



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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January 12, 2025 | The Baptism of the Lord
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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



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

Mass Intentions | Week of January 12

Monday	8:30 am	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph by Channy O’Meara
Tuesday	8:30 am	Gerand Huber+ by Alca Huber
Wednesday	8:30 am	Hugo Roger Avin & Claudette Desir+ by Raquel Gentillon
	6:30 pm	Eddy Gentillon & Joel Gentillon+ by Raquel Gentillon
Thursday	8:30 am	Marie Aloude & Katia Saint-Jeam+ by Raquel Gentillon
Friday	8:30 am	Thanksgiving to St. Faustina by Channy O’Meara
Saturday	4:00 pm	George Cabral+ by Diane Scarbrough
	8:30 am	Ramir Albymelek Avin by Raquel Gentillon
	11:00am	Samuel Scarbrough+ by Daine Scarbrough
	5:00 pm	Our Parishioners

Attention

The new sound system will be installed this week. The Sanctuary will be unavailable throughout the week. Daily Mass will be held in the Quad Room. The CCW and St. James Men’s Fellowship will not be meeting this Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass

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
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 | 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
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

January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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Readings & Observances Week of January 12

Monday:

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

St. Anthony, Abbot
Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11



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)**.

Our next class will be Tuesday, January 14th at 7:15—8:30pm. The topic will be "The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist."

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

Friday

8:30 am | Mass

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confessions | Church
9:30am—12:30 pm | VIRTUS Training | Room 210

4:00 pm | Mass
5:00 pm—8:00 pm | Young at Heart | Parish Hall & Kitchen

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 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.

Additionally, we are in need of guardians for Mondays at 10 am. 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.

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

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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Our Parishioners are so Awesome!

SVdP wants to thank our parishioners for their continued support with the annual Toy Drive, gift cards, and Senior Citizen Christmas presents.

The gift cards help many residents of Henry County throughout the year. We received so many toys and the children were so excited, happy, and polite. The Knights of Columbus gave away brand new jackets to all the children. New Beginnings gave out stockings that were filled with small toys and candy, and paid for additional snacks and candy for children to receive with their presents. The seniors of the Henry County Housing Authority were surprised and so very thankful to receive their gifts. Some had tears in their eyes, some wanted hugs and our prayers. They are often alone and a many of them are in bad health. Thank you for making them feel special at this special time of the year!



Thank you

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

Classes resume this today!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to an exciting 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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Boy Scouts	Ray Lightner 678-231-2490	ray.lightner@gmail.com
Council of Catholic Women	Polly Crozier 678-697-7690	pollyfaye@gmail.com
Cub Scouts	Brooke Greene 770-851-6696	greene783@gmail.com
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.