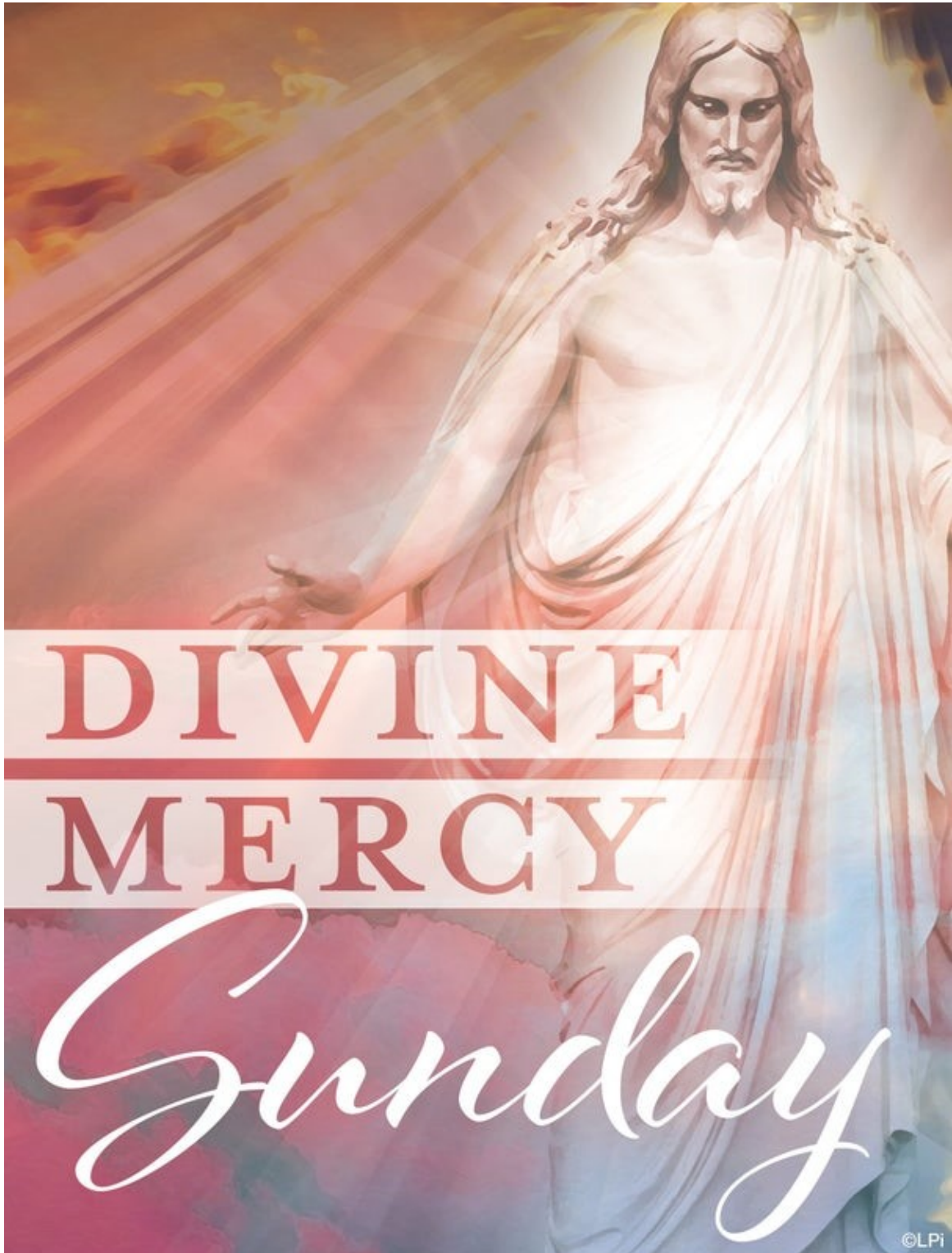




St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



April 7, 2024 | Divine Mercy Sunday

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 April 7

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| Monday | 8:30am Thomas Tiniski+ by Mr. & Mrs. Tiniski |
| Tuesday | 8:30am Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins |
| Wednesday | 8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions 6:30pm James M. Cornacchia+ by K of C |
| Thursday | 8:30am Sandra Maule by Donna Waggoner |
| Friday | 8:30am Carol Iner+ by Iner Family |
| Saturday | 4:00pm Joan Clark+ by CCW |
| Sunday | 8:30am Enrico Joseph Caruso+ by Nichole Copley 11:00am Aimee Smith+ by Sandra Stephens 5:00pm Our Parishioners |



Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass
7:00—9:00 pm | Knights of
Columbus Meal & Business
Meeting | Parish Hall

Tuesday

8:30 am | Mass
6:30—9:00 pm | Cub
Scouts and Boy Scouts |
Parish Hall & Pavilion
7:15—8:45 pm | RCIA:
Easter Follow up | Room
210

Wednesday

8:30 am | Mass
9:00—11:00 am | Divine
Mercy Prayer Group |
Room 210
5:00—5:40 | Holy Inno-
cents Rehearsal
6:00—7:30 pm | Pizza &
Prayer | Room 212
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass,
Holy Hour & Confessions |
Church
7:00—8:00 pm | St. Vin-
cent de Paul | Room 210
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
4:00—5:00 pm St. Zita Min-
istry | Church
6:00—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts
Troop 203 | Parish Hall
6:00—7:00 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal
6:30—8:30 pm | Grief
Share | Room 210

Weekly Reflection

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28

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Friday

8:30 am Mass

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

April 20: Spring Daze Craft Show
April 20: Young at Heart Bingo
May 3: First Friday Adoration
May 4: Virtus Training

Readings & Observances Week of April 7

Monday:

The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



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

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

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. 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

PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 214. Please contact Anna Cheverino at 770-320-8393 for more details.

Prayer Chain

Contact Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.

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.

Our next Ultreya meeting will be Saturday, April 13th. from 9:00 am - 10:00 am in room 212.

New Beginnings

Thank you to everyone that helped us pack food for our Food for Families program this past Monday and also thank you for all the food that was donated!

We continue to have an ongoing need for snack items: Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, 100% fruit juices for Breakfast Blessings; men's socks, children's socks (small and medium) for Grace Bags.

Council of Catholic Women

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday Apr 17 at 7pm** in Room 210. All Ladies of the Parish are invited. Please join us

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 next formation date is the 28th.

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

The Holy Innocents Children's Choir

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.

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.

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

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.

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.



Since Christ Himself has said,
'This is My Body,' who shall
dare to doubt that it is His Body?

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

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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

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

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Sacramental Prep for **First Holy Communion** has begun. First Communion will be held on April 27. Classes have resumed their normal schedules following Easter.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

Pizza & Prayer has been put on hold for the time being, due to Confirmation Classes being held on Wednesday evenings. Keep an eye out here for an update on Pizza & Prayer!



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)**.

Easter Follow Up 7:15—8:45

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

Baby Bottle Campaign

to benefit The Bridge Wellness South (formerly Pregnancy Resource Center) - our local pregnancy center in Henry County. Scan the QR code to donate online!



Holy Family Counseling Center provides counseling for individuals, couples and families from a Catholic perspective. For information and appointments, contact 678-993-8494 or holyfamilycounselingcenter.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.stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool

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



Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

All Things are Made New

Thank you to all who have made a gift or a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You can still make a pledge by visiting www.archatl.com/appeal or contact the Office of Stewardship at annualappeal@archatl.com. Each contributor makes a very real difference in the ability of the archdiocese to provide ministries and services. We are grateful for your support!

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.

The Abbey Store

at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia is open Tuesday through Friday 11am to 4:30pm and Saturday 10am to 4:30pm. The store carries a large selection of Religious items, artwork, Bibles, books, gifts, bakery goods and more! Shop the store or order online.



Register as a St. James the Apostle parishioner by scanning the QR code above!

Clergy & Staff

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| Pastor | Rev. Liam A. Coyne | ext. 105 | |
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| Assistant | Tracy Howard | ext. 109 | thoward@stjamesapostle.com |
| Preschool Director | Vickie Spieth | ext. 121 | vspieth@stjamesapostle.com |
| Youth Minister | Allison Wyatt | ext. 110 | awyatt@stjamesapostle.com |

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| Adult Ed / RCIA | Dcn. Charles Iner 770-957-5441 x201 | ciner@stjamesapostle.com |
| Boy Scouts | Ray Lightner 678-231-2490 | ray.lightner@gmail.com |
| Council of Catholic Women | Polly Crozier 678-697-7690 | pollyfaye@gmail.com |
| Cub Scouts | Brooke Greene 770-851-6696 | greene783@gmail.com |
| 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 | |
| Little Flower Women's Bible Study | Diane Scarbrough 770-318-2577 | dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com |
| Ministry to the Sick | Dcn. Charles Iner 770-957-5441x201 | |
| Music Ministry | Diane Scarbrough 770-318-2577 | dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com |
| New Beginnings | Joel Walker 678-764-7998 | nbasjtacc@gmail.com |
| Prayer Group | Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393 | |
| St. James Men's Fellowship | Mike Martin—404-557-0083 Tommy Patterson—678-549-7382 | |
| St. Vincent de Paul | Jackie Coy 770-896-1661 | jamrockjc@aol.com |
| Ultreya | Cliff Monteau 404-625-2167 | |
| Welcome Ministry | Leticia Richards 770-507-7377 | skrldr1@gmail.com |
| Young Adults | Bill Renje 813-416-2356 | |
| Young at Heart | JoAnn Senger 678-756-2951 | |
| 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 complete the Belonging online course through Ascension Press as preparation. The cost is \$9.95. Both parents and Godparents are required to take the on-line course. For any questions, please refer to our St. James the Apostle website at; stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com. Click on Sacraments, then Baptism which will lead you to our Baptismal Preparation Packet. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the **first Saturday** of the month at 10:30am.

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 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. **Suggested donation is \$15.**

Weekly Collection

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| March 17 Offertory | \$13,055 |
| March 24 Offertory | \$14,924 |
| YTD | \$649,418 |
| YTD Over | \$13,315 |
| Percent Online Giving | 33% |

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

Renovations: Phase III

Sound System Goal \$175,000

Chapel Goal \$70,000

Building Fund March 17 \$175

Building Fund March 24 \$2,411

Building Fund Balance \$5,400

(Less Expenditures)

Pending Building Fund Projects:

Painting of Education Wing

Rectory Repairs

Repainting Fire Lane

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 | Peggy Woffard |
Katie Cawley | Mary Wagner | Jim O'Connor | Renee
Anderson | Patti Eckels

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.

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.