

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of the Lord



And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
Mt 3:17

PARISH CONTACTS

STAFF

Tim Mitchell	<i>Business Manager</i>	ext. 102
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Tasha Quinn	<i>Accountant</i>	ext. 120
Jim Zakutansky	<i>Maintenance Coord.</i>	
Don Deweese	<i>Liturgical Assistant</i>	

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Eric Bridwell	<i>Director</i>	ext. 108
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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>





Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year Begins Feb. 2nd

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, 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 Jan. 11

Monday

8:30 am St. James the Apostle Divine Mercy Group+ *by Kathy Cowin*

Tuesday

8:30 am Fr. Liam Intentions

Wednesday

8:30 am Maria Magcalas+ *by Mon Magcalas*

6:30 pm Fr. Liam Intentions

Thursday

8:30 am Fr. Liam Intentions

Friday

8:30 am Pat Ferraido+ *by Susan Cloutman*

Saturday

4:00 pm Pygeol Family *by The Pygeol Family*

Sunday

8:30 am Hugh & Emily Heggod+

by Tran & Penny Minh

11:00 am Robert Perry+ *by Al Florez*

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 Jan. 11

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Second Collection

Today, the second collection is for all the Hispanic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The help we provide to our Hispanic brothers and sisters is accompanied by pastoral services such as religious education, evangelization programs, the sacraments and the Eucharist in their language and culture for their spiritual support and integration into parish life. All contributions go directly to serve the Hispanic community of the archdiocese. Please be generous. The needs are significant.

If you would like to donate, please go to:

<https://lifeofthechurch.com/donate/>

*The Lord was
baptized, not to be
cleansed himself, but
to cleanse the waters.*

ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN

Divine Mercy Meeting

Join the Divine Mercy Group for its next meeting on Monday, Jan. 12th after the 8:30 Mass.

CCW Meeting

The next meeting for the Council of Catholic Women will be Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7pm in Room 210. All Ladies of the Parish are invited. Please join us!

The Pope's Intentions

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.



THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN PRESENTS

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE'S ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

**SATURDAY,
JAN. 31**

**After the 4pm
Mass in the Parish
Hall**



TICKETS

Adults: \$7.00

Children 10 and under: \$5.00

**All proceeds support St. James High School
Senior Scholarships, awarded to our
graduating seniors in May.**

Endowment Fund

Return Gifts to the Lord: You can create a tradition of giving in your family to the parish which supports your community. To learn more about making a legacy gift to your parish endowment fund, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at 404-497-9440 or go to cfnga.org.





St. James Religious Education



- Religious Education Classes are Back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas season!
- Bonfire has been rescheduled for Jan. 18th at 6 pm.
- **Confirmation and Sacrament Catch Up!** Parents, **mandatory Confirmation classes start on Wednesday, Jan. 21 (6 pm pizza, 6:30-7:30 pm class)** for all 2nd year Confirmation eligible teens. Confirmation classes will alternate weeks with Pizza and Prayer so please make sure to stop by the youth office and pick up a copy of the schedule if you do not have one. OCIC teens will continue on Sunday at 3pm in the quad room. **There is a mandatory parent Confirmation/Sacrament meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 7pm in the Parish Hall to go over all the details.** Confused? Come to the meeting on Jan. 25 or email the youth minister.
- **Confirmation retreat registrations are due TODAY Jan. 11, 2026. Please return forms and payment to Michelle in the youth ministry office. Confirmation registration is due no later than Jan. 25, 2026 at the parent meeting (7 pm Parish Hall).**



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.

Devotion of the Month: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name" (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the most holy name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

From Franciscanmedia.org

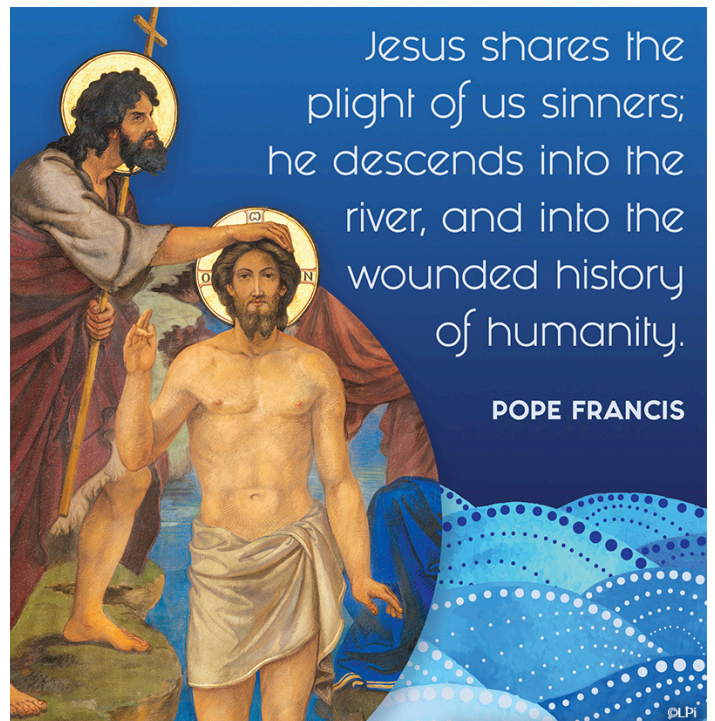


PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

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



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!**

LIVE OUT YOUR BAPTISM



New Beginnings January Calendar

First of all, we are thankful that January is not near as busy as November and

December were, but we do have the ongoing needs of Weekend Backpacks and Breakfast Blessings. Our most immediate needs are for protein goods (pop-top cans), Mac N' Cheese and breakfast snacks.

- Our monthly meeting will be on **Monday, Jan. 26th** at **2:00 pm** in Rooms 212-213.
- We will gather to pack Grace Bags on **Saturday, Jan. 24th** at **10:00 am**.

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 you know someone in need of food, please contact the above email or phone number.



St. Vincent de Paul

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After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a way of living your Baptism more fully? If you are interested in volunteering to help the poor, contact Linda Berkowitz at lindaberkowitz@bellsouth.net.

Millions of Monicas

Millions of Monicas is a prayer-centered ministry inspired by St. Monica, whose steadfast prayers brought her son, St. Augustine of Hippo, into full Communion with the Catholic Church. This ministry is for women who are praying for loved ones to come to—or return to—the faith. It is open to all women of the parish. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, in the Quad. For more information, contact Susie Q. Aruffo at susiearuffo@gmail.com or 828-775-3345.

Weekly Meditation

The Baptism of the Lord

By Patricia Mitchell

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism of repentance? At his baptism, Jesus accepted his mission as God's suffering servant on behalf of all sinful men and women. By submitting humbly to John's baptism, Jesus gave us a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death on the cross, where out of love he gave his life for the remission of our sins (Mark 10:38, 45).

Because Jesus humbled himself so completely, his Father proclaimed how delighted he was in him (Mark 1:11). The Holy Spirit, too, was present, anointing Jesus for the work he was about to begin. At his baptism, Jesus became the source of the Spirit for all who would believe in him. The heavens were opened, the Spirit fell, and a new creation was inaugurated.

If we want to experience the power and grace of this new creation in our lives, we must follow Jesus' example. St. Gregory of Nazianzus, a fourth-century church Father, gives us this advice: "Let us be buried with Christ by baptism, in order to rise with him. Let us go down with him in order to be raised with him. Let us rise with him in order to be glorified with him." If we want to experience the transformation Gregory wrote about, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to forge the same humility in our hearts that Jesus showed at his baptism.

Jesus is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for our mission. He wants to make us "light" and "salt" to those around us (Matthew 5:13, 14). He wants his love and truth to shine through us so that others will be touched by his goodness. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit so that you may radiate the joy of the gospel to those around you. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.



This selection is from A Year of Celebration: Experiencing God through the Feast Days of the Church by Patricia Mitchell (The Word Among Us Press, 2001).

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...

Maureen Richardson
John Virag
Peggy Woffard
Chris Willis

John and Christine Willis
Mary Wagener
Micah Carroll
Hector Jordan
Gabriele Patterson

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.

CTK 20/30 Somethings Discipleship Night

The Cathedral of Christ the King invites all young adults in their 20's and 30's to join them for their monthly Discipleship Night on Jan. 13th at 6 pm. Thomas Clements will be speaking on "How to Hear God's Voice." Pizza will be provided! Email Forrest at ctk2030s@gmail.com for more information.

Discernment Mass

Do you feel God may be calling you to serve as a priest or religious in the Archdiocese of Atlanta? You are not alone. Come meet other Catholics considering the same possibility at our monthly discernment Mass. This event is reserved for men and women who are high school seniors and older.

The gathering takes place at the Borromeo House of Formation (813 Dalrymple Road, Sandy Springs, GA), beginning with Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/49EG92r>



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEKEND CELEBRATION



MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

YOUTH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ps 29
