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# ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." -Lk. 13:24*

#### 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 24th

### Monday

8:30 am Barney Gorman+

*By Barney & Esther Gorman*

### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

8:30 am Elodia Upchurch+ *By Tony & Suzie Aruffo*

6:30 pm Philip Murphy+

*By Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity 7601*

### Thursday

8:30 am Theresa Spera-Waldspurger+

*By Mr. & Mrs. John Bono*

### Friday

8:30 am Fr. Greg Goolsby+ *By Dawn Foley*

### Saturday

4:00 pm Nathaniel Harris+ *By Viola Harris*

### Sunday

8:30 am Vilma Lowery+ *By James & Noemi Tiniski*

11:00 am Dean McEarchern+

*By St. James Preschool Staff*

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.

## St. James Men's Fellowship Fall Series!

Have you ever had trouble answering difficult questions about our Catholic faith? Have you struggled to explain the truths of the Catholic faith when friends or co-workers ask you questions like:

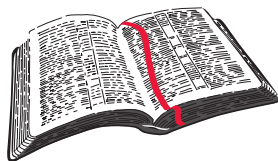
- Do Catholics worship Mary and the saints?
- Why do Catholics need a Pope?
- How can a loving God send people to hell?
- Why do you baptize infants?

Our Wednesday evening series is already underway, but it's not too late to join us! Together, we're exploring these and many other questions—learning not only what the Church teaches, but how those truths can strengthen your faith and draw you closer to Christ.

All men over 18 are invited to join us this Wednesday at 7 pm in room 211 (the quad room).

No books, no fees, no membership required.

Contact Mike Martin at (404) 557-0083 for more information.



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 26th**, from **7:15-8:30 PM**.

Topic: *The Creed / The Holy Trinity*

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

### 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.

### 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.

## Readings & Observances Week of Aug 24th

### Monday

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and  
9b/Mt 23:13-22

### Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

### Wednesday

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt  
23:27-32

### Thursday

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

### Friday

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/  
Mk 6:17-29

### Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

### Sunday

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



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.

## Stewardship Report

Registered Families 1782

### Offertory

August 10	\$21,160
YTD Actual	\$109,220
YTD Budget	\$106,152
Percent Online Giving	42%

Archbishop's Appeal Goal	\$74,500
Received	\$56,698
Donors	179

### Building Fund

August 10	\$2,282
YTD Actual	\$11,921
YTD Budget	\$30,830

### Pending Projects

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



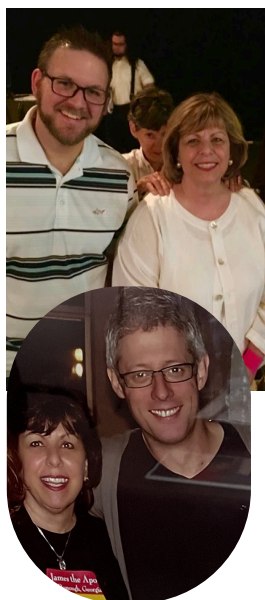
# 🎵 Congratulations, Diane! 🎵

Join us on **Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.** for Mass followed by a special **"Farewell Concert" at 7 p.m. in honor of Diane Scarbrough!**

Diane will lead the St. Gregory Choir, St. Cecilia Choir, and Sacred Beat Band in a selection of beloved Catholic favorites as her retirement gift to you, her St. James family.

Reception immediately following in the Parish Hall. All are invited!

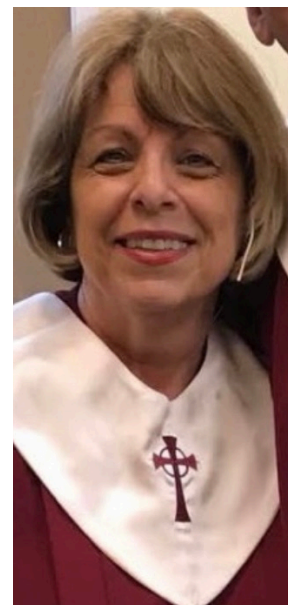
**\* Please note  
that there will  
be NO  
Confessions or  
adoration.**



For three decades, Diane Scarbrough has been the heart of our music ministry here at St. James. Since joining our parish in 1995 and becoming full-time music director in 2002, she has poured her heart into leading our choirs, shaping young musicians, and helping us all worship more deeply through song.

Serving alongside our clergy through countless seasons of parish life, Diane has been a steady presence for weddings, funerals, Holy Days, and special celebrations—always offering music that touches the soul.

Diane, your St. James family is deeply grateful for the wonderful gift you've been to us. You have blessed us in more ways than we can count, and you will always have a place in our hearts and a home at St. James.



## 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

Omari Glean | 770-377-9498

### 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

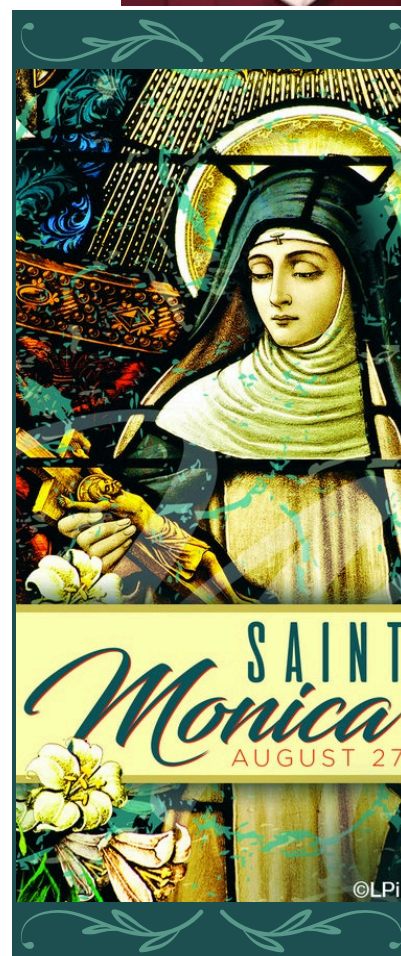
Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 &

Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616

Daisies Girl Scouts

Jennifer Tadrzak | 404-969-8661

**For scheduling information  
visit our website!**







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

Welcome back! If you still haven't registered for Religious Education, Life Teen, Pizza and Prayer, or our Post-Confirmation Small groups, you can do so on the parish website. Go to [www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com), hover over the "Education" tab, and select "Registration." Or scan the QR code!



### 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](mailto:francinekrane@gmail.com).

## New Beginnings

First of all, we want to thank you for your generous support. Our "Children's Choice" mini-food drive was a smashing success.

Whatever comes in on the first Sunday of each month is donated to the Veterans' Support Group and Tender House.

Please consider helping us with:

- canned vegetables
- dry goods (pasta, noodles, rice)
- canned meats - especially chicken
- other family food items

God bless!

Our first **Food For Families** event is **Monday, Sept. 8 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. We will be packing and delivering groceries to 45 food-insecure families in Henry County. Come join us!

Questions? Contact us at [nbasjtacc@gmail.com](mailto:nbasjtacc@gmail.com) or 470-771-2039.

### Mark your calendar!

- **SVdP Int. Dinner** - Aug. 30, 5pm-9pm
- **Diane's Send-off Concert** - Sept. 10, 7pm\*
- **CCW Meeting** - Sept. 17, 7 pm (Rm 210)
- **Hollydaze Event** - Nov. 15, 9am-2:30pm

\*Immediately following the 6:30 pm mass.

### Don't get caught off guard!

Scammers are EVERYWHERE, but we're here to help you recognize them.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10th, we will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 a.m. to learn some practical ways to protect yourself and your personal information. Bring your lunch to enjoy afterwards.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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



*Free rosary!*  
*Free pizza lunch!*



## 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.**

Have a favorite dish you'd like to share? Bring it along! If you come before Mass, drop it off at the kitchen to go into the warmer or refrigerator.



## Weekly Reflection

### The Power of Eucharistic Adoration

In the stillness of a quiet chapel, Jesus waits. Exposed in the monstrance, His true Presence—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—draws us close. Eucharistic Adoration is one of the most intimate ways to encounter Christ outside of Mass, offering moments of peace, healing, and spiritual transformation.

Adoration is simple: we come before the Blessed Sacrament and spend time in prayer, silence, and contemplation. But what takes place during that time is anything but ordinary. In the presence of the Eucharist, we are face to face with the living God. He sees us, knows us, and loves us beyond measure.

Many people struggle to find peace in today's noisy world. But in Adoration, hearts find rest. The silence isn't empty—it's filled with grace. As we quiet our minds and open our hearts, we begin to hear God's voice more clearly. Often, we come with worries, grief, or confusion, and we leave with renewed strength, clarity, and calm. Jesus may not always change our circumstances, but He changes us.

Eucharistic Adoration also helps us grow in faith. Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament deepens our reverence for the Eucharist and heightens our awareness of His presence in every part of our lives. Many saints credited their holiness to hours spent in Adoration. St. John Vianney once said, "When we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, we become like a candle burning in front of it: we are slowly consumed by love."

You don't need to say a lot in Adoration. You don't even need the perfect words. Just be there. Read Scripture, pray the Rosary, or simply sit in silence and let Jesus love you.

Whether for five minutes or an hour, Adoration is time well spent. Jesus is waiting. Come and rest in His presence. **Our Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel is open to everyone Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 10 pm.**

-Deacon Charles Iner



## 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...

<i>Susan Fuller</i>	<i>John Virag</i>
<i>Roger Hallam</i>	<i>Peggy Woffard</i>
<i>Christian Kleb</i>	<i>Chris Willis</i>
<i>Jeffery Sweetser</i>	<i>John and Christine Willis</i>
<i>Maureen Richardson</i>	<i>Mary Wagener</i>

***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.



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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*

