



St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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March 30th, 2025 | The Fourth Sunday of Lent
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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

Mass Intentions | Week of March 30th

Monday	8:30 am Glenn F. Buchanan+ by Veronica Buchanan
Tuesday	8:30 am Richard Rivera Gonzalez+ by Irma Rivera
Wednesday	8:30 am Jean Alexandre+ by Michelle Saint-Clair
	6:30 pm Man Sharma+ by Lydia Sharma
Thursday	8:30 am Harry Fleck+ by Carole Fleck
Friday	8:30 am Eddy Gentillon+ by Raquel Gentillon
Saturday	4:00 pm Grace & Kaitlin Eason by The Eason Family
Sunday	8:30 am Carmen Cecilia Arias+ By Al Florez
	11:00 am Our Parishioners
	5:00 pm Thanksgiving for Clifford Monteau by The Monteau Family

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’” — Lk 15:31-32

Your Voice Matters!

Remember to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey! This is a completely anonymous way to share your thoughts on parish life and faith. This 10–15 minute survey will help guide our growth as a Eucharistic community.

There are two ways to complete this survey! Follow the link below (or scan the QR code) to participate online, or grab a paper copy from the hall. You can drop off your filled-out survey in the box by the office.

Take the survey here:

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

Thank you for helping shape the future of our parish!



Scan the QR code to
make your voice heard!

Readings & Observances Week of March 30th

Monday

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

5th Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

(7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Weekly Reflection

March 30th, 2025
4th Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.



— Father John Muir

Pray the Rosary

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



Guardians Wanted

Please join us in prayer in the new Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel!

The chapel is now open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 10 PM. We are currently looking for guardians for **Fridays in Lent** from **9 am-6 pm**. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

For access to the chapel after 4 PM, 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



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****

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!



First Holy Communion
will take place on
Sunday, April 27th
at 12:45pm



Confirmation
will take place on
Wednesday, May 7th
at 6pm.

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)



If your **Middle Schooler** has a role in the upcoming outdoor **Stations of the Cross** on Friday, April 11th, please ensure that your child is present for our **dress rehearsal** after 11am Mass on **Sunday, March 30**. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE

VBS is right around the corner!

Mark your calendars for **June 2nd-6th!**
More details to follow.



The St. James **Council of Catholic Women (CCW)** is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors! Applications are available in the parish hall, parish office, or from our High School Youth Minister, Michelle Fallon. The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 24, by 4 PM. Don't miss this opportunity—apply today!



Pilgrimage Sites for the Jubilee of Hope

This year, the Jubilee of Hope, 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!





ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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 on April 1st on the topic *Palm Sunday – Holy Week*.

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

The Council of Catholic Women

Our next Council of Catholic Women meeting will be Wednesday Apr 16 at 7pm in Room 210. All Ladies of the Parish are invited. Please join us!



GOSPEL

Imagine that your father gave you and your brother \$10. You saved yours. But when it was time to put the money in the bank, your brother told your father, "I'm sorry. I wasted my money on candy bars." Your father forgave him and gave him another \$10. You felt hurt and asked him why. He said, "I love you both. Your brother has learned his lesson. I am happy."



PRAYER

Lord, help me take good care of my money and my soul.



SVdP

Will you be at the Fish Fry on April 11, 2025? We'll be having a fundraiser! Grab some ice cream while supporting a good cause! Thank you for your support!

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, email Bill Renje at wjrenje@att.net. Find our meeting dates on the parish website calendar.



Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Join us Mondays after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Quad Room (Rooms 210 & 211)! We begin by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church, followed by a discussion on the Dairy of St. Faustina Kowalska. Using the Cenacle Manual, we explore the Diary, Scripture, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Meetings follow the school calendar. Come deepen your faith with us!

New Beginnings

Join us tomorrow, Monday, March 31, at 10 a.m. for our final "Food for Families" event of the 2024–2025 school year. Together, we'll pack and deliver groceries to forty-five food-insecure families at a Title I school in Henry County.

Please consider donating canned meats, canned vegetables, pasta, rice, box dinners, etc. over the next week. These items will be donated to the Veterans Support Group and to "Tender House," a special home for adults with special needs. Donated items can be placed in our bin in the alcove at the far end of the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions, contact us at nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039.



The CCW

We're sponsoring our annual **Springdaze Arts and Crafts Festival**

on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00am-2:30pm.

We'll have a bake sale, a raffle, and a food truck outside.

Please come visit us and get some Spring shopping done! See you there!

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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

Offertory

March 10 Offertory	\$28,045
YTD	\$636,912
YTD Budget	\$396,596
Percent Online Giving	32%

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

Building Fund

March 10	\$2,032
YTD Actual	\$69,267

Pending Projects:

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

“He said to them, ‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.’”-Mark 16:15

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 | Peggy Woffard

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.