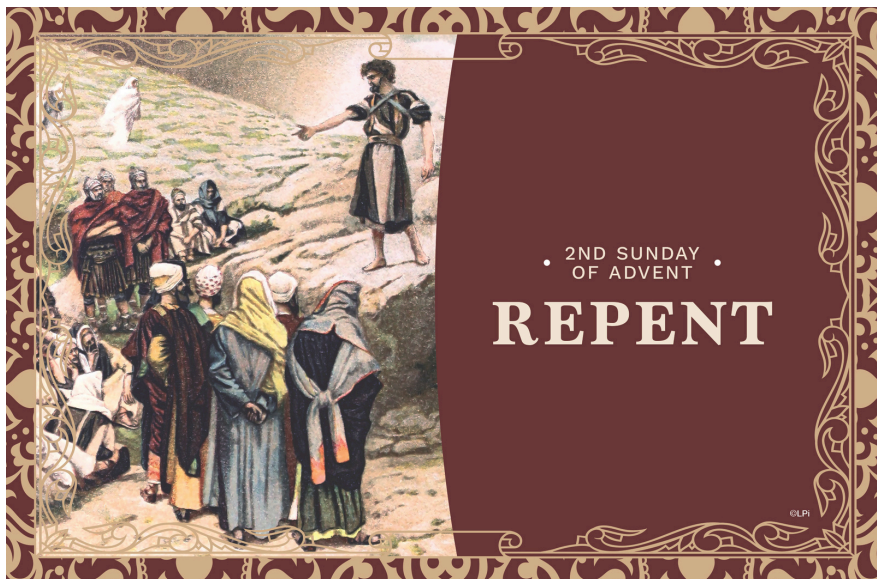


ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Advent



"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I."

Mt 3:11

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH INFO

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Parish Office

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Phone: (770) 957-5441

parishoffice@stjamesapostle.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

Visit our website:

<https://bit.ly/4i7luGC>





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



OCIA

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

Topic: *Initiation Sacraments - Eucharist part 1*

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

Mass Intentions Week of Dec. 7th

Monday

8:30 am Robert Brady+ *by Jaime & Julie Gonzalez*

7:00 pm Russell Benner+ *by Mr. & Mrs. John Bono*

Tuesday

8:30 am Perkins Family+ *by Bette Perkins*

Wednesday

8:30 am Carolyn J. Hammer+

by Jaime & Julie Gonzalez

6:30 pm James Schlottman+

by Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity 7601

Thursday

8:30 am Sarah Waggoner *by Donna Waggoner*

Friday

8:30 am Bob Belanger+ *by Helen Belanger*

Saturday

4:00 pm Claude Gaw *by Donna Waggoner*

Sunday

8:30 am Marie Philipeaux+ *by Faimi Moscova*

11:00 am Christmas Angels+

by St. James the Apostle Preschool

5:00 pm Our Parishioners

Sacramental Preparation & Information

Infant Baptism

Parents must be registered parishioners of St. James for at least three months (or have the pastor's permission) and complete the *Belonging* online course from Ascension Press. Godparents are also required to complete the course. Visit stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com for details. Baptisms are typically celebrated the first and second Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m.

First Holy Communion

Children in second grade who have been active in the Faith Formation program for two consecutive years are eligible to enroll in the sacramental preparation program. Special sessions are held throughout the year in preparation for these sacraments. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 770-957-5441 ext. 108.

Confirmation

Youth in 10th grade or older who have been active in the parish teen program for at least two consecutive years are eligible to register for Confirmation. For more information, contact the Youth Ministry Office at 770-957-5441 ext. 110.

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 their desired wedding date and participate in a pre-marriage preparation 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 an assisted living facility—whether temporarily or long-term—please call the Parish Office Monday through Thursday to arrange a visit. Visits must be scheduled prior to any weekend Mass.

Mass Intentions

Please contact the Parish Office. Suggested donation is \$15.

Special Announcement!

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church is pleased to announce that we have received a grant award of \$4,000.00 from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia.

These funds will be used for Youth and Pre-K Development by renovating teachers' office to a classroom.



New Beginnings December Calendar

New Beginnings will be having our annual **Outerwear Drive** until **Dec. 14**.

Please consider donating lightly used coats and scarves. You can place them in our bin just off the Parish Hall.

Monday, December 15th at 10:00 am, we will gather in the Parish Hall to pack and deliver groceries for 45 food insecure families at three Title I schools. Your generous donations have made this possible. If you can, please join us.

Monday, December 22nd at 10:00 am, we will gather to assemble and deliver Christmas Boxes for 25 families in need throughout Henry County. This is a long-time annual event at St. James The Apostle and is coordinated by Melissa Rieke. Come join us. We especially need strong souls with strong backs to deliver these items to individual homes.

On **Saturday, December 27 at 10:00 am**, we will gather to pack Grace Bags.

There will not be a monthly meeting in December.

If you have any questions about what we need or how you can help, please email nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call 470-771-2039. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please contact the above email or phone number.



ADVENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
During this holy season of Advent, open our hearts to receive Your Son with renewed faith and joy.
May the light of Christ shine through our waiting and our works of love. Help us to slow down and listen for Your voice in the quiet moments of prayer and in the needs of our neighbors.

Strengthen our parish family of St. James the Apostle to walk together in hope, to prepare a place for Christ in our homes and hearts, and to bring His presence to all we meet.

Come, Lord Jesus, fill us with Your peace, and make us ready for the joy of Your coming. Amen.



Readings & Observances Week of Dec. 7th

Monday

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt
18:12-14

Wednesday

Our Lady of Loreto
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

St. Damasus I, Pope
Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt
11:11-15

Friday

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt
17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-
10/Mt 11:2-11



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Julie Gonzalez | 678-628-3322

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Kathy Cowin | 678-601-4517

First Friday Devotion

Mary Byram | 678-228-3391

Little Flower Women's Bible Study

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

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

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

**For scheduling information,
visit our website!**

Parish Penance Service

Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Please note: There will be no confessions on
Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Holy Day of Obligation

Tomorrow, Dec. 8, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation,
honoring the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.

Mass will be celebrated at **8:30 am and 7:00 pm.**

Thursday, January 1, 2026 is a Holy Day of Obligation,
honoring Mary, Mother of God.

Mass will be celebrated at **10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.**



SVdP Holiday Calendar

- **Senior Gifts** must be wrapped with tags attached and brought back to the church **by December 13-14.**

We will not be able to collect any gifts after December 14.

- **\$25 Kroger and Walmart Gift Cards** will also continue to be collected until December 14th. You can donate as many individual \$25.00 gift cards as you'd like.

Thank you for your generosity in helping our Henry County neighbors in need this holiday season!

Parish Life Expo

This weekend, **December 6 and 7**, be sure to stop by the Parish Life Expo after Mass! Many of our parish ministries will have tables set up to share what they do and how you can get involved. This is a great way to learn where your gifts might be used in service, fellowship, and prayer.

Annual Chili Cookoff



The Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring the Annual Chili Cookoff **Saturday, Jan. 31** right after the 4pm Mass. This competition is open to all Parish Ministries and a few select Parishioners that wish to apply.



Please respond to pollyfaye@gmail.com or call 678 697-7690.



Endowment Fund

"My spirit rejoices in God my Savior." – Isaiah 61:10

As we rejoice this Advent, we can plan how to share that joy with others. In addition to caring for your family, remember to include the parish endowment fund in your will or estate plans. Go to cfnga.org and click the FreeWill.com button to make your no cost will. Contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation for more information: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440.

**THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**





St. James Religious Education



- **Attention Edge, OCIC, and Life Teen Parents!** Just a reminder that Religious Education breaks for the year with the last session on Dec 14 due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays! Have a blessed holiday with friends and family! Be sure to share the link and QR code for the HoneyBaked Ham fundraiser to support Life Teen and Edge programs. **A generous 20 percent of the proceeds will come back to our youth programs to help pay for retreats and other activities!**
- Also, TODAY is the Edge annual shoe box toy drive. Please remember to bring in empty shoe boxes and donations of little toy items for children of all ages that the middle schoolers will pack for kids in need of some cheer this Christmas season! Thank you!
- Life Teen parents! The year will end with our annual Bonfire and sing along outdoors at the pavillion Dec 14 at 6pm following the 5pm mass. Pizza and Smores will be served. Please make sure the teens dress appropriately for the weather!

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

Dr. Allen Hunt invites you to a simple and enriching Bible study each Monday evening from 7:15–8:00 PM, reflecting on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday.

As we begin this journey in Advent, the study offers a gentle, prayerful space to slow down and truly enter the season's quiet hope. Meetings will continue each week through Easter, helping you enter into the rhythm and beauty of the liturgical year.

Join using the Zoom link below, or scan the QR code!

Zoom Meeting Details:

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

Meeting ID: 994 3448 2142

Passcode: 168975



Second Collection



Thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes—often for little to no pay. Many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members who are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.



Thank you for your continued support and generosity. For more information, visit lifeofthechurch.com/donate.

Mark your calendar!

- **Parish Life Expo** - Dec. 6 & 7, after all Masses
- **Advent Angels Remembrance Mass** - Dec. 14, 11 am
- **Holy Day of Obligation: Mary Mother of God** - Jan. 1, Mass at 10 am & 7 pm



St. James Youth Holiday Fundraiser



Get your holiday ham, turkey, and sides from Honey Baked and help St. James Youth!

When you scan the QR code to buy online, 20% of the proceeds go directly to St. James the Apostle Youth Ministry.



THANK YOU! LIFE TEEN

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

As we near the end of the year, we are incredibly grateful to all our parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the **2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**. At **\$62,589** raised of our **\$74,500** goal, the archdiocese is nearing **84%** of the parish goal being completed, but we still need your help to reach 100%!

Every parishioner counts, and every donation matters. Not everyone can give the same size gift, but every contribution adds up to make a sizable difference.

A percentage of the money collected above our parish goal will be returned to our church community!

To learn more about the impact of our support on the appeal and to donate online, visit lifeofthechurch.com/donate.

Weekly Meditation

The Immaculate Conception

Feast Day: December 8

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Dogma of the Catholic Church. It maintains that from the moment when she was conceived, the Blessed Virgin Mary was kept free of "original" sin, and was filled with the sanctifying grace normally conferred during baptism. It is one of the four dogmas in Roman Catholic Mariology. Mary is often called the Immaculata, the "Immaculate One".

The Immaculate Conception should not be confused with the perpetual virginity of Mary or the virgin birth of Jesus. It refers to the conception of Mary, by her mother, St. Anne. Although the belief was widely held since the early Church, it was not formally proclaimed until December 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX in his Papa Bull Ineffabilis Deus. It has since been observed on December 8th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception gained additional significance from the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858. At Lourdes, a 14-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed that a beautiful woman appeared to her and said, "I am the Immaculate Conception". In this sense, the dogma of the Immaculate Conception defined by Pope Pius IX is also viewed as a key example of the use of "sensus fidelium" shared by believers and the Magisterium, rather than pure reliance on Scripture and Tradition. The Vatican quotes in this context "Fulgens Corona", where Pius XII supported such faith, "If the Popular praises of the Blessed Virgin Mary be given the careful consideration they deserve, who will dare to doubt that she, who was purer than the angels and at all times pure, was at any moment, even for the briefest instant, not free from every stain of sin"?

The Roman Catholic tradition has a well-established philosophy for the study of the Immaculate Conception and the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the field of Mariology, with Pontifical schools such as the Marianum specifically devoted to this.

An article from

<https://connection.newmanministry.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.

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 - 10:00 am, 4:00 pm, 8:00 pm
- Wednesday - 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 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

Micah Carroll

Hector Jordan

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.

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.

Advent & Christmas Reflection Books

50 cents from each book supports youth ministry. Every dollar raised will be put towards Air BNB Costs for the Summer Steubenville 2026 Youth Conference.

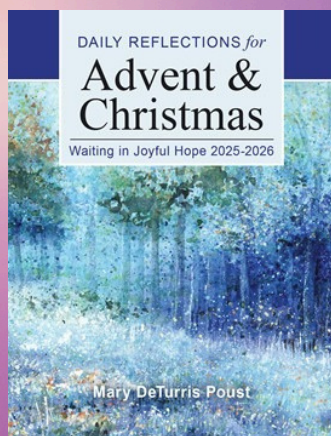
\$2 per book

Cash or Check

Make checks payable to
St. James the Apostle

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 **LIFE TEEN**



Calling All Musicians!

The Music Ministry is seeking singers, both soloists and choir members, and instrumentalists for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. If you have a singing voice or play an instrument—from guitar to clarinet to balafon—please consider serving God by sharing your talents with our parish family.

For more information, please contact Music Director Charles A. Iner by email at music@stjamesapostle.com or by telephone at (770) 957-5441 ext 111

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!
Isa 2:5
