

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"*  
-Lk. 12:49

PARISH CONTACTS

STAFF

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Eric Bridwell	<i>Director</i>	ext. 108
Tracy Howard	<i>Assistant</i>	ext. 109
Vickie Spieth	<i>Preschool Director</i>	ext. 121
Michelle Fallon	<i>Youth Minister</i>	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 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](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool)



## The Pope's Intentions

*For mutual coexistence*

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



## Mass Intentions Week of Aug 17th

### Monday

8:30 am Charles Lott+

*By Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity 7601*

### Tuesday

8:30 am Barney & Pat Gorman+ *By Alice Riley*

### Wednesday

8:30 am Barney Gorman+ *By Barney Gorman*

6:30 pm Roque Alomia+ *By the Alomia Family*

### Thursday

8:30 am Andrew V. Foley+ *By Dawn Foley*

### Friday

8:30 am William Watson+

*By Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity 7601*

### Saturday

4:00 pm Charles Foley+ *By Dawn Foley*

### Sunday

8:30 am Karen Rath+ *By Tony & Suzie Aruffo*

11:00 am Francis Edward Gallagher+

*By the Gallagher Family*

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](http://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](mailto: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.

# Congratulations

## Farewell Diane!

Join us as we bid farewell to our beloved Music Director, Diane Scarbrough, on **Wednesday, September 10th.**

Immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass, she and her choirs will be giving a concert. The event will conclude with a reception in the Parish Hall.

All are invited to attend.

**\* Please note that there will be NO Confessions or adoration available.**



## Join Us for a Weekly Bible Study with Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic

Allen will lead a simple and insightful Bible study each Monday evening from 7:15 PM to 8:00 PM on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday Mass. This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of Scripture and prepare your heart for Sunday worship!

### Zoom Meeting Details:

<https://tinyurl.com/2ampshec>

**Meeting ID:** 994 3448 2142

**Passcode:** 168975

Or scan the QR code!

All are welcome!



## Lost & Found

A ring and a cellphone have been turned in at the parish office. If you have lost either of these items, please visit the parish office to claim them.

Other lost items can be found in the Lost & Found cabinet in the parish hall.

## Readings & Observances Week of Aug 17th

### Monday

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

St. John Eudes, Priest

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

St. Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 /Lk 13:22-30

## Stewardship Report

*Registered Families*

1778

### Offertory

August 3	\$16,557
YTD Actual	\$88,060
YTD Budget	\$88,460
Percent Online Giving	33%

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

### Building Fund

August 3	\$2,374
YTD Actual	\$9,639
YTD Budget	\$30,830

### Pending Projects

- Parish Hall Lighting
- Flooring in preschool classrooms
- New refrigerator for Sacristy
- Repair Air Conditioning unit

*\*We are experiencing technical difficulties getting the Archbishop's Appeal numbers. We will update them as soon as possible.*

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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.**



## Ministry & More

### You're invited!

**The Breakfast Club** will be meeting on Wednesday, August 20th, after morning Mass in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share!



The church will provide paper products and coffee. Drop your food items off before Mass.

### SVdP International Dinner

**August 30, 2025 | 5:00- 9:00 pm**

Grab your "passport" and take a culinary trip around the world at the **St. Vincent de Paul International Dinner!** Enjoy delicious dishes from your favorite countries, lovingly prepared by our own parishioners.

Tickets are \$15 for adults & \$5 for children 10 & under.

**Tickets available after all Masses in August.**

We look forward to sharing this joyful evening with you!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us in praying  
**The Family Rosary**  
on  
Sunday, August 31st  
After the 11am Mass



*Free rosary!*  
*Free pizza lunch!*



## OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

**OCIA**

Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or just beginning to explore the Church, you're warmly invited to join us for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as RCIA.

Our next session is **Tuesday, August 19th**, from **7:15-8:30 PM.**

Topic: *Creation and Fall*

Come with your questions, come as you are.  
For more information, contact Deacon Charles Iner at [ciner@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ciner@stjamesapostle.com).

## 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

Don DeWeese | 404-218-3606

### 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!**

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## Religious Education and Life Teen are back in session!

**Please note:** Teens who are *not* enrolled in the Sunday night Life Teen program **must register separately** to attend Pizza and Prayer. There is a \$30 fee for the year to help cover the cost of food and drinks. Payments may be made by cash or check to St. James.

We can't wait to see familiar faces and welcome new ones!

### Small Groups for Post-Confirmation Teens

If your teen has been Confirmed and would like to stay connected and grow in their faith through weekly **small group discussions**, they should **register for Life Teen**. Small Groups meet **Sunday evenings in the Double Room after the 5 PM Mass**—the same time and place as the larger Life Teen program.

We look forward to another faith-filled year walking alongside your teens!



### Save the Date!

CCW sponsored

### Hollydaze Arts and Crafts Event

Sat., Nov. 15, 2025

9:00am-2:30pm

For vendor opportunities, email  
francinekrane@gmail.com.

### New Beginnings

#### Children's Choice Mini-Food Drive

For the rest of August, we're collecting individual-sized items for our Breakfast Blessings and Weekend Backpack programs, serving three local Title I schools.

We need:

- chips
- soup cups
- peanut butter crackers
- oatmeal or grits
- fruit cups
- Pop-Tarts
- granola bars.

Please place all donations in the collection bin located in the alcove just off the Parish Hall. Your love and generosity make a real difference for food-insecure children right here in Henry County.

Questions? Contact us at nbasjtacc@gmail.com or 470-771-2039.

### Council of Catholic Women

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) serves our parish by fostering faith, fellowship, and service. Through prayer, charitable works, and community events, members support parish needs and outreach efforts. CCW offers women opportunities to grow spiritually, build friendships, and live out the Gospel through acts of mercy. All women of the parish are warmly invited to join and share their gifts in this vital ministry! Contact Polly Crozier for more information at 678-697-7690.

### ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?!?

**The Knights of Columbus Council 7601** would like to invite any parishioner interested in participating in this year's **FANTASY FOOTBALL KICK OFF PARTY** to join us on Saturday, August 23rd, following the 4pm Mass in the church hall, or participate virtually. It is open to all parishioners and will include a complimentary pizza dinner. Participants will require a free ESPN account and a smart device to join.

If you're looking to participate, please get in touch with Ryan Cheverino by Sunday, August 17th.

For more information, contact Ryan Cheverino at rcheverino01@gmail.com



### Mark your calendar!

- **CCW Meeting** - Aug. 20, 7 pm
  - **Breakfast Club** - Aug. 20, 9 am
  - **Fantasy Football Kickoff** - Aug. 23, 5 pm
  - **SVdP Int. Dinner** - Aug. 30, 5pm-9pm
  - **Diane's Send-off Concert** - Sept. 10, 7pm\*
  - **Hollydaze Event** - Nov. 15, 9am-2:30pm
- \*Immediately following the 6:30 pm mass.*

## Weekly Reflection

### 20th Week in Ordinary Time

Today's passage reveals two things to us. First, it reveals Jesus' intention to "set the earth on fire." Second, it reveals that He desires "it were already blazing."

What does it mean when Jesus says that He came to set the world on fire? Fire is a powerful image that offers much insight into the Christian life. First, fire consumes. So it is with Christ. He came to consume us. He came to transform our little lives into blazing fires. This reveals that there is much potential in each one of our lives. We have potential to become something totally new if we allow the spark of grace to ignite our souls.

Fire also has the potential to make a difference. Its heat keeps us warm, its light allows us to see in darkness and its energy produces power in various ways to help us in our daily lives. So it is with grace. God's grace transforms our cold hearts, leads us through the darkness of life and provides us with all we need to live productive lives.

It's interesting to note that Jesus did not only say that He came to set the world on fire; rather, He said that He wished it were already blazing. This desire of our Lord is an invitation to move out of a mediocre and lukewarm existence into a life of radical Christian living. We are not called to be partly transformed, or even mostly transformed. No, we are called to become blazing fires of faith, transformed by God to make a true difference in the world!

Reflect, today, upon the fire within your own soul. How brightly is that fire burning? You need to feed that fire on a daily basis, fanning it into flame with complete commitment. Seek to become that blazing fire that the Lord desires of you and you will be amazed at how fully you can become transformed by grace.

*Lord, set my heart on fire with the brightness of Your love and mercy. Help me to be open to the complete transformation of life that You desire of me. I give myself to You without reserve, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.*

-Reflection from My Catholic Life!  
[mycatholic.life](http://mycatholic.life)

## 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:

- Monday - 4:00 pm, 9:00 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, 6:00 pm

If interested, email [sjadoration25@gmail.com](mailto: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...

Susan Fuller

Roger Hallam

Christian Kleb

Jeffery Sweetser

Maureen Richardson

John Virag

Peggy Woffard

Chris Willis

John and Christine Willis

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 at 8am before Mass.

## News & More

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## MASS OF THANKSGIVING

*for the Canonization of Carlo Acutis  
and Piergiorgio Frassati*

*followed by a special encounter for  
archdiocesan youth*

**Sunday, September 7**

*Holy Vietnamese Martyrs  
Catholic Church*

**6 P.M. | Mass**

*7 P.M. | Q&A with Archbishop  
Hartmayer*

*7:30 P.M. | Relic veneration*

