



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

- Mt 2:10

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January 5, 2025 | The Epiphany of the Lord
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

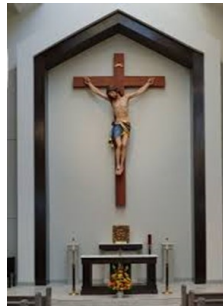
Mass Intentions | Week of January 5

Monday	8:30am Cathy Moeller+ by Julie Gonzalez
Tuesday	8:30am Harold Serrano by Julie Gonzalez
Wednesday	8:30am Donald Breyne+ by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Stein 6:30pm Julita Galiota+ by Joe Alfano
Thursday	8:30am George Cabral+ by Eric & Lisa Bridwell
Friday	8:30am The Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins
Saturday	4:00pm Starr Stevenson+ by Roseline King
Sunday	8:30am Maria Eugenia Rubio+ by Al Florez 11:00am Barry Richardson+ by Father Bliemel Assembly 5:00pm Our Parishioners



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.



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.

Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass
6:00—9:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Rosary, Meal, & Meeting | Parish Hall

Tuesday

8:30 am | Mass
7:00—8:30 | Boy Scouts | Parish Hall
7:15—8:30 | RCIA/OCIA | Room 210

Wednesday

8:30 am | Mass
5:00-5:45 pm | Children's Choir | Music Room
6—8:00 pm | High School Pizza & Prayer | Room 212
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass, Adoration, & Confessions
7:00—8:30 pm | Prayer Group | Room 214
7:00—8:00 | St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting
7:00—8:00 pm | Young Adults | Parish Hall
7:15—8:30 pm | St. James Men's Fellowship | Room 210

Thursday

8:30 am | Mass
4:00—5:00 pm | St. Zita Ministry | Church
6:00—8:00 pm | Girls Scouts | Parish Hall, Double Room, & Pavilion
6:00—7:00 pm | Sacred Beat Band Rehearsal

Weekly Reflection

Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

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Readings & Observances Week of January 5

Monday:

St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday:

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
(1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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Friday

8:30 am | Mass
6:00 —9:00 pm | Boy
Scouts | Room 213

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confes-
sions | Church
4:00 pm | Mass

Sunday

8:30 am | Mass
9:45 am | Religious Ed
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

January 6—Parish Offices
Reopen
January 18—VIRTUS Train-
ing
January 18—Young at
Heart
February 1—Chili Cook Off
February 7—First Friday
Adoration

"Could you not spend an hour with Me?"

Matthew 26:40

Thank you again for your dedication to our Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open to everyone for Adoration Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm. We are incredibly grateful to those who have committed to being guardians of the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

While our Stage 1 guardian schedule is currently full, we are still seeking guardians for our Stage 2 Adoration times. This stage covers Monday through Thursday from 4 pm to 10 pm. Please note that Stage 2 Adoration times will not begin until after the New Year and once all guardian positions are full.

Additionally, we are in need of guardians for Mondays at 10 am and Thursdays at 12 pm. If you can commit to one of those hours, please email Deacon Charles at ciner@stjamesapostle.com

To sign up for your Holy Hour, please visit <https://adorationpro.org/jamesmcdonough> and then click on "Weekly Commitment." Please remember that by signing up for a Holy Hour you are committing to attend Eucharistic Adoration at the time you requested on a weekly basis.

Men's Discernment Retreat

Men's Discernment Retreat for men ages 18-35. Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual Men's Discernment Retreat December 27th through 29th at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Register at calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat.

Council of Catholic Women

Our next Council of Catholic Women meeting will be Wednesday Jan 15 at 7pm in Room 210. All Ladies of the Parish are invited. Please join us.

Prayer Chain

Contact Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.



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

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. Any questions, contact Joe Blankenship 770-914-2341

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 Gonzalez: 678-628-3322 or Claude Gaw 505-946-7012

Ultreya Meetings

These meetings are for all those who have made or are interested in making a Cursillo, and they are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, from 9-10 am, in rooms 212-213.

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

SAVE THE DATE

CCW is hosting a Chili Cookoff / Dinner on Saturday Feb 1 after the 4pm Mass. This is a competition between the Parish Ministries AND this year we will allow a total of 4 Parishioners to also enter the competition. The Prizes are People's Choice \$100 and Judges Best \$100. If you would like to enter your excellent chili recipe to win \$100 please contact Polly Crozier at pollyfaye@gmail.com.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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



OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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)**.

Classes will resume on January 7th with an Explanatory Mass.

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

**Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)
Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)**

No classes until January 12!

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**Enrollment for the
2025-2026 School Year
Begins February 1st.**

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



**Come Join the Knights of Columbus
Holy Trinity Council 7601**

We welcome all to join us on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm to say the rosary inside St. James Church and/or at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall to meet and greet existing members and welcome new members! It's a great way to socialize, network, and get a better understanding of what the Knights have to offer.

**Couples Celebrating
50th and 60th Anniversary in 2025**

The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1975 and 1965 with an invitation to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow for the anniversary couples and their families. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP and for additional information.

Young Adult Group

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

LEARN! CREATE! INNOVATE!

St. Mary's Academy Catholic PK4-12 school provides a comprehensive education where students thrive in academic excellence, explore their passions and are empowered to become proactive change agents within their communities. We invite you to experience our school at our Bobcat Breakfast. Visit our Center for Innovation, a multi-use STEM lab, explore our academic programs, learn about the admissions process and tuition assistance programs and tour our campus. A light breakfast will be provided. Register at smaschool.org.

Now Hiring!



Immediate opening for a 2-Year Old Aide for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Teaching experience preferred, but not required. Serious inquiries only!

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

St. James Preschool—1000 GA Hwy 155 N—McDonough, GA

Parish Endowment Fund

The joy of Jesus Christ is celebrated with anticipation each year. Continue the Catholic legacy of joy by ensuring your parish is around to serve for generations. A year end gift to the endowment fund provides for parish needs now and in the future. Give online at cfnga.org/give and search for your parish. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 404.497.9440 to learn more.

Priest Seeking Kidney Donation

Fr. Jose Kochuparampil, assigned to St. Mary Mother of God parish in Jackson, GA, prayerfully requests your consideration of organ donation on his behalf. Read more about Fr. Jose's story and learn how to help: <https://nkr.org/AZM563>

Clergy & Staff

Pastor	Rev. Liam A. Coyne	ext. 105	
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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
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Cursillo	Julie Gonzalez 678-628-3322	
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First Friday Devotion	Mary Byram 678-228-3391	
Girl Scouts	Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616	
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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	
St. Vincent de Paul	Linda Berkowitz 404-987-2843	lindaberkowitz@bellsouth.net
Ultreya	Tom & Pam Jablonski 404-451-8118	
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Young Adults	Bill Renje 813-416-2356	
Young at Heart	JoAnn Senger 678-756-2951	
St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry	Diane Scarbrough 770-318-2577	dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com

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. 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 the parish office **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

Due to bulletin deadlines, the collection will be reported next week.

Legislation Made Simple: Radio Show

AM 1160 The Quest Atlanta presents: "Legislation Made Simple." a local show produced by AM 1160 The Quest Atlanta Catholic Radio that sheds light on political issues, primarily legislation in the Georgia General Assembly. Join co-hosts Patty Decraene and Jane Robbins as they help you become more aware of how the legislature operates, what is happening under the Gold Dome, and understand legislation in light of the teachings of the Church. Discover how critical state decisions are to restoring and protecting a culture that enables families to flourish and the Kingdom of God to advance. Shows air while the Georgia Assembly is in session on Saturdays at 2 p.m. beginning on January 11th (with encore episodes Sundays at 4 p.m.).

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...

Peggy Woffard | Katie Cawley | Mary Wagner | Jim O'Connor | Patti Eckels | Micah Carroll | Chris Belback | Mike & Caroline Lanasa | Hector Jordan Sr. | Nela Jordan | Terry Scardasis | Susan Fuller | Claire Bassenberg | Tom Jablonski | Roger Hallam | Christian Kleb | Jeffery Sweetser | Maureen Richardson

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.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

PATH (Post Abortion Treatment & Healing) offers help and healing to women and men wounded by abortion. We are hosting our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat February 21-23, 2025. There you will find compassionate, confidential support to begin your healing journey. For more information or to register, please visit our website at healingafterabortion.org

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.