

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter



[Jesus] said to him, “Follow me.”- Jn 21:19b

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH INFO

Clergy

Rev. Liam Coyne
Pastor ext. 105
Rev. Mr. Charles Iner
Deacon ext. 201
Msgr. Terry Young
Retired in residence

Parish Office

Monday—Thursday 9:00—4:00
Phone: (770) 957-5441
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



You're Invited to a Sacred Music Performance!
A Pilgrim's Solace: Secret Worship Under the Tudors
 Soprano Kendra Comstock and lute player Charles Iner present *A Pilgrim's Solace: Secret Worship Under the Tudors*—a concert of sacred music by Renaissance composers who were forced to practice their Catholic faith in secret during the 16th and 17th centuries. Performed using authentic Renaissance techniques, the program explores themes of hope, love, desolation, and abandonment—capturing the complex emotions of artists who endured persecution under the Tudor regime. The concert will take place on **Saturday, May 17th at 3pm** at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church. Donations will be accepted to benefit the St. James Youth Ministry.

Mass Intentions Week of May 4th

Monday

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

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8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

6:30 pm Mother's Day Novena

Thursday

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Friday

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Saturday

4:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

11:00am Mother's Day Novena

5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena



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 online course. For any questions, please refer to our St. James the Apostle website at stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the first and second 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.

Adult Confirmation/OCIA

For Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, 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.



May Crowning of the Blessed Mother

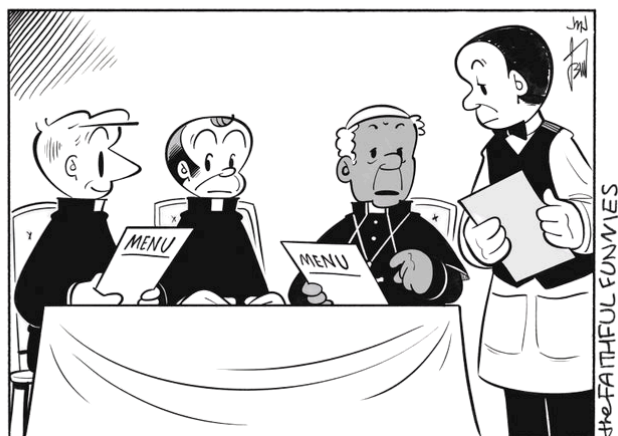
Sunday, May 4, 2025, 9:45 am

Procession will begin in the courtyard. All parishioners are cordially invited to participate.

This year's First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion apparel.



"What do you call a priest, a deacon, and a bishop asking for food at a restaurant?"



"Holy Orders."



Holy Orders refers to the sacrament in which a man is ordained a priest. When a man shares in the priesthood of Christ, he is then able to dispense the sacraments and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

OLP

Readings & Observances Week of May 4th

Monday

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for
Vocations; Mother's Day
Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Come Celebrate Our High School Confirmandi!

Auxiliary Bishop John Tran will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at St. James on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM. All are invited to join us, dressed in their Sunday best, as we joyfully celebrate the 25 teens being confirmed in the Catholic faith!

Please note: All regularly scheduled parish events that evening, including the 6:30 PM Mass and confessions, are canceled. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 4:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel and will reopen Thursday morning.



**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



Ministry Spotlight

St. James Men's Fellowship

We are a brotherhood of men striving to live as authentic disciples of Christ. We build real friendships, grow in faith, and strengthen one another through four key pillars: formation, worship, fellowship, and service. Each month, our meetings rotate through these pillars, offering opportunities for spiritual growth, prayer, community, and outreach.

We meet most Wednesday nights, with occasional service projects held on other days as needed. All men 18 and older are welcome to join us for any or all of our gatherings.

For meeting times and details, please visit the parish website or contact Mike Martin at (404) 557-0083 or Tommy Patterson at (678) 549-7382. You can also join us on Microsoft Teams through the link on the parish website.



New Ministry: The Breakfast Club



If you like to attend daily Mass and you like breakfast, then please consider joining THE BREAKFAST CLUB!!

We will meet once per quarter in the Parish Hall after the 8:30am Mass. Bring a dish to share, and we will put it in the warmer or the refrigerator before Mass. Paper products and coffee will be provided.

All are welcome!

Our first gathering will be Wednesday, May 21st, 2025.

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

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

Joel 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

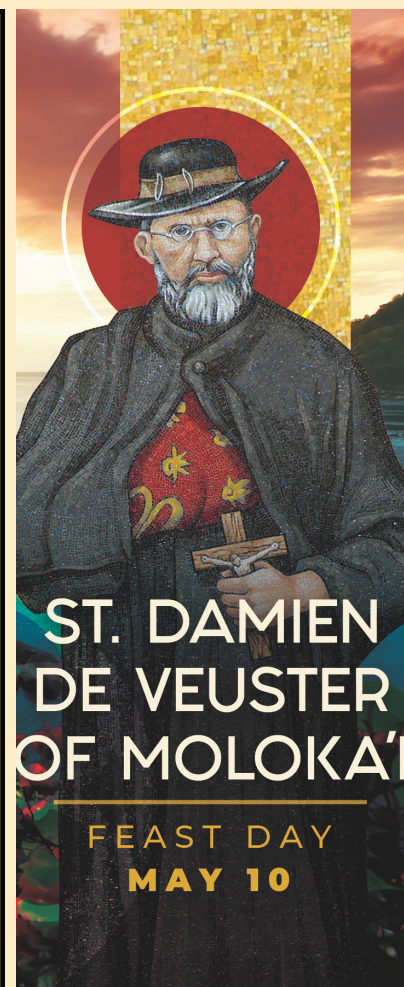
Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 &

Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616

Daisies Girl Scouts

Jennifer Tadrzak | 404-969-8661

**For scheduling information
visit our website!**



Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

- **This will be the Last Day of Faith Formation.**
- We will also be celebrating Mother Mary with a May Crowning procession following the 8:30am Mass. Those who received their First Holy Communion are invited to wear their First Holy Communion Attire for the procession.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

- Congratulations to our 25 teens that celebrate their Confirmation Mass with Bishop John Tran this week! Please keep them in your prayers.
- Today is the final session of the season for middle school and youth ministry. Have a safe and wonderful summer!
- Wednesday night Pizza and Prayer for all teens from rising 9th – 12th graders will resume on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30pm in the double room.



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 the topic *Human Dignity* on May 6th.

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

New Beginnings

Our ongoing school programs – Breakfast Blessings and Weekend Backpacks – are in need of individual-sized chips, soup cups, peanut butter crackers, breakfast items (oatmeal, grits), fruit cups, Pop Tarts, or 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 and how often we need certain items, feel free to contact us at nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039.



Council of Catholic Women

Congratulations to this year's CCW Scholarship recipients! The St. James Council of Catholic Women is proud to support our graduating high school seniors and celebrate their hard work, faith, and dedication. We pray God continues to guide your path and bless your future. Well done!



SVdP Helps Our Henry County Neighbors.

In April, we met with and assisted 15 individuals and their families with utility and rental assistance. The total cost of assistance was approximately \$6,000.

God bless our parishioners for your monthly donations. Please remember: our parishioners are family. If you, a parishioner, need assistance—or if you have a family member or friend who needs help with a past-due utility or rental bill—please contact Linda Berkowitz at lindaberkowitz@bellsouth.net.

God bless you. Without the generosity of our parish family, we could not continue this mission of helping our neighbors in need.

Mark your calendar!

- Young Adult Group - May 14th, 7pm

Weekly Reflection

The Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration is a powerful form of prayer and worship in which Catholics spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Whether in silence or through structured prayers, this practice offers profound spiritual, emotional, and personal benefits.

-Deepens Personal Relationship with Christ

Eucharistic adoration allows for intimate time with Jesus, fostering a deeper relationship with Him. By spending quiet moments in His presence, adorers can experience His peace and love more profoundly. This one-on-one time strengthens faith and trust in God's plan.

-Provides Inner Peace and Healing

The world is full of distractions and stress, but adoration offers a place of refuge. Sitting before the Blessed Sacrament encourages inner stillness, helping individuals find clarity and emotional healing. Many report feeling a renewed sense of peace, strength, and comfort after time spent in adoration.

-Encourages Spiritual Growth

Adoration leads to spiritual renewal by increasing devotion and love for God. It encourages self-reflection and fosters virtues such as humility, patience, and gratitude. Regular adoration helps deepen one's prayer life and awareness of God's presence in daily life.

-Strengthens the Church and Community

When individuals grow in faith through Eucharistic adoration, the Church as a whole is strengthened. Families and communities benefit when members are spiritually enriched, leading to greater unity, service, and love within parishes and beyond.

-Increases Awareness of God's Presence

Adoration fosters a greater sensitivity to God's presence, not only in the Blessed Sacrament but also in daily life. The more time spent with Jesus, the more one begins to see His hand at work in every situation. Eucharistic adoration is a powerful and transformative practice that brings countless spiritual benefits. Whether for a few minutes or an hour, time spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament nourishes the soul and draws believers closer to God.

Prayer Corner



Adoration Notice

We are in need of Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays at 3pm, Tuesdays at 2pm, and Wednesdays at 9am and 2pm. If you are interested, please email sjadoration25@gmail.com or call the parish office at (770) 957-5441.

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...

Patti Eckels

Micah Carroll

Mike & Caroline Lanasa

Hector Jordan Sr.

Nela Jordan

Terry Scardasis

Susan Fuller

Claire Bassenberg

Roger Hallam

Christian Kleb

Jeffery Sweetser

Maureen Richardson

John Virag

Dean McEachern

Peggy Woffard

Chris Willis

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.

News & Events

JARS Retreat: The God of Us All – Praying with Black Spirituality

Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center is hosting a **JARS 8-Night Individually Directed Silent Retreat** from **June 19–27, 2025**, in Sandy Springs, GA. This silent retreat offers personalized spiritual direction, deeply rooted in Black Spirituality and the rich tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Immerse yourself in song, prayer, and community to deepen your relationship with God. Only 15 spaces are available; early registration is encouraged. For more information and to register, visit ignatiushouse.org.

Parish Endowment Fund

Honor your loved one this Easter season and help your parish. When you make a gift to the parish endowment fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, they are remembered forever and the parish benefits forever. Go to cfnga.org/give to support the parish.

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Archdiocesan 24-hour Abuse Reporting Hotline
1-888-437-0764

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

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.



To make a submission to the bulletin, please email Angela at abonilla@stjamesapostle.com at least two weeks prior to your requested publication date.

"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."

-2 Corinthians 5:17
