

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.”
-Lk. 10:42

PARISH CONTACTS

STAFF

Tim Mitchell	Business Manager	ext. 102
Diane Scarbrough	Music Director	ext. 104
Sandy Major	Pastoral Associate	ext. 101
Channy O’Meara	Pastoral Associate	ext. 101
Amy Gordineer	Parish Secretary	ext. 100
Tasha Quinn	Accountant	ext. 120
Jim Zakutansky	Maintenance Coord.	ext. 202
Don Deweese	Liturgical Assistant	
Angela Bonilla	Bulletin Editor	

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



Now Hiring!

Substitute Teacher positions are available for the 2025-2026 School Year!

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



Mass Intentions Week of July 20th

Monday

8:30 am Karen Devine+ *By Mr. & Mrs. John Bono*

Tuesday

8:30 am Alex Williamson+ *By Williamson Family*

Wednesday

8:30 am Bob White & Family *By the White Family*

6:30 pm Andrew Mesko, Jr.+

By Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity 7601

Thursday

8:30 am Mary Ellen Riley *By the Riley Family*

Friday

8:30 am John Croughin & Family

By the Croughin Family

Saturday

4:00 pm Edwin & Carmen Nunez+

By the Nunez Family

Sunday

8:30 am Maria Ray+ *By Joe Xuerbe*

11:00 am Juana Edalia Sanchez+

By Channy O'Meara

5:00 pm Our Parishioners

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.

Celebrate the Feast of St. James

July 27th

We are honored to celebrate our parish patron, **St. James the Greater, on Sunday, July 27th!** While the Church observes his feast day on **July 25th**, we've chosen to celebrate on Sunday so that all parishioners have the opportunity to join us in honoring this great saint.

As part of this special day, **coffee and donuts will be served after the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.** We warmly invite all parishioners to stay and enjoy fellowship with one another!

Additionally, **everyone attending Mass on July 26th or 27th will receive a blessed shell and a holy card**—symbols of St. James and his faithful witness to Christ.

Let us come together in prayer and joy as we celebrate our heavenly patron.
St. James the Greater, pray for us!



St. James the Apostle

Readings & Observances Week of July 20th

Monday

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday

St. Bridget, Religious

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Stewardship Report

Registered Families 1778

Offertory

June 29	\$14,395
July 6	\$22,253
YTD Actual	\$22,253
YTD Budget	\$26,814
Percent Online Giving	33%

Peter's Pence	\$1,744
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Archbishop's Appeal Goal	\$74,500
Received	\$46,634*
Donors	173*

Building Fund

June 29	\$165
July 6	\$2,979
YTD Actual	\$97,154
YTD Budget	\$150,001

Pending Projects

- Hall Lighting
- New flooring for two meeting rooms
- Replace 75 Gal kitchen water heater
- Regraveling road to containers
- Wash windows

*These numbers will be updated next week.

August MAGNIFICAT Meal

All women of the archdiocese are invited to the AUGUST MAGNIFICAT MEAL to enjoy prayer, breakfast, and fellowship, and to hear our speaker's testimony of the love of Christ in his life, on Sat., August 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta. A Guest speaker will be Bishop John Nhan Tran, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Reservations are \$25 and are required in advance. Register by August 6 at <https://tinyurl.com/2508Meal>, or send check by August 2, payable to Magnificat Joyful Visitation, to: Debbie DuPont, 315 Rose Court, SW, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Email joyfulvisitation@gmail.com or contact Debbie at 770-696-6216. Meal will be interpreted for the Deaf. SEATING IT LIMITED, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!



Ministry & More



Save the Date!

SVdP International Dinner
August 30, 2025

Mark your calendars for an evening of global flavors and parish fellowship! The **St. Vincent de Paul International Dinner** returns on Saturday, August 30, 2025, from 5:00–9:00 PM.

Enjoy delicious dishes from **around the world**, prepared by our own parishioners, and celebrate the **rich cultural diversity** of our St. James community.

More details coming soon—stay tuned!



New Beginnings Orientation

July 26, 2025

Join us for an **orientation and introduction** to New Beginnings this **Saturday, July 26**, from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** in **Room 210** (the Quad Room). You'll learn about our food programs and emergency housing outreach, and how you can get involved.

There are many ways to help: by giving your time, donating food, offering financial support, or committing to one of our ongoing programs. If **Matthew 25:34-40** has ever moved your heart, this is a great place to start!

To ask questions or let us know you're coming, call 470-771-2039 or email nbasjtacc@gmail.com. We'd love to have you with us!

Ministry Contacts

Adult Formation

OCIA

Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441 x201

Liturgical

Lectors/EMHC Scheduling

Parish Office | (770) 957-5441

Music Ministry

Diane Scarbrough | 770-318-2577

Altar Servers

Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441x201

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

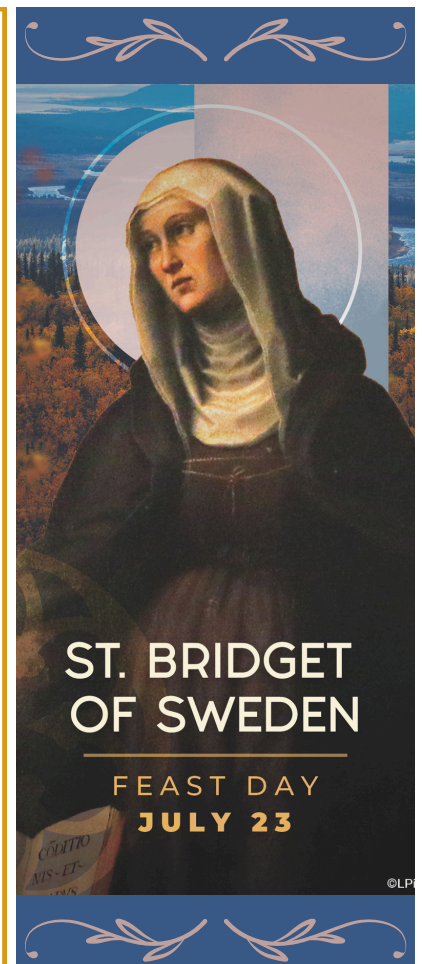
Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 &

Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616

Daisies Girl Scouts

Jennifer Tadrzak | 404-969-8661

**For scheduling information
visit our website!**





Have Questions About Faith Formation?

Members of the Faith Formation team will be in the hall after all Masses on **July 20th** to answer your questions and provide information about our programs. Stop by and learn how we support children and teens in growing closer to Christ!

Natural Family Planning: Honoring God's Design

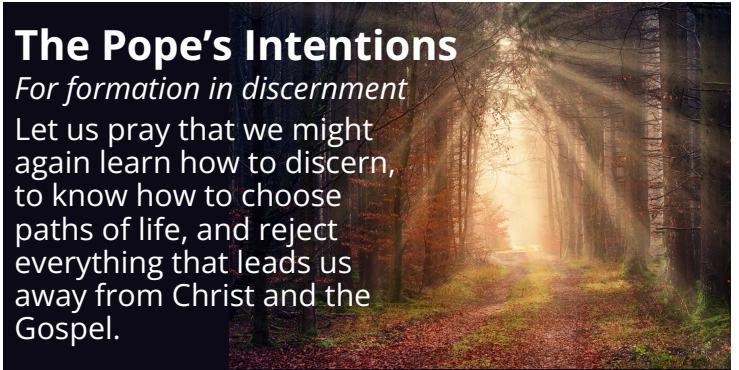
Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a grace-filled way for couples to understand and work with a woman's natural fertility. Free of artificial hormones or devices, NFP respects the dignity of life and the beauty of God's design for marriage. Rooted in communication, trust, and faith, NFP invites couples to grow closer to each other and to the Lord. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mry9e95t> to learn more for **NFP Awareness Week**.



The Pope's Intentions

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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.



Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Cenacle is a prayerful study group devoted to deepening our understanding of God's mercy and sharing it with others. We reflect on the *Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska*, supported by Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each meeting includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayer for special intentions, and discussion on living out the works of mercy and promoting devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

For more information, contact Kathy Cowin at **678-601-4517**.

Meetings are held on Wednesdays after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please check the parish calendar for any schedule changes.

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Talk about it!

Mary chose “the better part.” In the midst of daily life, how can you pause to sit at the feet of Jesus?

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Mark your calendar!

- **New Beginnings Orientation** - July 26, 9am-12
- **SVdP Meeting** - August 13, 7 pm
- **SVdP International Dinner** - August 30, 5pm-9pm

Weekly Reflection

The Need for Prayer in Our Catholic Life

Prayer is essential to the Catholic faith, serving as a direct communication with God. It is through prayer that we express love, seek guidance, and invite God to work in our lives. Just as our bodies need nourishment, our souls require prayer to thrive. Without prayer, our relationship with God weakens.

At its heart, prayer strengthens our relationship with God. Just as spending time with family and friends deepens bonds, prayer opens our hearts to God's love, allowing us to share our joys and struggles. Jesus Himself frequently withdrew to pray, demonstrating the importance of prayer, even for God incarnate.

Prayer also helps us navigate life's uncertainties. In difficult times, prayer reassures us of God's control, as Philippians 4:6 reminds us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Prayer also provides strength to resist temptation and sin, inviting God's grace to help us stay faithful.

Growing in holiness is a lifelong journey, and prayer is key to this transformation. By regularly praying, we open our hearts to God's grace, aligning our lives with His will. St. Teresa of Avila called prayer "nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God," highlighting its role in spiritual growth.

Finally, prayer unites us with the broader Church. Whether at Mass, in family, or in parish groups, communal prayer connects us with Catholics worldwide, strengthening the Body of Christ. A strong prayer life deepens our relationship with God, offers strength in challenges, helps us grow in holiness, and connects us with the Church.

Let us embrace prayer as a daily habit, allowing God's grace to guide and transform us.

-Dcn. Charles Iner



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:

- Monday - 9:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Tuesday - 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 8:00 pm
- Wednesday - 10:00 am, 4:00 pm, 8:00 pm
- Thursday - 2:00 pm

If interested, email sjadoration25@gmail.com 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...

Micah Carroll	Jeffery Sweetser
Mike & Caroline Lanasa	Maureen Richardson
Hector Jordan Sr.	John Virag
Terry Scardasis	Peggy Woffard
Susan Fuller	Chris Willis
Roger Hallam	John and Christine Willis
Christian Kleb	Mary Wagener

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 on Tuesdays after 8am Mass.

News & More



“There is need of only one thing.” *Luke 10:42*
