



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



October 6, 2024 | Twenty-Seventh 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 October 6

Monday	8:30am Jean E. Marchant+ by Wally Marchant
Tuesday	8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions
Wednesday	8:30am Marina Gordineer+ by James L. Gordineer 6:30pm William Floyd Jackson+ by Knights of Columbus
Thursday	8:30am Gerhard Huber+ by Alca Huber
Friday	8:30am The Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins
Saturday	4:00pm William "Bill" Astary+ by Mr. & Mrs. John Bono
Sunday	8:30am Jane Uche by The Uche Family 11:00am Concetto Anthony Bognato & Hugette Victoria Bognato+ by The Vidal Family 5:00pm Our Parishioners



The Gift of Prayer

If you would like to give a loved one the gift of a Mass Intention, please visit the parish office Tuesday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Give your deceased loved ones the gift of your prayers.



All Souls' Novenas are available in the Parish Hall October 1st - 30th.

For a donation of \$10, your loved ones will be remembered at all Masses from November 2nd - November 10th.

Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass
9:00—11:00 am | Divine Mercy Group | Quad Room
6:00—9:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Rosary, Meal, & Meeting | Parish Hall

Tuesday

8:30 am | Mass
7:00—9:00 pm | Boy Scouts | Parish Hall & Pavilion
7:15—8:45 | RCIA/OCIA | Room 210/211

Wednesday

8:30 am | Mass
5:00—5:45 pm | Holy Innocents Children's Choir | Music Room
6—8:00 pm | High School Pizza & Prayer | Room 212
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass, Adoration, & Confessions | Church
7:00—8:30 pm | Prayer Group | Room 214
7:00—8:00 pm | SVDP Monthly Meeting
7:15—8:30 pm | St. James Men's Fellowship | Room 210

Thursday

8:30 am | Mass
6:00—9:00 pm | Boy Scouts | Room 210
6:00—7:00 pm | Girl Scouts | Parish Hall
6:00—7:00 pm | Sacred Beat Rehearsal
6:30—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts | Double Room & Pavilion

Weekly Reflection

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir
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Readings & Observances Week of October 6

Monday:

Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

St. John XXIII, Pope
Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



Friday

8:30 am | Mass
9:00 am—8:00 pm | First
Friday Adoration | Church
9:30—11:30 am | Little
Flower Women's Bible
Study | Quad Room

Saturday

9:00—10:00 | Ultreya |
Double Room
9:00—10:00 am | Confes-
sions | Church
4:00 pm | Mass
5:00—8:00 pm | St Vin-
cent de Paul Oktoberfest |
Parish Hall

Sunday

8:30 am | Mass
11:00 am | Mass
3:30—4:30 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal
5:00 pm | Mass
6:00—8:00 pm | Youth
Ministry | Room 212

Coming Month

October 26—Fall Festival /
Trunk or Treat
October 1-30—All Souls
Novena Available

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 two Wednesdays each month from 7-8:30 for Formation and Pizza in the Parish Hall. We also build community by meeting for social activities, and service throughout the month. Our next October Formation date will be the 23rd. Community dates are TBD. For more information, feel free to email Bill Renje at wjrenje@att.net.

New Beginnings

Our on-going school programs – Breakfast Blessings and Weekend Backpacks – are in need of individual-sized chips, soup cups, peanut crackers, breakfast items (oatmeal, grits), fruit cups, Pop Tarts or granola bars. Your love and generosity makes a difference for poor and homeless kids in Henry County.

St James Men's Fellowship

All men over 18 are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 pm in room 211 for refreshments, fellowship, and formation. We are currently using The Augustine Institute's video series Symbolon: The Faith of the Church which uses the creed as an outline to delve into Catholicism's rich history, core teachings, and spiritual practices. Please join us whenever you're able to as we grow in our faith and in our relationships with the men St James. Contact Mike Martin at (404) 557-0083 if you'd like more information.

CCW is hosting a Fall Dinner

All Senior Citizens in our Parish are invited. Please join us on Tuesday Oct 29th from 5 till 7pm for ham, turkey, and all the fixin's. We'll play BINGO after dinner for cool prizes. No RSVP is needed. Come for dinner, fellowship, and fun!

PRAYER GROUP

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



Annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

If you'd like to decorate a trunk or donate candy, contact Eric Bridwell or Michelle Fallon. Please, no evil, sinister, or scary trunks. There will be food, games, a bounce house, a huge slide, face-painting, and a dunk tank. Come and see what St. James the Apostle Catholic Church has to offer!

Oktoberfest Dinner Fundraiser

Join us for our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser on Saturday, October 12th from 5:00-7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Bavarian-style pretzels, Hot Dogs, Apple Strudel, German Music and more! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children between 5 and 10, children under 5 are free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on September 28th and 29th and again on October 5th and 6th. Thank you for your continued support! Guten Appetit!!



October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in prayer and or host the statue of the Blessed Mother Mary over night in your home. Each day the Blessed Mother travels from home to home. We gather around mid day and say one rosary in each home; just for the month of October. If you are interested please text or call to sign up. Julie Gonzalez 678-628-3322.



Honoring our St. James Veterans

You are invited to honor our parish's Veterans on Saturday, November 9 following the 4:00 pm Mass. Be on the lookout for the sign up table during weekend Masses from October 19—November 3. Get your tickets early as we are limited in how many can attend. We will need to conclude ticket sales once we reach 100 attendees.

St. James Veterans eat free, while other adult parishioners pay \$10. Children 12 and under eat at a reduced price or are free.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The Divine Mercy Group has restarted their weekly meetings in the cry room immediately following the 8:30 am Mass on Mondays. All are welcome to attend!

Prayer Chain

Contact Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.



RCIA / OCIA

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 (Order) of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. On September 24 the topic will be **Christian Prayer**.

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

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Classes have resumed their regularly scheduled times.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

CURSILLO

Cursillo is a three-day, grace filled spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ held at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA. It's an opportunity to grow closer to God. For information contact Julie Gonzlez: 678-628-3322 or Claude Gaw 505-946-7012

Knights of Columbus 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Join us for the annual Golf Tournament on Monday, October 14, 2024. This year's beneficiaries are the Henry County Veterans Support Group and The Bridge Wellness South.

St. Mary's Academy Open House

Save the Date for the St. Mary's Academy Open House on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00—11:00 am.

Grief Share

All adults are welcome Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 PM or Thursdays 9:30 -11:30 am in Room 210. The cost is \$20 for workbook. To register, go to griefshare.org/findagroup and search for St James Catholic Church. At each weekly meeting, you will view a video, followed by a small-group discussion. Any questions, contact Joe Blankenship 770-914-2341

Council of Catholic Women

Our next CCW meeting will be **Wednesday, October 16** at 7 pm in Room 210. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please join us.



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



Help Raise Funds for St. James Preschool



Spirit Night is Thursday, October 24th from 5:00—8:00 pm at Union Grove Crossroads Chick Fil A.

All purchases must be made on the Chick-fil-A app to qualify for donations to St. James Preschool.



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

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

Little Flower Women's Bible Study

Little Flower Women's Bible Study has begun their Fall 2024 study, "Angels In The Bible" by Fr. George Smiga (Little Rock Scripture Study). This six week course will conclude on October 18. We meet Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All women are invited. Books are \$14/each. Please contact Diane Scarbrough for more information at dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com or (770) 957-5441, x104.

Holy Innocents Children's Choir

The St. James "Holy Innocents Children's Choir" has resumed. Rehearsals are 5-5:40 pm in the Music Room. Children 1st grade through 7th grade are welcome. Please contact Music Director, Diane Scarbrough for more information: (770) 957-5441, X104 or

dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com

9 Day Pilgrimage ITALY
WITH FR. ROY LEE, Ph.D.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
SEPTEMBER 15-23, 2025

ROME ASSISI LORETO LANCIANO
MONTE SANT' ANGELO MONTECASSINO

★ Tour price based on double occupancy
★ Single room supplement - \$700

Contact Bernadette Skelly
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Prayer Group	Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393	
St. James Men's Fellowship	Mike Martin—404-557-0083 Tommy Patterson—678-549-7382	
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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 stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com. 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

September 22 Offertory	\$15,219
Percent Online Giving	43%
September 29 Offertory	\$18,448
Percent Online Giving	20%
YTD	\$196,509
YTD Under	\$212,304
Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,573

Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$65,448
Donors:	274

Renovations: Phase III	
Goal:	\$240,000
Received:	\$198,182
Sound System Expenditures:	\$15,769
Chapel Donors:	197

Building Fund September 22	\$1,540
Building Fund YTD Actual	\$17,854

Pending Building Fund Projects:
Repair HVAC Motor
Parish Hall Lighting
Clean Parish Hall Carpeting
Upgrade Lock System

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. Please call the parish office at the end of each two-month period if you wish to have the name reposted.

Please Pray For...

Tim Mitchell | Maureen Richardson | Kim Stapleton | Cathy Moeller | Gary Simmons | Mary Binkley | Linda Leix | Peggy Woffard | Katie Cawley | Mary Wagner | Jim O'Connor | Patti Eckels | Micah Carroll | Howie DeWolf | Chris Belback | Mike & Caroline Lanasa | Hector Jordan Sr. | Nela Jordan | Terry Scardasis | Susan Fuller

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.