



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 3, 2026

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



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TREASURE

April 25/26, 2026

First Collection:	\$7,611
ACH:	\$ —
Online Giving:	\$775
Second Collection:	\$644
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul, Saint James Conference. 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.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Please return your
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Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available on the tables in the back of the church. Pick one up, fill it out and return it to the office, so that your loved one (living or deceased) can be remembered in the nine-day novena of Masses, which begins on May 10.

The Little White Book

Copies of *The Little White Book*, which contain Easter reflections, are on the tables near the church entrances.

Flowers

Sanctuary flowers have been donated in honor of Sarah Blosser's birthday from her loving family.

Easter Flowers

Those who donated for our Easter flowers may pick up an Easter Lily or Hydrangea plant from the northeast rock garden (near the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe).

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI
ANNOUNCES THE TRANSITIONAL
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Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

Katherine Adams	Ashley Garrett Couture	Kealea Hassin	Roger Labit	Melissa Robbins
Jeanvierre Angeron	Jean Crawford	Jim Haupt	Jonathan Ladner	Leo Romano
George Barlow	Joe Culpepper	Melissa Healey	Jeff Lawson	Ron Roland
Terry Barnes	Fr. Joseph Dang	Jessi Hebert	James Lay	Barbara Russo
Helen Bartelsmeyer	Mimi Davis	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Danny Lechner	Kathy Shankweiler
Diana Berman	Valerie Dean	Tom Hicks	Josie Lindsey	Ralph Shankweiler
John Boothsby	Larry Dedeaux	Ellis Hill	Clark Lizana, Jr.	Sheri Glavin Simmons
Asher Bonura	Joe & Liz Denone	Andrea Holderness	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Jaclyn Simpson
Dave Bosma	Linda Diaz	Shannon Holliday	Mac McClellan	Josh Sniffen
Jerry Boudreaux	Cynthia Dominguez	Erik Hosler	Tanya McClellan	Julia Sterling
Joan Boudreaux	Elinor Donivan	Mark Howard, Sr.	Dalton McGuire	Jennifer Stolarski
Susan Bourgeois	LA Drago	Mamie Humphrey	Karen McCoy	Darryl Stolica
Debra Boyd	Brenda Dubuisson	Margie Joffrion	Ignatius Micele	Laurie Sumrall
Hope Broadus	Anna Dugas	Fr. Jey Jordan	Max Millet	Gail Todaro
Sarah Buras	Susan Dunne	William Jordan	Jennifer Morgan	Fr. Doan Tran
Valerie Buras	Rhett Eubanks	Jack Kampf	John Mazingo, Jr.	Fr. Joseph Trinh
Caroline Carlisle	Keira Fahey	Holly Kersten	Mary Mazingo	Fr. Joseph Uko
James Carroll	Duane Friedrich	Analyse Khalifeh	Fr. George Murphy	Bob Usey
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Dannie Chevalier	Ada Grace Glass	Jan Khalifeh	Rebecca Napier	Brittany Varney
Edward Collins	Ashley Hage	Sheena Khalifeh	Johnny Neuneyer	Ferdie Walker
Rose Mary Collins	Loretta Hahn	Sophia Khalifeh	Lois Ann Necaie	Kim Casano-Ware
Deacon Rick Conason	Denise Hancock	Aaron Kiehl	Butch Oustalet	Damon Wesfaul
Paul Corley	Jeff Harper	Bishop Louis Kihneman	Sandy Raspberry	Theresa Whiteside
Debbie Cothern	Betsy Harris	Bill Knesal, Jr.	George Reish	Sharon Williams

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:



Galen Doucet, Sr.,
Ethelyn Simmons Mazingo and
Leo Seichnaydre

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, May 2

4:00PM ✚ Jenni Bourgeois

Sunday, May 3

9:00AM ✚ Michael Guel

11:00AM People of Saint James

5:30PM ✚ Troy Fleming

Monday, May 4

7:00AM ✚ Bonnie Ladner

8:30AM ✚ Frankie Walters

Tuesday, May 5

6:00PM ✚ Susan Murray

Wednesday, May 6

6:00AM ✚ Fred Six

8:30AM ✚ Charles Finnegan

Thursday, May 7

7:00AM ✚ Dennis Bourgeois

12:00PM 🕯️ Altar Society Living Members

Friday, May 8

8:30PM ✚ Nicholas Frontz

Saturday, May 9

4:00PM ✚ Blake Garcia

Deceased - ✚ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🕯️

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

May 4 - May 9

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

7:00PM XLT with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, May 6

10:30AM Bible Study (Morning Session), Philomena House
5:45PM Family of Faith (Catechetical Session), Raphael Room
6:00PM Bible Study (Evening Session), Philomena House

Thursday, May 7

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

Saturday, May 9

8:00AM Secular Carmelites, Raphael Room
10:00AM Baptism Prep Class (RSVP Only)

May 11 - May 16

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

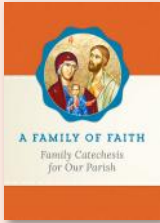
9:00AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM XLT with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, May 13

10:30AM Bible Study (Morning Session), Philomena House
6:00PM Bible Study (Evening Session), Philomena House

FAITH FORMATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH
GRADES K-5



Catechetical Session
May 6 | 5:45-7:15PM
Raphael Room

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



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP
GRADES 6-12

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

**Sunday night activities have
concluded for the year.**

Be on the lookout for our summer schedule.

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

CONFIRMATION

Photographs from the Confirmation Mass may be found at
<https://www.derekfountainphoto.com/stjamesstjosephconfirmation2026>
Password: 2026STJConfirmation

Or scan the QR Code



Confirmation certificates are now
available for pick up in the Parish Office.
They will also be available at Youth on
Sunday night.

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Questions? Contact Ms. Bridgett
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First Holy Communion



Photographs from the First Holy Communion Mass may be found at
<https://www.derekfountainphoto.com/2026saintjamesfc>
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OCIA

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.

**For information, contact Deacon Henderson
228-209-6960.**

Photographs from the Easter Vigil Mass may be found at:
<https://www.derekfountainphoto.com/2026eastervigilmass>

PASSWORD: SaintJames366



MINISTRY NEWS

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;

Tuesday 2:00AM - 3:00AM, 3:00AM - 4:00AM;

Wednesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM, 4:00PM - 5:00PM; Thursday 9:00AM - 10:00AM and

Friday 5:00AM - 6:00AM, 9:00AM - 10:00AM

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 offers 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!



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

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.

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.



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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!



**The Pray for a Priest Calendar
(May 2026)
is available on our website.**

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 May 9.



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

Catholic Marriage 101

A marriage between two Christians* is always a sacrament, because Jesus raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament. A marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian would be considered a natural marriage (which is still valid), not a sacramental marriage.

* A Christian is a person who has received baptism.

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

Jesus

The Way, The Truth and The Life

A Ten-Session Study
April 22 - May 20 (five weeks)
- Two Week Break -
June 10 - July 8 (five weeks)

Philomena House
Morning Session - 10:30AM
Evening Session - 6:00PM



Cost - \$36
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and Timeline Chart

For more information, contact Mara Russo
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SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN NEWS

SUMMER CAMPS

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Returning families enroll through their family portal.
Registration fee increases to **\$350 after March 31**

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Visit stpatrickhighschool.net/apply to apply today.

Saint James Practicing Catholic Subsidy Guidelines & Application

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Total to Date: \$40,982

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