

# St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

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**March 9th, 2025 | The First Sunday of Lent  
1000 Decatur Rd McDonough GA | 770-957-5441**

### Parish Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday** 9:00—4:00  
parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com  
<https://stjamesapostleatholicchurch.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—10:00 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 March 9th

#### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

#### Sunday

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

# BLOOD DONATION SAVES LIVES

## St. James the Apostle Catholic Church Blood Drive

**Friday, March 14 | 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Scan or click to make an appointment.



Walk-ins

welcome.



All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

**LIFESOUTH**  
Community Blood Centers



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.

### Mass Intentions | Week of March 9th

|           |                                                                                                                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 8:30 am Valentine Walcott+<br>By Joan Holmes                                                                                   |
| Tuesday   | 8:30 am Fr. Liam's Intentions                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am Fr. Liam's Intentions<br>6:30 pm Marsha Weeks+<br>By Mary Byram                                                        |
| Thursday  | 8:30 am Fr. Liam's Intentions                                                                                                  |
| Friday    | 8:30 am Fr. Liam's Intentions                                                                                                  |
| Saturday  | 4:00 pm Mykalia Warlock<br>By Joan Holmes                                                                                      |
| Sunday    | 8:30 am Glen F. Buchanan+<br>By Veronica Buchanan<br>11:00 am Our Parishioners<br>5:00 pm Kimberly Teselow+<br>By Tonie Mackay |

## Weekly Reflection

March 9th, 2025  
Dignity for the Deceased

In the Catholic faith, the practices surrounding the treatment of the deceased are deeply rooted in respect for the human person and the belief in the resurrection of the body. The Church strongly discourages the scattering of ashes and emphasizes the importance of a Catholic funeral because these practices uphold the dignity of the deceased and express the hope of eternal life.

The Church teaches that the body, even after death, retains a sacred significance because it was the temple of the Holy Spirit during life. Cremated remains are to be treated with the same reverence as a body, which is why they must be placed in a sacred, final resting place, such as a cemetery or columbarium. Scattering ashes, dividing them among family members, or keeping them at home can diminish this sense of sacredness and fail to reflect the Christian hope in the resurrection. A proper burial ensures the remains are laid to rest in a holy and communal setting, where they await the resurrection of the dead.

Having a Catholic funeral is equally important because it allows the Church to intercede for the soul of the deceased through the celebration of the Eucharist, prayers, and blessings. The funeral Mass is a profound act of faith, where the community gathers to commend the soul of the departed to God's mercy and offer consolation to the grieving. It reinforces the belief that death is not an end but a transition to eternal life with God.

Additionally, a Catholic funeral provides a tangible expression of hope in Christ's promise of salvation. It offers the grieving an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of life, death, and resurrection, drawing strength and peace from their faith.

By ensuring the proper care of remains and celebrating a Catholic funeral, the faithful affirm their belief in the sanctity of life, the resurrection, and God's infinite mercy, offering a witness to the world of the hope that comes from faith in Christ.

—Deacon Charles Iner



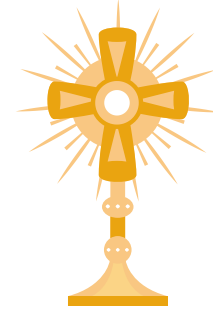
### CCW Scholarships

The St. James CCW will be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications can be found in the parish hall, parish office, or with our High School Youth Minister, Michelle Fallon.

More information to follow.

## Adoration

We are delighted to announce the expansion of our evening Adoration hours. The Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel will now be open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 10 PM. For access to the chapel after 4 PM on these days, an access code is required. To obtain one, please visit the parish office or email your full name, address, and driver's license number to [parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com).



### LENTEN FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

Sponsored by – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
Council 7601



5:00pm-7:30pm

#### Menu

Choice of Baked or Fried Fish, Coleslaw,  
French Fries, Hushpuppies & Drink

*(Grilled Cheese also available by request)*

Adults: \$10.00

Children 5-12: \$7.00

Under 5: Free

**\*\*Family Price \$35.00 - Eat in Only\*\***



**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)



## Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

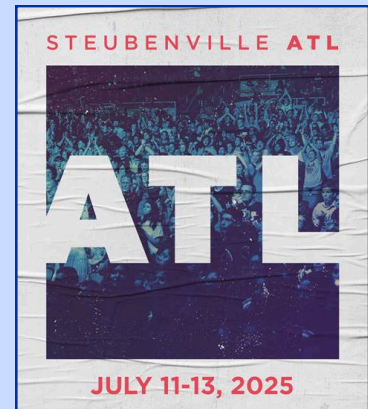
Sacramental Prep for the sacrament of First Holy Communion has begun!

Please keep our First Holy Communicants in your prayers as they begin their journey to receive Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity for the first time on April 27th!

## Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

In a change to our previously announced schedule, all High School Youth Ministry teens are invited to St. Pius X in Conyers on Sunday, March 16, from 6-8pm for a St. Patrick's Day party youth night. Teens are encouraged to wear green and bring some food or beverages to share. Parents are to drop off/pick up directly from St. Pius as normal. We are excited to be included in their celebration! Teens are encouraged to attend but it is not required. There will be no youth night at St. James on March 16.

All youth from St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, from rising 9th–12th grade teens, are invited to attend the **Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference** at Gas South Arena, July 11–13, 2025! We have obtained early bird pricing and group accommodations for up to 10 teens. Cost: \$225 for registration to the conference + \$125 for meals/lodging (may decrease with fundraising). To secure your spot, make a \$50 deposit by cash or check to Youth Minister Michelle Fallon by March 12, with the balance due by May 30. Additional spots may be available based on interest. Don't miss this incredible summer experience!



## Pilgrimage Sites for the Jubilee of Hope

The Jubilee of Hope 2025 is a time of renewal, mercy, and pilgrimage. Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer has designated several churches in the Archdiocese of Atlanta as local pilgrimage sites, so you can deepen your faith and receive a plenary indulgence. For details about where and when you can visit one of these sites, scan the QR code below!



Attention SJA Teens in 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades – You're Invited!  
to St. Pius X in Conyers (2621 Highway 20 SE Conyers, GA 30013)

EDGE & LIFE TEEN  
present



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY!**

**MARCH 16, 2025 | 6-8PM**

~PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE~  
!!DON'T FORGET TO WEAR GREEN!!

## Pray the Rosary

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





Join us for a Prayer Service in honor of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 16th after the 11am Mass

### 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 Diane Scarbrough for more information at [dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com) or (770) 318-2577.

### 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).

### New Beginnings

Our Breakfast Blessings program serves two Title I schools and a special needs school in Henry County. Different facilities have different needs. Two schools need items such as Pop Tarts, Rice Crispy Treats and Granola Bars while the other school requires non-sweet items like individual Mac-n-Cheese, Cup of Soups, and 100% Juice in individual-sized containers. Please consider donating these and similar items and place them in our bin in the far alcove off the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact us at [nbasjtacc@gmail.com](mailto:nbasjtacc@gmail.com) or call 470-771-2039.

### Council of Catholic Women

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



### OCIA

Whether you have been Catholic your entire life or are new to the faith,

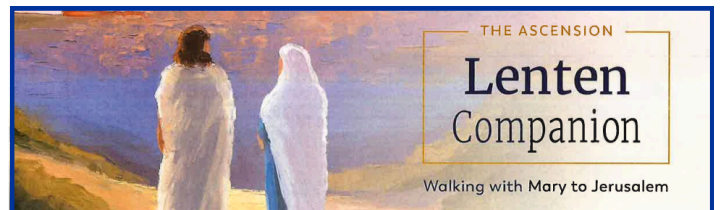
you are invited to find out more about the Catholic faith through the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**. Our next class will be March 11th on the topic *The Church/ Infallibility/Authority*.

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



### SvDP

In today's Gospel, Jesus resists the temptations of wealth, power, and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Take a moment to listen to the cries of the poor—your gifts to SVdP bring hope and help to those in need, allowing them to experience God's love this Easter. Please use your green envelope for donations, or if you don't have one, a white envelope or a check marked for SVdP. Your generosity directly supports our neighbors in Henry County, and we are truly grateful!



**The Little Flower Women's Bible Study** will begin their Lenten Study, *An Ascension Lenten Companion: Walking With Mary to Jerusalem*, on Friday, March 7. Written by Fr. Mark Toups of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana, this study will draw you closer to Jesus Christ by walking with the person who knew him best – his mother, Mary. This six-week course will end on April 11. Classes run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All women are invited. Study materials are available for \$15.00 from Diane Scarbrough, (770) 957-5441, X104 or [dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com).

## Clergy & Staff

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Pastoral Associate   | Sandy Major           | ext. 101 | sandymajor@stjamesapostle.com  |
| Pastoral Associate   | Channy O'Meara        | ext. 101 | comeara@stjamesapostle.com     |
| Parish Secretary     | Amy Gordineer         | ext. 100 | agordineer@stjamesapostle.com  |
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| Bulletin Editor      | Angela Bonilla        |          | abonilla@stjamesapostle.com    |

## 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   |

## Ministry Contacts

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 &<br>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 &<br>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

### Offertory

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| February 16 Offertory | \$10,285  |
| February 23 Offertory | \$15,683  |
| YTD                   | \$590,153 |
| YTD Budget            | \$396,596 |
| Percent Online Giving | 28%       |

Archbishop's Appeal 2025 Goal: \$72,400  
Archbishop's Appeal Received: \$0

GA Bulletin \$1,092

### Building Fund

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| February 16 | \$175    |
| February 23 | \$1,804  |
| YTD Actual  | \$63,549 |

### Pending Projects:

Parish Hall Lighting  
Carpeting in Quad, Parish Office Conference Room,  
Work Room, & Vesting Room  
Upgrading Security Cameras  
Upgrading Computers

**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...

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.