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# ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



*Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. -Jn. 3:13, 17"*

### 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

stjamesapostleatholicchurch.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](http://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 14th

### Monday

8:30 am Adanna Onwuka *By Adanna Onuka*

### Tuesday

8:30 am Amara Onwuka *By Adanna Onuka*

### Wednesday

8:30 am Robert & Mary Byrum *By Lauren Robinson*

6:30 pm Rev. George S. Phillips+

*By Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity 7601*

### Thursday

8:30 am Mahmoud Ameen

*By Lie Fina Thomas & Family*

### Friday

8:30 am The Perkins Family+ *By Bette Perkins*

### Saturday

4:00 pm Tony Mujica+ *By Dr. Juan & Kayla Mujica*

### Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners

11:00 am Terry O'Hearn+ *By Keith & Leticia Richards*

5:00 pm Assad Kahn+ *By The Tate Family*



## 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](http://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](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.



### Thank you K of C!!

We would like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT and THANK YOU to our **Knights of Columbus Council 7601** for their generous donation to our Preschool!

With our growing program, we have added an additional class this year. The Knights generosity will help in supplying our new classroom with teaching materials, and making this a safe and fun environment for the children!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



### OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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.

**There will be NO CLASS on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> due to Fall Break.**

Our next session is **Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from **7:15-8:30 PM.**

Topic: *Salvation History / Redemption / Jesus*

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



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 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Monday

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

#### Tuesday

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

#### Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

#### Friday

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

#### Sunday

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### Stewardship Report

#### Registered Families

##### Offertory

August 24	\$15,958
YTD Actual	\$143,039
YTD Budget	\$141,536
Percent Online Giving	31%
New Beginnings	\$2,900
Archbishop's Appeal Goal	\$74,500
Received	\$59,218
Donors	181

##### Building Fund

August 24	\$1,854
YTD Actual	\$14,607
YTD Budget	\$30,830

##### Pending Projects

- Parish Hall Lighting
- Flooring in preschool classrooms
- Convert office into classroom
- Order vestments
- Carpet hallway



# Ministry Spotlight



## St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

**Thank you to everyone who joined us for the SVdP International Dinner!**

A special shout out goes to all parishioners and friends who shared their time, talent, and delicious dishes to make the evening such a success. Thanks to your generosity, all proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to helping our Henry County neighbors in need.



**We also thank those who have linked their Kroger Plus cards to St. Vincent de Paul.** Because of you, our Conference has been receiving checks that allow us to serve even more neighbors in need.

If you haven't yet, it's simple to join—visit **Kroger.com/communityrewards** and designate "SVdP McDonough, GA" as your charity.

Or, stop by your store's customer service desk for help. Every purchase makes a difference!



## Knights of Columbus 23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

*Benefiting the Veterans Support Group & The Bridge Wellness South*

**Date:** October 31, 2025

**Location:** Crystal Lake Country Club

**Registration:** 8:00 AM | **Shotgun Start:** 10:00 AM

Join us for a fun day on the green while making a real difference in our community! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just enjoy a good cause, this event is for you.

**Not a golfer? No problem!** You can still be part of the impact by donating online. Gifts of \$25 or more will be gratefully acknowledged in the parish bulletin and on social media.

Sign up on line at [www.7601charitygolf.com](http://www.7601charitygolf.com) or contact Joe Alfano at 770-584-6644 with questions.

Together, let's tee up for charity and support those who need us most!



## 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!**







## St. James Religious Education

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

Parents please plan to come to the **5pm teaching mass** on **Sept. 28th** followed by a **family bowling activity** directly following mass at 7pm at the Fun Bowl in McDonough. Please see emailed invitation and details to RSVP and for more details, or email Michelle at [mfallon@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:mfallon@stjamesapostle.com). Please remember that this event takes the place of the regular 6pm Life Night. OCIC is still held at 3pm in the quad room.

### You're Invited: Teaching Mass!

Back by popular demand! Please join us **Sunday, September 28th** for the **5pm "Teaching Mass"** with Fr. Roy Lee. In this special annotated mass, Fr. Lee will explain the "whys" and symbolism behind the things that we do at mass. Everyone will come away from this experience having learned something new about the mass. It's also a perfect time to invite a friend that is curious about the Catholic Church.

### New Beginnings

*September Calendar*

**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](mailto:nbasjtacc@gmail.com) or call 470-771-2039 for the location.



**LET'S GO BOWLING!**

**SEPTEMBER 28 | 7PM - 9PM**

Life Teen families! Please join us at the McDonough Fun Bowl directly following the 5pm Teaching Mass with Fr. Lee. RSVP invite sent to email provided at registration. For more info, email Michelle Fallon at [mfallon@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:mfallon@stjamesapostle.com). RSVP Sept 24.



PATH's next **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** will be October 17-19, 2025. **If abortion is part of your story, healing is possible.** Find peace and hope at this upcoming retreat. Call or text our confidential number at 404-717-5557, email [programdirector@pathatl.com](mailto:programdirector@pathatl.com), or visit [www.healingafterabortion.org](http://www.healingafterabortion.org).

### Mark your calendar!

- **CCW Meeting - Sept. 17, 7 pm (Rm 210)**
- **Teaching Mass - Sept. 28, 5:00 pm**
- **Hollydaze Event - Nov. 15, 9am-2:30pm**
- **Octoberfest - Oct. 18, 5:00 pm**
- **K of C Golf Tournament - Oct. 31, 8:00 am**

## Weekly Reflection

### The Cross is Not Negotiable

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make a decision to be tough, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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### Parish Endowment Fund

**Facilitate your charitable giving, receive a tax deduction and avoid capital gains.** You can use appreciated stock to create a donor advised fund and give to what you care about, including your parish offertory and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. To learn more about how this could work for you, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.

## 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

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  
Micah Carroll

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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1-888-437-0764  
**Abuse hotline for bishops only:**  
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**(800) 276-1562.**

## Upcoming Events



### **Eucharist: The Source and Summit of Christian Life**

*October 31 – November 2, 2025*

Step away from the noise of daily life and enter into a sacred rhythm of prayer, silence, and Eucharistic devotion. Led by Fr. Francis Michael and Fr. Gerard, this retreat offers extended time before the Blessed Sacrament and guidance on bringing the power of Adoration into your family, work, and daily life.

Hosted at the peaceful **Monastery of the Holy Spirit**, the retreat includes Mass, Vespers, silent meals, and contemplative prayer. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required, with a suggested donation of \$100–\$110 per person per night to cover meals and lodging.

Come rest in God's presence and renew your heart in the Eucharist.

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but that the world might be saved through him.   *-John 3:17*

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