# ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." -Jn. 7:8

#### **PARISH CONTACTS**

#### **STAFF**

Tim Mitchell	Business Manager	ext. 102
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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Eric Bridwell	Director	ext. 108
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Vickie Spieth	Preschool Director	ext. 121
Michelle Fallon	Youth Minister	ext. 110

#### PARISH INFO

#### Clergy

Fr. Liam Coyne

Pastor ext. 105

Deacon Charles Iner

Deacon ext. 201

Monsignor Terry Young

Retired in residence

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 9:00—4:00 parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com

#### **Mass Times**

Monday—Friday 8:30 am Wednesday: 6:30 pm Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:30 am | 11:00 am | 5:00 pm

#### Confession

Wednesday 7:00—8:00 pm Saturday 9:00—10:00 am Or by appointment

#### **Adoration**

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

#### **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\*\*



#### **Adoration Opportunities**

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.





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!

# Mass Intentions Week of April 6th

#### Monday

8:30 am Skip Layton+ by Kimberly Layton

#### Tuesday

8:30 am Examine & Isnara Elyse by Raquel Gentillon

#### Wednesday

8:30 am The Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins

6:30 pm Veronica Buchana by Veronica Buchanan

#### **Thursday**

8:30 am Irmgard Sandel-Paris+ by Pierre & Michelle Saint-Clair

#### **Friday**

8:30 am Bob Daly+ by Frances Reyes

#### **Saturday**

4:00 pm Fr. Liam's Intentions

#### Sunday

8:30 am Brian Belanger+ by Helen Belanger 11:00am Victoria Ononiwu+ by Felicia Okwuosa 5:00 pm Our Parishioners

# **Stewardship Report**

## <u>Offertory</u>

March 16 Offertory	\$11,273
March 23 Offertory	\$15,522
YTD	\$660,759
YTD Budget	\$396,596
Percent Online Giving	35%

Easter Remembrance \$1,654

#### **Building Fund**

March 16	\$175
March 23	\$3,889
YTD Actual	\$73,331

#### **Pending Projects:**

Parish Hall Lighting

Carpeting in Quad, Parish Office Conference Room, Work Room, & Vesting Room

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



# SAVE THE DATE

VBS is right around the corner!
Mark your calendars for June 2nd-6th!
More details to follow.



# Readings & Observances Week of April 6th

#### **Monday**

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

#### Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

#### Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

#### **Thursday**

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

#### **Friday**

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

# Saturday

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 **Sunday** 

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

## 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 stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.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.

# Ministry Spotlight **Young Adult Ministry**

Oftentimes, the young adult years can be a time of wandering in a spiritual desert. For those who've grown up in the church- who are here because your parents are here-it's a time of discovery in developing your own faith journey. For those who've grown

up without a solid, faith-based upbringing, it's a time of trying to carve out an original identity in

this world.





These years in your life are necessary for developing solid spiritual roots that will produce fruit for the rest of your life. In this time, you will discover the spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities given to you by God to glorify Him. That's why it is so important to establish a community and relationships that will support you in your journey. Here at St. James the Apostle, we provide an opportunity for young adults like you to come together and experience formation and spiritual community. Young adults (18-30) are invited to come together every other Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30pm. The first Wednesday is in the parish hall for formation, and the other will be at a coffee house or restaurant for fellowship. Dates can be found on the parish website calendar. For more information, email Bill Renje at wirenje@att.net.

# **Ministry Contacts**

#### Adult Formation

Adult Ed / RCIA Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441 x201

#### Liturgical

Lectors/EMHC Scheduling Michelle Harada | 404-680-3710 Music Ministry Diane Scarbrough | 770-318-2577

#### **Prayer & Fellowship**

Cursillo Julie Gonzalez | 678-628-3322 Divine Mercy Group Kathy Cowin | 678-601-4517 First Friday Devotion Mary Byram | 678-228-3391 Little Flower Women's Bible Study Diane Scarbrough | 770-318-2577 Prayer Group Anna Cheverino | 770-320-8393 St. James Men's Fellowship Mike Martin—404-557-0083 & *Tommy Patterson—678-549-7382* Ultreya Tom & Pam Jablonski | 404-451-8118 Young Adults Bill Renje | 813-416-2356 Young at Heart JoAnn Senger | 678-756-2951

#### Service

Council of Catholic Women Polly Crozier | 678-697-7690 Knights of Columbus Shawn J. Doucette | 678-580-9431 Ministry to the Sick Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441x201 **New Beginnings** |oel Walker | 470-771-2039 St. Vincent de Paul Linda Berkowitz | 404-987-2843 Welcome Ministry *Leticia Richards* | 770-507-7377 St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry Diane Scarbrough | 770-318-2577

#### **Scouts of America**

**Boy Scouts** Ray Lightner | 678-231-2490 **Cub Scouts** Chelsea Castro | 720-210-3628 Girl Scouts Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 & Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616 **Daisies Girl Scouts** Jennifer Tadrzak | 404-969-8661

For scheduling information visit our website!



St. Stanislaus April 11

#### **Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)**

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





#### 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 meeting this week due to Spring Break. We will meet again on April 14th for the Easter Vigil rehearsal at 7:15 in Room 210.

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

#### The Council of Catholic Women

is sponsoring their annual

Springdaze Arts and Crafts Festival
on Saturday April 26 from 9am to
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!



## Mark your calendar!

• CCW Meeting -- April 16th, 7:00 pm

#### **New Beginnings**

Our ongoing school programs – Breakfast Blessings and Weekend Backpacks – need individual-sized chips, soup cups, peanut butter crackers, breakfast items (oatmeal, grits), fruit cups, Pop-Tarts, and granola bars. Your love and generosity make a difference for food-insecure children in Henry County.

If you would like to consider donating specific items for one of our ongoing programs but aren't sure what or how often we need certain items, contact us at nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039.

#### St. James Preschool

St. James Preschool is an outreach ministry of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church and a non-profit program. We teach about the Love of God through our faith, and we believe in fostering the development of each child in a nurturing and creative learning environment. Children learn through play to grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically to prepare for Kindergarten. We are one of the only preschools in Henry County to offer STREAM curriculum - Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Our Preschool offers programs for children from 12 months to 5 years old.



# **Weekly Reflection**

#### A Strong Spiritual Life

Cultivating a strong spiritual life is essential for living a faithful Catholic life and growing in communion with God. A vibrant spiritual life anchors us in God's love, strengthens us in times of trial, and enables us to live out our faith with integrity and purpose. It nurtures our relationship with God, deepens our understanding of His will, and empowers us to reflect Christ's love in the world. At the heart of a strong spiritual life is prayer, which is both a personal dialogue with God and an expression of our dependence on Him. Regular prayer, whether formal or spontaneous, allows us to draw closer to God, express gratitude, seek forgiveness, and find guidance. The Mass, as the highest form of prayer, is especially important. Through the Eucharist, we encounter Christ in a profound and transformative way, receiving the grace to grow in holiness.

Scripture and spiritual reading are also vital. The Word of God reveals His truth and invites us into His plan of salvation. By meditating on Scripture and the writings of saints, we gain wisdom and inspiration to live out our faith. The sacraments play a central role in cultivating a spiritual life. Reconciliation offers forgiveness and renewal, while the Eucharist strengthens our union with Christ. Frequent participation in these sacraments fills us with grace and deepens our spiritual iourney.

Practicing the virtues—especially humility, charity, and patience—shapes our spiritual lives. These virtues help us to love God and neighbor, aligning our actions with His will. Finally, building a spiritual life involves community. The Church offers fellowship and support, reminding us that faith is not lived in isolation. Joining prayer groups, serving others, or participating in parish activities can deepen our connection to the Body of Christ. Cultivating a strong spiritual life requires effort, discipline, and openness to God's grace. In doing so, we grow in holiness, fulfill our calling to love and serve, and prepare for eternal life. As St. Paul reminds us, "Train yourself in godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way" (1 Timothy 4:7-8). By prioritizing our spiritual life, we align ourselves with God's will and grow in the peace and joy that only He can provide.

—Deacon Charles Iner

# **Prayer Corner**

#### 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...**

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 John Virag Dean McEachern Peggy Woffard

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**

Do you have prayer intention on your heart? Contact Anna Cheverino at 770-320-8393 to have it added to the prayer chain!



### **Pray the Rosary**

Please join us in saying the rosary every Tuesday at 8 am in the church.



#### **Divine Mercy**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. James the Apostle at 3:00 pm on April 27. The Divine Mercy Group will have a table set up in the hall with the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska for sale. There is need to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy and to bring as many souls as possible to Him on that day.

hen Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

## **News & Events**



# **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 OR code!



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> Abuse hotline for bishops only: https://reportbishopabuse.org or call (800) 276-1562.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." -Matthew 28:19-20