

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Mt 5:3

PARISH CONTACTS

STAFF

Tim Mitchell	<i>Business Manager</i>	ext. 102
Charles A. Iner	<i>Music Director</i>	ext. 111
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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
Vickie Spieth	<i>Preschool Director</i>	ext. 121
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, Feb. 3, from 7:15-8:30 PM.**

Topic: *Vocation Sacraments: Holy Orders/Matrimony*

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

Mass Intentions Week of Feb. 1

Monday

8:30 am Perkins Family+ by Bette Perkins

Tuesday

8:30 am William C. Bobolia+
by The Gordineer Family

Wednesday

8:30 am Fr. Liam Intentions
6:30 pm Fr. Liam Intentions

Thursday

8:30 am Willett Brice+
by The Robinson & Thomas Families

Friday

8:30 am Augustus Walcott+ by Joan Holmes

Saturday

4:00 pm Inez Perkins+ by Bette Perkins

Sunday

8:30 am Deacon Scott Major
11:00 am Glenn F. Buchanan+
by Veronica Buchanan

5:00 pm Maria Elena Gomez+
by Hans Reiter and Maria Gomez

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.

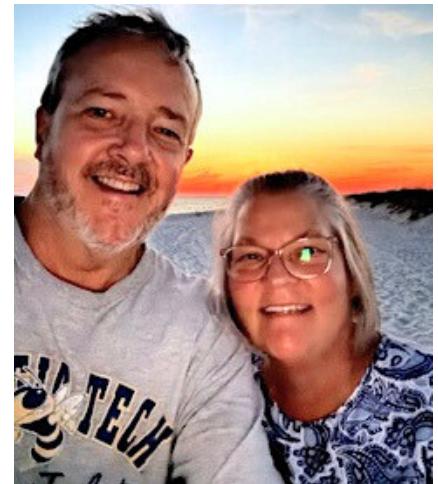


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I approach ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, February 7th, I would like to briefly introduce myself and my family to our parish community.

My name is Scott Major, and I have been married to my wife, Sandy, for 37 years. Sandy has been a constant source of faith, support, and encouragement throughout my diaconate formation, and I am deeply grateful for her generosity and love.

We are blessed with four children. Jacob and his wife, Jill, live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Hannah and her husband, Gary, live in Woodstock with our three grandchildren twins Gabriel and Troy (four-year-old twins), and Brooks (born January 5, 2026). Noah and his wife, Ava, live here in McDonough. Our youngest son, Isaac lives in Buckhead.



Sandy and I met and raised our children in Charlotte, North Carolina, where our family life and faith were deeply shaped by parish involvement and community. Those years formed us in ways we continue to be grateful for today.

Our faith journey has been enriched through many seasons of parish life, ministry, and service, and we are humbled by the support and prayers we have received from this community. As I prepare for ordination, my desire is to serve the people of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church wherever there is a need, under the guidance of our pastor, and in collaboration with our parish staff and parishioners.

I would love to invite everyone from the parish to the ordination Mass, but seating is limited. If you would like to watch the ordination Mass, it can be viewed live online on February 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM through the Archdiocese's website: <https://bit.ly/4szXemD>.



The first Mass that I will serve as a deacon will be at St. James the Apostle on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 4:00 PM. Following the Mass, there will be a reception and everyone is invited.

Please keep our family in your prayers as we enter this new chapter of service to the Church.

Your Servant in Christ,

R. Scott Major



St. James Religious Education

LIFE TEEN

- This **Wednesday, Feb. 4**, is the 2nd Confirmation Session for registered year 2 teens "Living in the Broken World" in the double room at 6pm for pizza and socializing, 6:30pm-7:30pm for the session. Next Pizza and Prayer is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 11 at 6pm.
- Please pray for our Confirmation teens as they prepare for retreat the weekend of Feb 13-15. THANK YOU!
- **Rite of Election** for teens preparing to be fully received into the Catholic Church at Easter is Feb. 21 at St. Phillip Benizi – we are meeting there at 9am.

EDGE

- Parents, please remember to return interest forms for attendance at the **"Holy Fire" Youth Conference** on **March 7** at Marist High School. Cost is \$45 per attendee. Thank you.

2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Serving more than one million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Atlanta exists to proclaim the Gospel and grow our region in faith, hope, love, and service. This year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal theme, "We are One Body in Christ —Called to Serve," reminds us that each of us plays a part in this shared mission. Your gift to the 2026 Appeal supports vital ministries in education, outreach, formation, and discipleship across our archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider your support. Those who have not yet given will have the opportunity to do so during the in-pew process next weekend.

To donate online: lifeofthechurch.com/donate or scan the QR code above.



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

Lost and Found

 Our Lost and Found is overflowing! If you are missing an item, please check the lost and found cabinet, which can be found under the TV in the hall. We would love to see belongings returned to their owners.

 Any items not claimed by the end of each month will be donated or discarded.



Readings & Observances Week of Feb. 1

Monday

The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-4

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-2

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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 February Calendar

January 31-February 1: Be sure to grab a flyer from the Scouts promoting their annual food drive after each Mass.

February 7 and 8: Please donate generously to Scouting America's Food Drive. Peanut butter (one-pound jars or Jiff to-go), boxes of saltine crackers, canned meats (especially chicken), and individual meals for kids (Mac N' Cheese, soups, Beanie-Weenies, SpaghettiOs, Chili, etc.) are needed, along with breakfasts and snacks.

Monday, February 9: We will be gathering in the parish hall to pack and deliver Food for Families. We begin at 10:00 am.

Monday, February 23: Because of the holiday, we will move our monthly meeting to the 4th Monday, February 23, at 2:00 pm in Rooms 212-213.

Saturday, February 28: We will gather to pack Grace Bags at 10:15 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 need food, or you know someone in need of food, please contact the above email or phone number.



St. Vincent de Paul

In January, we met with 26 neighbors in Henry County facing serious hardship. Seventeen needed help with rent to avoid eviction, and nine families were facing utility shutoffs. One young single mother with four children, including premature twins, had no electricity or water. We were able to pay her electric bill, provide \$70 in gift cards, arrange food delivery through New Beginnings, and connect her with additional county resources and Legal Aid. Your donations make all this possible!

Council of Catholic Women

Our next meeting for the Council of Catholic Women will be Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7 pm in Room 210. All Ladies of the Parish are invited. Please join us!

Parish Photo Directory

Don't forget to schedule your appointment to have a photo taken of your family for our new directory!

Photography sessions will be here at St. James on February 19-21 and March 19-21.

Signing up is easy!



- Visit www.ucdir.com
- Click the **red** button that says "Photography Session Signup"
- Enter Church Code: **GA245**
- Enter Password: **Church**
- Choose the date and time that works best for your family!

For those who would like help registering, volunteers will be available in the parish hall after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, 2/7, after the 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday, 2/8, and after the 8:30 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, 2/15.

Thank you for helping create a lasting record of the families who make St. James such a special place!

Weekly Meditation

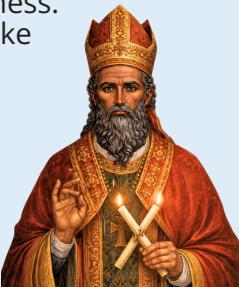
St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat, Explained

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.

On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

Join us for 8:30 am Mass on Tuesday to participate in this ancient tradition and have your throat blessed!

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Stewardship Report

Registered Families	1813
Offertory	
December 28	\$17,021
January 1	\$20,775
YTD Actual	\$483,045
YTD Budget	\$477,684
Percent Online Giving	39%
Archbishop's Appeal Goal	\$74,500
Received	\$83,269
Donors	201
Percentage received	117%
Camp for Hum Dev	\$1,768
Catholic Charities	\$1,750
Building Fund	
December 28	\$635
January 1	\$3,192
YTD Actual	\$52,040
YTD Budget	\$107,905

Pending Projects

- Dumpster enclosure
- Upgrade Holy Family Grotto
- Clean gutters

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 THIS WEEK! 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.

Thank You and Congratulations, Haven Garcia!



St. James Preschool would like to Thank and Congratulate parish member Haven Garcia of Troop 2027 on the completion of her Eagle Scout Project. Haven restored and repainted our Preschool garden beds. We appreciate all of her hard work! Please join us in praying for Haven as she prepares for her Eagle Scout board review.

