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SAINT JAMES

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



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 | Adoratic Wednesday: 8:30AM Thursday: 7:00AM and 12:00PM (Noon) Friday: 8:30AM

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PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT In the Convent Chapel

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

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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.



Remember to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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.

### **Mass Etiquette Tips**

During Mass, we assume different postures and are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass. As a sign of adoration, we genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Many people also make the Sign of the Cross as they bend their knee. Traditionally, Catholics genuflect on entering and leaving the church if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the church. At the beginning and conclusion of the Mass, the priest and deacon(s) genuflect to the tabernacle on entering and leaving the sanctuary. Others (commentators, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, etc.) who enter and leave the sanctuary should also genuflect or make a profound bow. The priest also genuflects in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the people after the consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are accepting donations for sanctuary flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in front of the altar for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Due to the rising cost of flowers, donations now start at \$100 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.

### **PRAYER & MEDITATION**

## Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

### Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

### Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

### Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Lk 19:41-44

### Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

### Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/ Lk 20:27-40

### Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



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### **Gospel Meditation** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our *possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ©LPi

### PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"Never of your own will deprive yourself of Communion, because you do not know if that Communion might be the very time when God has determined to give you some grace and particular gift."

- St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### o 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.

Rita Bailey	Rose Dellenger	Josie Lindsey	Jaclyn Simpson
Terry Barnes	Elinor Donivan	Mike Martin	Georgeanna Baker
Hoshall Barrett	George Donivan	Carolyn McClellan	Sincavage
Thomas Blankenbaker	Jennifer Ellett	Tanya McClellan	Josh Sniffen
Jerry Boudreaux	Spencer Ellett	Karen McCoy	Julia Sterling
Debra Boyd	W.C. Fore	Msgr. James McGough	Fr. Joseph Uko
Hope Broadus	Loretta Hahn	Beverly Moore	Bob Usey
Teresa Buckman	David Harris	Pete Moran	Alyssa Vega
Isabel Bullard	Keleal Hassin	Elsa Mrazek	Ferdie Walker
Charlotte Jean Buras	Jessi Hebert	Albert Necaise	Kim Casono Ware
Valerie Buras	SSG. Eric Heitkamp	Lois Ann Necaise	Teresa Whiteside
Dick Chapin	Louis Helwick	Butch Oustalet	
Martha Chapin	Tom Hicks	Libby Owen	
Bernard Chevalier	Paula Hire	Etaw Robb	
Dannie Chevalier	Timmy Holliday	Jim Roos	
Rhonda Clark	Dianne Hurlbert	Barbara Russo	
Susan Cooper	Sheena Khalifeh	Gladys Salvador	
Jean Crawford	Doug Kirk	Joan Sample	
Fr. Joseph Dang	Fr. George Kitchin	Kathy Shankweiler	
Mimi Davis	Danny Lechner	Ralph Shankweiler	

### **SYMPATHY**

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



Candy Darling, Brian Howard, and Danny Lowther

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed now share in Eternal Glory and may their 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.

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 hospit and provide a room number.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18			
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Sunday, November 19			
9:00AM	🕆 David Rieman	n	
11:00AM	People of Saint	James	
5:30PM	✤Emmitt Thame	es	
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8:30AM		n Finnegan	
Tuesday, November 21			
6:00PM	♥Fr. Joseph Uko	)	
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8:30AM		I	
Thursday, November 23			
9:00AM		Fore	
Friday, November 24			
8:30AM	Communion Ser	rvice	
Saturday, November 25			
4:00PM	⊕Alan Nguyen		
Deceased - 🕆	Healing -♥	Special Intention - 🌄	

### **TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS**

	<u>November 20 - November 25</u>		
Monday, Novem	Monday, November 20		
9:00AM	Lectio Divina, Raphael Room		
9:45AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House		
6:30PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room		
<u>Tuesday, Novem</u>	<u>ıber 21</u>		
6:00PM	Saint J Youth Bible Study, Bosco Room		
7:00PM	R.C.I.A., Raphael Room		
7:00PM	XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church		
Wednesday, No	Wednesday, November 22		
7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room		
	<u>November 27 - December 02</u>		
Monday, Noven	Monday, November 27		
9:00AM	Lectio Divina, Raphael Room		
9:45AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House		
6:30PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room		
Tuesday, Novem	<u>Tuesday, November 28</u>		
8:30AM	H&F Card Game, Philomena House		

Monday, November 27			
9:00AM	Lectio Divina, Raphael Room		
9:45AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House		
6:30PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room		
<u>Tuesday, November 28</u>			
8:30AM	H&F Card Game, Philomena House		
6:00PM	Saint J Youth Bible Study, Bosco Room		
7:00PM	R.C.I.A., Raphael Room		
7:00PM	XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church		
Wednesday, November 29			
7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room		
5:30PM	Sacramental Prep, Raphael Room		

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 18				
4:00PM	Macky Dominguez			
Sunday, November 19				
9:00AM	Tom Collins			
11:00AM	Matthew Schloegel			
5:30PM	Carol Ann Hartery			
Saturday, November 25				
4:00PM	Chuck Bridley			
Sunday, November 26				
9:00AM	Chris Spear			
11:00AM	Eric Hosler			
5:30PM	Debby Weeks			

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

### Saturday, November 18 4:00PM June Bounds, Ashley & George French and Connie O'Neal Sunday, November 19 9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso, Gretchen Ellis and Linda Joffrion 11:00AM Alan & Julie Black, Carsen Centanni and Doc & Karen Rhodes 5:30PM Yolanda Edwards, Ashlie & Joseph Herbert and Stephen Oberlies Saturday, November 25 4:00PM Debbie Bazzone, Barbara Levine, Mary Pecoul and Josie Six Sunday, November 26 9:00AM Carsen Centanni, Shirley Henderson, Bonnie Jacobs and Kate Spear 11:00AM Alex & Cara Karetas, Darlene & E.G. Warren and Debby Weeks 5:30PM Rachelle Cleveland, Deanne Goulet, **Diana Holder and Butch Plitt**

### TREASURE

### November 11/12, 2023

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$12,015
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$1,120
Weekly Total	\$13,135
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #20	\$318,933
YTD Budget-Week #20	\$376,133
YTD % of Budget	84%
Second Collection - Altar Society	\$1,293

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the Campaign for Human Development. Next weekend's second collection will be for the Pro-Life Billboard Initiative.

### ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - <u>one</u> draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or <u>two</u> 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.

### 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.

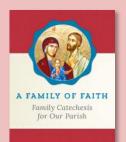
If writing a check on a business account, please notate on the memo line the name under which you are registered or use your envelope number.

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

## Flowers

The altar flowers were donated by Debbie Cothern in memory of Glen Cothern, Marie Cothern and Pat Richards, family members who celebrated November birthdays.

### FAITH FORMATION



### A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

December Catechetical Session Wednesday, December 06 5:45-7:15PM Raphael Room

Our December Family Gathering will be Sunday, December 12, in the Parish Center Gym.

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



### SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12 Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

### Edge & LifeTeen Thanksgiving Service Project Parish Center Gym

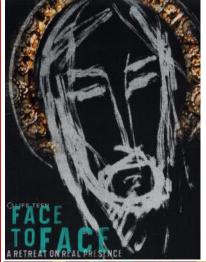
For more information, please contact Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes youthminister@saintjamescc.com



## CONFIRMATION

Parents of 11th and 12th Graders to be Confirmed this Year - if you missed the Confirmation Info Session on October 23, please contact Linda Hebert for details on upcoming sacramental prep.

Linda Hebert @ 228-896-6059 or lindahebert@saintjamescc.com



### **Registration Open**

Face to Face: Saint J LifeTeen Retreat

December 09-10

Paul B. Johnson State Park Hattiesburg

Personal Transportation

\$70 Retreat Fee



### YOUTH MINISTRY'S BOUNTIFUL BAGS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Pre-reserved Thanksgiving Dinner Bags may be picked up in the Parish Office from 9:00AM - 2:00PM on Tuesday, November 21.

## RCA

RCIA (Rite 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. RCIA meets on Tuesdays at 7:00PM in the Raphael Room. For information, contact Deacon Henderson 228-209-6960.

# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

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## TAKE A PHOTO WITH SANTA, MAKE REINDEER FOOD, & WRITE YOUR LETTER TO SEND TO THE NORTH POLE!

TICKETS ARE \$10\*





\*PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CHRISTMAS TEACHER BONUS FUND. PANCAKE MENU TO BE ANNOUNCED.

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### **ADORERS NEEDED!**

### Monday 12:00PM(Noon) - 1:00PM; Wednesday 4:00PM - 5:00PM;

and Friday 3:00AM - 4:00AM and 4:00AM - 5:00AM

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.

### HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

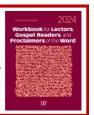
Our food bank is very low, so we challenge each family to bring at



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.

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

Attention Lectors - There are limited copies of the 2024 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word available in the Sacristy.



### **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 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!



### AMAZING GLAZE

### Amazing Glaze Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve donuts after the 9:00AM Mass

As a volunteer, you will be responsible for picking up donuts (pre-paid) from Krispy Kreme on Hwy 49. You will set-up tables & chairs, make coffee, pour Sunny D, and put out the donuts. You will then put up the tables & chairs and clean up.

Please contact Susanne Chandler for more details: 228-596-5373 or shc0138@yahoo.com

Please choose from this list of dates if you are available to

be a volunteer.

## Nov 26 Dec 10 Dec 24 Dec 01 Dec 17 Dec 31



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 Mondays from 9:00AM - 10:30AM (following the 8:30AM Mass) in the Raphael Room .

### CALLING ALL USHERS!



We're needing to update the current usher roster with your phone number and email. Please call or text Rob Vivian at (228) 669-3988 with your info OR scan the QR code and complete the online form. You can also visit the website at www.saintjamescc.com/ushers. THANK YOU for Ushering!



### FAMILY LIFE NEWS

For information regarding sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage, please contact Mara Russo at <u>FLC@saintjamescc.com</u> or 228-896-6059.

<u>Please note:</u> 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.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



In observance of Thanksgiving, our Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24. We will reopen Monday, November 27.





There are only two weeks left in our liturgical year. The first Sunday of Advent is December 03; so it's time to begin making plans on how we'll prepare our hearts and homes for the Feast of Christmas. Resources can be found at: https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgicalyear/advent

### 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

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Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00AM

November 23

There will be no 7:00AM Mass.



### The Little Blue Books are Returning

Copies of *The Little Blue Book,* which contain Advent & Christmas reflections, will be available next weekend.

Thanksgiving Thanks

Father Ryan, Deacon Henderson, Deacon Conason and the Office Staff hope you enjoy celebrating the holiday with family and friends.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

### **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.



### FORMED







### This Week on FORMED — (November 20, 2023)

Monday (Nov 20th) - <u>What is Prayer? | Adventure Catechism</u>

Tuesday (Nov 21st) - Feast of the Presentation of Mary

- <u>Our Mother Mary</u>
- <u>Mary of Nazareth</u>
- Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family

Wednesday (Nov 22nd) - St. Cecilia - Ode to Saint Cecilia Thursday (Nov 23rd) - Pope St. Clement; Columbian ArchBishop Bl. Miguel Pro

- St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints
- <u>Martyrs and Monastics</u>
- <u>Attack on Religious Liberty: Battle for the Faith in</u> <u>Mexico by Patrick Madrid</u>

Friday (Nov 24th) - St. Andrew Dunglac and Companions - <u>Pope John Paul II</u>

Saturday (Nov 25th) - St. Catherine of Alexandria - <u>Why All Mothers Are Philosophers</u>

### Cemetery Surveillance System & Tree Trimming

Due to the ongoing vandalism at our cemetery, a security surveillance system monitored by the Gulfport Police Dept. is necessary. Father Ryan is seeking donations to help cover the cost associated with the installation. Please consider making a donation to protect our deceased loved ones.



PRESENTED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI

### JULY 17TH -21ST 2024

View our available packages below:

\*Only 225 tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis!

#### CONGRESS PACKAGE BY BUS 6 NIGHT:

JULY 16 - 22

JULY 16 -1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN

JULY 17-21 INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL

JULY 22 - 1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN

**TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:** 

Luxury Coach

#### FEATURES INCLUDED:

#### CONVENTION EVENT PASS

Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,900 Per Person Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,700 Per Person Single Occupancy: \$2,600

#### CONGRESS PACKAGE BY AIR 4 NIGHT:

JULY 17 - 21

4 NIGHTS INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL - 4\*

#### **TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:**

Roundtrip Airfare from Gulfport, MS\*

Roundtrip transfers in Indianapolis

#### FEATURES INCLUDE:

#### CONVENTION EVENT PASS

Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,800 Per Person Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,600 Per Person Single Occupancy: \$2,300

### For More Information

Vist our website caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour

Or

**Email Paula Spears** Eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com

### To view this week's Eucharistic Miracle please go to our website (www.saintjamescc.com) or scan the QR code below:





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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.

We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women, Dedicated Married couples and Committed Single persons. Help us to follow Christ faithfully and to answer the call to holiness and discipleship.

We ask this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

MOST REVEREND LOUIS F. KIHNEMAN, III BISHOP OF BILOXI



