

St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



5th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

February 9, 2025 | The Fifth 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

Readings & Observances Week of February 9th

Monday

St. Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Our Lady of Lourdes
Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Mass Intentions | Week of February 9th

Monday	8:30 am	Rosemarie Foley+ By Dawn Foley
Tuesday	8:30 am	Illuminade Abala+ By Veronica Buchanan
Wednesday	8:30 am	Elizabeth Monteau+ By Cliff Monteau
	6:30 pm	Linda Siegel+ By The Alfano Family
Thursday	8:30 am	Maria Ray+ By The Carroll Family
Friday	8:30 am	The Perkins Family+ By Bette Perkins
Saturday	4:00 pm	Edward & Rose Margaret Burke By John & Eleanor Burke
Sunday	8:30 am	Joseph & Patty Gorman By John and Eleanor Burke
	11:00 am	Our Parishioners
	5:00 pm	Bill & Kitty Rafferty By John & Eleanor Burke

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

MARCH MAGNIFICAT MEAL

All women are invited to the MARCH MAGNIFICAT MEAL to enjoy prayer, breakfast, and fellowship, and to hear our speaker's testimony of the love of Christ in her life, on Sat., Mar. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta. Guest speaker will be Sandy Russman Fohs, of St. Brendan the Navigator parish. Reservations are \$25 and are required in advance. Register by Feb. 26 at <https://tinyurl.com/Meal0325> or send check by Feb. 22, payable to Magnificat Joyful Visitation, to: Debbie DuPont, 315 Rose Court, SW, Lilburn, GA 30047. Email joyfulvisitation@gmail.com or contact Debbie at 770-696-6216.



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.

Weekly Reflection

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 5:1-11) recounts the miraculous catch of fish and the call of Simon Peter, James, and John to follow Jesus. After a long, fruitless night of fishing, Jesus instructs Simon to “put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Despite his skepticism, Simon obeys, resulting in an overwhelming abundance of fish. Amazed and humbled, Simon falls at Jesus’ feet, exclaiming, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

This encounter reveals three powerful lessons for our spiritual lives. First, Jesus calls us to trust Him, even when His guidance seems illogical or counter to our experiences. Simon, an experienced fisherman, might have dismissed Jesus’ advice as impractical, but his act of faith led to a miraculous outcome. In our lives, Jesus often invites us to “put out into the deep”—to step out of our comfort zones and trust Him in the face of uncertainty.

Second, Simon’s reaction of humility reminds us that a true encounter with God reveals our human frailty and sinfulness. Yet, Jesus does not leave Simon in his fear or inadequacy. Instead, He reassures him, saying, “Do not be afraid,” and calls him to a greater mission: to become a “fisher of men.”

Lastly, this Gospel challenges us to consider how we respond to Jesus’ call. Like Simon and the other disciples, we are invited to leave behind whatever hinders us and follow Him wholeheartedly. This may require letting go of our plans, securities, or fears to embrace the abundant life He offers.

As we reflect on this passage, let us ask for the grace to trust, respond with humility, and follow Christ with courage, allowing Him to work through us in ways beyond our imagination.

—Deacon Charles Iner



The Knights of Columbus

Join us for a family rosary on Sunday, February 16th, after the 11am Mass. Pizza will be provided!



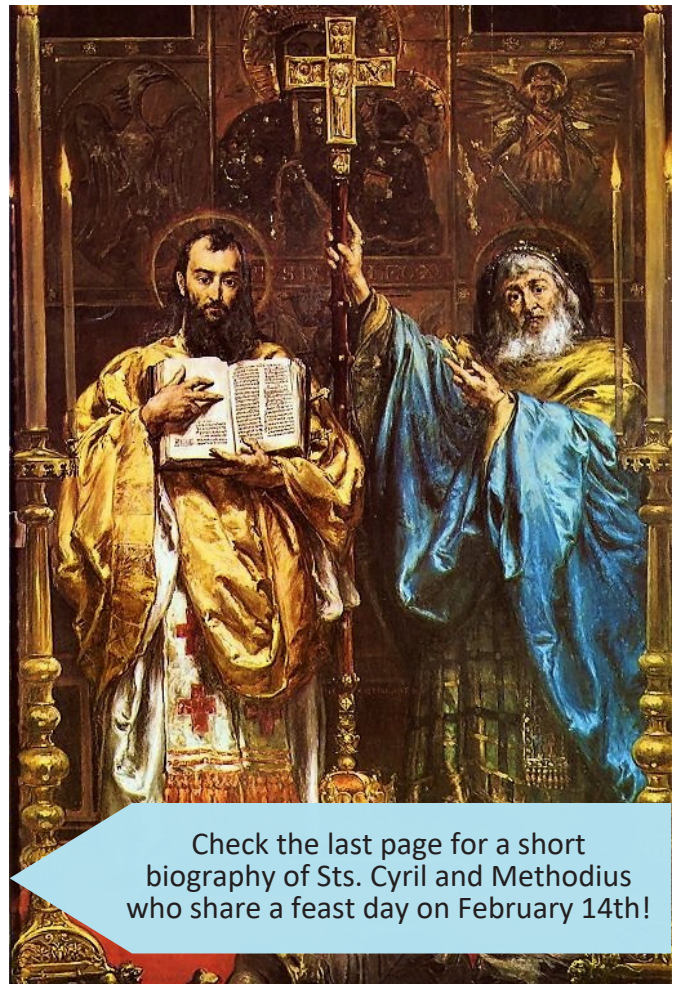
“Could you not spend an hour with Me?”

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.



Check the last page for a short biography of Sts. Cyril and Methodius who share a feast day on February 14th!

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Please join us as we congratulate the 50 students who made their First Reconciliation last night! This is our largest sacrament class in years! We must also recognize and thank the parents and catechists who helped prepare these students for this special night. I am also happy to share that Fr. Liam stated that this was the most prepared class in recent memory!

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

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.



Now Enrolling for the 2025-2026 School Year!!

Our Preschool classes are for children ages 1-5 years old. Registration forms and information are available on our website:
www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool



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

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



The Pope's Intentions

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



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>

The Abbey Store

at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia is open Tuesday through Friday 11am to 4:30pm and Saturday 10am to 4:30pm. The store carries a large selection of Religious items, artwork, Bibles, books, gifts, bakery goods and more! Shop the store or order online.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

is seeking a proven fundraiser and grant writer to work with the school's administration as a part-time advancement coordinator. Responsibilities include grant writing, marketing the school's message to the surrounding community and other fund-raising initiatives. At least three years of relevant experience and a related degree are desirable.

Please send a resume and letter of interest to JoAnn McPherson at jam@smaschool.org. No calls please.



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 11th at 7:15—8:30pm. The topic will be "The Christian Moral Life."

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

Pray the Rosary

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



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

The St. James "Holy Innocents Children's Choir" has resumed. Rehearsals are 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.

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.

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

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

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 at 678-628-3322 or Claude Gaw at 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.

New Beginnings

Tomorrow morning, February 10 at 10:00, we will be packing groceries for 45 food insecure families and also sorting and dating the donations from the Boy Scouts' Food Drive. Come join us! Many hands make short work!

New Beginnings has many different ways that you could get involved such as Breakfast Blessings, Weekend Backpacks, Food for Families or Emergency Food Deliveries. To find out how you might help contact us at nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039.



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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

Please see next week's bulletin for an updated count.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

These brothers by birth became brothers in mission. Cyril and Methodius were born to a Greek diplomat in the 800s. The two brothers served in local governmental posts before each withdrew to a monastery. Their lives changed when the political leadership in Eastern Europe — what is now Ukraine — requested priests who spoke the native Slavic languages. Cyril and Methodius had proven themselves as able administrators and holy men, so they were sent as missionaries. First, Cyril invented an alphabet. This became the foundation for what is now used today and is still called the Cyrillic alphabet! Next, the brothers translated the Gospels, the Psalms, and other liturgical books into the native language of the people. Their work spread across Eastern Europe. God indeed raises up saints for their times!

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.

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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.