

# St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the  
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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February 2nd, 2025 | The Presentation of the Lord  
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  
**7:00 pm** | KoC Planning Meeting | Rm 212 & 213

### Tuesday

**8:30 am** | Mass  
**7:15** | RCIA/OCIA | Room 210 & 211

### Wednesday

**8:30 am** | Mass  
**5:00 pm** | Holy Innocents Children's Choir | Sanctuary  
**6:00 pm** | High School Pizza & Prayer | Room 212 & 213  
**6:30 pm** | Mass  
**7:00 pm** | Adoration, & Confessions  
**7:00 pm** | Prayer Group | Room 214  
**7:00 pm** | Young Adults | PH  
**7:15 pm** | St. James Men's Fellowship | Room 210

### Thursday

**8:30 am** | Mass  
**6:30 pm** | Girls Scouts | Parish Hall, Rm 212 & 213, Pavilion

## Mass Intentions | Week of February 2nd

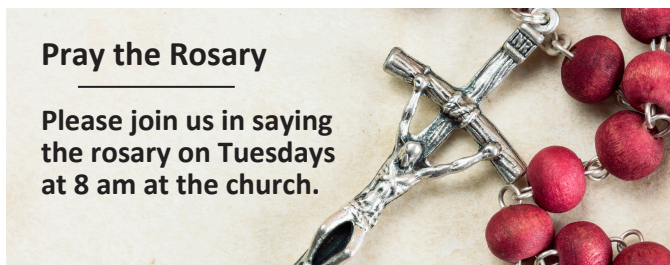
Monday	8:30 am	Donna Waggoner By Peggy Wofford
Tuesday	8:30 am	Fr. Liam Intentions
Wednesday	8:30 am	Greg Fallon By Michelle Fallon
	6:30 pm	Marsha Weeks+ By Mary Byrum
Thursday	8:30 am	Jean Linn By Michelle Fallon
Friday	8:30 am	Glen & Veronica Buchanan By Veronica Buchanan
Saturday	4:00 pm	Inez Perkins+ By Bette Perkins
Sunday	8:30 am	Bill & Kitty Rafferty & Family By John & Eleanor Burke
	11:00 am	Dee Ann Carlson + By The Gallagher Family
	5:00 pm	John & Jenny Burke By John and Eleanor Burk

### St. Martha Altar Guild

is seeking parishioners to help launder the small linens (Purificators) 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 or [DDeweese@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:DDeweese@stjamesapostle.com) if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

### Pray the Rosary

Please join us in saying the rosary on Tuesdays at 8 am at the church.



## Weekly Reflection

### February 2nd, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Luke 2:22-40) celebrates the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple, fulfilling the Jewish law and dedicating Him to God. This event is rich in symbolism, revealing Jesus as the Light of the Nations and the fulfillment of God's promise to His people. In the Temple, we meet two devout figures: Simeon and Anna. Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and proclaims Him to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Anna, a prophetess, rejoices and speaks of Jesus to all who await redemption. These figures remind us of the importance of patience, faith, and a heart open to God's presence in the ordinary moments of life.

The Gospel also foreshadows Jesus' mission and the challenges ahead. Simeon's words to Mary—"This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel"—reveal that Jesus' life will provoke a response in every heart, and His mission will involve suffering. For Mary, this prophecy is a poignant reminder that her role as the mother of the Messiah will require great sacrifice and trust in God's plan.

For us today, the Presentation of the Lord invites us to reflect on how we welcome Jesus, the Light of the World, into our lives. Are we like Simeon and Anna, vigilant in prayer and eager to recognize His presence? Do we bring Him, like Mary and Joseph, into every aspect of our daily lives with faith and devotion? As we celebrate this feast, may we embrace Jesus as the light who guides us and commit ourselves to share that light with a world longing for hope and redemption.

—Deacon Charles Iner

## Readings & Observances Week of February 2nd

### Monday:

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop  
Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday:

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday:

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday:

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

### Friday:

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday:

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM  
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day  
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

## Calling ALL Volunteers



It is a well-known fact that The Church cannot survive without the generous donations of your time and talent. If you are an active volunteer at St. James, we want to THANK YOU!

On Saturday, March 1, the parish staff will host a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to honor you. If you volunteer but don't officially belong to a ministry, please email [sandymajor@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:sandymajor@stjamesapostle.com). Because we have space constraints, we are unable to extend our invitation to the spouses or children of our volunteers, even though we acknowledge and recognize their vital importance.

### Friday

8:30 am | Mass  
9:00 am—8:00 pm | First  
Friday Adoration | Church

### Saturday

9:00 am | Confessions |  
Church  
4:00 pm | Mass  
5:00 pm | Boy Scouts |  
Outside | After all Masses  
5:00 pm | KofC Race Sign-  
Ups | Parish Hall | After all  
Masses

### Sunday

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

### Coming Month

February 7—First Friday  
Adoration  
February 12—SVdP  
Monthly meeting  
February 15—Young at  
Heart  
March 1—Volunteer  
Appreciation Luncheon

## **"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 you requested on a weekly basis.



### **ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS**

It is time for Ministry Leaders to submit a new Meeting Space Agreement and Facilities Request for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Both are due by February 28, 2025.

The forms are available in the Parish Office or on the Parish Website under Ministry Resources.

### **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.

### **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!

### **Holy Innocents Children's Choir**

Rehearsals resume Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 5-5:40 pm in the Music Room. Please contact Music Director Diane Scarbrough with questions (770) 318-2577.

### **Council of Catholic Women**

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

### **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>

### **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](http://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 at 678-628-3322 or Claude Gaw at 505-946-7012.

### **Utreya 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.

### **St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry**

Our mission is to properly maintain and clean a 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. If interested, please sign up on our website or contact Diane Scarbrough at (770) 957-5441, x104 or [dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com)

### **New Beginnings**

During this last week of January all canned food donations will go to support the Veterans Support Group Food Pantry. Please consider giving to this cause and place items in our bin in the far alcove off the Parish Hall. The Scouts will be handing out flyers for their annual Food Drive next weekend (February 1-2).

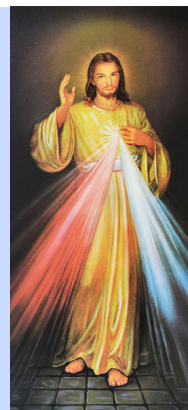
Please give generously the following weekend (February 8-9). These items will be used for Food for Families delivery on February 10. If you have any questions, contact us at [nbasjtacc@gmail.com](mailto:nbasjtacc@gmail.com) or call 470-771-2039.

### **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](mailto:wjrenje@att.net)

### **Christine Martin Belback**

Called home on 1/17/25  
Wife of parishioner Art Belback.  
The funeral service took place on January 25, 2025 at Scot Ward Green Meadow Chapel in Conyers, GA.  
Please pray for the peaceful repose of Chris' soul and for comfort for Art and their family.



## Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

We will not have class on February 16th due to Winter Break. Classes will resume the following Sunday on Feb. 23rd.”

Also, preparation classes for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin on Feb. 23rd.

## Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

- There will be no Pizza and Prayer on February 5th due to insufficient catechists.
- Please keep the Confirmandi of St. James Parish in your prayers the weekend of Feb 8-9, 2025 for their weekend retreat at newly consecrated Catholic retreat center, THE FARM in Conyers. A huge thank you to Fr. Liam and Fr. Lee for making mass, adoration and confessions available to the teens on Saturday Feb 8!
- 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 and through Flocknotes.



### Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year Still Open \*Limited Spaces Available

Our Preschool classes are for children ages 1-5 years old. Registration forms and information are available on our website:  
[www.stjamespostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool](http://www.stjamespostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool)

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



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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, February 4th at 7:15—8:30pm. The topic will be “Divine Revelation – Tradition.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Deacon Charles Iner at [ciner@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com)

### 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](http://healingafterabortion.org)

### SVdP



We at SVdP are deeply grateful for your overwhelming generosity this Christmas season. Thanks to your kindness, children and seniors in need experienced the joy and warmth of the season through

your thoughtful gifts. The parishioners of St. James truly embody the spirit of Christ's love. Thank You for your generous donations. Join us if you would like to deepen your relationship with our Lord by bringing glad tidings to the poor.

## Clergy & Staff

Pastor	Rev. Liam A. Coyne	ext. 105	
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Charles Iner	ext. 201	ciner@stjamesapostle.com
Retired in Residence	Msgr. Terry W. Young		
Business Manager	Tim Mitchell	ext. 102	tmitchell@stjamesapostle.com
Music Director	Diane Scarbrough	ext. 104	dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com
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## Religious Education

Director	Eric Bridwell	ext. 108	ebridwell@stjamesapostle.com
Assistant	Tracy Howard	ext. 109	thoward@stjamesapostle.com
Preschool Director	Vickie Spieth	ext. 121	vspieth@stjamesapostle.com
Youth Minister	Michelle Fallon	ext. 110	mfallon@stjamesapostle.com

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
Cub Scouts	Brooke Greene   770-851-6696	greene783@gmail.com
Cursillo	Julie Gonzalez   678-628-3322	
Daisies Girl Scouts	Jennifer Tadrzak   404-969-8661	
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	dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com
Little Flower Women's Bible Study	Diane Scarbrough   770-318-2577	
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	
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](http://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

January 1 Offertory + Solemnity	\$24,332
January 12 Offertory	\$17,005
YTD	\$496,554
YTD Budget	\$396,596
Percent Online Giving	37%
Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$74,330
Donors:	274
Renovations: Phase III Goal:	\$240,000
Received:	\$207,749
Sound System Expenditures:	\$68,000
Chapel Expansion to Date:	\$55,000
Building Fund January 1	\$4,533
Building Fund January 12	\$3,311
Building Fund YTD Actual	\$47,823
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 | 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 | John Virag | Dean McEarchern

*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.*



### Prayer Chain

Contact Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.

### 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.