
ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."
-Lk. 14:27*

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 L. 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.stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool



The Pope's Intentions

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect



Mass Intentions Week of Sept 7th

Monday

8:30 am Jacinta Onuka *By Adanna Onuka*

Tuesday

8:30 am Robert Wofford+

By Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity 7601

Wednesday

8:30 am Rufus C. Perkins, Jr.+ *By Bette Perkins*

6:30 pm Anneka Cole *By Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Cole*

Thursday

8:30 am Ambrose Onuka *By Adanna Onuka*

Friday

8:30 am Onyema Onuka *By Adanna Onuka*

Saturday

4:00 pm Roseann Medlar+

By St. James the Apostle CCW

Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners

11:00 am Ruby Higginbotham+

By Eve Higginbotham-Williams

5:00 pm Ikenna Onuka

By Adanna Onuka

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 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.

Honoring Our St. James Veterans

Calling all St. James veterans!! We'd like to honor you at our Veterans' Day event on November 8, 2025! All vets who haven't submitted their information are invited to send your branch, dates of service, occupational specialty, and any overseas assignments to Kevin Gallagher at gallagherkf1@yahoo.com by October 6, 2025.

Additionally, please send 1-2 meaningful digital photos from your service with your name, rank, branch, and a brief description to Dave Cheverino at Davechevy2003@gmail.com by October 6, 2025. Photos will be featured in a special slideshow during the celebration.

Thank you, veterans, for your service and sacrifice—we look forward to honoring you!



PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

October 17-19, 2025

If abortion is part of your story, you may carry anger, guilt, or regret. Healing after abortion isn't about excusing what happened or forgetting. It's about finding peace. Call today to take that first step toward your healing and wholeness. Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 17-19, 2025. For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number at 404-717-5557 or email programdirector@pathatl.com. Start where you are. You're so worth it. www.healingafterabortion.org

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.



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.

Readings & Observances Week of Sept 7th

Monday

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday

St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday

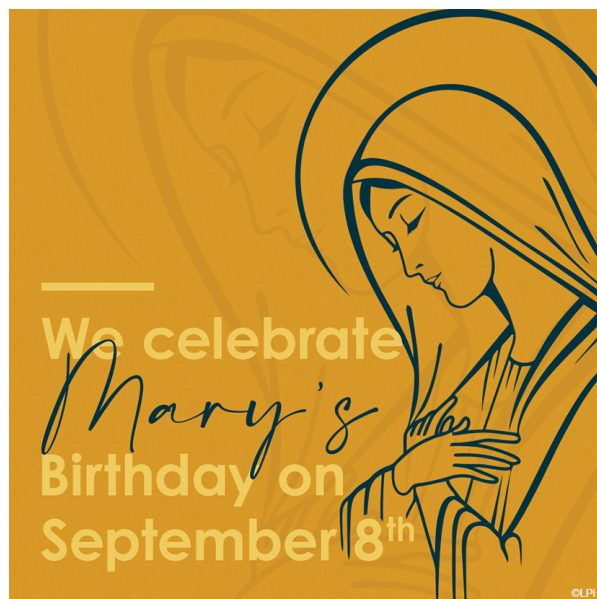
The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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🎵 ***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.**



St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

Sometimes we receive handwritten thank-you notes from our Henry County neighbors—and we want to share one with you. Your generosity helps keep the lights on, prevents eviction, and eases the burden of overdue bills. After meeting with neighbors this month, we received the note below. This thank you is truly meant for you.

"I wanted to thank you again and the whole St Vincent De Paul team. It helps so much to have \$250.00 put on the power bill and \$100.00 on the gas bill. I also appreciate the Kroger gift cards. You guys are such a blessing to me and my family."



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, Sept. 9th**, from **7:15-8:30 PM.**

Topic: *Divine Revelation – Tradition*

Come with your questions, come as you are. For more information, contact Deacon Charles Iner at 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

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

Sandy Major | 770-957-5441x101

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!

Attention Life Teen Parents! TODAY REMEMBER TO JOIN US! At 6pm, following mass, we will host our **Parent Kickoff Potluck and Meeting** for all those enrolled in Life Teen and preparing for Confirmation in the 2025-26 school year. Youth Minister Michelle Fallon will review the schedule for the year, covering key deadlines, previewing the Confirmation process and the other activities available for your teens this year. Come celebrate Carlo Acutis' canonization day with us in the Parish Hall and enjoy some good food and fellowship, while learning more about things to come. If your last name is A-M, please bring a main dish; N-S, a side dish and T-Z a dessert please.

Remember, there will be no Edge, OCIC, Life Teen, Small Group on September 14th due to Fall Break. Pizza and Prayer is also canceled on September 17th.



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.



LIFE TEEN AND CONFIRMATION

PARENTS ORIENTATION & POTLUCK

Sunday, September 7

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

See Religious Ed section of bulletin for more details

St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry

Our Service Ministry meets every other Thursday from 4:00–5:00 pm to lovingly care for the sanctuary of our church. Volunteers help tidy and clean the altar area, creating a reverent space for worship. It's a simple but meaningful way to serve the parish and honor our Lord in His house. If you'd like to join this ministry of care, please contact Don Deweese at 404-218-3606 or ddweese@stjamesapostle.com.

New Beginnings

September Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 7 – all family food items placed in our bin, such as canned vegetables, dry goods, canned meats, etc., will be donated to the Veterans' Support Group and Tender House.

Monday, Sept. 8 at 10:00 in the Parish Hall we will gather to pack and deliver groceries for 45 food insecure families in Henry County. Come join us, and bring a can of soup!

Monday, Sept. 15 will be our monthly **meeting** in Rooms 212-213 at **2:00 pm**. All are welcome.

Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10:00 we will gather to assemble **Grace Bags**. If you have never packed Grace Bags and are interested in doing so, email nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039 for the location.

Mark your calendar!

- **Diane's Send-off Concert** - Sept. 10, 7pm*
- **Ultreya** - Sept. 13, 9am (Rm. 212)
- **CCW Meeting** - Sept. 17, 7 pm (Rm 210)
- **Hollydaze Event** - Nov. 15, 9am-2:30pm

*Immediately following the 6:30 pm mass.

Weekly Reflection

Pope John Paul II's and the True Meaning of Christian Hope

Pope John Paul II was a powerful voice of hope in the modern world, reminding believers that true hope is found in Christ. Throughout his pontificate, he emphasized that hope is not simply a feeling of optimism but a deep and unshakable trust in God's promises. He saw hope as essential to the Christian life, providing strength in suffering, direction in uncertainty, and the assurance of eternal life.

For John Paul II, hope was a theological virtue, given by God and rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He constantly pointed to Christ's victory over sin and death as the foundation of Christian hope. No matter what challenges people face—whether personal struggles, societal conflicts, or even global crises—he encouraged them to look to Christ as the source of strength and renewal. Hope, he taught, is what allows believers to endure suffering, remain faithful in difficult times, and continue working toward holiness.

One of the most profound aspects of his teaching on hope was its connection to suffering. Having personally endured many hardships, from losing his parents at a young age to witnessing the horrors of war and later suffering from Parkinson's disease, he understood suffering deeply. Yet, he never lost hope. In his apostolic letter *Salvifici Doloris*, he taught that suffering has meaning when united with Christ's Passion. Instead of seeing pain as a meaningless burden, he encouraged Catholics to view it as a path to spiritual growth and a way to participate in Christ's redemptive work.

-Deacon Charles Iner

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' -Sir 14:2

How beautiful are Your words, Lord!
Guide us on our journey, filled with hope.
In a divided world, help us bring peace.
In a wounded world, help us bring mercy.
May we be, for all we meet, a memory of Your tenderness.
Bring hope to the distracted, new life in You.
In You, nothing is lost; in You, all begins again.
Amen.

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 or call the parish office at (770) 957-5441.

Sick List

Names are removed from the prayer list every two months. To keep a name on the list, please contact the parish office to request reposting.



Please Pray For...

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 hospitalized, in hospice, homebound, or in assisted living, please notify our pastoral minister at 770-957-5441 x101.

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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Fall 2025 Pledge Drive
Sept 15-18
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.

WAYS TO LISTEN

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- On-Demand Streaming
- Download the APP
- TheQuestAtlanta.com



