
ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent



*"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
Mt 1:20-21*

PARISH CONTACTS

STAFF

Tim Mitchell	<i>Business Manager</i>	ext. 102
Charles A. Iner	<i>Music Director</i>	ext. 111
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>	
Don Deweese	<i>Liturgical Assistant</i>	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Eric Bridwell	<i>Director</i>	ext. 108
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For contributions to the bulletin, email Angela Bonilla at abonilla@stjamesapostle.com

PARISH INFO

Clergy

Rev. Liam Coyne
Pastor ext. 105
Rev. Mr. Charles L. Iner
Deacon ext. 201

Parish Office

Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00
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

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.

There will be no sessions during Christmas break.

Our next session is **Tuesday, Jan. 13**, from **7:15-8:30 PM**.

Topic: *Catholic Social Teaching*

Come with your questions, come as you are.

For more information, contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.com.

Mass Intentions Week of Dec. 21

Monday

8:30 am Rafael Diaz+ *by Maria Solomone*

Tuesday

8:30 am John & Louise Glover+ *by Jeannie Allen*

Wednesday

4:00 pm Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Our Parishioners

Thursday

8:30 am Our Parishioners

Friday

8:30 am Andrew Waggoner *by Donna Waggoner*

Saturday

4:00 pm Cynthia Lee *by Joan Holmes*

Sunday

8:30 am Francis, Marie & Roseveal Philipeaux+
by Faimi Moscova

11:00 am Brandon Lewis O'Hearn

by Keith & Leticia Richards

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.

Readings & Observances Week of Dec. 21

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday

St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday

Christmas Eve

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday

St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday

The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-2



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.

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.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas is drawing near, and we look forward to celebrating the Nativity of the Lord together as a parish family! Join us for one of our Christmas Masses as we welcome the Light of Christ into our hearts and homes.

- Vigil Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Midnight Mass: 11:00 p.m.
 - Carols begin at 10:30 pm
- Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, January 1, 2026 is a Holy Day of Obligation, honoring Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at **10:00 am and 7:00 pm.**

Confession Notice

There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** on **Saturday, December 27, 2025.**

Stewardship Report

Registered Families	1782
Offertory	
November 30	\$14,038
December 7	\$24,882
YTD Actual	\$405,827
YTD Budget	\$406,916
Percent Online Giving	36%
Archbishop's Appeal Goal	\$74,500
Received	\$68,359
Donors	192
Christmas Rem	\$1,801

Building Fund

November 30	\$372
December 7	\$2,448
YTD Actual	\$39,814
YTD Budget	\$92,490

Pending Projects

- Flood lights in church front replaced
- Dumpster enclosure
- Upgrade Holy Family Grotto
- New classroom completed
- Flooring in two classrooms completed



St. James Religious Education

LIFE TEEN



- Religious Education is home for the holidays! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you! See you next year when we resume on **Sunday, January 11!**
- **Attention Life Teen & Edge Parents! Gift cards are great last minute gifts!** A reminder that teens are selling gift cards for your holiday turkey, ham, and other delicious goodies from HoneyBaked Ham, so you won't just be serving or gifting a mouthwatering meal — you'll also be supporting our youth! Look for an email from Michelle with links you can share on socials to family and friends for holiday get togethers and gift-giving this season. **When you buy through our special fundraising link, 20% of the proceeds go directly to the St. James the Apostle Youth Ministry. Thank you for your support!**

The Pope's Intentions

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



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 continue this journey of 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.

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



Endowment Fund

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." – Luke 2:10

The joy of Jesus Christ is celebrated with anticipation each year. Continue the Catholic legacy of joy by ensuring your parish is around to serve for generations.

A year end gift to the endowment fund provides for parish needs now and in the future. Give online at cfnga.org/give and search for your parish. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 404.497.9440 to learn more.



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

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.



Ministry Contacts

Adult Formation

OCIA

Dcn. Charles Iner | 770-957-5441 x201

Liturgical

Lectors/EMHC Scheduling

Parish Office | (770) 957-5441

Music Ministry

Charles A. Iner. | (770) 957-5441x111

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

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

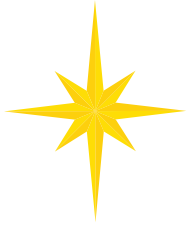
Don DeWeese | 404-218-3606

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



SVdP - Our Parishioners Are So Awesome!

Thank you to our entire parish family for your faithful monthly support of St. Vincent de Paul. Every penny of your generosity goes directly to neighbors in need throughout the year—many of whom are only one step away from homelessness.



Toys: Our hearts are full of gratitude seeing all the toys donated by you - our parishioners! These gifts will brighten the lives of children whose families simply cannot afford presents this Christmas. Without your kindness, many of these little ones might have nothing under the tree. New Beginnings, along with the Boy Scouts, are preparing Christmas stockings filled with the small toys and candy donated by our St. James family. Some stockings will be delivered to the homeless, and the rest will be shared with local families. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for helping us deliver toys on Dec. 8th!

Gift Cards and Senior Gifts: Once again, our St. James community responded with extraordinary generosity. The gift cards you provided will help SVdP support Henry County residents facing emergencies throughout the coming year.

We collected 92 gifts for the Senior Citizens who live in one of the three neighborhoods of the Henry County Housing Authority. Members of SVdP will greet each resident with respect, kindness, prayers, and - of course - lots of gifts! These men and women are often alone, and a large percentage of them are in ill health. Thank you for making them feel special at this special time of the year!



New Beginnings December News

As we prepare for Christ's coming this Advent season, New Beginnings would like to wish you a Blessed

Christmas! Thank you for the generous support you continue to offer through this loving St. James the Apostle community.

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. All are welcome! 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 be no 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.

PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2026

Do you struggle with thoughts of a past abortion? Have you ever asked yourself, "Can God really heal something this deep?" Are you longing for peace but unsure how to get there? You are not alone. No heart is too broken to be healed.

Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat from January 30-February 1, 2026. For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number at 404-717-5557 or email programdirector@pathatl.com

Weekly Meditation

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child ... and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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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 - 4:00 pm, 8:00 pm
- Wednesday - 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 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...

<i>Maureen Richardson</i>	<i>John and Christine Willis</i>
<i>John Virag</i>	<i>Mary Wagener</i>
<i>Peggy Woffard</i>	<i>Micah Carroll</i>
<i>Chris Willis</i>	<i>Hector Jordan</i>

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.

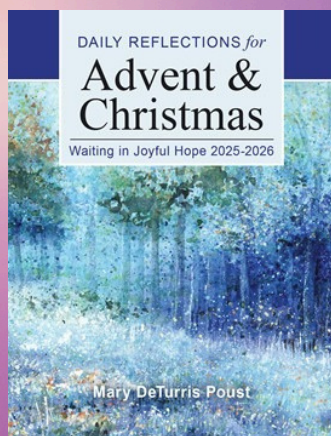
\$2 per book

Cash or Check

Make checks payable to
St. James the Apostle

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**

 **LIFE TEEN**



MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 26-28

Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for a day and a half of prayer, fraternity, discussion, and renewal at this year's winter discernment retreat.



26-28

2 P.M. TO NOON
DECEMBER 2025

**MONASTERY OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT
CONYERS**



For questions please call the Office of Vocations at 404-920-7460

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 1:7
