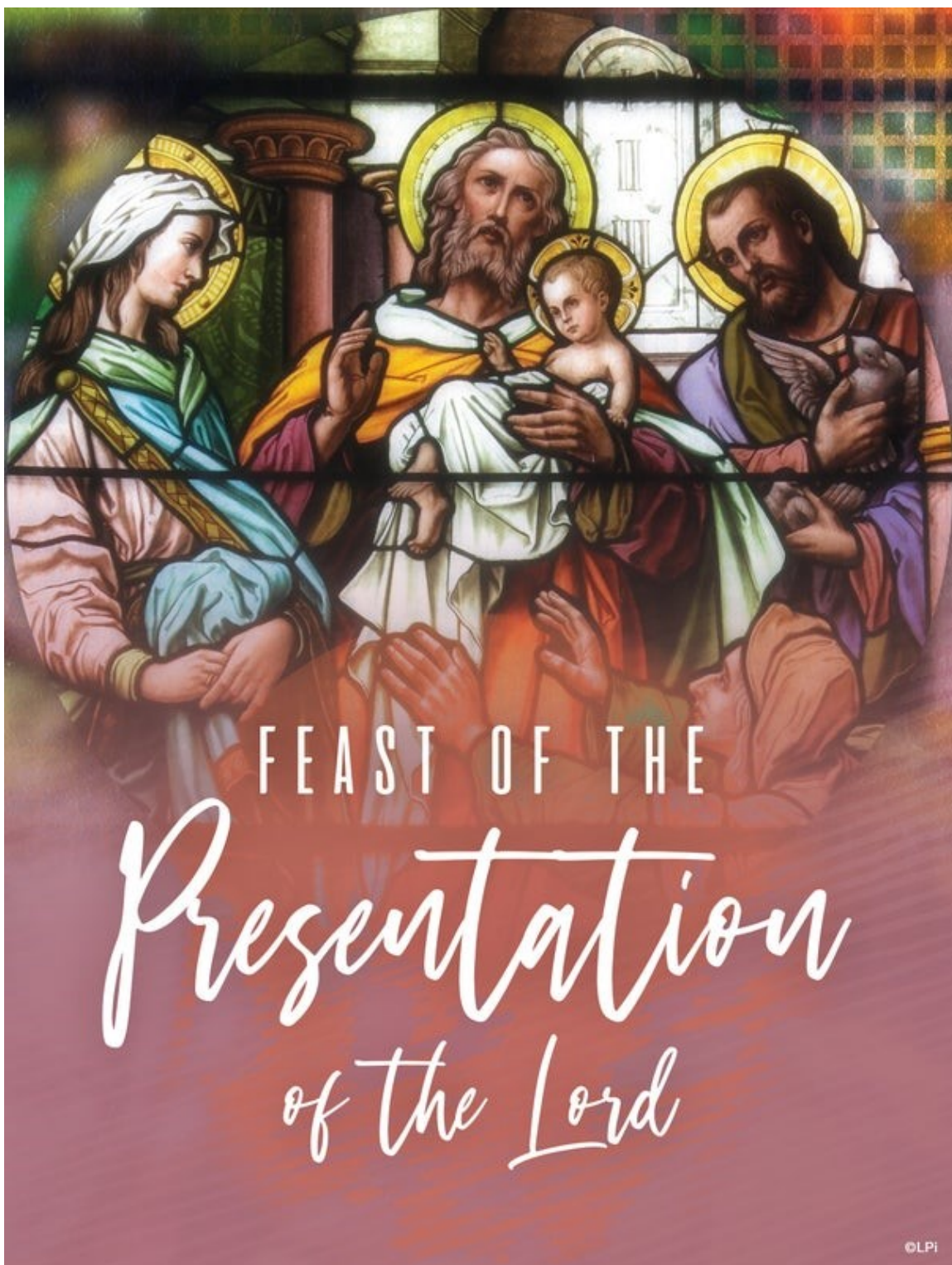




St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



January 28, 2024 | 4th 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

Mass Intentions | Week of January 28

Monday 8:30am Gerhard Huber+
by Alca Huber
Tuesday 8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
Wednesday 8:30am Ilka Costa+
by Alca Huber
6:30pm George W. Barker+
by the Knights of Columbus
Thursday 8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
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Saturday 4:00pm John & Louise Glover+
by Don & Jeannie Allen
Sunday 8:30am Amanda Florez+
by Al Florez
11:00am PK John Puzhakkal+
by The Puzhakkals
5:00pm Our Parishioners



Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am Mass

Tuesday

8:30 am Mass

6:30—9:00 | Cub Scouts &
Boy Scouts | Parish Hall &
Pavilion

7:15—8:45 pm | RCIA: The
Baptism | Room 210

Wednesday

8:30 am Mass

9:00—11:00 am | Divine
Mercy Prayer Group |
Room 210

5—5:40 | Holy Innocents
Rehearsal

6:00—7:30 pm | Youth
Ministry | Room 212

6:30—8:00 pm | Mass,
Holy Hour & Confessions |
Church

7:00—8:30 pm | Prayer
Group | Room 214

7:00—8:30 pm | Young
Adult Ministry | Parish
Hall

7:15—8:30 pm | St. James
Men's Fellowship | Room
210

Thursday

8:30 am Mass

4:00—5:00 pm | St. Zita
Ministry | Church

6:00—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts
Troop 203 | Parish Hall

6:00—7:00 | Sacred Beat
Rehearsal

Weekly Reflection

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

“Would we have to go to school?” they ask me. “Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?”

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — Why? How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don’t know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: “What do you want?”

“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?”

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: “What do you want with me?”

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” — Psalm 95:7

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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Friday

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am—8:00 pm | First
Friday Adoration | Church

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confes-
sions | Church
4:00 pm | Mass
5:00—8:00 pm | Chili
Cook off | Parish Hall

Sunday

8:30 am | Mass
9:45—10:45 am | Reli-
gious Education
11:00 am | Mass
12:00—1:30 pm | Middle
School EDGE
3:30—4:30 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal
5:00 pm | Mass
6:00—8:00 pm | High
School Youth Group

Coming Month

February 16: Lenten Fish
Frys begin
February 17: Young at
Heart Bingo
March 1: First Friday Adora-
tion

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

New Beginnings

We gearing up again to help forty-five families through our Food for Families program on February 12. We are very grateful that the coming Boy Scout Food Drive of February 10-11 will help us meet our commitment! Please support their efforts!

This past week we assisted two families with their food needs. It is a tough time for some with little left over after paying rent and utilities.

Our needs are still very specific: Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, 100% fruit juices for Breakfast Blessings; men's socks, children's socks (small and medium), small toys for Adult and Children's Grace Bags,

As always, we are so grateful for such a giving Parish!

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 February Formation dates are the 21st and 28th. The 7th will be a Community Night, and we will not meet on the 14th (Ash Wednesday).

For more information, feel free to call or text Bill Renje at 813-416-2356.

Eucharistic Retreat

Join us for a day retreat at the Monastery of The Holy Spirit on Saturday February 10th from 10 AM to 3 PM, with registration starting at 9 AM. It will address the lack of understanding and belief in the REAL PRESENCE of Christ's body and blood in the communion bread and wine. Please use the code below to access the information and register. Registration is required.



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

There will be no Ultreya meeting on February 10.

Advent Angels

The advent angels from the tree outside are available for pick-up in the front office M-Th 9am-4pm, or Fridays in the Preschool office from 9am-1pm

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.



**Enrollment for the
2024-2025 School Year
Begins February 15th.**

Our Preschool classes are for children ages 1-5 years old. Registration forms and information are available on our website:
www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool



For more information, please call (770) 957-5441 Ext. 121 or email the Director at vspi-eth@stjamesapostle.com

We also have a Facebook page and Instagram!

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Our First reconciliation service took place this past Tuesday evening, and this year's Sacrament Preparation Class took their next step toward their First Holy Communion in April!

Please keep them all in their prayers as they continue their studies towards their next Sacrament of Initiation!

We will be hosting our yearly VIRTUS kids lesson on February 4th. This lesson is part of a sexual abuse prevention program that has been provided by the Archdiocese of ATL. Your students should have come home with a form with more information as well as a place to sign if you do not want your child to participate in the lesson. If you did not receive this form, please reach out to the religious education office at ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

We continue to answer questions submitted by the teens last semester! Join us tonight from 6—8 pm for answers about free will and being a child of God.

Information about Confirmation has been emailed to those eligible. If you believe your child is eligible this year, but you did not receive an email, please contact Allison at awyatt@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 the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

January 23: The Virtues, 7:15—8:30 pm

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



Sign up for FLOCKNOTE to receive updates on all happenings here at St. James the Apostle!

Text **SJACC** to 84576 to sign up for

**HOW DO WE LOVE
VIRTUOUSLY THROUGH NFP?**
Join us to find out

Loving in Virtue
A workshop on the *what* and *why*
of Natural Family Planning
Sat. Feb. 10th 9am-noon
Cost: Free
Register with QR code
St. Michael the Archangel RC Church
490 Arnold Mill Rd, Woodstock, GA 30188 (Multipurpose room)

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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 28

Monday:

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/
Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Saturday:

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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

January 7 & 14 Offertory*	\$37,040
YTD	\$485,780
YTD Over	\$487,463
Percent Online Giving	31%
St. Vincent de Paul*	\$3,459

Archbishop's Appeal:

Total Pledged	\$129,625
Paid-to-date	\$93,675
Donors	286

Renovations: Phase III

Sound System Goal	\$175,000
YTD Actual	\$92,467
January 7 & 14 Building Fund*	\$4,858
Building Fund Balance	\$21,008

Pending Building Fund Projects:

Parking lot resurfacing
Youth Room

*These totals include both 1/7 and 1/14 amounts

If you have been away from Church for a while, please allow us to say WELCOME HOME! We welcome everyone, as God welcomes all into his home. We are here to offer spiritual support to carry on in us the flame of love that Jesus allowed us to inherit. Please don't be shy! If you have any questions at all, reach out to the office staff. We are here to help!

Parish Offices | 770-957-5441



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

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1-888-437-0764

Abuse hotline for bishops only:
<https://reportbishopabuse.org> or call (800) 276-1562.