
Prayer Group | Anna Cheverino | 770-320-8393
Sacristy | Don DeWeese | 404-218-3606
St. Vincent de Paul | Jackie Coy | 770-896-1661
Ultreya | Cliff Monteau | 404-625-2167
Welcome Ministry | Leticia Richards | 770-507-7377
Young at Heart | JoAnn Senger | 678-756-2951
St. James Men's Fellowship | Mike Martin | 404-557-0083
Tommy Patterson | 678-549-7382
St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry | Diane Scarbrough | 770-318-2577



Holy Family Counseling Center provides counseling for individuals, couples and families from a Catholic perspective. For information and appointments, please call 678-993-8494 or visit their website at holyfamilycounselingcenter.com

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

Please Pray For...

Cathy Allen, Genevieve Alston, Laura Alvarez, Renée Anderson, Ron Banister, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Chris Belback, Bob Belanger, 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, Mary T. Hunter, Brenda Kent, Betty Kersey, Sandra Kuehne, Caroline and Mike Lanasa, Joey Landon, Larry Lightle, 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, Kaylee Reed, 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

Weekly Collection

Due to the holiday bulletin submission schedule, the collection numbers will appear in next week's bulletin.



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. Ask your IRA administrator about this type of donation and its procedure.

An IRA QCD (*IRA Qualified Charitable Donation*) is a great and easy option for many who are charitably inclined and age 70 1/2 and up. You can support a Catholic organization in our community at any dollar amount, or to use your recommended mandatory distribution to create an endowment fund for a Catholic entity for \$5,000? Please contact Juliet Greco, VP Development and Donor Relations, Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, JGreco@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440 if you have if you have questions about this giving opportunity.

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Archdiocesan 24 hour Abuse Reporting Hotline

1-888-437-0764

Abuse hotline for bishops only:

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