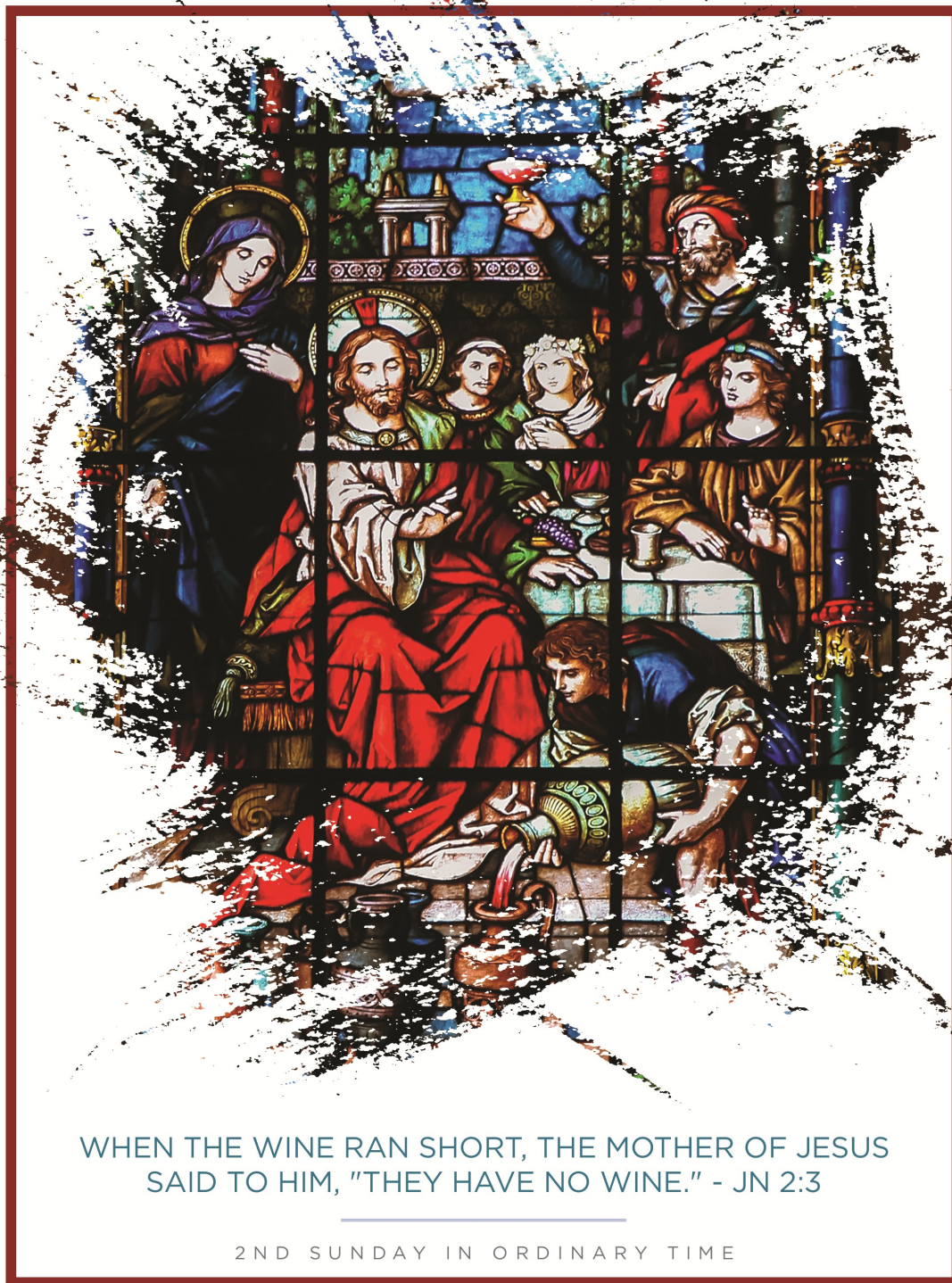




St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



WHEN THE WINE RAN SHORT, THE MOTHER OF JESUS
SAID TO HIM, "THEY HAVE NO WINE." - JN 2:3

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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January 19, 2025 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1000 Decatur Rd McDonough GA | 770-957-5441

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00—4:00
parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com
<https://stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.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

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am—4:00 pm
In the chapel

Wednesday 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

First Fridays 9:00 am—8:00 pm
In the church



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.

Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass
Preschool closed

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30 am | Mass
6—8:00 pm | High School Pizza & Prayer | Room 212 & 213
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass, Adoration, & Confessions
7:00—8:30 pm | Prayer Group | Room 214
7:00—8:00 | CCW 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
6:00—8:00 pm | Girls Scouts | Parish Hall, Rm 212 & 213, & Pavilion
6:00—7:00 pm | Sacred Beat Band Rehearsal

Mass Intentions | Week of January 19

Monday	8:30 am	Rufus C. Perkins Sr. by Bette Perkins
Tuesday	8:30 am	Donna Waggoner By Peggy Wofford
Wednesday	8:30 am	Lauren Teseo+ by the Tiniski Family
	6:30 pm	Gabriela Cuervo Rosales+ by the Duff Family
Thursday	8:30 am	Elizabeth DeVore
Friday	8:30 am	The Intentions of Fr. Liam
Saturday	4:00 pm	John and Eleanor Burke by John and Eleanor Burke
	8:30 am	John and Jenny Burke by John and Eleanor Burke
Sunday	11:00am	Ron Tain+ by Carole Fleck
	5:00 pm	Joseph and Patty Gorman+ by John and Eleanor Burke

SAVE THE DATE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Saturday, March 1, 2025

11:00 a.m.

St. James Parish Hall

Weekly Reflection

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

Readings & Observances Week of January 19

Monday:

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr;
Martin Luther King Day
Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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.

Friday

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

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confes-
sions | Church
10:00 am | Girl Scouts |
212 & 213
4:00 pm | Mass
4:00—5:00 pm | RCIA/
OCIA | 212 & 213

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

February 1—Chili Cook Off
February 7—First Friday
Adoration
February 12—SVdP Month-
ly meeting
February 15—Young at
Heart

“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 all guardian positions are full.

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 your requested on a weekly basis.

Council of Catholic Women

Our next Council of Catholic Women meeting will be Wednesday Jan 19 at 7pm in Room 210. All Ladies of the Parish are invited. Please join us.

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!

CCW Chili Cookoff

The CCW is having our annual Chili Dinner/Cookoff on Sat Feb 1 after the 4pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Please plan to join us for a fun evening! Adults cost \$8, and children 10 and under \$5. Families of 4 or more \$20. If you would like to enter your excellent chili recipe to win \$100 please contact Polly Crozier at pollyfaye@gmail.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.

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

No rehearsals in January.

First rehearsal will be Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 5-5:40 pm in the Music Room. Please contact Music Director Diane Scarbrough with questions (770)318-

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

New Beginnings

Our Weekend Backpack program is in demand. Another elementary school has requested our services and has 30 students who are food insecure during the weekend. New Beginnings has not yet made a commitment to the school. We have recently joined the Atlanta Community Food Bank and hope this partnership will help us meet this demand. We ask for your prayers and continued donations of breakfast items (individual cereal boxes, individual grits and oatmeal packages, fruit cups, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars), canned lunches with pop-tops (i.e. Spaghetti O's, Beef Stew, soups.), and individual packaged snacks. If you have any questions, contact us at nbasitacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039.

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Classes have resumed their regularly scheduled sessions.

Those in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation need to turn in their child's baptismal certificates before the Reconciliation service on January 28th. Otherwise they will need to reschedule with Fr. Liam at a later date.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

- On Jan 26th at 7pm, there is a meeting for all parents of teens making confirmation and/or are attending the Youth Retreat in Conyers on Feb 8 – 9. This is an important logistical meeting so please prioritize attendance.
- Parents, a reminder that if you have a teen registered for the 1-day or overnight retreat, final payments are due Jan 22 to the parish office or with your teen on a Wednesday or Sunday evening. Thanks!
- Just a reminder that MANDATORY Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025 from 6:00pm-7:15pm in the double room. Due to staffing requirements and space constraints, this will disrupt the previously announced pizza and prayer schedule in Feb, March, and April so please be on the lookout for changes to come from your teen, as they will be communicated to them.

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

SVdP

SVdP members volunteer their time and talent to serve the poor and, in doing so, grow spiritually and develop friendships. Our ministry is unique and serves a vital need in the community.

There are many ways to get involved with SVdP, whether you have just a couple of hours or several per week! Anyone can join or visit one of our meetings. Our next meeting is at 7:00 pm on February 12th in the St. James education building. We also meet once a month at McDonough Presbyterian Church. Our next meeting there is February 13, from 10:30 – 1:30. Service to the poor through SVdP is the main vehicle for helping us in spiritual growth. Meeting our neighbors face to face makes us feel more connected to people and our faith. We witness God's love by embracing all works of charity.



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.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool

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



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)**.

Our next class will be Tuesday, January 21st at 7:15—8:30pm. The topic will be "Holy Orders and Matrimony."

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

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	
Knights of Columbus	Shawn J. Doucette 678-580-9431	
Lectors/EMHC Scheduling	Michelle Harada 404-680-3710	
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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	nbasitacc@gmail.com
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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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 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

December 1 Offertory	\$17,294
December 8 Offertory	\$19,807
December 15 Offertory	\$20,687
December 22 Offertory	\$13,913
YTD	\$419,448
YTD Budget	\$396,596
Percent Online Giving	40 %
Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$74,330
Donors:	274
Renovations: Phase III	
Goal:	\$240,000
Received:	\$205,149
Sound System Expenditures:	\$68,000
Chapel Expansion to Date:	\$55,000
Building Fund December 1	\$3,012
Building Fund December 8	\$4,417
Building Fund December 15	\$4,417
Building Fund December 22	\$1,590
Building Fund YTD Actual	\$39,824

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 | Millie Evans

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, hospice, homebound or in an assisted living situation, please call our Sick Ministry at

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

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<https://reportbishopabuse.org> or call (800) 276-1562.