



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



December 8, 2024 | Second Sunday of Advent
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

December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception & a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be offered at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Parish Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday, December 9.



Come and pray the Rosary with your parish community beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays through the end of the year.

Mass Intentions | Week of December 8

Monday	8:30am Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins 7:00pm Ms. A.J. Claude, Sr.+ by Drs. Frank Williams & Eve Higginbotham-Williams
Tuesday	8:30am Dorcas Igunbor+ by Igunbor Family & Friends
Wednesday	8:30am Lesly Mexil+ by Sherly Mexil 6:30pm Donna Maria DeWeese+ by Don DeWeese
Thursday	8:30am Bob Belanger+ by Helen Belanger
Friday	8:30am Cathy Moeller+ by Donna Waggoner
Saturday	4:00pm Bob Belanger+ by The Father Bliemel Assembly
Sunday	8:30am Richard Edward Kosier+ by Mr. & Mrs. Ignatius Kosier 11:00am Angel Tree+ by St. James Preschool 5:00pm Leo Fuery+ by Mr. & Mrs. John Bono

The Parish Penance Service will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Monday

Holy Day of Obligation
Parish Offices Closed

8:30 am | Mass
7:00 pm | Mass

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:30 am | Mass
7:00—8:30 pm | Advent
Lessons and Carols |
Church & Parish Hall

Weekly Reflection

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— *Father John Muir*
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Readings & Observances Week of December 8

Monday:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Our Lady of Loreto
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

St. Damasus I, Pope
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday:

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18

Friday

8:30 am | Mass
9:30—11:30 am | Little
Flower Bible Study | Quad

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confessions | Church
9:00—10:30 am | Ultreya
| Double Room
4:00 pm | Mass
5:00—9:00 pm | Knights
of Columbus Christmas
Party | Parish Hall

Sunday

Christmas Card Sale
8:30 am | Mass
9:45 | Religious Ed
11:00 am | Mass
12:00 pm | EDGE
3:30—4:30 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal
5:00 pm | Mass
6:00—8:00 pm | Youth
Ministry | Room 212

Coming Month

December 21—Young at
Heart



New Beginnings

On Monday morning, December 16th at 10:00 in the Parish Hall, New Beginnings will need help packing food for our Food For Families program. We will pack three sacks of groceries for forty-five families that are food insecure for the long Christmas break. Please consider volunteering! The following Friday, December 20th at 10:00 in the Parish Hall, we will again need your help to pack and deliver our annual Christmas Boxes to families in need in Henry County. Please consider donating Christmas gifts to the children in these families. If interested in donating gifts, please contact us at nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039 and we will let you know about specific ages and sizes when we have that information.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Projects

TOY DRIVE—We will conduct a Toy Drive for the children of the Henry County Housing Authority. We will collect UNWRAPPED toys starting Nov 30th through Dec 15th after weekend masses.

SENIOR CITIZENS—We will distribute tags for Seniors after weekend masses from Nov 30th through Dec 15th. Please bring your WRAPPED and LABELED gifts to church no later than Dec 15th. Please attach the tag you picked up to the wrapped gift.

GIFT CARDS—Gift cards will be collected after all masses from Nov 30th through Dec 15th. We suggest gift cards from WALMART and/or KROGER. Please limit the cards to \$25.00 each however you are welcome to donate as many cards as you wish.

Prayer Chain

Contact Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.

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!

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.

Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols

Presented by The St. James Music Ministry St. Cecilia Choir. **Wednesday, December 12 at 7 p.m.** in the church. Nine Scriptural Lessons accompanied by nine Christmas hymns/carols. The main theme is the Development of the loving purposes of God seen through the windows and words of Holy Scripture. Dessert reception to follow. This is a free event.

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

There will be no rehearsal on 12/4.

Little Flower Women's Bible Study

Advent Study "Rejoice" An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture. Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30. Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20. Books are \$15. Please contact Diane Scarbrough (770) 318-2577



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)**. The topic this week will be The Church Year.

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

Religious Education

As a reminder, Sunday December 15th is when the middle school program will be preparing shoe boxes for our annual Shoe Box Christmas Project. We are asking each child to bring small gift items that will fit inside of a shoe box. The majority of the needed items will be for children and teens, also some adults. Gift ideas include small toys, school supplies, notecards, hygienic items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, wrapped snacks, candy, socks, playing cards, small games, T-shirts, ball caps, hair accessories, watches, sunglasses, etc. The boxes will be put together and wrapped by the middle school youth and then given to our ministries who have chosen to participate this year such as the New Beginnings homeless ministry, food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. James.



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



Advent Remembrance Tree Fundraiser

The Christmas Remembrance Angels will be on display beginning December 2nd through the advent season. Don't forget to stop by and look for your Angels!

A mass will be said in honor of all the Angels on Sunday, December 15th at the 11:00am Mass.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Advent Season!

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 will not meet for formation in December, but will get together for dinner on Wednesday, the 11th. For more information, feel free to email Bill Renje at wjrenje@att.net.

St. Martha Altar Guild

is seeking parishioners to help launder small linens (Purificators) that are used during communion to clean and purify chalices. These linens are not the large altar linens that adorn the altar. This commitment will not require much of your time. Please contact Don DeWeese at 770-957-5441 (DDeweese@stjamesapostle.com) if you are interested in participating in this ministry.



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://stjamesapostlechurch.com/preschool/forms/>
St. James Preschool—1000 GA Hwy 155 N—
McDonough, GA

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Are you struggling with your past and overwhelmed with emotions such as shame, guilt, sadness, loss, depression, anger. 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

Clergy & Staff

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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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First Friday Devotion	Mary Byram 678-228-3391	
Girl Scouts	Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616	
Knights of Columbus	Shawn J. Doucette 678-580-9431	
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 470-771-2039	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	Linda Berkowitz 404-987-2843	lindaberkowitz@bellsouth.net
Ultreya	Tom & Pam Jablonski 404-451-8118	
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	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

November 24 Offertory	\$17,123
YTD	\$345,493
YTD Under Budget	\$371,532
Percent Online Giving	27 %
Christmas Remembrance	\$1,402

Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$74,330
Donors:	274

Renovations: Phase III	
Goal:	\$240,000
Received:	\$204,362
Sound System Expenditures:	\$68,000
Chapel Expansion to Date:	\$55,000

Building Fund November 24	\$1,702
Building Fund YTD Actual	\$37,404

Pending Building Fund Projects:
Replace Ceiling Tiles
Parish Hall Lighting
Repair Roof

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

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.



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

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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.