# ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **Ascension Sunday**



"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." -In 17:22-23a

#### PARISH CONTACTS

#### **STAFF**

Business Manager	ext. 102
Music Director	ext. 104
Pastoral Associate	ext. 101
Pastoral Associate	ext. 101
Parish Secretary	ext. 100
Accountant	ext. 120
Maintenance Coord.	ext. 202
Liturgical Assistant	
Bulletin Editor	See p. 6
	Music Director Pastoral Associate Pastoral Associate Parish Secretary Accountant Maintenance Coord. Liturgical Assistant

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Eric Bridwell	Director	ext. 108
Tracy Howard	Assistant	ext. 109
Vickie Spieth	Preschool Director	ext. 121
Michelle Fallon	Youth Minister	ext. 110

#### **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

## Father's Day Novena

Father's Day Novena Cards are available in the Parish Hall from May 24–June 5!

Enroll the fathers in your life—living or deceased—in a novena of Masses from June 7–15.

Honor your biological, adoptive, and spiritual fathers with the gift of prayer.



#### Mass Intentions Week of June 1st

#### Monday

8:30 am George Holmes+ by Joan Holmes

Tuesday

8:30 am Walter Smith+

by Knights of Columbus #7601

#### Wednesday

8:30 am Joe Linzey+ by The Linzey Family 6:30 pm Charles Lott+

by Knights of Columbus #7601

#### **Thursday**

8:30 am Mike Stapleton+

by The Bridwell & Stapleton Families

#### Friday

8:30 am Johnny Gorman by The Rafferty Family

#### Saturday

4:00 pm Father's Day Novena

#### Sunday

8:30 am Father's Day Novena 11:00am Father's Day Novena

5:00 pm Father'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 stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.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 <a href="mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com">ciner@stjamesapostle.com</a> 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.





## **Now Hiring!**

Teacher and Teacher's Aide positions are available for the 2025-2026 School Year!

Please visit our website to submit an application: www.stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool

Also, email your resume to the Director: vspieth@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.stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool





### Readings & Observances Week of June 1st

#### Monday

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

#### **Thursday**

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/In 17:20-26

#### Friday

St. Norbert, Bishop Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

#### Saturday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

#### Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



## Thank you!

Thank you to all who came to the **Sacred Music Concert**. It was an amazing outpouring of talent and beauty. The generosity of our parish family is unmatched. We now have an additional \$938 to invest in the youth of our parish. Thank you, Charles and Kendra!

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## **Ministry Spotlight**

## **First Friday Devotion**

The First Friday Devotion is a cherished Catholic tradition honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, inspired by private revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Jesus asked the faithful to make acts of reparation for the indifference and ingratitude shown to His love, especially in the Eucharist. First Fridays are a time to offer our love in return through prayer, penance, and the sacraments. One special way to do this is through



Eucharistic Adoration. This is a quiet time spent with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. In Adoration, we can rest in His love, offer our thanks, or simply sit in silence with Him. It is a time of peace, healing, and grace.



First Friday is this week! Come pray for an hour or sign up as a **Guardian**. For more information, please contact Mary Byram at <u>diva@theatrestage.com</u>.

## **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* Ultreva Tom & Pam Jablonski | 404-451-8118 Young Adults Bill Renje | 813-416-2356

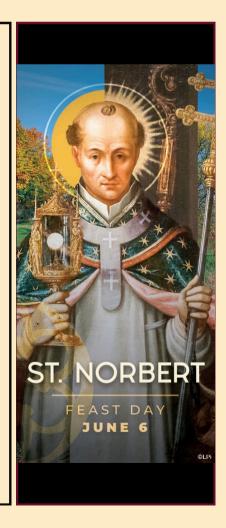
#### Service

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)**

Religious Ed classes have ended for the Year!
We hope you had a great year, and we hope you have a wonderful Summer ahead!
See you again in August!

## **Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)**

• There will be no Wednesday evening gathering on June 4. We will continue June 11, 18 & 25.

#### **New Beginnings**

With the end of the school year, New Beginnings has a respite from our school programs but we will still be making food deliveries to the Veterans Support Group and Tender House, so we appreciate donations of grocery items – canned vegetables and fruit, canned meats such as chicken and Tuna, pasta and other items.

Also, mark your calendar! New Beginnings will have a 3-hour orientation and introduction to our many food programs, as well as our emergency housing program, on Saturday, July 26, 9am-12pm. Join us in the Quad room and find out what we do, who we serve, and how you can get involved!

For more information about upcoming needs, check our activity and information boards atop our bin in the left alcove off the Parish Hall.



#### 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**).

Classes have ended for the year, but please join us on May 27<sup>th</sup> for our End of Year Potluck!

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

## Mark your calendar!

- **VBS** June 2nd-6th, 9am-12pm
- Young Adult Formation Night June 4th, 7pm
- Ultreya June 14th, 9am-10am
- New Beginnings Orientation July 26, 9am-12



#### Ministry to the Sick - Hospital and Homebound

The Ministry to the Sick brings the love of Christ and the Eucharist to parishioners who cannot attend Mass due to illness or age. Volunteers visit Catholics at Piedmont Henry Medical Center, local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and private homes. Along with Holy Communion, they offer prayer, kind words, and the comfort of a friendly presence. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are welcome to serve after completing training and a background check. For more information, please contact the parish office.

## **Post-Confirmation Small Groups for Teens**

All post-Confirmation teens are invited to participate in small groups two Sunday evenings a month beginning in August 2025. The other two Sundays they are invited to social or game nights with youth ministry. Noah and Ava Major will be working with the teens to choose the topics and formats they want to study.

Noah and Ava are strong, Catholic newlywed members of St. James and they live locally with their dog, Ash.

We are excited they have joined the core team!

Register in July with regular Faith Formation Registration.



## **Weekly Reflection**

# The Descent of the Holy Ghost Upon the Apostles.

Many have wished that Our Blessed Lord had remained on earth, that we might have heard His voice, seen His compassionate eyes, and brought our children to be blessed by His hands. But He said 'I can say truly that it is better for you I should go away; He who is to befriend you will not come to you unless I do go, but if only I make my way there, I will send Him to you.' If our Lord remained on earth, He would have been only a symbol to be copied - not a life to be lived. By returning to his heavenly Father, He could then send both from the Father and Himself the Holy Spirit that would make Him live on earth in His new Body, which is the Church. The human body is made up of millions of cells, and yet is one because vivified by one soul, presided over by a visible head, and governed by an invisible mind. So on Pentecost, the Apostles, who were like the cells of a body, became Christ's Mystical Body, because vivified by His Holy Spirit, governed by one visible head, Peter, and presided over by one invisible head, Christ in heaven. Our glorious Church is not an organization, but an organism. As our Lord once thought, governed, and sanctified through a human body, which He took from the womb of His blessed Mother, so now he teaches, governs, and sanctifies through his Mystical Body, the Church, which He took from the womb of humanity overshadowed by His Holy Spirit. Christ was infallible when He talked through a human body; He is still infallible when he teaches through a mystical Body. Christ sanctified when he forgave sins with human lips; He sanctifies still when he forgives sins through the power of His priests. Christ governed through His human Body, and he governs still. 'He that heareth you, heareth Me.' As a drop of blood can live in the body, but the drop of blood cannot live apart from the body, so neither can any of us live the fullness of the Christ Life except in His Mystical Body, the Church."

 Venerable Fulton Sheen (The Fifteen Mysteries)

## **Prayer Corner**



#### **Adoration Notice**

Spend a quiet hour with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel. Be present with the Lord and ensure He is never alone.

#### We need guardians for:

- Mondays at 9am and 3pm
- Tuesdays at 4pm and 5pm
- Wednesdays at 10am, 1pm, 4pm, and 8pm

If interested, email <u>sjadoration25@gmail.com</u> or call the parish office at (770) 957-5441.

#### **Sick List**

To maintain an up-to-date prayer list, names will be removed at the end of each two-month period. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please contact the parish office at that time to request reposting.



#### **Please Pray For...**

Patti Eckels
Micah Carroll
Mike & Caroline Lanasa
Hector Jordan Sr.
Terry Scardasis
Susan Fuller
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 & More**

Stewardship Report		
Registered Parishioners	1756	
<u>Offertory</u>		
May 18 YTD Actual YTD Budget Percent Online Giving	\$20,319 \$813,443 \$813,832 34%	
Catholic Comm	\$1,302	
Archbishop's Appeal Goal See update in next bulletin		
Building Fund May 18 YTD Actual YTD Budget	\$1,677 \$88,077 \$137,501	
<u>Pending Projects</u> : Parish Hall Lighting Repair Playground		

#### **Spiritual Adoption of Priests**

Make a powerful difference—spiritually adopt a priest! As a spiritual mother or father, you'll lift up a specific priest in prayer, supporting his vocation, ministry, and journey to holiness.

Imagine the impact if every priest in the Archdiocese of Atlanta had someone praying for him by name. Be that someone. To join, contact Marta Duran at martarduran@gmail.com or 404-210-7216.



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

"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." -Luke 24:50-53