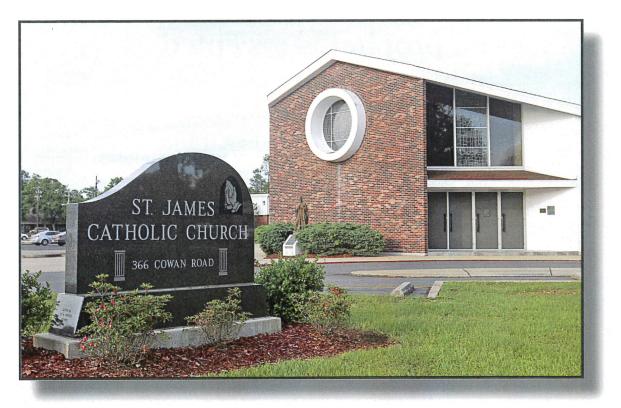
Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY - 1st Thursday

two weeks before Easter & Christmas.

call the Parish Office for more detail

(Must attend rehearsal 8:30AM in Parish

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

writing by Monday noon.

ADULT CHOIR:

9:00AM Mass on Sundays

USHER SOCIETY - 4 times a year, plus meetings

*If you are interested in any of the above, please

4:00PM Saturday (Practice at 3:00PM in Parish

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11:00AM Sunday (Practice at 10:30AM in

fice at 228-896-6059 (All ads are annual)

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

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Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Convent Chapel



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

MARCH 26, 2023

THE NEW LIFE TO COME

Death does not have the final say. This is the great mystery we ponder on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Martha and Mary were good friends of Jesus. They did not hide their confusion and grief from the Lord; they voiced their conviction that if Jesus had been with them during their brother's illness, he would not have died. Jesus entered into their grief and more—he overturned it. Lazarus' death became the occasion for Jesus to show all who had gathered the mercy of God who cries out, "Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them." In this moment, the world was given a sign of the new life to come through Christ, the Risen One.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

There really is no way around it. Eventually, we will grapple with the death of a loved one, a parent, sibling, spouse, or dear friend. As we mature, we also begin to come to terms with our own mortality. Our Sunday readings this Lent have invited our reflection on the big questions of life and faith. We have resolved to turn away from sin and toward God, listening to the Lord and responding with open minds and hearts. We have acknowledged and perhaps heightened our thirst for the Lord and have committed ourselves to walk in the light of God's grace. Today, we journey from death to new life, reflecting on the mystery of Christ who is the resurrection and the life.

COME TO BELIEVE

Martha had a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. She spoke with him honestly, baring her heart to Jesus, openly expressing her confusion and sorrow at her brother's death. Jesus' response led Martha to a deep declaration of faith, "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." We, too, can have a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. We can speak honestly to the Lord, baring our hearts, expressing the truth of each moment of our lives, whether in joy or sorrow,

happiness, grief, confusion, or times of fulfillment. In such honesty and trust, we may find deeper faith as well, coming to believe that Christ is our all, our way, truth, and life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12–14 Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8 Romans 8:8–11 John 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

LENTEN FLOWERS

During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar with the exceptions of the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), and the Solemnities of St. Joseph (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25). 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) or Josie Six (301-751-2988). Donations start at \$75 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" John 11:43

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MARCH 25 - APRIL - 1

Sat.	4:00PM	骨Marie Reralta
Sun.	9:00AM	骨Christopher Bruni
	11:00AM	People of Saint James
	5:30PM	†Bracie Hockert
Mon.	7:00AM	骨Dominic Mai Nguyen
	8:30AM	骨Lucy Schwartz
Tue.	6:00PM	骨Janie Lott
Wed.	8:30AM	骨Joseph Romano Sr.
Thur.	7:00AM	骨Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12:00PM	John & Mary Mozingo Family
		(Special Intention)
Fri.	7:00AM	骨Angela Styczenski
	8:30AM	骨Adrienne Conwill
Sat.	4:00PM	₽Joel Smith

LECTORS SCHEDULE

	Mar	<u>rch 25/26</u>
Sat.	4:00PM	Chuck Bridley
Sun.	9:00AM	Meggan Gray Stolarski
	11:00AM	Matthew Schloegel
	5:30PM	Debby Weeks
	<u>Apr</u>	<u>il 01/02</u>
Sat.	4:00PM	Holly Dreger
Sun.	9:00AM	Kory Hudson
	11:00AM	Erik Hosler



5:30PM

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Yolanda Edwards

<u>March 25/26</u>

Sat. 4:00PM	Connie O'Neal, Barbara Levine,
	Mary Pecoul and Beverly Moore
Sun. 9:00AM	Ann Edwards, Linda Joffrion and
	Bonnie & Gene Jacobs
Sun. 11:00AM	Darlene & EG Warren, Roberta Hosler
	and Cara & Alex Karetas
Sun. 5:30PM	Diana Holder, Deanne Goulet,
	Olivia Williams and Oliva Seymour

April 01/02

Connie Pucheu, June Bounds,
Linda Randolph and Josie Six
Linda Joffrion, Gretchen Ellis and
Bonnie & Gene Jacobs
Karen & Doc Rhodes, Becky Graves and Stephanie Guirola
Lauren Croal, Helen Sanchez, Butch Plitt and Kate Thriffley

<u>FAITH FORMATION</u> Linda Hebert - lindahebert@saintjameschurchms.com

APRIL CATECHETICAL GATHERING



A FAMILY OF FAITH Family Catechesis for Our Parish For those participating in a Family of Faith, our next Catechetical Gathering is on Wednesday, April 5, in the SJCS cafeteria at 5:45PM.

SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12 Sarah Rhodes & Bridgett Bermond youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com

Sunday | 6:30PM - 8:00PM The evening begins with dinner in the St. James Catholic School Cafeteria. Come join us!

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 Faith Formation.
- Next weekend's second collection will be for Church Property Insurance.





Mar. 18/19 WEEKEND COLLECTION

\$13,315
\$8,067
\$21,382
\$16,560
\$711,948
\$629,280
113%
\$1,055

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lewis Anerson, Rita Bailey, Hershel Barrett, Faith Black, Jerry Boudreaux, Joan Boudreaux, Tina Bradshaw, Hope Broadus, Sonia Bucman, Isabel Bullard, Charlotte Jean Buras, Joan Burwell, Marysol Camarena, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard Chevalier, Nick Christovich, Rhonda Clark, Andrew Cooper, Ashley Garrett Couture, Jason Creel, Mimi Davis, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Kathy Dufrene, Shellie Ely, W.C. Fore, Reese Forrest, Gene Gaddy, Joseph Neil Gilly, Loretta Hahn, Dianne Harenski, Bryan Hebert, Jessi Hebert, Louis Helwick, Shirley Henderson, Stephanie Hennessey, Whitney Henriquez, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Taylor Hopwood, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Terry Joffrion, Gertrude Johnson, William Joyce, Allison Kane, Sheena Khalifeh, Doug Kirk, Fr. George Kitchin, Marvin Koury, Brenda Landrum, Roberta Lechner, 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, Autumn Morgan, LuLu Mount, Ethelyn Mozingo, Albert Necaise, 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, Kathy Schankweiler, Ralph Shankweiler, Dane Shepherd, Donnie Skinner, Evelyn Smutzer, Josh Sniffen, Declan Sowell, Jennifer Stolarski, Fr. Joseph Uko, Bob Usey, Ferdie Walker, Scott Webb, Jeanne Welsh, James Wetzel Sr., Wally White, Teresa Whiteside, Jack Williamson, Ronnie Williams, Mary Ann Young, and D.J. Ziegler.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Ward Faulk, Molly Jimenez, Kathy Mangin, Msgr. Joseph Mercier 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, Thomas Buhner, Clarke Copponex, Kalvin Daniels, Capt. Graham Ernst, Greg Hammontree, Nicholas Hansen, Peter Hansen, Eric Heitkamp, Morgan Jackson, Gean Johnson, Joel Johnson, Capt. Eddie Langford, Scott & Stephanie Lanier, Paul Polito, Marc Mallard, Col. Michael McCullough, Jennifer Ross, Edwin Andrew Smith, S/Sgt. Drew Spradley, Claude Shimer, Patrick Taylor, Katie Todaro, S/Sgt. Jeanne Rhoads, Mark Wright, Nicholas Williams, Chuck Wright, Mike Shepard, & Corporal Charles Winsor.

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD INITIATIVE

Thank you to Saint James Parish for being the grassroots and home base of this beautiful ministry. If you would like to support this ministry, please donate directly to **Venmo @DioceseofBiloxiProLife** or you may mail your checks to: **Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life, 1790 Popps Ferry Rd. Biloxi, MS 39532,** and mark Pro-Life on the memo line.

Pro-Life Coordinator: **Rev. Mr. Gerald Norris** President, Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life: **Karen Rhodes** Founder: **Penny Sullivan**



Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

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 (a) 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; Wednesday 10:00AM - 11:00AM; Friday 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Second Adorers needed for all hours. <u>Second or Third Adorers are al-</u> <u>ways needed in each hour for a substitute system.</u> 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 _ Name:_____

Address:_____ Phone#:

_____e-mail:

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



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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



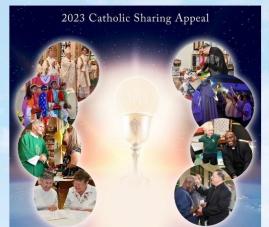
"I am not afraid. I was born to do this." St. Joan of Arc

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Jennifer Broadus on becoming the new Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Biloxi! **Upcoming Reconciliation Services**

- St. John the Evangelist Monday, March 27 @ 6:00PM
- St. Joseph Monday, April 3 @ 6:00PM
- St. Thomas the Apostle Wednesday, April 5 @ 7:00PM



"You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your beavenly Father." – Matthew 5:14, 16 Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$89,503.00. Thus far, 75 families have answered Bishop Kihneman's call and we have raised \$33,445.00 (in pledges & one time gifts). Thank you for your response! If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, please consider if you are able. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org. Remember - all monies donated above our goal will be returned to the parish.

If you have not done so, be sure to check out Fr. Ryan's Special Message on our Saint James YouTube Page!



American Red Cross

When you made the decision to host a blood drive, you helped change lives.

- Sponsor Group Saint James Catholic Church, Gulfport
- Date of Drive March 19, 2023
- Total Number of Donors 26
- Units Collected 27
- Potential Number of Lives Saved 81

DON'T FORGET

KC's Friday Fish Fry Dinners Friday - March 31 5:00PM - 6:30PM A portion of the night's proceeds will benefit our Bereavement Ministry.

Easter Howers

We are now accepting donations for our Easter flowers. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the back of the church.



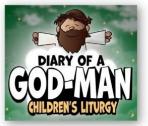


Mass Etiquette Tips

As a show of reverence for the eucharistic presence of Jesus in the sanctuary, men and boys should remove head coverings upon entering the church. Women and girls may wear veils or other suitable head coverings.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE PICK ONE UP FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO FOLLOW ALONG AND ENJOY THE READINGS OF THE MASS.



Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer Group invites all men to come pray at 7:00AM on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

Bethlehem Nativity Group

On the weekend of Palm Sunday (April 01 & 02), Saint James will have the Bethlehem Nativity Group offering olivewood art at all Masses. This art will be available for purchase after each Mass.

<u>Rachel's Vineyard Retreat</u>

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 21-23, 2023

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

> Find us on Facebook facebook.com/rvrNOLA

Take courage. He is calling you!

As an alternative to making a monetary donation, a Parish Office/ Parish Center Wish List has been created to benefit the parish's needs. Please visit our website homepage and scroll down towards the bottom to access the link to our new wish list.

We understand that some may not wish to purchase from amazon.com. In that case, please select the exact same items from a different vendor and contact the Parish Office at 228-896-6059. Your gifts will be added to your listing of contributions.





UNGRATULATI



We congratulate Saint J Youth Ministry on winning several awards at DBYC last weekend. Our high school youth's Banner and Table Top Display won awards and they won a spirit stick, too. Our middle school youth also won a spirit stick at their rally.

We also congratulate several of our youth who received outstanding service awards. Kate Thriffley was awarded the St. Timothy Award for her commitment to Youth Ministry in the parish and/or diocese; and Thomas Owen received the Bragg Moore Award, which is presented to a male youth for being a backbone to his parish and youth group.



Images courtesy of Juliana Skelton, Diocese of Biloxi

Thomas Owen



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**



THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - SUNDAY, APRIL 9

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 6)

- Mass of the Lord's Supper@ 7:00PM
- Gethsemane Watch in the Church until 12:00AM (Midnight)

HOLY SATURDAY

(APRIL 8)

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 7)

Live Stations of the Cross

Presented by Saint J Youth @ 3:00PM in the Parish Center Gymnasium.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

@ 4:30PM in the Church.

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 9)

- Mass @ 7:00AM
- Mass @ 9:00AM
- Mass @ 11:00AM
- Mass @ 5:30PM



The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ 7:20PM: The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place at night and is arranged in four parts: after a service of light and the Easter Proclamation (I), the church meditates on all the wonderful things God has done for his people from the beginning; this is the Liturgy of the Word (II). As the day of Resurrection approaches, new members of the Church are reborn in Baptism (III), and the whole Church is called to the table of the Lord prepared for his people through his Death and Resurrection; this is the Liturgy of the Eucharist (IV).

<u>Perpetual Adoration Chapel</u>: On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Church meditates on the Passion and Death of our Lord. Therefore, the **<u>Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be closed</u>** from <u>**5:00PM** on **Holy Thursday** until **2:00PM** on **Easter Sunday**.</u>

Please make every effort to attend the scheduled services during the Triduum.



Easter Vigil Mass @ 7:20PM





