

# St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh."  
- Lk 6:21

February 16, 2025 | The Sixth 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 16th

#### Monday

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;  
Presidents' Day  
Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/  
Mk 8:11-13

#### Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,  
3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

#### Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,  
18-19/Mk 8:22-26

#### Thursday

Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/  
Mk 8:27-3

#### Friday

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church  
Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—  
9:1

#### Saturday

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

#### Sunday

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/  
Lk 6:27-38

### Mass Intentions | Week of February 16th

Monday	8:30 am Anne Northcutt By Jay & Camille Green
Tuesday	8:30 am Chris Belback+ By Claude Gau
Wednesday	8:30 am Carmen Garcia+ By Frances Reyes 6:30 pm Chris Belback+ By Diane Scarbrough
Thursday	8:30 am Victoria Harris+ By Viola Harris
Friday	8:30 am Our Parishioners
Saturday	4:00 pm John & Jenny Burke By John & Eleanor Burke
Sunday	8:30 am Edward & Rose Margaret Burke By John & Eleanor Burke 11:00 am Joseph & Patty Gorman By John & Eleanor Burke 5:00 pm The Family of Bill & Kitty Rafferty By John & Eleanor Burk

### 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)

### 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](mailto: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 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-The Beatitudes (Year C)

In St. Luke's Gospel, the Beatitudes present a radical vision of God's kingdom, offering blessings to those the world often overlooks: the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted. Unlike Matthew's account, Luke's Beatitudes emphasize material poverty and real-life suffering, highlighting God's preference for the lowly and His promise to overturn worldly values. Jesus begins by declaring, "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." This Beatitude is not merely a promise of future reward but an affirmation of God's presence with the poor here and now. It challenges us to examine how we view wealth, privilege, and comfort. Are we detached enough from material possessions to rely fully on God? Do we work to care for those in need, reflecting God's love for them?

The Beatitudes also call us to hope in the midst of suffering. For those who hunger, mourn, or face rejection, Jesus promises satisfaction, joy, and belonging in God's kingdom. These promises remind us that earthly trials are not the final word; God's justice and mercy will prevail.

However, Luke's Gospel also includes warnings, contrasting blessings with woes for the rich, satisfied, and complacent. These "woes" challenge us to avoid self-sufficiency and remind us that earthly success can dull our awareness of our need for God.

Ultimately, the Beatitudes invite us to adopt a kingdom perspective: to live humbly, serve others, and trust in God's promises.

They challenge us to align our values with God's—seeking His will above worldly approval. As we reflect on these teachings, let us ask for the grace to embrace the Beatitudes in our lives, becoming instruments of God's love and justice in a world longing for His kingdom.



—Deacon Charles Iner

### The Knights of Columbus

Join us for a family rosary after the 11am Mass today. Pizza will be provided!

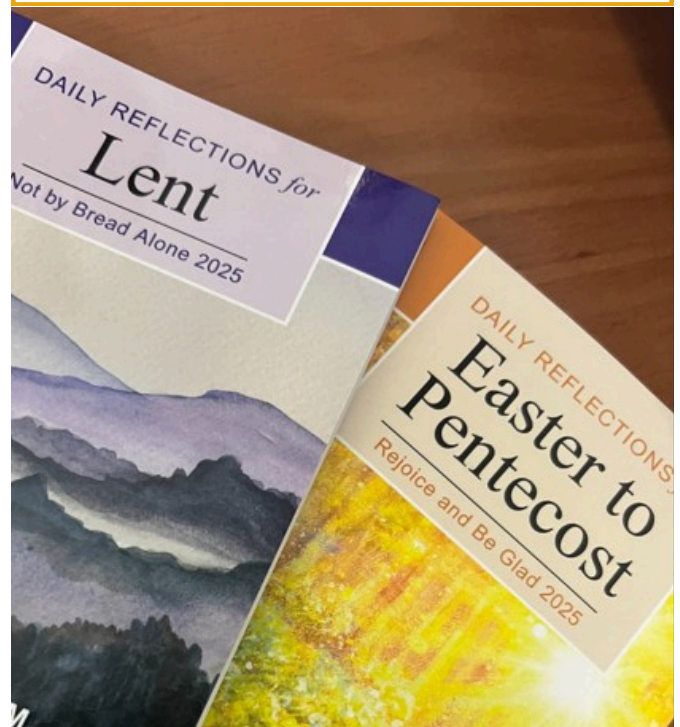


### "Could you not spend an hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

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.



Lenten and Easter Daily Reflection books are available now in the Parish Hall! A set of two books is available for \$5—proceeds benefit the St. James Youth Ministry.

## Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Please note that due to Winter Break, we will not have class today. Classes will resume their normal schedules next Sunday, Feb. 23rd.

Also, we will be teaching the Archdiocesan Mandated Virtus lesson to all children on Sunday, Feb. 23rd. Your child should have received an opt out form last weekend. If this form is not completed, then we will assume you are ok with your child being taught the lesson. For any questions, please email [ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com)

## Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

A giant THANK YOU to all of the clergy, staff, volunteers, and teens that made the 2025 Youth Retreat Feb 8-9 at the Farm in Conyers such a huge success. Please continue to pray for all the teens who have entered the final weeks of their Confirmation preparations.

Please remember that there is no middle school or teen youth ministry tonight or Pizza and Prayer on Feb 19th due to Winter Break.



## 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](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool)



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For more information, please call (770) 957-5441 Ext. 121 or email the Director at [vspieth@stjamesapostle.com](mailto: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](mailto:jam@smaschool.org). No calls please.



## 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)**. There will be no class this week due to Winter break. Classes resume on February 25th with the topic, "Mid-Year Review."

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Deacon Charles Iner at [ciner@stjamesapostle.com](mailto: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 Holy Innocents Children's Choir has begun rehearsals for 2025. We meet on Wednesdays from 5-5:40 p.m in the Music Room. Children 1st-8th grade are welcome.

Please contact our Music Director, Diane Scarbrough, for more information at [dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com) or (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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

### 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

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Scouting America Food Drive last weekend and to all that assisted with the packing and delivery of our Food for Families event last Monday. This parish is truly dynamic and we appreciate all you do.

Our monthly meeting is tomorrow, Monday February 17th at 7:00 pm in Rooms 212-213. All are welcome!



In today's Gospel, Jesus blesses the poor, hungry, and weeping people, for they will rejoice and leap for joy!

**When we serve the poor, we also receive Christ's joy!** To learn more about the joy of service, contact Linda at [lindaberkowitz@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindaberkowitz@bellsouth.net). We need you!

If you would like to donate to SVdP, use your monthly **green** envelope, and place it in the collection basket. If you use your own envelope, please clearly label it for SVdP. Thank you for your continued donations and support! Your generosity helps many people in our community.

### Mercy Awaits: Wednesdays and Saturdays



Did you know that the Sacrament of Confession not only forgives sins but also gives grace to help you resist temptation in the future? Regular confession strengthens your soul and deepens your relationship with God. Don't wait to receive His mercy! Confessions are available Wednesdays from 7-8 PM or Saturdays from 9-10 AM! If those times don't work for you, make an appointment!

## Clergy & Staff

Pastor	Rev. Liam A. Coyne	ext. 105	
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Charles Iner	ext. 201	ciner@stjamesapostle.com
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Youth Minister	Michelle Fallon	ext. 110	mfallon@stjamesapostle.com

## Ministry Contacts

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
Scouting for America Cub Scouts	Chelsea Castro   720-210-3628	McDonoughPack66@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	Scott Major   770-951-5441	
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 [stjamesapostle.catholicchurch.com](http://stjamesapostle.catholicchurch.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 19 Offertory	\$13,587
January 26 Offertory	\$18,603
YTD	\$528,744
YTD Budget	\$396,596
Percent Online Giving	20%
Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$74,330
Donors:	274
Renovations: Phase III	
Goal:	\$240,000
Received:	\$208,698
Sound System Expenditures:	\$68,000
Chapel Expansion to Date:	\$55,000
Building Fund January 19	\$1,505
Building Fund January 26	\$7,243
Building Fund YTD Actual	\$49,328
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 the office 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.