

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Epiphany of the Lord



"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." -Mt 2:2

PARISH CONTACTS

STAFF

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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.stjamesapostlechurch.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.

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 Jan. 4

Monday

8:30 am Peggy Wofford *by Donna Waggoner*

Tuesday

8:30 am Valentine Walcott+ *by Joan Holmes*

Wednesday

4:00 pm Jeanne Jones+ *by Donna Waggoner*

6:30 pm Cosmo Kenton+ *by Daphne DeMills*

Thursday

8:30 am Bob Brady+ *by Ida Brady*

Friday

8:30 am Jessica Eke+ *by Maria Solomone*

Saturday

4:00 pm Elizabeth John+ *by Michelle St. Clair*

Sunday

8:30 am Ngoc & Ly Tran+ *by Tran and Penny Minh*

11:00 am Patricia Thomas+ *by Al Forez*

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 stjamesapostlechurch.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. 4

Monday

St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Little Flower Bible Study

There will be an organizational brunch meeting for all women who may be interested in reviving the Little Flower Bible Study on Friday, January 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. For additional information, please contact Tommye Thomas at tthomas2363@aol.com.



CCW Meeting

Our 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.



Epiphany Carol

By Thomas Merton

Flocks feed by darkness with a noise of whispers,
In the dry grass of pastures,
And lull the solemn night with their weak bells.

The little towns upon the rocky hills
Look down as meek as children:
Because they have seen come this holy time.

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than low
candlelight
Under the rafters of a barn:
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed
stable.

And O! Make holy music in the stars, you happy
angels.

You shepherds, gather on the hill.
Look up, you timid flocks, where the three kings
Are coming through the wintry trees;

While we unnumbered children of the wicked
centuries

Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars.



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.



Endowment Fund

"They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts." -Matthew 2:11a

Honoring the Lord with our gifts: Just as the Magi paid Jesus homage, you too can bring your gifts to the Lord. Make a gift to your parish in your will or estate plans and create your own Catholic legacy with the help of the Catholic Foundation. For more information, visit cfnga.org or call Juliet Greco at 404-497-9440.



St. James Religious Education



- 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!**
- Bonfire has been rescheduled for January 18th at 6pm.
- Confirmation and Sacrament Catch-Up! Parents, mandatory Confirmation classes start on Wednesday, Jan. 21 (6pm pizza, 6:30-7:30pm class) for all 2nd year Confirmation-eligible teens as well as those enrolled in OCIC. 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 youth minister.
- Just a reminder that Confirmation retreat registrations are due January 11, 2026. Please return forms and payment to Michelle in the youth ministry office. Confirmation registration and sponsor information is due January 25, 2026.

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.



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

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!

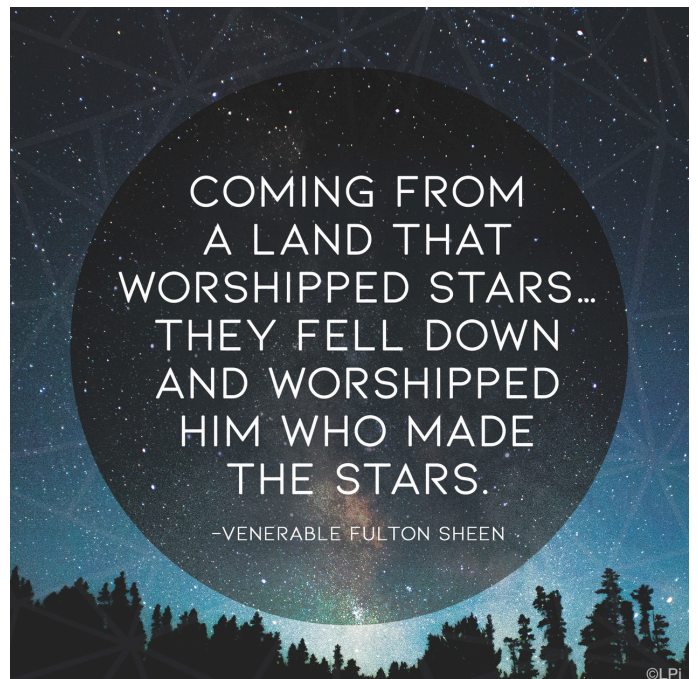
Zoom Meeting Details:

<https://tinyurl.com/2ampshec>
Meeting ID: 994 3448 2142
Passcode: 168975



COMING FROM
A LAND THAT
WORSHIPPED STARS...
THEY FELL DOWN
AND WORSHIPPED
HIM WHO MADE
THE STARS.

—VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN



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

New Beginnings wishes everyone a happy and blessed New Year!



SVdP

We would like to thank our St. James parish family once again for your generous outpouring of love this Christmas. Because of your kindness, we were able to deliver 94 beautifully wrapped presents to seniors living in Henry County Housing Authority communities. Each senior received two thoughtfully chosen gifts, lovingly wrapped by those who donated them.

The joy on their faces said it all. Many of these seniors live alone and face daily challenges, and your generosity reminded them that they are remembered and valued. These much-needed gifts brought comfort, dignity, and true Christmas joy. Thank you for helping us be the hands and heart of Christ in our community.



If you would like to learn more about our work or get involved, please join us for our next SVdP meeting on January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Quad Room. For more information, contact Linda Berkowitz at (404) 987-2843.

Make a New Year's Resolution to get more involved at St. James!

As we begin a new year, we invite you to take a fresh look at how you might grow more deeply connected to our parish family in 2026. St. James the Apostle is blessed with many vibrant ministries, each offering a unique way to serve, pray, learn, and build relationships within our community.

Whether you feel called to liturgy, service, faith formation, fellowship, or behind-the-scenes support, there is a place for you here. Getting involved is a beautiful way to share your gifts, deepen your faith, and help strengthen our parish. We encourage you to review the list of ministries and contact information included in this bulletin and take a prayerful step toward becoming more engaged in the life of St. James this year.

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 Feast of the Epiphany

St. Matthew tells us something easy to overlook but deeply important: after encountering the Christ Child, the Magi “went home by another way.” It’s a simple line, but it reveals the heart of the Epiphany.

The Magi came as seekers. They followed a star, trusting that God was drawing them somewhere beyond their own understanding. Their journey was marked by effort, risk, and persistence. When they finally arrived, they did not find a king in a palace, but a child in humility. And yet, they recognized Him. They knelt. They worshiped. They offered their gifts.

That encounter changed everything.

They could not return the same way they came—not just because of Herod’s threat, but because they themselves were no longer the same. Once you encounter Christ, the old routes no longer make sense. The old priorities lose their hold. The familiar paths no longer satisfy.

The Epiphany is not just about Christ being revealed to the nations; it is about what happens after that revelation. An authentic encounter with Jesus always calls for conversion. It demands movement. It invites change.

We often want an encounter with God that leaves our lives untouched. We want comfort without challenge, grace without transformation. But the Magi remind us that meeting Christ means going home differently—thinking differently, loving differently, choosing differently.

We may still return to the same jobs, families, and routines. But if we have truly encountered the Lord—especially in the Eucharist—we should not return unchanged. Our hearts should be softer. Our faith more intentional. Our courage stronger. Our generosity deeper.

The question the Epiphany places before us is simple but demanding: Have we truly encountered Christ—and if so, are we willing to go home by another way?

-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...

<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!



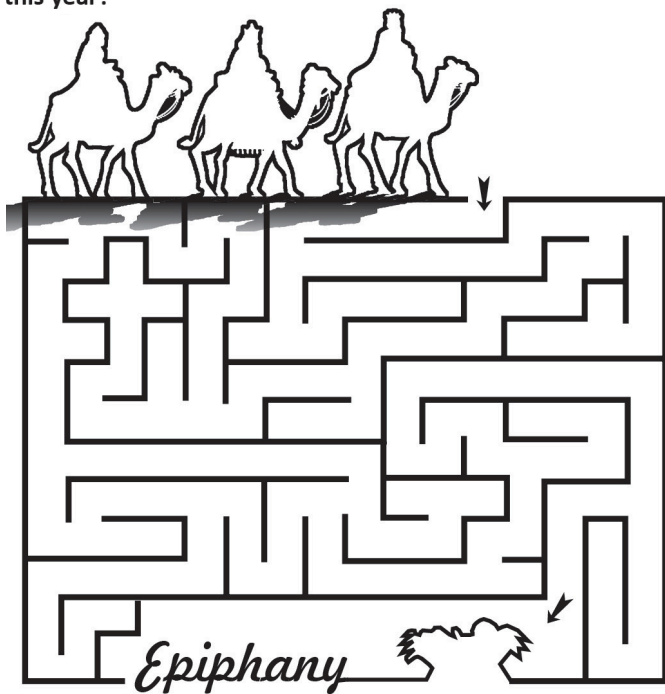
Pray the Rosary

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.

Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



ECHO

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

*A journey into the heart through
St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body*

APRIL 10-12, 2026
Lifeteen Camp Covecrest
Tiger, GA

FOR YOUNG ADULTS 19-35 YEARS OLD*