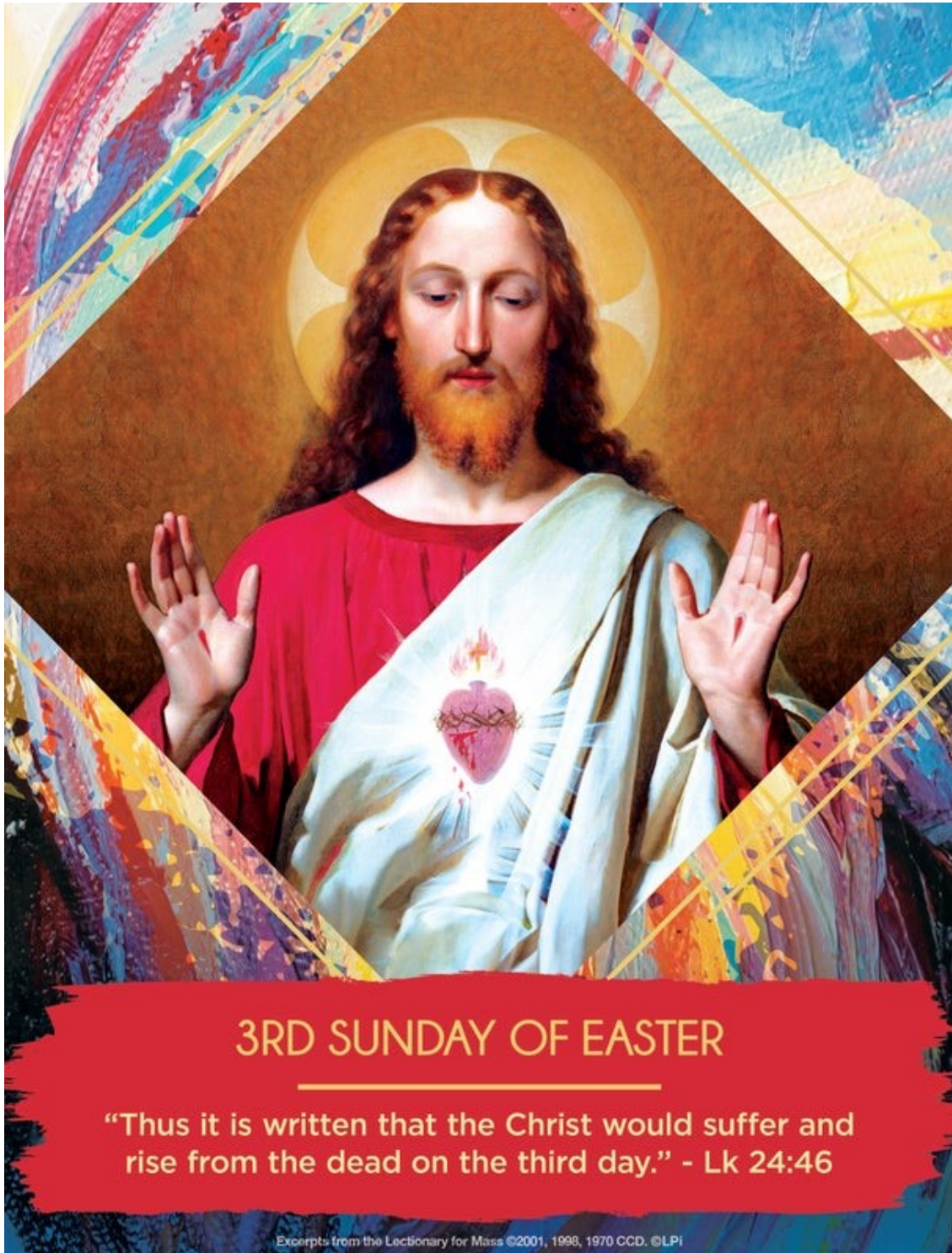




St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

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April 14, 2024 | Third Sunday of Easter

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

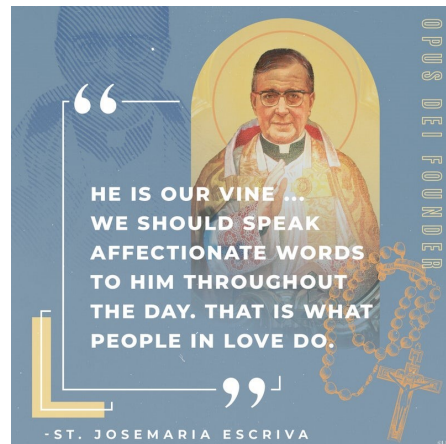
Wednesday 7:00—8:00 pm

First Fridays 9:00 am—8:00 pm

Kenneth D. Richards, father of Keith Richards, passed away April 2, 2024. He was 83 years old. Funeral service held at Southside Christian Fellowship Church in McDonough. Burial will be on April 9 in Blairsville, GA.

Mass Intentions | Week of April 14

Monday	8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
Tuesday	8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
Wednesday	8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions 6:30pm Melvin T. Cortez+ by Knights of Columbus
Thursday	8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
Friday	8:30am Gloria Perkins-Butler+ by Bette Perkins
Saturday	4:00pm Stanley Edward Seliga+ by John Seliga
Sunday	8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions 11:00am Dr. Man Mohan Sharma+ by Lydia Sharma 5:00pm Our Parishioners



Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass
2:00—3:00 pm | New Beginnings Monthly Meeting | Room 212

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30 am | Mass
9:00—11:00 am | Divine Mercy Prayer Group | Room 210
5:00—5:40 | Holy Innocents Rehearsal
6:30—7:30 pm | Confirmation Class | Room 212
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass, Holy Hour & Confessions | Church
7:00—8:00 pm | CCW Monthly Meeting | 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
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

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— *Father John Muir*
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Readings & Observances Week of April 14

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.

Friday

8:30 am Mass

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confessions | Church
9:00 am—2:00 pm | Spring Daze Craft Show | Parish Hall
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 | 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

May 3: First Friday Adoration
May 4: Virtus Training
May 18: Young at Heart Bingo

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.

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.

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

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 Way for Men

The Way for Men is a three-day retreat for adult male survivors of abuse, offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program. It will be May 24-26 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The registration deadline is May 16. Contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7550 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

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

Endowment Fund

Honor your loved one this Easter season and help your parish. When you make a gift to the parish endowment fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, they are remembered forever and the parish benefits forever. Go to cfnga.org/give to support the parish.

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!

This coming weekend we will be on our spring retreat. Please keep the 25 teens and 4 adults who are participating in your prayers!



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)**.

April 15 Topic: Human Dignity 7:15—8:45

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



If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.

- ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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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.stjamesapostlechurch.com/preschool

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



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!

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

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!

Congratulations to Doris Llewellyn

on being named St James Woman of the Year 2024. She was celebrated on Apr 6 at 10:30AM at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Brookhaven

Clergy & Staff

Pastor	Rev. Liam A. Coyne	ext. 105	
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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	
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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

March 31 Offertory	\$19,957
April 7 Offertory	\$24,240
YTD	\$708,139
YTD Over	\$731,865
Percent Online Giving	28%
Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$42,170
Donors:	266
Renovations: Phase III	
Sound System Goal:	\$170,000
Sound System Received:	\$97,769
Sound System Expenditures:	\$15,769
Chapel Goal	\$70,000
Chapel Received:	\$44,582.67
Chapel Donors:	\$189
Building Fund March 31	\$395
Building Fund April 7	\$4,141
Building Fund Balance (Less Expenditures)	\$21,450
Pending Building Fund Projects:	
Painting of Education Wing	
Repainting Fire Lane	
Repair HVAC Motor	
Parish Hall Lighting	

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 | Micha Carroll

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.