



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia

First Sunday of **ADVENT**



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December 3, 2023 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 December 3

Monday:

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

St. Nicholas, Bishop
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday:

2nd Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mass Intentions | Week of December 3

Monday	8:30am Lura Blankenship+ by Joe Blankenship
Tuesday	8:30am Rudy Radik+ by Mary Beth Young
Wednesday	8:30am Ernest Walcott+ by Joan Holmes 6:30pm Joel Gentillon+ by Raquel Gentillon
Thursday	8:30am Examine & Isnara Elyzee+ by Raquel Gentillon
Friday	8:30am Linda Johnson & Family by Bette Perkins 7:00pm Hugo Roger Avin+ by Jean Claude Roger Avin
Saturday	4:00pm Mrs. A.J. Claude, Sr.+ by Drs. Frank Williams & Eve Higginbotham-Williams
Sunday	8:30am Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins 11:00am William Gammy+ by Mary Nollan 5:00pm Our Parishioners

A Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Financial Report 2022-2023

Your Commitment and generosity have allowed our parish to remain operational so that we may proclaim the Lord's Gospel through our various ministries and to live our lives according to His teachings. As demonstrated by our parish's financial report, we have continued to meet our financial obligations during this fiscal year 2022-2023. We ask for your continued support of the parish and the building fund so we can maintain our facilities.

Archdiocesan Appeals Update: Your Pledge payments have enabled us to reach 70% of our Archdiocesan Appeals pledge of \$129,375.00. Thank you for your pledge and for your payments towards your pledge amount. Your continued support of the Archdiocesan Appeals is appreciated by those who are assisted by this fund.

On behalf of the members of this parish, our staff, and myself, I offer you a heartfelt thank you for all that you are giving and have given to the parish both in time, talent, and treasure.

May our Lord Jesus bless you and your family during this year and protect you from evil and harm.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Liam A. Coyne

Pastor

2022-2023

FISCAL YEAR END

Income

Offertory	\$822,781
Other Donations	\$ 115,670
Bequest	\$ 72,925
Faith Formation	\$ 16,069
Preschool	\$ 107,907
AAA Refund	\$ 11,607
Gain on Endowment	\$ 2,052
Building Fund	\$ 146,738

General Operating Total	<u>\$1,295,749</u>
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Total Income	<u><u>\$1,295,749</u></u>
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Expenses

Liturgy/Music/Evangelization	\$ 144,761
Admin/Clergy Payroll & Benefits	\$ 316,916
Utilities/Maintenance/Grounds	\$ 410,985
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$ 152,363
School Subsidy	\$ 54,998
Religious Education	\$ 126,974
Pre-School	\$ 107,907

General Operating Total	<u>\$ 1,314,903</u>
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Total Expense	<u><u>\$ 1,314,903</u></u>
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Prior years assessments paid/accounted for in current fiscal year	\$ (38,282)
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NET INCOME/LOSS	<u><u>\$ 19,128</u></u>
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Mass Schedule December 23, 24, & 25

4th Sunday of Advent: December 23 & 24

4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

8:30 am and 11:00 am, quiet Masses

Christmas Eve: December 24

4:00 pm

7:00 pm

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

Christmas Day: December 25

10:00 am

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.

The **Little Flower Women's Bible Study** began their Advent session on Friday, December 1, but it is not too late to join. "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.

Thank you to the members of the **St James the Apostle Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** for their donations of food, time and cooking skills for making our recent Annual Oktoberfest Celebration on October 21st a huge success! The donations made through dinner ticket sales and other donations will help us in assisting the needy in our community! Also, a big THANK YOU to our local Knights of Columbus Council 7601 members who volunteered their time and proceeds from the "Beer Garden." Donations to SVdP can be made using the envelopes located in the pews or online at: <https://stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com>. May God bless you for your continued support!

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

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. Our next meeting will be held on December 9, at 9 am in Room 212.

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.



Amazing Christmas Celebration!

Saturday, December 9th • 5:00-7:00pm

Featuring
Lighting of our Christmas Tree
Christmas Dinner & "Cookies & Carols"
With Ms. Diane and the Children

Cost of Admittance: One Dozen Christmas Cookies (homemade is best!)

We have an AMAZING evening planned!

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Religious Education Classes resume today, December 3rd.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

Join us for Youth Group tonight from 6—8 in room 212. We will also have Pizza & Prayer on Wednesday from 6—7:30 (please note the new end time).



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.



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)**. We meet 7:15-8:45 in room 210.

December 5: Explanatory Mass

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

Calendar of Events

The Week Ahead

- December 4: New Beginnings Winter Coat Drive
- December 5: Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts | 6:30—9 | Parish Hall & Pavilion
RCIA | 7:15—8:30 pm | Room 210
- December 6: 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
- December 7: St. Zita Ministry | 4—5 pm | Church
Girl Scout Troop 203 | 6—8 pm | Parish Hall & Pavilion
- December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception | Masses at 8:30 am & 7:00 pm
- December 9: Ultreya | 9—10 am | Room 212
Amazing Christmas Celebration | 5 pm | Parish Hall

The Month Ahead

- December 16: Young at Heart Bingo | 5—8 pm | Parish Hall
- December 20: New Beginnings Pack Christmas Boxes | 9—11 am | Parish Hall
- December 21: Baptism Preparation Class | 7—8 pm | Room 210
- December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass | 4:00 pm | Church
- December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent Daytime Masses (no music) | 8:30 am & 11 am | Church
Christmas Eve Masses | 4, 7, 11 pm | Church
- December 25: Christmas Day Mass | 10 am | Church

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 19 Offertory	\$16,114
YTD	\$342,295
YTD Under	\$350,553
Percent Online Giving	34%
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$1,762

Archbishop's Appeal:

Total Pledged	\$129,375
Paid-to-date	\$90,122
Donors	286

Renovations: Phase III

Sound System Goal	\$175,000
YTD Actual	\$83,150
Total Building Fund	\$48,719

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.

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> or call (800) 276-1562.