

St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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March 16th, 2025 | The Second Sunday of Lent
1000 Decatur Rd McDonough GA | 770-957-5441

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00—4:00
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<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—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 16th

Monday

St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day
Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42

Dear Parish Family,

Be Part of Something That Will Shape Our Parish's Future!

I am excited to share that St. James the Apostle is partnering with the Catholic Leadership Institute to take part in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey—an opportunity for us to reflect on where we are as a parish and where Christ is calling us to grow.

Our parish is called to be "a Eucharistic people, on fire with faith, bringing Christ to the world." To live this mission fully, we need to take a step back, listen to one another, and discern how we can grow as a stronger, more vibrant faith community. This survey will help us do just that.

Why Your Participation Matters

The Disciple Maker Index will help us:

- ✓ Deepen our faith by reflecting on our spiritual journey.
- ✓ Identify our strengths as a parish and where we can grow.
- ✓ Make informed decisions about how to better support one another in discipleship.

The survey is quick—just 10–15 minutes—and will be available online from this weekend. For those without internet access, paper copies will also be available in the parish hall. All responses are completely confidential, and the results will give us a clear picture of how we can continue growing in faith together. I'm asking each one of you to take part. This is your parish, your faith family, and your voice matters. Together, let's listen, reflect, and take the next step in our journey of faith.

The link for the survey is:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xy20bx>

Thank you for being part of this mission!

In Christ,

Fr. Liam



Mass Intentions | Week of March 16th

Monday	8:30 am Gloria Elizabeth Mccoy+ By The Robinson Family
Tuesday	8:30 am Jasmine Warlock By Joan Holmes
Wednesday	8:30 am Angela DeWeese By Claude Gaw 6:30 pm Concetto and Huguette Bagnato+ By The Bagnato and Vidal Families
Thursday	8:30 am Raymond Harris+ By Viola Harris
Friday	8:30 am Claudette Desir+ and Hugo Roger Avin+
Saturday	By Raquel Gentilla 4:00 pm Dave Cherrie+ By Joan Holmes
Sunday	8:30 am Glen F. Buchanan+ By Veronica Buchanan 11:00 am Our Parishioners 5:00 pm Marcello Caiola+ By Marisa Gonzalez

Weekly Reflection

March 16th, 2025
Purgatory

The Catholic understanding of Purgatory is deeply rooted in God's justice and mercy. It is seen as a state of purification for souls who die in God's grace but are not yet fully purified from the effects of sin. Purgatory is not a place of punishment but of hope and preparation, where souls are made ready to enter the fullness of heaven. This doctrine reflects the Church's belief in the perfection required to stand before the holiness of God, as nothing unclean can enter His presence (Revelation 21:27).

Catholics believe Purgatory underscores God's immense love for humanity. Rather than condemn souls who are not fully prepared for heaven, He provides a merciful process of purification. This teaching also highlights the reality and consequences of sin, even for those who seek to follow God, reminding believers of their responsibility to strive for holiness in their earthly lives.

Purgatory is closely connected to the Communion of Saints, emphasizing the interconnectedness of all believers. The living are encouraged to pray, offer sacrifices, and celebrate Mass for the souls in Purgatory, aiding their purification and hastening their entrance into heaven. This practice reflects the profound love and solidarity within the Body of Christ, transcending the barriers of death.

Far from being a doctrine of fear, Purgatory invites Catholics to trust in God's mercy and strive for conversion. It inspires hope, assuring believers that even their imperfections can be healed through God's grace. This teaching encourages self-reflection, repentance, and a deeper commitment to loving God and neighbor.

Ultimately, Purgatory is a testament to God's desire for all people to be united with Him in eternal joy, offering a path to the perfection necessary to share fully in His divine life.

—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.



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



St. James Preschool's

Silent Auction

We are having a Silent Auction to raise funds for our Preschool! Items will be on display in the Preschool Main Hallway from Monday, March 17th through Friday, March 28th. The items will also be available to bid on during the Fish Fry on March 21st and March 28th. Winners will be announced during the week of March 25th.

Items Are Sold To Highest Bidder.



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

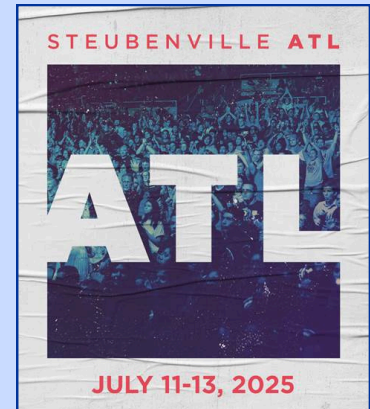
Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

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 16th. We hope to see you there!

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 9th -12th 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!!

Patrick Vincent McDonald

Called home on 3/9/25. Brother of parishioners JoAnne Senger and Eddie McDonald. The funeral will be held at Crowe's Mortuary in Rutherfordton, NC at a later date. Please pray for the peaceful repose of Patrick's soul and comfort for his family.

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!





Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On March 1st, we had our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, and it was SO MUCH FUN! Big thanks to Quinn's Catering for the food and Josh Harris for the laughs! We are so grateful for our volunteers and look forward to celebrating you again next year!

Thank you for going above & beyond.

New Beginnings

Thanks to the generous support of the Parishioners, we now help 43 elementary children with our Weekend Backpack program, providing 344 breakfast items, 344 lunch items, and 344 snacks every month. Combined with our Breakfast Blessings, Food for Families, Grace Bag, and emergency food programs, your donations are helping many food-insecure families and children in Henry County. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Our monthly meeting is tomorrow (Monday, March 17) at 2:00 pm in Rooms 212-213. Join us and see how you can get involved.

If you have any questions, contact us at 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.



SVdP

SVdP helps all our neighbors who live in Henry County. Our parishioners are family. If you, a parishioner, need assistance or have a family member or friend who needs help with a utility bill or rent, contact us at lindaberkowitz@bellsouth.net.



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 18th on the topic *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@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****

Clergy & Staff

Pastor	Rev. Liam A. Coyne	ext. 105	
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Girl Scouts	Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 & Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616	
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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

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

March 2 Offertory	\$15,766
YTD	\$605,919
YTD Budget	\$396,596
Percent Online Giving	25%

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

Building Fund

March 2	\$3,686
YTD Actual	\$67,235

Pending Projects:

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

Pray the Rosary

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



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.

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.