



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and
remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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May 5, 2024 | Sixth 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

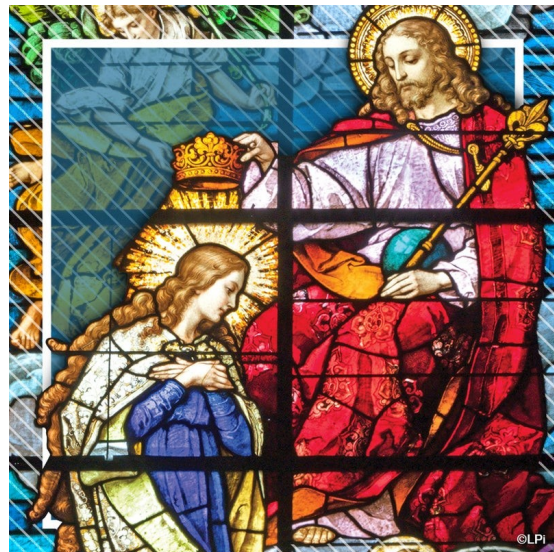
First Fridays 9:00 am—8:00 pm



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

Mass Intentions | Week of May 5

Monday	8:30am	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday	8:30am	Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday	8:30am	Mother's Day Novena
	6:30pm	Mother's Day Novena
Thursday	8:30am	Mother's Day Novena
Friday	8:30am	Mother's Day Novena
Saturday	4:00pm	Mother's Day Novena
Sunday	8:30am	Mother's Day Novena
	11:00am	Mother's Day Novena
	5:00pm	Mother's Day Novena



Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass
9:30 am—12:00 pm | New
Beginnings | Parish Hall
6:00 —9:00 pm | Knights of
Columbus Rosary, Meal, &
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: Pot
Luck | Room 210

Wednesday

8:30 am | Mass
9:00—11:00 am | Divine
Mercy Prayer Group |
Room 210
6:00 | Confirmation Mass
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
6:30—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts
Troop 11319 | Double
Room / Pavilion

Weekly Reflection

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “You are my friends if you do what I command you” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

— *Father John Muir*
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Readings & Observances Week of May 5

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday:

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday:

The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications
Day; Mother’s Day
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/
Mk 16:15-20



Friday

8:30 am Mass

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confessions | Church
9:00 am— 11:00 pm |
Ultreya | Room 213
4:00 pm | Mass

Sunday

8:30 am | Mass
9:45—10:45 am | Faith
Formation
11:00 am | Mass
3:30—4:30 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal
5:00 pm | Mass

Coming Month

May 13: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting
May 18: Young at Heart
Bingo

THANK YOU to Kristyn Wighton-Tiofack, who completed RCIA at St. James, for providing delicious cookies and cake for our Easter Vigil Reception from her Bakelanta Custom Creations where she is a pastry chef!

Chef Kristyn may be contacted for your bakery needs at 470-493-1325 or kristyn.tiofack@gmail.com

New Beginnings

Tomorrow, Monday May 6 at 9:30, we will be packing our annual Mother's Day Purses. They are special "Grace Bags" that we distribute to homeless women throughout Henry County. Come join us!

We are also gearing up for a similar program, Fathers' Day Caps, in June. The key word is "cap," as in baseball caps.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the generosity of our parishioners!

Please place donations in our bin in the Parish Hall. Also please consider donating a specific item to New Beginnings on a monthly basis. If you have questions, contact us at nbasitacc@gmail.com or call Joel Walker at 678-764-7998.

Young Adult Ministry

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18-30, we invite you to be part of our Young Adults ministry. We meet two Wednesdays each month from 7-8:30 for Formation and Pizza in the Parish Hall.

Our May Formation dates will be the 15th and 29th.

For more information, feel free to email Bill Renje at wjrenje@att.net

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.

The **Knights of Columbus** are **looking for volunteers**. Help is needed with directing traffic during the Henry County High School Graduations at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The dates are May 17th - 23rd. The shifts are varied. If you cannot make it at exactly the start time, but would like to help out, let me know and we will work you in.

The Knights receive a donation for their labor which is used to fund the more than \$20,000 that will be donated to St. James and the St. James ministries. Join us in making these donations possible.

Use the QR code to see the schedule and sign up where your help is needed.



All parishioners are invited to attend the Confirmation of 11 high school students

Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00 pm

Most Rev. Ned Shlesinger will preside

There will be no 6:30 pm Mass or Confessions this day

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.



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!

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Today is the final class of the school year. Keep an eye out for Vacation Bible School registration later this month, as well as Religious Ed registration in July. Have a great summer!

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

Our Senior Send Off will take place on May 19 from 6—8 pm. All families of seniors are invited to join us.



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)**.

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



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

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.

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.

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 ssubbs@archatl.com for more information.

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

Ultreya Meetings

The next Ultreya Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 11, from 9:00—10:00 am in Room 212. 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.



Now Hiring!

Teaching positions are available for the 2024-2025 School Year! At least 1 year child care experience required.

Please visit our website to submit an application: <https://stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool/forms/>

Also, email your resume to the Director: vspieth@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



Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty and Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty are proud to present Pulling Back the Curtain, a webinar series on the death penalty, examining the facts and myths of the death penalty in light of the curtain of secrecy the state draws around this process. Our first discussion will be on The Medicalization of Executions. Join us on Tuesday, May 21, at 12 p.m. via Zoom with Dr. Joel Zivot. Register at: <http://bit.ly/dpmedical>.

For more information about Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty and the archdiocese's work to abolish the death penalty, contact jhoffacker@archatl.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 FLOCKNOTES.

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Girl Scouts	Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616	
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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

April 28 Offertory	\$14,207
YTD	\$756,307
YTD Over	\$778,122
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$1,835
Percent Online Giving	23 %
Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$46,186
Donors:	270
Renovations: Phase III	
Sound System Goal:	\$170,000
Sound System Received:	\$97,769
Sound System Expenditures:	\$15,769
Chapel Goal	\$70,000
Chapel Received:	\$58,579
Chapel Donors:	197
Building Fund April 28	\$189
Building Fund Balance (Less Expenditures)	\$10,089
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 | Micah Carroll | Howie DeWolf

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.