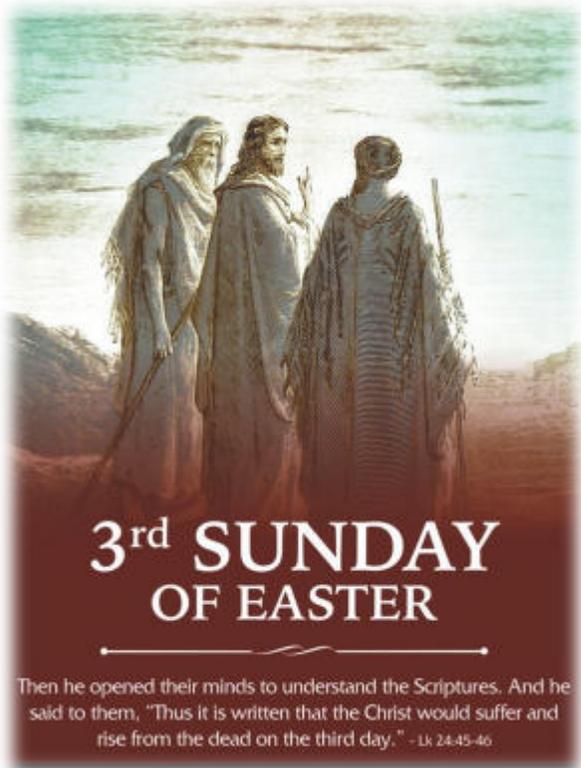


# St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

April 18, 2021



## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULES

### Weekends

Saturday 4pm,

Sunday 8am, 9:30am and 11am

*See our website for more information  
about attending mass at St. James*

9:30 Mass live-streamed to our YouTube page

[https://youtube.com/  
channel/UCuTFQ9y1liCRayeVaWm7uQ](https://youtube.com/channel/UCuTFQ9y1liCRayeVaWm7uQ)

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### Weekdays

Monday — Friday 8:30am

Wednesday 7pm

**\*\*No Saturday 8:30am Mass**

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6:00 — 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 — 10:00am

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 6:00pm — 7:00pm

### CRY ROOM" AVAILABILITY

Our "cry room" is available for use. To access the "cry room" you will need to enter through the doors in the church itself and NOT through the faith formation building. We are limiting access to that area as part of our COVID protocols.

**\*\*Please visit our website for PROTOCOLS regarding attending any functions at St. James.\*\***

Parish Office (770) 957-5441

Office hours:

Monday— Thursday 9:00am — 4:00pm

### Parish Staff

#### Clergy

Very Rev. Liam A. Coyne, V.F. ....ext. 105

Rev. Mr. Charles Iner, Deacon .....ext. 201

Msgr. Terry W. Young, Retired in Residence

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Email: [parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com)

<http://www.stjamesapostle.com>

## Readings for the Week

### April 19 to April 25

Monday: Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a, Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69  
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2,  
Jn 10:11-18

### Observances for the week of April 19

Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George, Martyr;  
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
Priest and Martyr





# Mass Intentions

**April 19 thru April 25**

Monday 8:30am Gloria Perkins-Butler+  
by Bette Perkins

Tuesday 8:30am John Faas+  
by Mark & Jenn Faas

Wednesday 8:30am Ginger Foshee+  
by Arlis & Diane Scarbrough  
7:00pm David & Katie Cawley  
by Tim & Alice Mitchell

Thursday 8:30am Alden LaMoy+  
by Knights of Columbus  
Holy Trinity Council 7601

Friday 8:30am Danny McMichael+  
by Knights of Columbus  
Holy Trinity Council 7601

Saturday 4:00pm Albert Allor+  
by Suzie Aruffo

Sunday 8:00am Lula Santha+  
by The Santha Family  
9:30am Our Parishioners  
11:00am Linda Quillen+  
by Kathy Simpson



Laura Alvarez, James Baker, Ron and Jan Banister, Angie Basista, Joseph Basista, Pat Beauregard, Lura Blankenship, Jacqueline Boshears, Ann Marie Callahan, Micah Carroll, Kathleen Cawley, Patrick Chesley, Jr., Ronald Christopher, Patricia Clark, Dudley A. DeCastro, Melanie Dunn, Wanda Ellis, Richard Everts, Vicki & Tom Farah, Vince Farah, Nikolas Fried, Michael Gillespie, Nancy Gillespie, John Glover, Rodger Hallam, Chuck Hargest, Sarah Hill, Lynn Hoffman, Madison Hoffman, Marty Huckaby, Connie John, Brenda Kent, Betty Kersey, Mike Lanasa, Joey Landon, Ron Lawrence, Hilda Lee, Latina Mason, Frank and Eunice McCarthy, Mason McCurdy, Maria McKinney, Elva Medrano, Tracy Miller, Cathy Moeller, Gary Moeller, Mott Family, Ray Mrozek, John Murray, Irene Neilson, Edna Norton, Diane M. O'Connor, Margarita Papadimitriou, Bette Perkins, Hope Prudenti, Maureen Richardson, Valerie Ryczek, Eleanor Sinagra, Dan Sitler, Francesa Soares, Lou Sposaro, Anita Lenortavage Tarreto, Kalani Tejedor, Mike Tittiger, Ruth Van Liere, Greg Virag, Trish Voorhees, Mary Wagener, Jean Washo, Michelle Witman, Peggy Wofford, George and Kathleen Zanebis.

*If you or a loved one is in the hospital, homebound or in an assisted living situation, please call the Parish Office to notify us.*



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the **family of James Callina** who passed away on March 31st. Jim was a member of our Knights of Columbus. The funeral was held Saturday, April 3rd in Fayetteville, GA.

Our sympathies are also extended to the **family of Glenn Buchanan** who passed away on March 31st. The funeral was held at St. James on April 8th.

## ∞ Congratulations ∞

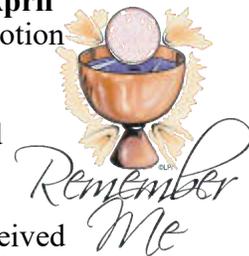
to the following individuals who received the Sacraments of Initiation and became full members of the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil:

Nichole Copley, Abigail Griffiths, Michael Iacopelli, Kimberly Iacopelli, Adrian Radulski, Nicolas Allen Renje, Shannon Stough, and Lauren Teknipp.

### Month of the Holy Eucharist

#### The month of April

is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. At the point in the Mass known as the consecration the priest, acting in persona Christi, will say *"This is my Body, which will be given up for you"* and *"This is my Blood..."*. These were the words of Our Savior when He turned the bread and wine at the Last Supper into His Body and Blood, and, **by the divine power of God in the priesthood, the bread and wine become Jesus Christ.**



The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist the "source and summit of our faith" (1324). It is in that moment when we receive the Eucharist that our soul is in ecstasy because Christ is truly in us. Jesus Christ loved us so much at the last Supper, even though He knew His death was near, He gave us the joy of being with Him eternally.

Clearly we need Jesus Christ as He is the **"...only way, truth, and life"**, and it is in the Most Holy Eucharist that the veil between Heaven and earth is the shortest and we receive Our Lord, Most High. We truly are living Our Savior's Command: **"Take and eat. This is my body"** (Matthew 26:26).

# This Week's Reflection...

Dear Parish Family,

It is wonderful to see so many of you returning to regular Sunday mass attendance. It is so good to have you join with us again. Thank you for all that you have done and given to support your parish throughout this difficult year.

The pandemic with its accompanying lockdown, restrictions, masks and everything else has made it challenging at times to identify those of you who are new to our parish. But to those of you who are new and have joined us over the last year, I offer you a big and heartfelt:

## **“Welcome!” (New Parishioners)**

It is with great joy that I welcome you - we all do. We are a vibrant, diverse and faith filled community that counts your joining us a great blessing. We want you to know that we are here for you in your transition and offer you our friendship, help and support. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to register with us. You can register online or through filling out a registration form. We are so happy that you have joined us, and that you now call St. James the Apostle - home.

## **Easter & Mary**

Have you ever wondered did Jesus appear to his mother – post resurrection? There is no account in the Gospels. St. Ignatius of Loyola (and St. P. John Paul II) also reflected upon this question. Ignatius considered it a matter of common sense, so much so that he captioned the chapter that addressed this topic as “Don’t be Stupid.” Mary is not named among the women who went to the tomb on Easter morning. Why didn’t she go? Maybe as Ignatius and St. John Paul propose – Jesus had already appeared to her. We can imagine with what great joy she welcomed and embraced her risen son. This is the joy of the resurrection, a joy that death nor suffering can never touch or tarnish again.

Wishing you every joy and blessing in this Easter Season and in the week ahead,  
Fr. Liam

## Sacramental Preparation & Information

**INFANT BAPTISM** Parents must be members of St. James for at least 3 months or have the pastor’s permission, and must attend our pre-Baptism class which is generally held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm. Please call the Parish Office to learn the requirements and policies of Baptism. After attending the class, please call to schedule your Baptism celebration. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the **first Saturday** of the month at 10:30 am, however there may be exceptions during certain times of the year.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Children in the second grade, and active in the Faith Formation program for two consecutive years, are eligible to enroll in the sacramental preparation program. Special preparation sessions for these two sacraments are held throughout the year before the reception of these sacraments. Contact: the Faith Formation office 770-957-5441 ext.108.

**CONFIRMATION** Preparation for this sacrament is coordinated through our Youth Ministry Office. Youth in the 10th grade or older, and active in the teen program of the parish for at least two consecutive years, will be eligible to register for Confirmation. Contact: Krissy Upcraft at 770-957-5441 ext. 110 for more information.

For Adult Confirmation preparation, contact Deacon Charles Iner at Charles @inerfamily.com or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.

**MARRIAGE** Couples considering marriage must contact a priest or deacon **at least six months before** the projected date and must attend a pre-marriage program.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Celebrated the second Saturday of the month following the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass, or please 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 in an assisted living situation, either temporarily or long term, please call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.** This must be arranged prior to any weekend Mass.

**PRAYER CHAIN** Contact: Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.

**PRAYER GROUP** Meets via ZOOM meeting. Please contact Leticia Richards (770-507-7377) to be provided with zoom invite and details.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Please contact the Parish Office.

**Donation is \$15.**

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD** Saturday: 9:00 - 10:00 am and Wednesday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm or by appointment.



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

For April 11, 2021

Offertory	\$19,777
YTD Offertory	\$691,779
Over/ (Under)	-\$120,349
Mortgage	\$5,789
YTD Mortgage	\$129,926
Over/ (Under)	-\$61,040
% Online Giving	45%
Phase III - Statues	\$59,680

# St. James Preschool

*"Growing a Heart for Jesus  
and a Love of Learning"*

## Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year has begun!

Our preschool classes are for children ages 1-4 years old (they must be that chronological age by September 1st). Registration forms and information are available on our website at [www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool](http://www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool).

For more information, please call (770) 957-5441 ext 121 or email the director at [plucas@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:plucas@stjamesapostle.com). You can also find additional information on our website at [www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool](http://www.stjamesapostle.com/preschool). We also have a Facebook page and Instagram!

### COVID PANDEMIC UPDATE

#### **DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS**

**\*\*The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for persons with health reasons or concerns remains in effect for all in the Archdiocese until further notice. Because of this, those wishing to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending any Mass any day of the week. The obligation to keep a holy Sabbath remains, and Catholics are reminded that, even while homebound, they are to devote themselves to, among other practices, personal prayer, meditation on the readings from the Sunday Mass and the making of a spiritual Communion.\*\***

Those who are at risk or concerned that they or their family might become sick should stay at home and view live-streamed or online Masses. We urge those who have serious health issues, who are most vulnerable, who are not feeling well, or who fear for their own health, to refrain from attending church during this time.\*\*

#### **LIVE STREAMED MASSES -**

St. James Sunday 9:30am: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCuTFQ9y1liCRayeVaWm7uQ>

Several parishes in the Archdiocese of Atlanta are offering televised masses. Go to the Archdiocese website/Covid -19 update/Spiritual Resources/List of masses livestreamed or broadcast.

#### **ST. JAMES WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Mass times** will be Saturday at 4 pm; Sunday Mass times are 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

**Weekday Mass times** will be 8:30 am Monday through Friday and at 7 pm Wednesdays. There will be no weekday Masses on Saturdays - only the Vigil Mass at 4PM will be offered.

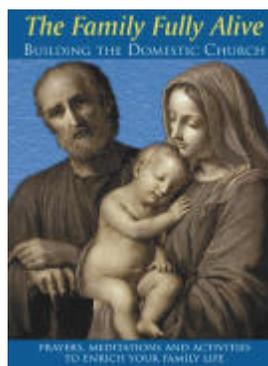
#### **PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS, CONFESSION OR ADORATION AT ST. JAMES:**

- + Take your temperature and avoid coming to church if your temperature is 99.6 or greater.
- + You must be wearing a mask to be permitted into the church. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK)**
- + Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more between individuals (households are considered one group.)
- + A mask is required to be worn during the reception of Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion will be in the hand only at this time.
- + **For Weekend Masses only:** Collections can be accepted in our offertory box in the middle aisle of the church, but we encourage everyone to make use of online giving. You can visit our website for more information about online giving.
- + For those who would feel more comfortable attending Mass in your car we will be broadcasting the audio of the Mass. When you park you will see instructions on how to dial into the audio broadcast. You will come to the courtyard overhang area to receive Holy Communion.



## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Novena

Remember your beloved mother, grandmother, or any special woman, living or deceased, with a Mother's Day "Spiritual Bouquet." The Mass Intentions for **Sunday, May 9th through May 17th** will be for mothers and significant women who have touched our lives. Envelopes to purchase a spiritual bouquet offering will be **available in the parish hall April 18th through May 2nd**. The offering envelopes will be placed on the Altar for all Masses May 9th through May 17th. Cost is \$10.



The Family Fully Alive program was launched in our parish in December. The Family Fully Alive program ask families to invite God into their homes and cultivate each family as a miniature domestic church. Each month a new theme, scripture readings and family activities are presented in the program booklet. For the month of April, the theme is *Mercy and Forgiveness*. The inner form of Christian familial love is mercy like God the Father who is "rich in mercy". Scripture readings for the month are Psalm 51: 3-6, 11-15. The family activity for the month – As a family go to church for the sacrament of reconciliation. A week later take a few moments to discuss how the sacrament has helped each of you to be more holy and to fight against temptation and sin. Additional booklets are available in the Parish hall.



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### The Knights of Columbus

will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** in the St. James parking lot on **April 25th** from 9am to 1pm. Please contact

Grand Knight **Larrie Garcia at 770-401-7284 or 7601gk@gmail.com** to sign up to donate and for more information concerning the Covid protocols and precautions for **donor safety**.



### Interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your full initiation into the Catholic faith?

Contact us by phone or email for an interview appointment. The interview assists us in how to best serve our Inquirers in the RCIA process.

Contact Deacon Charles Iner at [charles@inerfamily.com](mailto:charles@inerfamily.com) or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.

### JOB OPENING

St. James Catholic Church in McDonough, Ga is looking for a part time Business Manager. Applicant needs to have a bachelor's degree in business administration or a related field. Some experience in human resources, facilities management or financial administration is preferred. The position calls for sound interpersonal communication and organizational skills and an ability to relate effectively with others. The Business Manager is expected to share a personal commitment to the vision and mission of the Catholic Church and the parish of St. James. Please, send resume to Beckey Petty at [bstonecipher@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:bstonecipher@stjamesapostle.com).



### A request by the Knights of Columbus! In hopeful anticipation of a **Veteran's Day Celebration**

in November, we would like to know who our veterans are in our St. James Parish family. We want to celebrate your contributions to our country and would ask you to tell us your name, service, dates of service, foreign service and units in which you served. This information will be used for our celebration. Please email Kevin Gallagher at [Gallagherkf1@yahoo.com](mailto:Gallagherkf1@yahoo.com).



Volunteers are needed to help raise money to purchase dental equipment for the Hands of Hope Medical Clinic of Stockbridge which provides

the uninsured and the underserved exceptional dental and medical care. Our Knights of Columbus need volunteers to help with parking at two AMS events April 24th and 25th. **The money raised from parking will go to provide the much needed equipment for the clinic.** The Knights are trying to raise \$5000. To sign up see the links below.

#### For Supercross

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48AAAB2FA57-moto>

#### For Monster Jam

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48AAAB2FA57-monster>



### Divine Mercy Prayer Group

meets on Wednesdays via Zoom at 9:30am. The pass number for the Zoom meeting is 986-255-833. We meet weekly to delve deeper into the writings of St. Faustina.

Contact Janet Pignataro at 678-490-5272 for more information.



**What we are doing at St. James Life Teen!**

**April**  
Small Group Sessions the Week of April 11th .  
~In Person ONLY! - Sunday morning/ Sunday night/ Wednesday night  
This is our final Session for 2021!  
Wednesday Fun Night continues 6-7pm

**The Spring Retreat ~ April 17&18 ~**

**What we are doing!**  
We continue studying the Gospel of Matthew.  
You'll see below the scripture we prayed during Eucharistic Adoration last week.

**John 1:4-5, John 8:12, Matthew 5:13-16**



*Jesus came to shine light in our darkness. He leads us to follow him into the brightness of his light, then shine our light on the world! Are we open to the call? Do we recognize that when things are dark, could we be the light?*

It is of no advantage to be near the light if the eyes are closed. -St. Augustine

**Thank you and May God Bless you!**  
**Krissy Upcraft**

**[kupcraft@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:kupcraft@stjamesapostle.com) 770 957 5441 x110**

**Flocknote: text SJACC to 84576 and choose Life Teen**

**<https://stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com>  
Instagram:stjames\_lifeteen**



**Attention Faith Formation Families**

**I hope that everyone had a blessed Easter!**

Faith Formation has resumed its normally scheduled times as of today (**April 11<sup>th</sup>**.)

Also, I am happy to announce that **Vacation Bible School** will resume this year and will be in person from **June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**!

Please visit our website in order to register your children and or volunteer to help during the week.

Also, please continue to check your emails for reminders of all Faith Formation happenings.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

**[ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com](mailto:ebriidwell@stjamesapostle.com)**

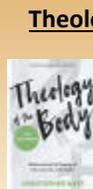
Thank you for your time and May God continue to bless you and your family always!

**Eric Bridwell**  
Director of Religious Education

**Please Join the St James Women's Book Club!**



**Unleashed by S. Corbett**  
Meets Tuesdays 6:00pm at St James.



**Theology of the Body for Beginners**  
by C. West Young Adults - Meets 6:15pm at Queen Bee Coffee

- ~ Books can be purchased on Amazon
- ~ Please be sure to sign up for the flock note

**Flocknote: text SJACC to 84576 and choose Women's Book club**

**NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY**

Easter is the time to remember the sacrifice by our Lord Jesus Christ and his unconditional love. Let us follow the rightful path shown to us by the Son of God. Happy Easter, dear parishioners! Thank you for all your generosity this past year!

The food pantry is in need of the following items: toilet paper, water toothbrushes, lotion, shampoo, hair conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream, chips, and single serve fruit cups. Pop-top cans and trial size toiletries work the best for our brothers and sisters in need. Any donations would be appreciated!

*Gospel Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Easter*

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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