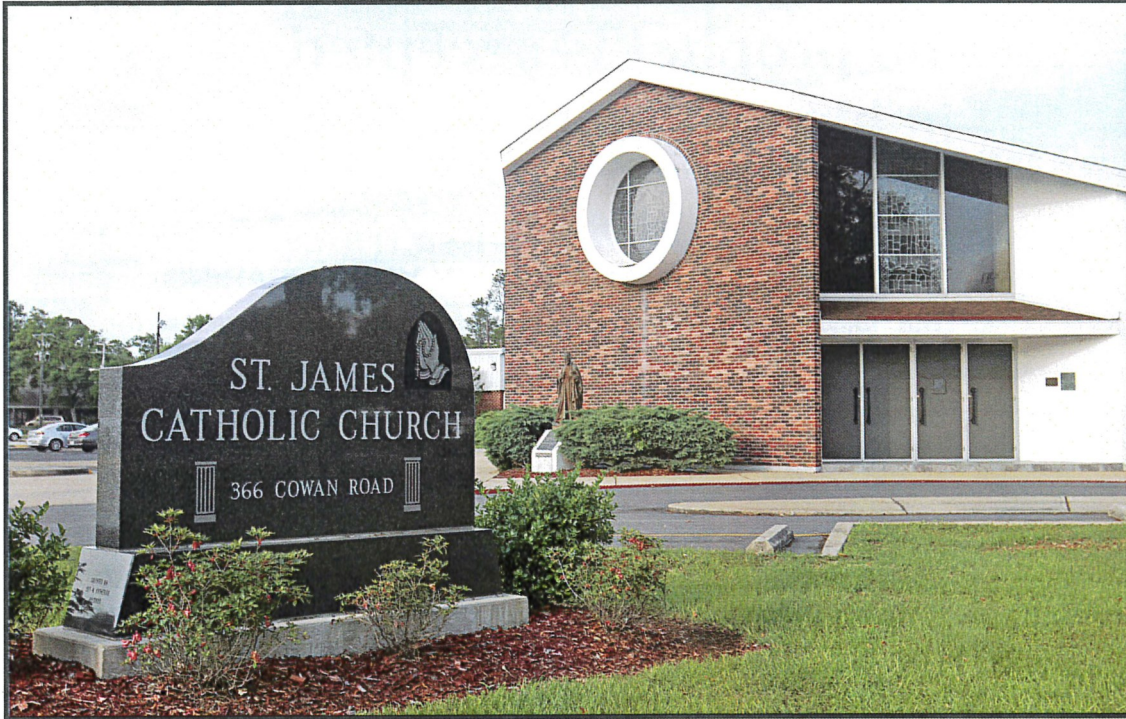


# Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God in the Octave of Christmas January 1, 2023



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## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM  
SUNDAY: 9:00 & 11:00AM, 5:30PM  
MONDAY: 7:00 & 8:30AM  
TUESDAY: 6:00PM  
7:00PM (XLT Praise & Worship)  
8:30AM  
WEDNESDAY: 8:30AM  
THURSDAY: 7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon)  
FRIDAY: 8:30AM

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## CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:00 PM

CONFESSION BEFORE & AFTER EACH  
MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT

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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 @ 896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

## SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES

**K.C.'S** - 1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00PM

**ST VINCENT de PAUL** - Quarterly Meetings

**RCIA** - Wednesday 7:00PM, in the Church

**LEGION OF MARY** - Monday 9:30AM

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY** - 1st Thursday 1:00PM

**USHER SOCIETY** - 4 times a year, plus meetings two weeks before Easter & Christmas.

**\*If you are interested in any of the above, please call the Parish Office for more detail**

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:**

**9:00AM Mass on Sundays**  
(Must attend rehearsal 8:30AM in Parish Center)

### **ADULT CHOIR:**

**4:00PM Saturday** (Practice at 3:00PM in Parish Center)

**11:00AM Sunday** (Practice at 10:30AM in Parish Center)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** All announcements for the bulletin must be received in the Parish Office in writing by Monday noon.

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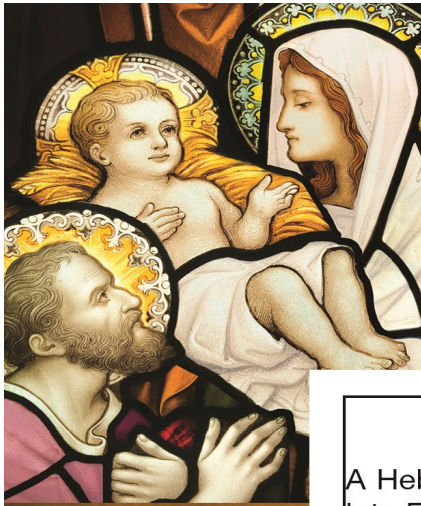
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The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found  
**MARY AND JOSEPH,  
AND THE INFANT  
LYING IN THE MANGER.**

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### SHALOM

A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is *shalom*, commonly translated into English as “peace.” However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that. As a matter of fact, when the blessing in today’s first reading concludes with *shalom*, it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: *shalom* is God’s wholeness, well-being, longevity, harmony, as well as God’s peace. Perhaps Mary prayed this blessing while she found herself in the midst of angels, shepherds, and—quite likely, thanks to the shepherds—inquisitive neighbors who had been told of the wondrous birth. Perhaps she prayed for God’s *shalom* not only for herself, but also for her child as she reflected on his birth. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we can likewise pray this blessing, with Mary as our example, pondering the mysteries of Christ in our hearts, praying for the richness, depth, and breadth of God’s *shalom*.

### MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

### GOD THE CAREGIVER

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary’s face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God’s face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call “full of grace.” At the conclusion of the blessing in today’s first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God’s *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Numbers 6:22–27  
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8  
Galatians 4:4–7  
Luke 2:16–21

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**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) or Josie Six (301-751-2988). Donations start at \$75 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

# MASSSES for the Week

## MASSSES: DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 07

Sat.	4:00PM	✠Rose Guneard
Sun.	9:00AM	✠Ronald Fournier
	11:00AM	People of Saint James
	5:30PM	✠Adriene Conwill
Mon.	7:00AM	✠Myra Sandidge
	8:30AM	✠Corinne Bontemps
Tue.	6:00PM	✠Betty Gallegher
Wed.	8:30AM	✠Adriene Conwill
Thur.	7:00AM	✠Talmon Vice
	12:00PM	✠Patricia Weatherly Graves
Fri.	8:30AM	✠Christopher Bruni
Sat.	4:00PM	✠Shane Rogers

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

### December 31/ January 1

Sat.	4:00PM	Macky Dominguez
Sun.	9:00AM	Emerson Morris
	11:00AM	Matthew Schloegel
	5:30PM	Yolanda Edwards



### January 7/ January 8

Sat.	4:00PM	Chuck Bridley
Sun.	9:00AM	Chris Spear
	11:00AM	Erik Hosler
	5:30PM	Michelle Pisciotta

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE



### December 31/January 1

Sat.	4:00PM	Mary Pecoul and Barbara Levine
Sun.	9:00AM	Shirley Henderson and (1) Volunteer needed
Sun.	11:00AM	Roberta & Erik Hosler
Sun.	5:30PM	(2) Volunteers needed

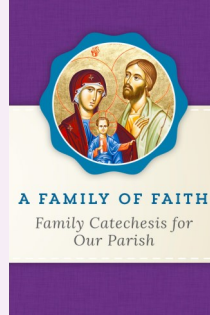
### January 7/January 8

Sat.	4:00PM	Mary Pecoul, Connie Pucheu, Barbara Levine and Linda Randolph
Sun.	9:00AM	Linda Joffrion, Gretchen Ellis and Bonnie & Gene Jacobs
Sun.	11:00AM	Darlene & EG Warren and Karen & Doc Rhodes
Sun.	5:30PM	Diana Holder, Ann Vitosky, Gia Alley and Lauren Croal

## FAITH FORMATION

Linda Hebert - lindahebert@saintjameschurchms.com

## JANUARY CATECHETICAL GATHERING



For those participating in a Family of Faith, our next Catechetical Gathering is on Wednesday, January 4. 5:45PM - 7:15PM  
Saint James Catholic School

First Communion Class will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

## SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sarah Rhodes & Bridgett Bermond  
youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com

Saint J Youth resumes on Sunday, January 8, with a blacklight dodgeball tourney. We look forward to seeing you next week in the Parish Center Gym.

## 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.



## SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent DePaul - Saint James Conference. Next weekend's second collection will be for Aged and Infirm Priests.

## TREASURE



December 24/25

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory via mail/collection basket.....	\$19,135
Sunday Offertory via ACH/on-line giving.....	\$1265
Weekly Total.....	\$20,400
Weekly Budget (amount needed).....	\$16,560
YTD Actual-Week #26 .....	\$451,382
YTD Budget-Week #26 .....	\$430,560
YTD % of Budget.....	105%
2nd Collection - Pro-Life Billboard Ministry.....	\$1,597



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rita Bailey, Faith Black, Jerry Boudreaux, Joan Boudreaux, Tina Bradshaw, Hope Broadus, Sonia Bucman, Isabel Bullard, Charlotte Jean Buras, Joan Burwell, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard Chevalier, Dannie Chevalier, Nick Christovich, Rhonda Clark, Andrew Cooper, Ashley Garrett Couture, Jean Crawford, Jason Creel, Mimi Davis, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Kathy Dufrene, Shellie Ely, W.C. Fore, Gene Gaddy, Joseph Neil Gilly, Roberta Lechner, Loretta Hahn, Jessi Hebert, Louis Helwick, Stephanie Hennessey, Whitney Henriquez, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Timmy Holliday, Taylor Hopwood, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Gertrude Johnson, Mary Johnson, William Joyce, Allison Kane, Sheena Khalifeh, Doug Kirk, Fr. George Kitchin, Marvin Koury, Brenda Landrum, Josie Lindsey, Chuck Loftis, Don Marsh, Lily McCabe, Carolyn McClellan, Tanya McClellan, Karen McCoy, Mary McCusker, Steve McDaniel, Msgr. James McGough, Carolyn Messer, Braleigh Moak, Buddy Moore, Richard Moran, LuLu Mount, Ethelyn Mazingo, Albert Necaize, Dominic Nguyen, Uyen Nguyen, Judy Northrop, Linda Olsen, Butch Oustalet, Linda Palmer, Debbie Postler, Etaw Robb, Marie Romano Claudetta Rosetti, Barbara Russo, Gladys Salvador, Joan Sample, George Schloegel, Debbie Scairono, Dane Shepherd, Karen Siegismund, Donnie Skinner, Joel Smith, Evelyn Smutzer, Delcan Sowell, Jennifer Stolarski, Fr. Joseph Uko, Bob Usey, Ferdie Walker, Jeanne Welsh, James Wetzel Sr., Wally White, Teresa Whiteside, Jack Williamson, Ronnie Williams, Mary Ann Young, and D.J. Zigler.

### PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Irma Ladner, Joel Smith and all of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY ARMED FORCES

Protect all military at home and abroad, especially:  
Major Ryan Bridley, Lt. Ryan Capdepon, Pat Cook, Robert Bodisch Sr., Robert Bodisch Jr, Kenneth Bodisch, Michael Brooks, Clarke Copponex, Calvin Daniels, Capt. Graham Ernst, Greg Hammtree, Nicholas Hansen, Peter Hansen, Eric Heitkamp, Morgan Jackson, Gean Johnson, Joel Johnson, Capt. Eddie Langford, Paul Polito, Marc Mallard, Col. Michael McCullough, Jennifer Ross, Edwin Andrew Smith, S/Sgt. Drew Spradley, Claude Shimer, Patrick Taylor, Thomas Buhner, Scott & Stephanie Lanier, S/Sgt. Jeanne Rhoads, Mark Wright, Nicholas Williams, Chuck Wright, Mike Shepard, & Corporal Charles Winsor. Watch over them & their families.

### TAGS FOR LIFE - UPDATE!

We are less than 50 tags away from our target of 300 tags for the State Department of Revenue to begin printing the Blessed Mother car tags. Please reserve your tag today. You may purchase the specialty license plate by downloading an application on the Diocesan website at biloxidiocese.org or scanning the code below. The sale of these plates will help support the Pro Life Ministry.



### RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will be 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 Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

**For details, contact: Deacon Henderson @ 228-209-6960**

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### **ADORERS ARE NEEDED!**

**Monday 12:00PM - 1:00PM; Thursday 11:00PM - 12:00AM  
Friday 12:00PM - 1:00PM; Saturday 12:00PM - 1:00PM  
and Saturday 10:00PM - 11:00PM**

Second Adorers needed for all hours. Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system. If you can help or substitute with any of these hours, please call or leave a message in the Parish Office at 228-896-6059 or with Ralph at 228-539-2434.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world.

Let our adoration never cease." - Pope Saint John Paul II.  
**You have a special hour with the Lord waiting for you.**

### Please put my name down as an Adorer in the Adoration Chapel

I would like to commit to one hour per week \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to commit to alternate week \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to commit to substitute 1 hour per week \_\_\_\_\_  
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### HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

We challenge each family to bring at least one of the following non-perishable items 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 items for the week, select an item for the poor and thank God for the ability to provide adequately for your own family, and take time to pray for those less fortunate. Choose from these items based on the first letter of your last name:



- A-E: BOXED DINNERS** - Hamburger, Chicken Helpers, Rice Dishes, instant potatoes (especially mashed potatoes).
- F-I: CANNED FOODS** - Ravioli, soups, tuna, Spam, fruit, vegetables, etc.
- J-N: HEALTH CARE ITEMS** - Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, cotton balls, etc.
- O-S: PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY/ JUICE** - Any brand, or type of jelly/ peanut butter is appreciated.
- T-Z: BOXED CEREAL** - Instant oatmeal, grits, crackers, spaghetti rice, macaroni & cheese etc.
- BABY ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED** - Baby wipes, diapers, etc.
- MOST NEEDED ITEMS** - Fruit juice, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, cereal, and health care items

### TEXT SJCC

Keep up with our parish happenings  
Stay updated on news and announcements – text SJCC to 57838



*"The gate of heaven is very low;  
only the humble can enter it."*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton





The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, in celebration of the New Year.

Happy New Year 2023

Father Ryan, Deacon Henderson, Deacon Conason and the Office Staff wish you peace & many blessing in the new year.

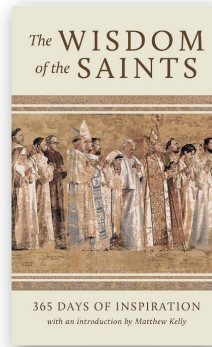


## BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome into our faith community Carsyn Simpson and Grae Simpson, the children of Robert and Jaclyn Simpson III, who were recently baptized.

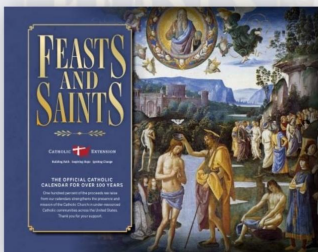


## Christmas Gift for Your Family



Please take a copy of "The Wisdom of the Saints" - a book containing quotes from our beloved saints for each day of the year. They are located at the entrances of the church. Please take one copy per family.

## 2023 Calendars



The 2023 Catholic Extension calendars are here and can be picked up in the back of the church.

## 2022 Confirmation Class Photos

The CDs containing the photographs of our Confirmation Mass at St. Joseph are HERE. Please pick up your copy on Sunday nights at Saint J Youth or contact Linda Hebert in the Parish Office.

### Communion Fast Reminder

A complete fast from all food and drink for one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is current law for all Catholics. The fast does not include water and medicine.

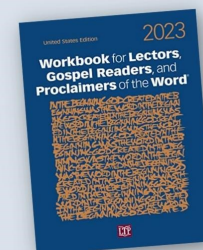


WOW!

We are excited to announce that our 2022 Saint James Fall Festival raised \$150,000. Thank you to those who came out and supported our fundraiser; and a special thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who worked so hard to make our fall festival a success!

### Workbook for Lectors 2023

The 2023 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word is now available and may be picked up in the Sacristy.







**JANUARY**  
Month of the Holy Name

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

Source: [www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com)

## LITURGICAL COLORS AND WHAT THEY MEAN



<p><b>PURPLE</b></p> <p><b>Penance Preparation</b></p> <p>Used during Advent and Lent</p>	<p><b>RED</b></p> <p><b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p>Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and the feast of the Apostles and martyrs</p>	<p><b>ROSE/PINK</b></p> <p><b>Anticipation</b></p> <p>Used on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday during Lent</p>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p><b>Hope, Life &amp; Growth</b></p> <p>Used throughout Ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>WHITE/GOLD</b></p> <p><b>Joy &amp; Purity</b></p> <p>Used during Easter and Christmas seasons and feasts of the Blessed Mother, angels and saints who weren't martyred</p>
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### Don't put away those decorations just yet!

The Christmas season extends through January 9, 2023, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As an FYI - Vatican City leaves the Nativity Scene in St. Peter's Square until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2 (that is, for forty days of Christmas).

### Annual Contribution Statement

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



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Rev. 21:5

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Thursday, January 26, 2023

6:00PM - Saint James Parish Center Gym

All engaged and married couples are invited to join us for an evening complete with a catered meal, beer & wine, and fellowship. There is no cost for this event, but you **MUST PRE-REGISTER** to attend.

On-site childcare will be provided, but space is limited.

- Registration deadline for **couples who need childcare is January 20.**
- Registration deadline for couples is January 24.

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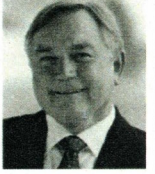
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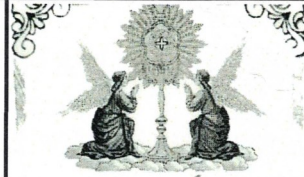
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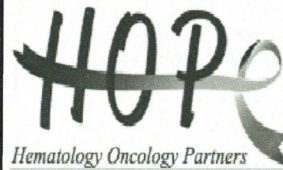


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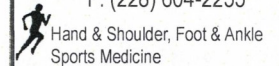


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