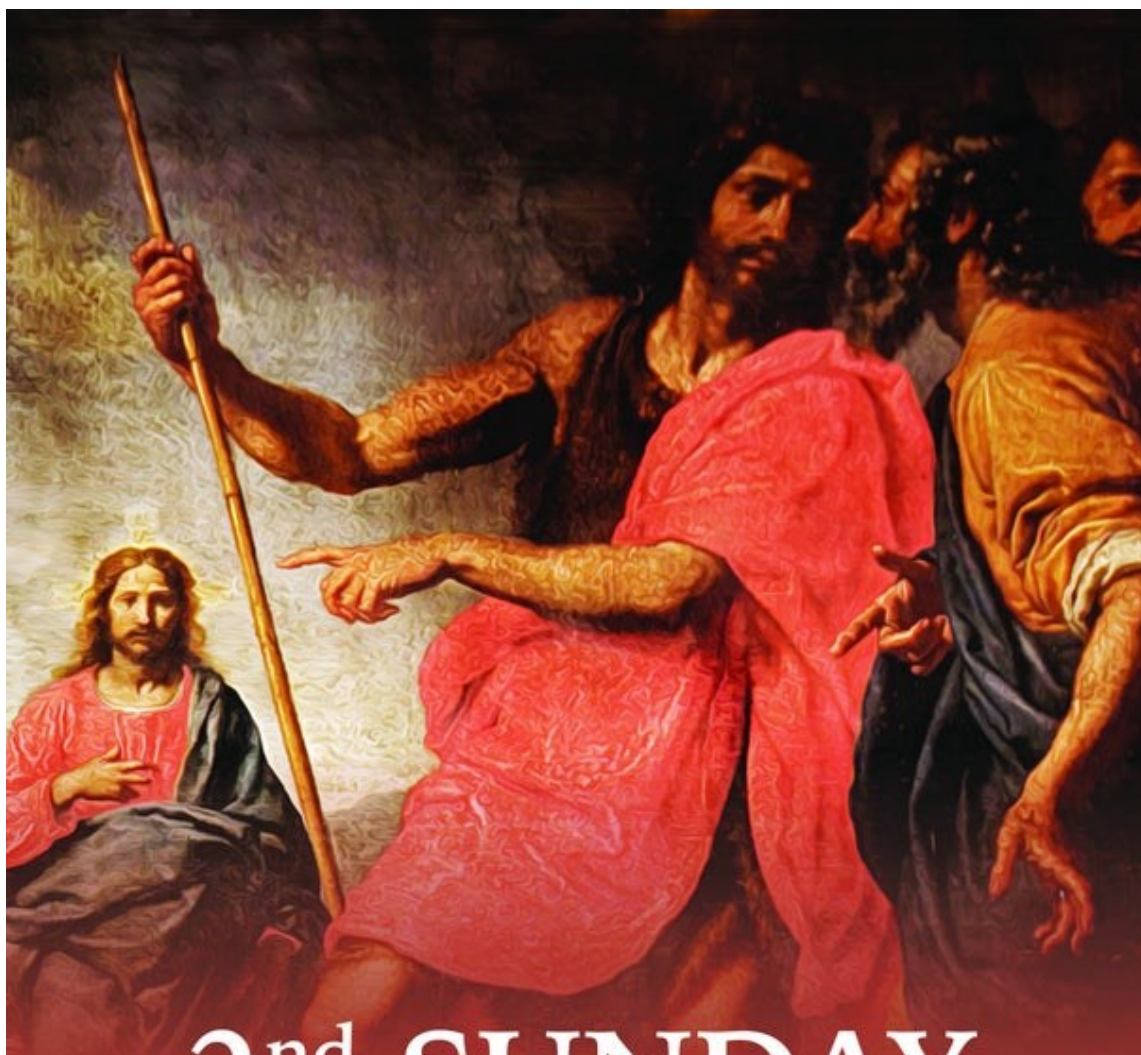




St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

January 14, 2024 | 2nd 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



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FLOCKNOTE to
receive updates on

all happenings here at St. James the Apostle!

Text SJACC to 84576 to sign up for FLOCKNOTES.

Mass Intentions | Week of January 14

Monday 8:30am Marion Schefitc +
by Mary Scarano
Tuesday 8:30am Andie & Ileana Amann
by Jamie & Julie Gonzalez
Wednesday 8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
6:30pm Jose E. Abeyta
by Knights of Columbus Council 7601
Thursday 8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
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Saturday 4:00pm Rufus C. Perkins, Sr +
by Bette Perkins
Sunday 8:30am Our Parishioners
11:00am Ramir Avin
by Raquel Gentillon
5:00pm Oliver James Desoyner
by Kathia Senatus



Calendar of Events

Monday

6:00—9:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Rosary, Meal, & Business Meeting | Parish Hall

Tuesday

6:30—9:00 | Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts | Parish Hall & Pavilion
7:15—8:45 pm | RCIA: The Church | Room 210

Wednesday

9:00—11:00 am | Divine Mercy Prayer Group | Room 210
5:00-5:40 | Holy Innocents Choir Rehearsal
6:00—7:30 pm | Youth Ministry | Room 212
7:00—8:30 pm | Prayer Group | Room 214
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass, Holy Hour, & Confessions | Church
7:00—8:30 pm | Young Adult Ministry | Parish Hall
7:15—8:30 pm | St. James Men's Fellowship | Room 210

Thursday

6:00—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts Troop 203 | Parish Hall
6:30—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts Troop 11319 | Double Room / Pavilion

Weekly Reflection — Rev. Mr. Charles Iner

Oftentimes, the young adult years can be a time of wandering in the spiritual desert. For those who've grown up in the church, who are there because their parents are there, it's a time of discovery in developing their own faith journey apart from their parents. For those who've grown up without a solid, faith-based upbringing, it's a time of trying to carve out, and form their own identity in this world.

These are critical growth years in the lives of young Catholic-Christians and necessary to develop solid spiritual roots that will produce fruit for the rest of their lives in fulfilling the spiritual gifts, talents and abilities given by God to glorify Him. It's also important at this stage of life to form relationships in a community of other like-minded believers.

Here at St. James, we provide an opportunity for young adults (ages 18-30) to come together to experience both spiritual formation and community. We meet for formation every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 in the Parish Hall, and then gather for community at either a restaurant or coffee house on the off Wednesday.

For more information, please contact Bill Renje 813-416-2356 or Trey Judson 404-520-6229

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.



Friday

Saturday

9:00—11:00 am | Ultreya Meeting | Room 212
9:00—10:00 am | Confessions | Church
4:00 pm | Mass
5:00—8:00 pm | Young at Heart Bingo | Parish Hall

Sunday

8:30 am | Mass
9:45—10:45 am | Religious Education
11:00 am | Mass
12:00—1:30 pm | Middle School EDGE
3:30—5 pm | Sacred Beat Rehearsal
5:00 pm | Mass
6:00—8:00 pm | High School Youth Group

Coming Month

January 17 | CCW Meeting
| 7pm | Rooms 210-211



St James Men's Fellowship

Our men's group 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.

New Beginnings

We are so very gracious for the phenomenal support we receive from all of you. So much so that at the present our needs are very specific.

Our Breakfast Blessings program is helping an educational program with the following needs: 100% juice boxes, chips, Ramen Cup Noodles, and Chef Boyardee Microwave bowls.

Our Adult Grace Bags for the Homeless need packages of men's socks and trial-sized toiletries, especially conditioner.

Our Children's Grace Bags need children's socks (small and medium sizes) and small toys.

Don't forget that our next monthly meeting is tomorrow Monday, January 15 at 7:00 pm in Room 212-213.

St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry

Our mission is to properly maintain and clean and polished sanctuary within St. James The Apostle. 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

Annual Chili Cookoff
sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women.
Saturday Feb 3 after the 4pm Mass

Parish Ministries will be competing
Prizes for Best Chili and People's Choice Award

\$10 Adults, \$5 children 10 and under

\$25 Families of 4 or more

Proceeds help fund scholarships for our
High School Seniors

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

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 Claude Gaw 505-946-7012

Next Weekends:

Men: February 22—25

Women: February 29—March 3

Ultreya Meetings

These meetings are for all those 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.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

You are invited to

Open House

Visit our 3 time
National Blue Ribbon
School of Excellence.

Experience the spirit of SJE!

**Saturday, January 27th, 2024
1:00 pm @ St. John School**

Register at www.sjecs.org

240 Arnold Street • Hapeville, GA 30354
404-767-4312



Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

First Reconciliation is just around the corner and will take place on **Tuesday, January 23rd @ 6:30pm**. In order for those enrolled in Sacramental preparation to receive this Sacrament, a Baptismal Certificate **MUST** be in hand by the night of their First Confession, otherwise they will not be allowed to participate in the Sacrament.

Also I have only received **FIVE** Sacramental Prep registration forms out of the **25** who are expected to receive sacraments this year. Please get this information to me **ASAP**. If you have misplaced the form, please email the religious education office at ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com to obtain a new one. Thank you!

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

Emails have been sent to those students eligible for Confirmation in 2024. If you believe your child should be confirmed this year, please reach out to awyatt@stjamesapostle.com

Pizza & Prayer will meet as usual on Wednesday from 6– 7:30 and youth group will meet Sunday from 6—8.



Now Hiring

St. James Preschool is looking for a part time Teacher's Aide for the remainder of the **2023-**

2024 School Year!

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the Director Vickie Spieth at vspieth@stjamesapostle.com or call (770) 957-5441 Ext.121

You can also download an employment application on our website:

www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool/forms

Young Adult Ministry

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18-30, we would like to invite you to be part of our Young Adults ministry. We meet every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 for Formation and Pizza in the Parish Hall. Our January Formation dates are the 3rd, 17th and 31st. For more information, feel free to call or text Bill Renje at 813-416-2356.



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)**.

January 9: The Church / Infallibility, 7:15—8:30 pm
FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.com

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.

Readings & Observances Week of January 14

Monday:

Martin Luther King Day

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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 Adults | Bill Renje | 813-416-2356
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

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, 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, 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 770-957-5441 x118 to notify us.

Weekly Collection

December 24/25 Offertory	\$24,262
YTD	\$430,753
YTD Under	\$434,018
Percent Online Giving	18%
Campaign for Human Development	\$1,819

Dec 1 / Jan 1 Offertory	\$17,987
YTD	\$448,740
YTD Under	\$450,711
Percent Online Giving	28%
Building Fund	\$4,435

Archbishop's Appeal:

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

Renovations: Phase III Sound System

Goal	\$175,000
YTD Actual	\$91,964

Total Building Fund	\$45,135
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Pending Building Fund Projects:

Parking lot resurfacing
Youth Room

What does the Church teach about End of Life Decisions? Many people are not comfortable discussing medical wishes or plans, but being prepared ensures that your final wishes are followed. **Join us for a FREE seminar on Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 am.** Speakers include Elder Law Attorney Becki Campolito and Juliet Greco from the Catholic Foundation. To RSVP contact Melissa Langlois at mlanglois@stphilipbenizi.org

The Way for Women is a three-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program January 23-25, 2024 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Registration deadline is January 19. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or ssubbs@archatl.com for more information.

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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.