

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Jn 1:29

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
Tracy Howard	<i>Assistant</i>	ext. 109
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Michelle Fallon	<i>Youth Minister</i>	ext. 110

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>





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.stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com/preschool



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, Jan. 20, from 7:15-8:30 PM.**

Topic: *Eschatology - 4 Last Things*

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

Mass Intentions Week of Jan. 18

Monday

8:30 am Art Belback, Sr. + by Art Belback, Jr.

Tuesday

8:30 am Rufus C. Perkins, Sr. + by Bette Perkins

Wednesday

8:30 am Patsy Joe Graham + by Ida Brady

6:30 pm Fr. Liam Intentions

Thursday

8:30 am Gabriele Patterson by Lauren Robertson

Friday

8:30 am Dr. Edith Higginbotham +

Drs. Frank Williams & Eve J. Higginbotham-Williams

Saturday

4:00 pm Eugenia Bratek + by The Bratek Family

Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners

11:00 am William M. Dobbins + by Maria Solomone

5:00 pm Bob Weiser + by Toni Mackay

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 stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.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.



A Joyful Moment for Our St. James Family

Our parish family has much to celebrate! On Saturday, February 7 at 10:00 am, Scott Major will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Church. The Ordination Mass will be live-streamed for those who would like to watch and pray along: <https://bit.ly/4szXemD>

Later that same day, Scott will assist as deacon at his first Mass here at Saint James at the Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass, with a reception immediately following.

We are truly blessed at St. James as Scott prepares to be ordained and begin his ministry among us. His generosity of spirit, love for Christ, and willingness to serve are already a gift to our parish, and we look forward with gratitude to welcoming him into ordained ministry. Please keep Scott, his wife Sandy and his family in your prayers, and join us as we celebrate this joyful moment together.



Mourning Glory Podcast

Jennifer Thomas, a parishioner of Prince of Peace Church in Flowery Branch, co-hosts the Mourning Glory podcast, a ministry created to help others navigate grief through a Catholic lens. She is joined by co-host Andrea Bear, along with insights from a Catholic therapist who leads GriefShare in Stockton, California. To listen, visit www.mourningglorypodcast.com. For more information, email mourningglorypodcast@gmail.com

Stewardship Report

Registered Families	1808
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Offertory

December 14	\$23,739
December 21	\$15,683
YTD Actual	\$445,249
YTD Budget	\$448,198
Percent Online Giving	33%
Archbishop's Appeal Goal	\$74,500
Received	\$83,269
Donors	201
Percentage received	117%
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,848

Building Fund

December 7	\$6,040
December 21	\$2,359
YTD Actual	\$48,213
YTD Budget	\$92,490

Pending Projects

- Dumpster enclosure
- Upgrade Holy Family Grotto
- Clean gutters

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.



Readings & Observances Week of Jan. 18

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



St. James Religious Education



- Life Teens! See you at the Bonfire tonight at 6pm!
- **Confirmation and Sacrament Catch Up!** Parents, **mandatory Confirmation classes start THIS 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.



Endowment Fund

"For where your treasure is there will be your heart also." - Matthew 6:21

As Christians we know we take nothing with us after we are gone. Making or updating your will is a good New Year's resolution to ensure your possessions provide for good. Visit cfnga.org/freewill to write your will today. Contact Juliet Greco at jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440 for more information.

Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry

Sponsored by

The Knights of Columbus Council 7601



Starting Feb. 20th!
5:00 pm-7:30 pm

Menu

Choice of Baked or Fried Fish, cole slaw, french fries, hushpuppies, & drink.
(*Grilled cheese available by request*)

Adults: \$10.00
Children 5-12: \$7.00
Under 5: Free!
Family Price: \$35.00
Eat-in Only



St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, after Jesus was baptized, John testified, *"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon Him."* That same Spirit is still at work today, moving hearts to acts of mercy and love. As you make your gift using the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **green** envelope, know that your generosity becomes a living sign of God's compassion to our neighbors in need. Through your kindness, the Spirit continues to bring hope, dignity, and comfort to those who are struggling, reminding them they are not forgotten and deeply loved.

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!

2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Last week, a letter from Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer was mailed to all previous donors to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, inviting continued support for the many vital ministries that serve thousands across our archdiocese each year. **The parish goal for the 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is \$88,300.**

In addition, the Georgia Bulletin has moved away from individual subscriptions and now asks each parish to contribute a set amount. Our parish assessment for the Georgia Bulletin is **\$10,435**. Together, this brings the **total amount we are asked to raise to \$95,735**.

Your generous participation helps support both diocesan ministries and Catholic communications that serve the wider Church. Please respond prayerfully when you receive your letter, or give online at lifeofthechurch.com/donate.



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.

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!



New Beginnings January Calendar

Our greatest need continues to be serving children and families as identified by counselors at the three Title I schools where we distribute food. They make up 90% of our program. We continue to expand slowly with additional help from other food banks but the heart and soul of our ministry are the parish volunteers who donate food, time, and financial support.

We have two major food drives per year: the K of C Food Drive in November which supplies food for four holiday distributions and Scouting America's Food Drive in February that helps fulfill our ongoing commitments throughout the rest of the school year and into the Fall. Next week, the scouts will be handing out flyers explaining what foods we need. Please consider donating generously.

- 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.

Millions of Monicas

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Millions of Monicas will gather on **Jan. 24 from 9-10 am in rooms 210 & 211 at St. James the Apostle Church**.

Together, we will pray for our children in need of God's mercy, for those who have drifted from the Church, and for strength for those still faithful. Please bring your Rosary (we will have extras) and consider inviting a friend who would be blessed by joining us. We leave each gathering hopeful, encouraged, and strengthened for the week ahead.

In prayer, SusieQ 828-775-3345

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Behold
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Weekly Meditation

What It Means to Be a Parish Family

When we think of the word "family," we often picture parents, children, grandparents, and siblings—people bound together by love, shared history, and mutual care. But in the Catholic Church, we are called to be part of another kind of family: our parish family.

A parish is much more than just a building where we attend Mass. It is a spiritual home where we worship together, grow in faith, and support one another through every season of life. Like any family, a parish includes people of different backgrounds, ages, experiences, and vocations. But what unites us is our shared belief in Jesus Christ and our desire to follow Him as part of the Church.

Being part of a parish family means showing up—not just on Sundays, but for one another. It means praying together, volunteering together, grieving together, and celebrating together. It means lending a hand to someone in need, welcoming newcomers with warmth, and being patient with one another's imperfections. A parish family thrives when every member participates—whether by serving at the liturgy, teaching a class, joining a ministry, or simply offering a kind word in the pew.

In Scripture, St. Paul writes, "We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another" (Romans 12:5). This reminds us that each person brings something essential to the life of the parish. No role is too small; no voice is unimportant.

When we take seriously our role in the parish, something beautiful happens: we grow in love. And that love doesn't stay confined to church walls—it spills out into the wider community, becoming a light to others.

Let us remember that in our parish family of St. James the Apostle, we are brothers and sisters in Christ, walking together toward Heaven. Let's continue to pray, serve, and grow—together.

-Deacon Charles Iner



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...

John Virag	Mary Wagener
Peggy Woffard	Micah Carroll
Chris Willis	Hector Jordan
John and Christine Willis	Gabriele Patterson
	Candyce Pickering

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.



The Book Fair is Coming Soon!!



St. James Preschool will be hosting a Book Fair during the week of February 2, 2026! We invite all parish families to shop the Book Fair on the following dates/times:

Wednesday 2/4 – 5:30pm-6:30pm
Saturday 2/7 – 3:30-5:30pm
Sunday 2/8 – 9:30am-11:00am
Sunday 2/8 – 12:00-12:45pm
Sunday 2/8 – 4:30-5:00pm

Come shop before or after Mass! Aside from Books, there are many STEAM products available through the Book Fair.

Turtle Express Books offers affordable kits and hands-on products that stimulate curiosity and imagination for students of all ages!

Visit Room 200 in the Preschool/Religious Ed Building.

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN PRESENTS ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE 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.