

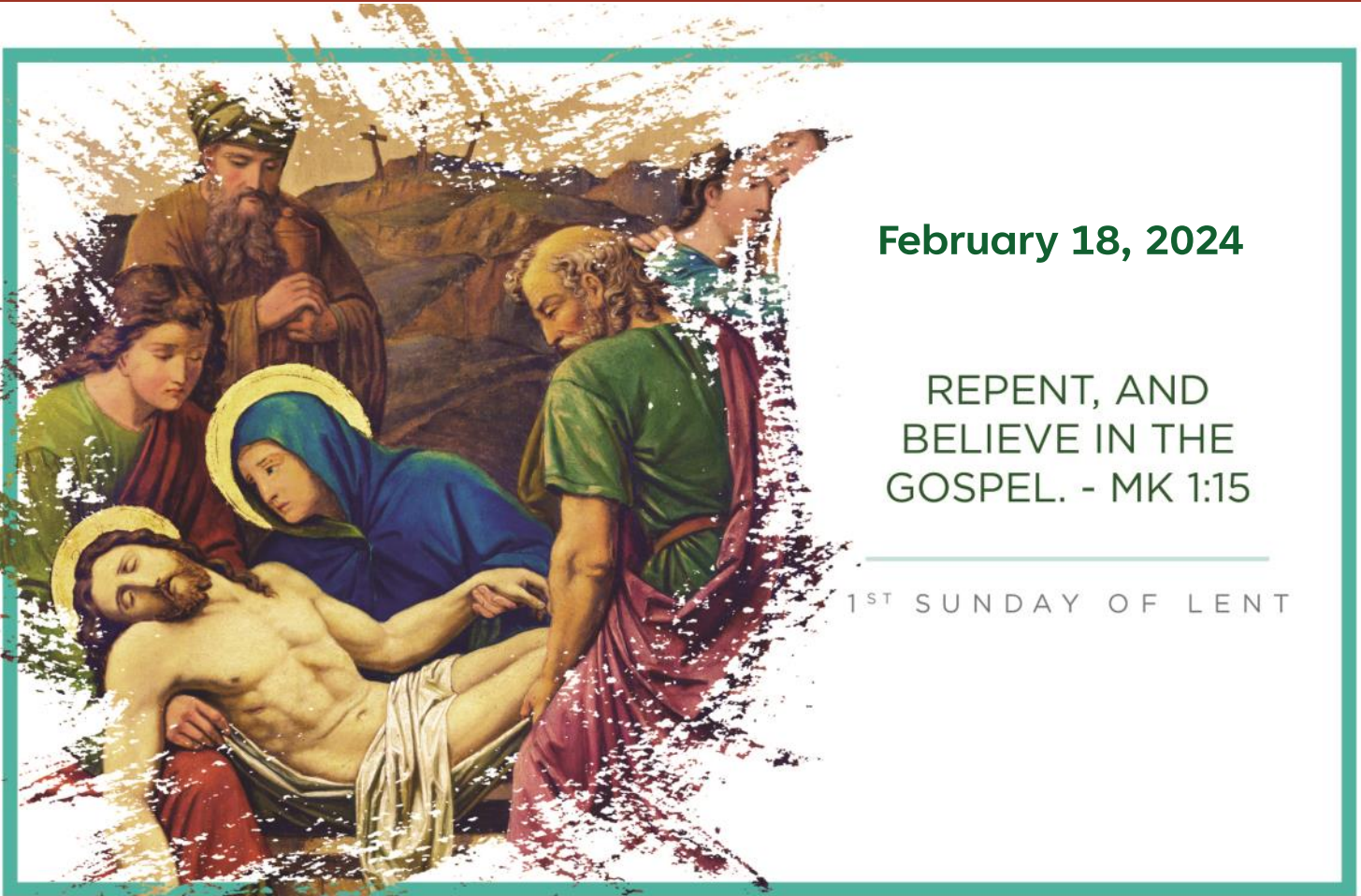


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Leading people to heaven with Christian hospitality and fostering Eucharistic Discipleship."

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



February 18, 2024

REPENT, AND
BELIEVE IN THE
GOSPEL. - MK 1:15

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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PASTOR - Father Ryan McCoy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:30PM

Monday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM, 7:00PM XLT | Adoration

Wednesday: 8:30AM

Thursday: 7:00AM and 12:00PM (Noon)

Friday: 8:30AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Convent Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00PM - 4:00PM or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here!

If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the new parishioner link. Registration forms can also be found in the back of the church.



Thanks to a generous parishioner - children's liturgy sheets are available in the back of the church. Please pick one up for your children to follow the readings of the Mass. They can be taken home.

The Little Black Book

The Little Black Book, which contains Lenten reflections, are available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

Please take one per family.

Mass Etiquette Tips

When the Gospel is about to be read, the deacon/priest says: "A reading from the holy Gospel according to _____"; and the faithful respond with "Glory to You, O Lord" making a small cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips and chest. We cross our forehead, so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips, so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. And, we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. So, the next time the Gospel is about to be proclaimed at Mass, as you're crossing yourself, pray, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart."



ATTENTION -

For the benefit of those who utilize the handicap parking spaces, do NOT park on or block access to the handicap ramp on the north-side entrance to the church.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar in the sanctuary. Although not used in the sanctuary, flowers may still be placed in front of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph altars. Please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Due to the rising cost of flowers, donations start at \$50 per altar and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Keep up with our parish happenings and stay updated on news and announcements:



Text SJCC to 57838

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 4:00PM on Monday.

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,
16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it *mean*?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— *Father John Muir*



“If I am distracted, Holy Communion helps me to become recollected. If opportunities are offered by each day to offend my God, I arm myself anew each day for the combat by the reception of the Eucharist. If I am in special need of light and prudence in order to discharge my burdensome duties, I draw nigh to my Savior and seek counsel and light from him.”

—St. Thomas More

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.
Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

Terry Barnes	Jean Crawford	Dianne Hurlbert	Kage Pickett
Hoshall Barrett	Fr. Joseph Dang	William Jordan	Joe Raspberry
Faith Black	Mimi Davis	Analyse Khalifeh	Etaw Robb
Thomas Blankenbaker	Nicholas James Davis	Sheena Khalifeh	Jim Roos
Jerry Boudreaux	Rose Dellenger	Doug Kirk	Barbara Russo
Susan Bourgeois	Elinor Donivan	Fr. George Kitchin	Doris Seymour
Debra Boyd	Jennifer Ellett	Roger Labit	Kathy Shankweiler
Hope Broadus	Spencer Ellett	Danny Lechner	Ralph Shankweiler
Jennifer Brown	Craig Elliott	Kathy Letaw	Jaclyn Simpson
Teresa Buckman	Rhett Fontonelle	Josie Lindsey	Josh Sniffen
Isabel Bullard	W.C. Fore	Carolyn McClellan	Julia Sterling
Charlotte Jean Buras	Ashley Hage	Tanya McClellan	Fr. Joseph Uko
Valerie Buras	Loretta Hahn	Karen McCoy	Bob Usey
Dick Chapin	David Harris	Msgr. James McGough	Alyssa Vega
Martha Chapin	Keleal Hassin	Beverly Moore	Cathy Crane Vick
Bernard Chevalier	Jessi Hebert	Pete Moran	Ferdie Walker
Dannie Chevalier	SSG. Eric Heitkamp	Elsa Mrazek	Kim Casano-Ware
Rhonda Clark	Louis Helwick	Lois Ann Necaise	Teresa Whiteside
Rose Mary Collins	Tom Hicks	Butch Oustalet	
Susan Cooper	Timmy Holliday	Libby Owen	

If you or anyone in your family is ill, at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit, please contact the parish office at 228-896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

SYMPATHY

The Saint James community wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:



Gladys Salvador

May she and all the souls of the faithful departed now share in Eternal Glory and may her loved ones receive God's consolation and peace.

A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

Lord, please hold our military and first responders in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17	
4:00PM	✠ Jenni Bourgeois
Sunday, February 18	
9:00AM	✠ George Schloegel
11:00AM	People of Saint James
5:30PM	✠ Linda Miller Sharp
Monday, February 19	
7:00AM	✠ Elise Harris
8:30AM	✠ Kathy Dibble
Tuesday, February 20	
6:00PM	✠ Terri Ruggieri
Wednesday, February 21	
8:30AM	✠ Joni Clark McDermott
Thursday, February 22	
7:00AM	✠ Helena Boudreau
12:00PM	✠ Gail Dickens
	✠ Joan Sample
Friday, February 23	
7:00AM	✠ Vincent Anthony Pisciotta
8:30AM	✠ Ann Edwards
Saturday, February 24	
4:00PM	✠ Rose Guenard
Deceased - ✠	Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🙏

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

February 19 - February 23

Monday, February 19

10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House
1:00PM	Bible Study, Raphael Room
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, February 20

7:00PM	XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church
7:00PM	OCIA, Raphael Room

Wednesday, February 21

7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM	Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
5:30PM	First Communion Prep, Raphael Room
6:00PM	Bible Study, Philomena House
6:30PM	Confirmation Prep, Bosco Room

February 26 - March 02

Monday, February 26

10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House
1:00PM	Bible Study, Raphael Room
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, February 27

9:00AM	H & F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM	XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church
7:00PM	OCIA, Raphael Room

Wednesday, February 28

7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM	Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
5:30PM	First Communion Prep, Raphael Room
6:00PM	Bible Study, Philomena House
6:30PM	Confirmation Prep, Bosco Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 17

4:00PM Frank Morton

Sunday, February 18

9:00AM Joey Beattie

11:00AM Eric Hosler

5:30PM Debby Weeks

Saturday, February 24

4:00PM Gaines Cleveland

Sunday, February 25

9:00AM Joey Beattie

11:00AM Ed Farrell

5:30PM Yolanda Edwards

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 17

4:00PM June Bounds, Ashley & George French and Connie O'Neal

Sunday, February 18

9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso, Gretchen Ellis and Linda Joffrion

11:00AM Alan & Julie Black, Carsen Centanni and Doc & Karen Rhodes

5:30PM Paul Correro, Yolanda Edwards, Joseph Herbert and Beverly Moore

Saturday, February 24

4:00PM Debbie Bazzone, Barbara Levine, Mary Pecoul and Josie Six

Sunday, February 25

9:00AM Carsen Centanni, Shirley Henderson, Bonnie Jacobs and Kate Spear

11:00AM Alex & Cara Karetas, Mary Ann Oberlies and Darlene & E. G. Warren

5:30PM Rachelle Cleveland, Deanne Goulet, Diana Holder and Butch Plitt

TREASURE

February 10/11, 2024

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$8,619
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$2,365
Weekly Total	\$10,984
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #33	\$575,631
YTD Budget-Week #33	\$620,664
YTD % of Budget	93%
Second Collection - St. Vincent de Paul Saint James Conference	\$1,355

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the Black & Indian Missions.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Family Life.

ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - **one** draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or **two** drafts to be made on the Monday following the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



Venmo donations may be made at @St_James_GPT.

Annual Contribution Statement



If you'd like to receive an annual contribution statement, please contact the Parish Office.

Please Help Us (Help You)

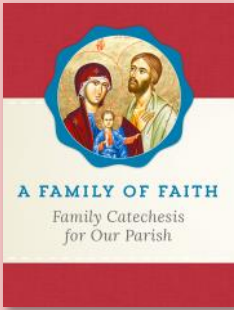
For record-keeping purposes, please consider the following when making monetary contributions to Saint James Catholic Church:

If using Venmo, please specify what the payment is for and notate whose name the contribution should be credited to in our records. Please ensure that you use the name under which you are registered in the parish. An envelope number can also be referenced.

If writing a check on a business account, please notate on the memo line the name under which you are registered or use your envelope number.

Following these requests will make certain that all contributions are captured and allocated to the proper account for accurate contribution statements.

FAITH FORMATION



A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

February Family Gathering
Sunday - February 18
12:00 - 1:30PM
Parish Center Gym
RSVP Required

Parents - If you were unable to attend the Catechetical Session, please stop by the parish office and pick up your February materials.

For more information, please contact Linda Hebert at lindahebert@saintjamescc.com



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sundays 6:30-8:00PM

Edge & LifeTeen Lenten Family Night

Teens - Your \$30 Food Fee is due for the Spring semester.

For more information, please contact
Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes
youthminister@saintjamescc.com

Save the Dates

First Reconciliation
6:00PM on February 26

First Holy Communion
Morning of Reflection
9:00 - 10:30AM on March 9

First Holy Communion
Sacramental Mass
1:00PM on April 14

More info: Contact Linda Hebert @ 228-297-5126



Lenten Family Night

All parish families are invited to
Saint J's Lenten Family Night
Sunday, February 18
6:45 - 8:00PM

CONFIRMATION PREP

February 21 | 6:30 - 8:00PM

Bosco Room

THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE DUE
AT THE NEXT CLASS:

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FORM
CONFIRMATION COVENANT
SPONSOR FORM
DRESS CODE FORM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
LINDA HEBERT @ 228-297-5126



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes are offered for those interested, baptized and unbaptized, in learning about the Catholic Faith and/or those cradle Catholics who have never been confirmed. OCIA meets on Tuesdays at 7:00PM in the Raphael Room. **For information, contact Deacon Henderson 228-209-6960.**



LENTĒN RESOURCES



LENTEN FASTING + ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Fasting: Catholics 18-59 years of age, who are in good health, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

Abstinence: All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity.

TIME, TALENT + TREASURE

Lent is not only a time for fasting and abstinence; it is also a time to do more or be more active in your Saint James Parish. Here are a few things you might consider doing during Lent:

TIME

- Pray the Rosary every day
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Go to confession
- Go to daily Mass
- Attend Stations of the Cross
- Sign up for the Couples Prayer Series

- Bring/encourage others to attend Mass
- Visit our Perpetual Adoration Chapel frequently

TALENT

- Take the Spiritual Gift Inventory
- Join one of our many ministries

TREASURE

- Donate to Operation Rice Bowl
- Donate food and drinks to our Saint J Youth Group
- Donate to the Catholic Sharing Appeal
- Donate a bag of food to our St. Vincent De Paul food bank

For more information on how you can do more this Lent, please contact the Parish Office (228-896-6059).
Spiritual Gift Inventory - disciple@saintjamescc.com

For donations: Saint J Youth Group youthminister@saintjamescc.com and SVDP stjamesvdp07@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE + OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRACE

Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 5:30PM

Confession is also available upon request & the Rosary is prayed daily.

Monday: 7:00AM & 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM

7:00PM XLT (**Adoration** with praise & worship) **Confession** available

Wednesday: 6:00AM (In the Adoration Chapel) & 8:30AM

Thursday: 7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon)

Friday: 7:00AM & 8:30AM

Saturday: 3:00PM **Confession** available before 4:00PM Mass

24/7 Spend time praying with our Lord in the **Perpetual Adoration Chapel**





LENT 2024 SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - THURSDAY, MARCH 28

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Journey on the sorrowful
Way of the Cross each week.

Fridays @ 2:00PM

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

Dinners will be available for eat-in or
take-out in the Saint James Parish
Center Gymnasium. Dinners are \$12.00.

March 8, 15 & 22 @ 5:00PM - 6:30PM

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Come and receive healing grace in the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Monday, March 11 @ 6:00PM

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint J Youth will present Live Stations of
the Cross in the Saint James Parish
Center Gymnasium.

Good Friday, March 29 @ 3:00PM



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Time spent in prayer is never wasted, however urgent the duties that press upon us from every side."

ADORERS NEEDED!

Tuesday 9:00PM - 10:00PM;

Friday 3:00AM - 4:00AM; and Saturday 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system.

If you can help or substitute with any hours, please call Ralph at 228-539-2434 or contact the Parish Office.

We Adore Him

Saint James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now offering enhanced adorer scheduling, substitute requests and more with this user-friendly program!

You can sign in or create your account using this easy QR onboarding code.



Just use your cell phone's camera app to scan the QR Code, then tap the yellow box that appears and follow the prompts!

Lectio Divina

The Sound of His Voice

Everyday Principles for Listening to God.

Have you ever wondered if God speaks to ordinary people? And, if so, how? This book outlines in simple language what everyone should know about hearing God's voice in the midst of everyday Christian living. This will be a small group study and meditation on scripture lead by Susan Dane.

For anyone who is interested, Lectio Divina is now meeting on Wednesdays from 3:15PM - 4:30PM in the Raphael Room.

ENJOY SINGING?

We need new choir members for our 11:00AM Sunday Mass. There is no commitment...just show up when you can! We practice at 10:30AM in the Parish Center's Raphael Room before Mass. It is not necessary to read music. We welcome 9th graders and up. Come help us spread God's love through the gift of song!



HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE



We challenge each family to bring at least one non-perishable item to Mass every week, and to place it in the "Food Drop Box" at the back of the church. When you are shopping and select your item for the poor, thank God for the ability to adequately provide for your own family; and pray for those less fortunate.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, baked/pork 'n' beans, Vienna sausages, canned fruit, bottled water, protein bars, crackers, dried beans, canned vegetables, rice and feminine items.

Open: Tuesdays 9:00AM - 11:45AM, Food & Financial Assistance Thursdays 10:00AM - 11:30AM, Food Assistance ONLY

If you would like an annual SVDP Contribution Statement, please contact the Parish Office.



HELP WANTED - WE NEED USHERS!



If you are looking for an easy way to participate more in the Mass, please consider becoming an Usher. There is a need for this important ministry at all weekend Masses. For more information, please scan this QR code or complete the contact form online @ www.saintjamescc.com/ushers or talk to an Usher today!



The Pray for a Priest Calendars (February 2024) are available in the back of the church.

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

MARRIAGE

For information regarding Marriage preparation, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059. Please do not choose a wedding date until you have contacted the Family Life Coordinator.

Please note: The Diocese of Biloxi requires that engaged couples should begin the Marriage Preparation process no less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. The next class will be February 17. For more information and to register, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

DID YOU KNOW?

When properly practiced, NFP (Natural Family Planning) can be up to 99% effective in postponing or avoiding pregnancy.

If you have questions or need further information about NFP, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.



If you or a loved one are homebound, or are hospitalized locally and would like to schedule a visit from Fr. Ryan, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

EVANGELIZATION NEWS

ITE AD JOSEPH

6:30 PM - 8:00PM
21 FEBRUARY

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S NIGHT

A night of food, fellowship and masculine spirituality.

RSVP is necessary to attend.

Scan our QR Code or Contact Chris Molino
to RSVP at evangelization@saintjamescc.com



www.saintjamescc.com/mens-night

"In Joseph... heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care."

Pope Leo XIII

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MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

Diocese of Biloxi

2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Our 2024 CSA Goal - \$96,039.00

This weekend, the CSA begins in the Diocese of Biloxi. As in the past, each of us will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church in the Diocese of Biloxi. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal provides essential operating support for those offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout the seventeen counties that comprise this diocese.

SAINT J YOUTH

50/50 RAFFLE

\$10/TICKET

POT STARTS AT \$2000

DRAWING EASTER SUNDAY
After 9:00 Mass

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR TEENS PAY FOR CONFERENCES

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This week on Formed:



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Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



NATIVITY BVM
CATHEDRAL PRESENTS

LENTEN LESSONS & REFLECTIONS

FEATURING JOHN STAINER'S
"CRUCIFIXION"

MARCH 9, 2024 - 3 PM

870 HOWARD AVENUE - BILOXI, MS
FOR MORE INFO -
terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

This is a powerful, deeply moving, spiritual program that will prepare the listener for the events and celebrations of Holy Week. The presentation will be given by a massed choir comprised of the Choral Societies of "Mobile Vocal Arts" of Mobile, Alabama and "Gloria In Excelsis" of Biloxi, Mississippi with soloists and a small chamber orchestral ensemble.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For those Hurting from
Abortion or Miscarriage

There is forgiveness, hope and peace after abortion. If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion or miscarriage, we can help. Please consider attending this faith-based, healing retreat. All faiths are welcome - Open to women and men.

Healing the pain of abortion,
one weekend at a time.

Date: April 5-7, 2024

Price: \$195/person (Financial Assistance Available)

Facilitators: Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann

Priest Facilitator: Fr. Robert Cavalier

To register or for more information, contact the
retreat facilitators:

Pam Richard - (504) 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net

Donna Scheuermann - (504) 258-9183 or donnas@1791.com

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Facebook facebook.com/rvrNOLA

Take courage. He is calling you!

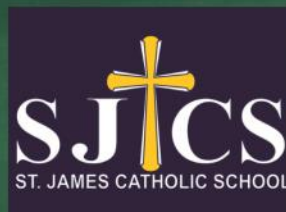
SCHOOL NEWS

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LOVE  **START YOUR YEAR OFF
ON THE RIGHT FOOT**
Support Us With Your Shoes!

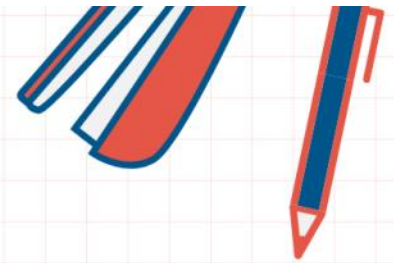
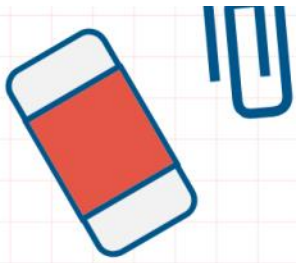
Help us raise funds by donating your gently
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TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents are responsible before God to choose appropriate schooling for each of their children. Our task, as a parish community, is to assist parents as best we can with the tools they need to raise their children as good Catholics. Each year, our parish is assessed a certain percentage of our Sunday collection to be allocated to our local Catholic schools, St. James Catholic School and St. Patrick Catholic High School. As such, Saint James Parish has money set aside in the 2024/2025 budget for our registered contributing families to help with Catholic elementary and high school tuition costs.

At Saint James, our policy is also to set aside a proportional amount to support our faith formation programs for parents who choose public schools or home schooling for their children.

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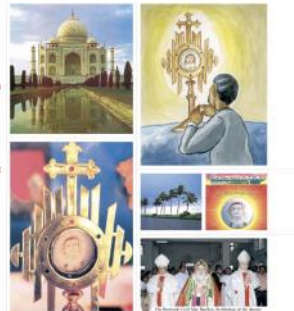
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Eucharistic Miracle of CHIRATTAKONAM



On May 5, 2001, the Holy Eucharist, placed on the altar of the church of Chirattakonam, in the diocese of Tiruvandam, India, on the feast of the Ascension, on the 5th of May, 2001, at the parish church of the Holy Spirit, in Tiruvandam, India, was consecrated by the Bishop of Tiruvandam, His Beatitude Cyril Mar Basilio, Archbishop of the diocese of Tiruvandam. At the moment of the consecration, a miracle occurred. The Holy Eucharist, placed on the altar, appeared to be a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. His Beatitude Cyril Mar Basilio, Archbishop of the diocese of Tiruvandam, wrote regarding this miracle: "[...] For us we have seen we have seen. If our Lord is speaking to us by giving us this sign, it certainly needs a response from us." The miracle containing the miraculous Host is to this day kept in the church.

Remember to pray for our seminarians, especially Chris Collins.



VOCATION PRAYER

Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest, has told us that the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

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