



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent

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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Mass Intentions | Week of March 3

Monday	8:30am Mary Binkley by Iner Family
Tuesday	8:30am Margaret Hodges+ by The Cloutman Family
Wednesday	8:30am Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins 6:30pm James M. Callina+ by K of C
Thursday	8:30am Cathy Moeller by Donna Waggoner
Friday	8:30am Jeanne Waibel+ by Mike & Mara Martin
Saturday	4:00pm Mary Wagner+ by Mick Wagner
Sunday	8:30am The Rubio Family+ by Al Florez 11:00am Mary Wagner by Mick Wagner 5:00pm Our Parishioners

Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am Mass

7:00—9:00 pm | Knights of
Columbus Rosary, Meal, &
Meeting | Parish Hall

Tuesday

8:30 am Mass

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

Wednesday

8:30 am Mass

9:00—11:00 am | Divine
Mercy Prayer Group |
Room 210
5—5:40 pm | Holy Inno-
cents Rehearsal
6:00—7:30 pm | Confir-
mation Class | Room 212
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass,
Holy Hour & Confessions |
Church
7:00—8:30 pm | Prayer
Group | Room 214
7:15—8:30 pm | St. James
Men's Fellowship | Room
210

Thursday

8:30 am Mass

9:30—11:30 am | Grief
Share | Room 210
6:00—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts
Troop 203 | Parish Hall
6:00—7:00 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal
6:30—8:00 pm | Girl Scout
Troop 11319 | Double
Room / Pavilion
6:30—8:30 pm | Grief
Share | Room 210

Weekly Reflection

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “have no other gods besides me.” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— *Father John Muir*

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Friday

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am—10:30 am | Friday Adoration | Church
9:00 am | Stations of the Cross | Church
9:30—11:30 am | Women's Bible Study | Rooms 210 & 211
5:00—7:30 pm | Lenten Fish Fry | Parish Hall
6:30—7:30 pm | Stations of the Cross | Church

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confessions | Church
9:00—11:00 am | Ultreya Meeting | Room 212
4:00 pm | Mass & RCIA First Scrutiny

Sunday

Girl Scout Cookie Sales
8:30 am | Mass
9:45—10:45 am | Faith Formation
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 | Youth Ministry | Room 212

Coming Month

March 9: Girl Scout Cookie Sales
March 15: Knights of Columbus Annual Blood Drive
March 16: Young at Heart Bingo
March 25: New Beginnings packing Food for Families

TRADITIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays during Lent by Catholics of 14 years of age and older.

Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or with a compromised health that would be adversely affected by fasting should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

FISH FRY FRIDAYS — Meals will be dine-in or take out

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Menu

Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw and Hush Puppies. Cost is \$10.00
Every Friday during Lent from 5:00—7:30pm

During the Fish Fry on March 8 the Council of Catholic Women will be offering an **Ice Cream Dessert** for sale. Please come chill out with us!

GriefShare

GriefShare will be held Thursdays 9:30 -11:30 am and 6:30 - 8:30 pm In Room 210 A, "the Cry Room"
Cost: \$20 for workbook
Adults Only
Any questions, contact Joe Blankenship 770-914-2341
To register, go to griefshare.org/findagroup and search for St James Catholic Church.

New Beginnings

We recently helped a working couple with five children with emergency hotel assistance.
Easter will be here soon and we look forward to working with the Edge students in the creation of Easter baskets for less fortunate children. Donations of baskets, candy, or small gifts *in their original wrapping* are appreciated. Just place them in our bin in the parish hall.

Women's Bible Study

We are embarking on our Lenten study "Made For Heaven". Fr. Agustino Torres presents this 7 week class. Dates are February 9-March 22, 2024. All women are invited. The cost is \$10. See Diane Scarbrough for books and details. (770) 957-5441, x 104 or (770) 318-2577.

St James Men's Fellowship

All men 18 and over are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in room 210 to watch the week's video and participate in the discussion afterwards. No workbooks or pre-registration required.
For questions, contact Mike Martin at (404) 557-0083.

Lent 2024

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

Holy Hour / Confessions

6:00 - 7:00 pm

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Stations of the Cross

Following 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 am - 6:30 pm

Lenten Fish Fry's

Friday Nights

March 1, 8, 15 and 22 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22

EDGE Middle School
6:30 pm

Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 18 - 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - March 24

Saturday Vigil 4 pm,

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

"The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John"

Presented by Music Ministry in chant

Wednesday, March 20 - 6:00 pm

Holy Week Sacred Concert

Presented by Music Ministry

Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Incense will be used.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

in Chapel of Repose until 10:00 pm.

Good Friday, March 29

The Seven Last Words of Christ - 2:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm

The Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30 pm

Incense will be used.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am 11:00 am 12:45 pm

Note: There will be no 5pm mass on Easter Sunday.

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Sacramental Prep for **First Holy Communion** has begun. First Communion will be held on April 27.

EDGE students have begun preparing for their yearly presentation of the Outdoor Stations of the Cross. This event will take place on Friday, March 22nd at 6:30pm. Please come show your support for the EDGE students and to partake in this moving presentation.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)



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)**.

February 27 7:15—8:30:

Initiation Sacraments—Eucharist

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



Now Enrolling for the 2024-2025 School Year!!

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 vspieth@stjamesapostle.com

We also have a Facebook page and Instagram!



Springdaze Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday Apr 20 from 9am till 2:30pm

Join the Council of Catholic Women for our first annual springtime event.

If you are interested in being a vendor at our event please contact Polly Crozier at 678 697 7690 or

pollyfaye@gmail.com for more information.

Senior Scholarships

The CCW is offering accredited higher education scholarships to high school seniors of families who belong to St. James the Apostle Catholic Church.

Applications may be picked up from Eric Bridwell, Director of Religious Education or the parish office Monday through Thursday. Completed applications must be returned to the parish office by April 11th. Scholarships will be awarded in May.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Zakutansky at 20alana13@gmail.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, supplemented with the Bible and the Catechism. For more information please contact Kathy Cowin at 678-601-4517.

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.

Our next Ultreya meeting will be Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m. in Room 212.

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.

Sick List

In order to keep current the published names of those for whom prayers have been requested, we will remove the names at the end of each two-month period beginning March. Please call the parish office at the end of each two-month period if you wish to have the name reposted.

Please Pray For...

Pete Hut | Christine Mereand | Jimmy Cook | Tim Mitchell
|Maureen Richardson | Kim Stapleton | Cathy Moeller | Gary Simmons | Mary Binkley | Linda Leix

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.

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**
Pastoral Associate ext. 101, **Channy O'Meara**
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

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

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.

ANOIDING 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.

Readings & Observances Week of March 3

Monday:

St. Casimir

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

St. John of God, Religious

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

St. Frances of Rome, Religious; St. Catherine of Bologna

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday:

4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Weekly Collection

February 18 Offertory	\$13,113
Percent Online Giving	24%
GA Bulletin	\$1,225
February 25 Offertory	\$15,298
Percent Online Giving	40%
Black & Indian Missions	\$1,443
YTD	\$587,180

Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal: \$74,900

Renovations: Phase III	
Sound System Goal	\$175,000
YTD Actual	\$95,757
Building Fund February 18	\$1,635
Building Fund February 25	\$969
Building Fund Balance	\$29,725
<i>(Less Expenditures)</i>	

Pending Building Fund Projects:

Painting of Education Wing
Rector's Repairs

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024 All Things are Made New

Your participation is important to the success of the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. It allows us to continue building strong parish communities of intentional disciples and funding archdiocesan initiatives that reach the faithful throughout north and central Georgia.

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.