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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 to register.

Registration forms can also be found in the back of the church.

COMMUNION FAST REMINDER

A complete fast from all food and drink (to include gum) for one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is a required discipline for all Catholics. The fast does not include water and medicine.



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

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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Wednesday 9:00AM - 2:30PM

Office: 228-896-6059

Fax: 228-896-5498

STAY CONNECTED

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



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TREASURE

January 3/4, 2025

First Collection:	\$14,405
ACH:	\$12,736
Online Giving:	\$3,178
Second Collection:	\$1,121
Aged and Infirm Priests	
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:	\$3,843

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Youth Ministry.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Altar Society.

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.

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Cathy Pickle & Family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and condolences following the passing of Buddy Pickle. Special gratitude is extended to the Saint James Altar Society Ladies for all the wonderful food and support provided at this difficult time.

Free Throw Championship & Basketball Exhibition

Featuring students, seminarians, and priests!

Sunday, Feb. 1

2 - 4 pm

Saint James Gym

366 Cowan Rd., Gulfport

For more info: www.saintjamescc.com/kc11541

A DIVINE MERCY TUESDAY

January 20, 2026

Daily Mass - 6:00PM

Devotional in the Church - 7:00PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet | Adoration | Confession | Praise & Worship | Veneration of Relics



SAINT JAMES
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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.

Katherine Adams	Jean Crawford	Tom Hicks	Clark Lizana, Jr.	Ralph Shankweiler
Jeanviere Angeron	Joe Culpepper	Ellis Hill	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Jaclyn Simpson
George Barlow	Fr. Joseph Dang	Andrea Holderness	Tanya McClellan	Josh Sniffen
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Diana Berman	Linda Diaz	Mark Howard, Sr.	Ignatius Micele	Darryl Stolica
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Asher Bonura	Elinor Donivan	Margie Joffrion	Beverly Moore	Katie Todaro
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Susan Bourgeois	W.C. Fore	Analyse Khalifeh	Fr. George Murphy	Bob Usey
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Hope Broadus	Msgr. Dominic Fulham	Jan Khalifeh	Johnny Neuneyer	Donna Valestro
Teresa Buckman	Ada Grace Glass	Sheena Khalifeh	Lois Ann Necaise	Brittany Varney
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Valerie Buras	Loretta Hahn	Aaron Kiehl	Alan Picard	Kim Casano-Ware
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Dannie Chevalier	Keleal Hassin	Roger Labit	Ron Roland	
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Rose Mary Collins	Melissa Healey	James Lay	Barbara Russo	
Paul Corley	Jessi Hebert	Danny Lechner	Leo Seicshnaydre	
Debbie Cothern	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Josie Lindsey	Kathy Shankweiler	

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.

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



Arthur "Al" Allen, Jr.,
Wayne Efferson,
Wesley Ferrell and
W.C. Fore

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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 10

4:00PM ☩ Kevin Chevalier

Sunday, January 11

9:00AM ☩ C.P. Centanni
11:00AM People of Saint James
5:30PM ☩ Charles Hayes

Monday, January 12

7:00AM 🕊 Deacon Henderson
8:30AM ☩ Ruby Morton

Tuesday, January 13

7:00AM Father's Intention
6:00PM ☩ Rose Guenard

Wednesday, January 14

6:00AM ☩ Father's Intention
8:30AM ☩ Jerry Bourgeois

Thursday, January 15

7:00AM ☩ Carolyn O'Rourke Castellanos
12:00PM ☩ Hoshall Barrett

Friday, January 16

7:00AM Father's Intention
8:30AM ☩ Essie Bourgeois

Saturday, January 17

4:00PM ☩ Kevin Chevalier

Deceased - ☩ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🕊

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

January 12 - January 17

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

5:30PM Sacramental Prep (First Communion), Raphael Room

Thursday, January 15

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

January 19 - January 24

Monday, January 19

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

Tuesday, January 20

7:00PM XLT with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, January 21

5:30PM Sacramental Prep (First Communion), Raphael Room
6:30PM Confirmation Kickoff, Church

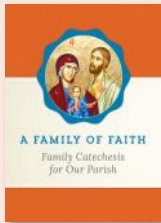
Thursday, January 22

10:00AM Cenacle of Divine Mercy, Raphael Room

Saturday, January 24

10:00AM Apologetics Reading Group, Raphael Room

FAITH FORMATION



A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

Family Gathering
January 25 | 2:00PM-5:00PM
Diocesan Rosary Rally & Walk for Life

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

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



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

New Year, New You

Adoration Night

Edge and LifeTeen start the night in the church and dismiss from the SJCS Cafeteria.

For more information, please contact Bridgett Bermond at youthminister@saintjamescc.com



Come to the Table

A Sacramental Overview with
Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education

Parents of all children (even those who attend St. James Catholic School) who are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are required to attend a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation with Linda.

To schedule your session, please contact Linda at lindahebert@saintjamescc.com or **228-297-5126**

Confirmation Kick-Off

Sacramental Prep for 11th graders (& 12th graders who haven't been confirmed) kicks off Wednesday, January 21, at 6:30PM in the church.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND

CONFIRMATION
MARCH 19, 2026
6:00PM @ ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**MORE INFO: CONTACT
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Rosary Rally & Walk for Life

**Sunday,
January 25, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Nativity B.V.M.
Cathedral**

**Rosary
Mass for Life
Walk to Lighthouse
Park
Adoration
Pro-Life Speakers**

Buses available to bring you back to the Cathedral

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED!

Sunday 3:00PM - 4:00PM;

Wednesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM;

and Saturday 1:00PM - 2:00PM

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.

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



Bereavement

The Bereavement Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested in helping to meet the needs of a family at the time of a bereavement (primarily with providing food items immediately after the funeral services), please contact: **Mary Anne Oberlies at 228-596-5334.**



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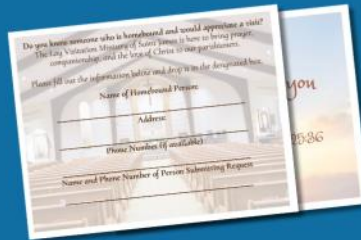
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VISITATION MINISTRY

The Lay Visitation Ministry has begun their visits to the homebound. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please fill out a card found in the back of the church and drop it in the box. A representative will contact you to schedule the visit.



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" located in 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

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). Donations must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.



The Church offers us to draw closer to Christ through the Rosary. At Saint James, this prayer is offered before each Mass.

Come pray with us!

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

MARRIAGE

Please note: The Diocese of Biloxi requires that engaged couples should begin the Marriage Preparation process no fewer than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Wedding dates CANNOT BE SCHEDULED until the engaged couple contacts and meets with the Family Life Coordinator.

To begin the process, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month. The next class will be on February 14.



For more information and to register, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

Clearing the Confusion: Common Misconceptions About Annulments

Many Catholics have questions regarding annulments. Here's the truth:

Myth: Annulments dredge up the past and force me to relive painful or embarrassing moments from my life.

➔ **Truth:** While the process does include questions about each person's background and the marriage itself, these questions are asked only to understand the circumstances of the marriage and to determine whether it was valid. They are not meant to judge or shame. Many people find that reflecting on their story brings clarity, healing, and peace. Throughout the process, your pastor or a trained advocate is available to guide and support you.

Have questions or need support? Please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or by calling the parish office at 228-896-6059.

DIOCESAN NEWS



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SCHOOL NEWS

Family Night at St. Patrick High School

Join us for a very special night of faith and fellowship with special guest speakers, The Swaffords. Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford speak frequently across the country on dating, marriage, the moral and spiritual life, St. John Paul II, and Sacred Scripture. Together, they are the authors of the award-winning Gift and Grit: How Heroic Virtue Can Change Your Life and Relationships and co hosts of Ascension's What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith, filmed at 30 holy sites in Rome, a series which received two Telly awards. Sarah is the author of Emotional Virtue, co-host of EWTN's At the Heart of Relationships, and a contributor to Ascension's Chosen. Andrew is a Professor of Theology at Benedictine College, author of several books, general editor of Ascension's Great Adventure Catholic Bible, and host of Ascension Bible studies on Romans and Hebrews.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

6PM - 8PM

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- DINNER
- GUEST SPEAKERS
- SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS



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