



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



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November 26, 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
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
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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, in-
cluding 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 26

Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday:

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Mass Intentions | Week of November 26

Monday	8:30am Maria Pazhukayil+ by Lyla Kalathil
Tuesday	8:30am Rheda Wanstreet+ by Elodia Upchurch
Wednesday	8:30am Lura Blankenship+ by Joe Blankenship 6:30pm Mary Byram by The Divine Mercy Group
Thursday	8:30am Carmon Solomone+ by Maria Solomone
Friday	8:30am Deatta K. Hart+ by The Cole Family
Saturday	4:00pm CF Sinagra+ by Eleanor Sinagra
Sunday	8:30am Patrick Gillespie+ by Nancy Gillespie 11:00am Mary Ann Richards by Leticia Richards 5:00pm Our Parishioners

Weekly Reflection — The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Calendar of Events

The Week Ahead

- November 26: Youth Ministry Parish Apparel Fundraiser Begins
New Beginnings Clothing Drive Ongoing
- November 28: RCIA | 7:15—8:30 pm | Room 210
- November 29: Divine Mercy Prayer Group | 9—11 am | Room 210
Holy Innocents Choir Rehearsal | 5—6 pm | Choir Room
High School Pizza & Prayer | Room 212 | 6—8 pm
Prayer Group | 7—8 pm | Room 214
Men's Fellowship 7:15—8:30 pm | Room 210
- November 30: Girl Scout Troop 203 | 6—8 pm | Double Room, Quad Room, & Pavillion
- December 1: First Friday Adoration | 9 am—8 pm | Church
- December 2: Knights of Columbus Christmas Party | 5—9 pm | Parish Hall

The Month Ahead

- December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
- December 9: Amazing Christmas | 5 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. 28th Christmas Stocking Stuffing with the Scouts

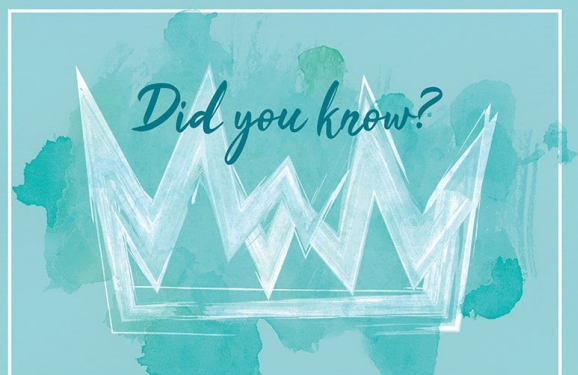
The stuffed stockings are then donated to Connecting Henry's Community Cares Toy Shop Toy Drive for families struggling to provide gifts for their children.

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.

**Mark Your Calendar For
The Annual Amazing Christmas Celebration
Saturday, December 9, 5—9 pm**

**Please contact Channy O'Meara in the Parish
Office to volunteer for set up, service, or greeting
comeara@stjamesapostle.com**



The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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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 26th.
Classes will resume December 3rd.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

No Youth Group 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 today, but you can also 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 has 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**. If you missed the 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!

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)**.

November 28: Divine Revelation & Tradition

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

Music Notes

With the beginning of Advent, we notice a definite change in the liturgical music of the Advent Season. During Advent, we wait in joyful anticipation of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We do not sing the "Gloria". The "Gloria" celebrates Christ's birth and contains the words which were sung by the angels at the very first Nativity. On Christmas Eve, we once again begin singing the "Gloria" as Jesus is born. We also sing one of the oldest hymns of the Catholic Church, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", a Latin hymn which dates back 1200 years to the 9th century when it was first sung in the monasteries. Advent music is more subdued. Minimal instrumentation is used. We yearn for our Messiah's coming and the music of Advent truly supports our anticipation. This is our liturgical tradition.

Mass Schedule December 24 & 25:

4th Sunday of Advent: December 24

Masses at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Christmas Eve: December 24

4:00 pm

7:00 pm

11:00 pm (Christmas Hymns at 10:30pm)

Christmas Day: December 25

10:00 am

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

November 5 Offertory	\$15,874
YTD	\$304,575
YTD Under	\$317,167
Percent Online Giving	26%
November 12 Offertory	\$19,696
YTD	\$324,271
YTD Under	\$333,856
Percent Online Giving	31%
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,941
Archbishop's Appeal:	
Total Pledged	\$129,375
Paid-to-date	\$90,122
Donors	286
Renovations: Phase III Sound System	
Goal	\$175,000
YTD Actual	\$81,617
Total Building Fund	\$45,135
Pending Building Fund Projects:	
Parking lot resurfacing	
Youth Room	
New Locks for Faith Formation	

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.