

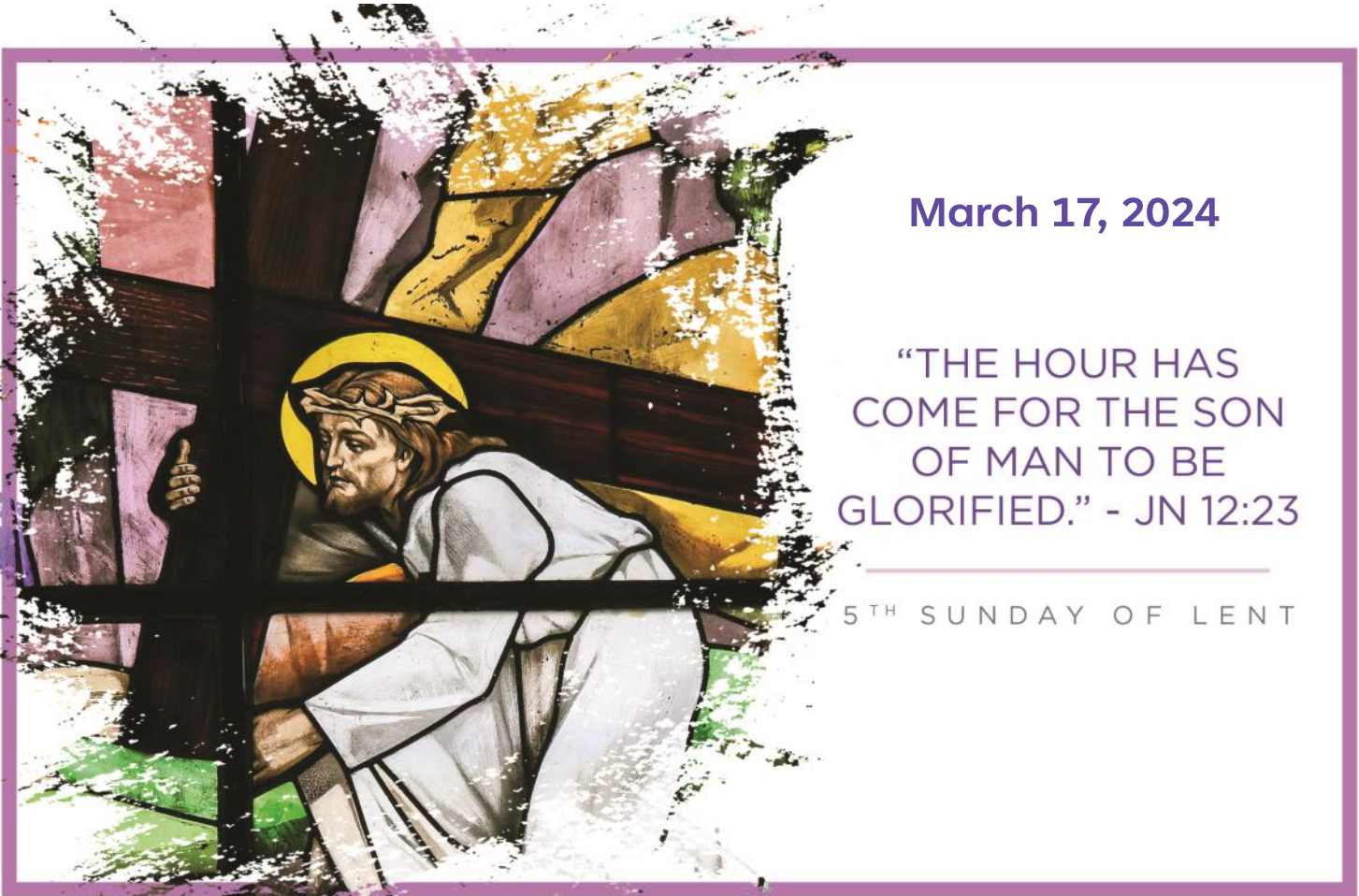


# SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Leading people to heaven with Christian hospitality and fostering Eucharistic Discipleship."*

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



**March 17, 2024**

**"THE HOUR HAS  
COME FOR THE SON  
OF MAN TO BE  
GLORIFIED." - JN 12:23**

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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**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 | Adoration

**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

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228-896-6631

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### St. Patrick Catholic High School



18300 St. Patrick Road

Biloxi, MS 39533

228-702-0500

## 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.



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. They can be taken home.

### Mass Etiquette Tips

When the Gospel is about to be read, the deacon/priest says: "A reading from the holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_"; and the faithful respond with "Glory to You, O Lord" making a small cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips and chest. We cross our forehead, so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips, so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. And, we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. So, the next time the Gospel is about to be proclaimed at Mass, as you're crossing yourself, pray, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart."



### 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.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar in the sanctuary. 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). Due to the rising cost of flowers, donations start at \$50 per altar 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.

## Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

### Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/  
 Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez  
 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/  
 Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
 33b-45

### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
 56/Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
 Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
 Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps  
 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/  
 Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— *Father John Muir*



"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

— *St. Angela of Foligno*

## 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.

Terry Barnes	Jean Crawford	Sheena Khalifeh	Doris Seymour
Hoshall Barrett	Fr. Joseph Dang	Doug Kirk	Kathy Shankweiler
Faith Black	Mimi Davis	Fr. George Kitchin	Ralph Shankweiler
Thomas Blankenbaker	Nicholas James Davis	Roger Labit	Jaclyn Simpson
Jerry Boudreaux	Rose Dellenger	Danny Lechner	Josh Sniffen
Susan Bourgeois	Craig Elliott	Kathy Letaw	Julia Sterling
Debra Boyd	Rhett Fontenelle	Josie Lindsey	Fr. Joseph Uko
Hope Broadus	W.C. Fore	Carolyn McClellan	Bob Usey
Jennifer Brown	Ashley Hage	Tanya McClellan	Alyssa Vega
Teresa Buckman	Loretta Hahn	Karen McCoy	Cathy Crane Vick
Isabel Bullard	David Harris	Msgr. James McGough	Ferdie Walker
Charlotte Jean Buras	Keleal Hassin	Beverly Moore	Kim Casano-Ware
Valerie Buras	Jessi Hebert	Pete Moran	Teresa Whiteside
Dick Chapin	SSG. Eric Heitkamp	Elsa Mrazek	
Martha Chapin	Louis Helwick	Lois Ann Necaize	
Bernard Chevalier	Tom Hicks	Butch Oustalet	
Dannie Chevalier	Timmy Holliday	Libby Owen	
Rhonda Clark	Dianne Hurlbert	Joe Rasberry	
Rose Mary Collins	William Jordan	Jim Roos	
Susan Cooper	Analyse Khalifeh	Barbara Russo	

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.

## SYMPATHY

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



Linda Caho-Powers,  
Edvarado Gian Chan, Ron Donegan,  
Kevin Jermyn, Peter Quy Pham,  
Etaw Robb Casey Thurman and  
Jimmy Wetzel

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

<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	
4:00PM	✠Tina Nguyen
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	
9:00AM	✠Patricia Henderson
11:00AM	People of Saint James
5:30PM	✠Dustin Black
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	
7:00AM	✠Nancy Hudgins
8:30AM	✠George Schloegel
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	
6:00PM	✠Albert Necaize
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	
8:30AM	Communion Service
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	
7:00AM	Communion Service
12:00PM	Communion Service
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	
7:00AM	Communion Service
8:30AM	Communion Service
<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	
4:00PM	✠George Schloegel

Deceased - ✠      Healing - ♥      Special Intention - 🙏

## TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

### March 18 - March 23

#### Monday, March 18

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

#### Tuesday, March 19

7:00PM XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church  
7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room

#### Wednesday, March 20

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room  
3:15PM Lectio Divina, Philomena House

#### Friday, March 22

5:00PM Fish Fry, Parish Center Gym

### March 25 - March 30

#### Monday, March 25

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

#### Tuesday, March 26

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

#### Wednesday, March 27

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room  
3:15PM Lectio Divina, Philomena House

#### Friday, March 29

3:00PM Live Stations of the Cross, Parish Center Gym

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 16

4:00PM Jennifer Villareal

### Sunday, March 17

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarski

11:00AM Arthur Jaramillo

5:30PM Debby Weeks

### Saturday, March 23

4:00PM Holly Dreger

### Sunday, March 24

9:00AM Tom Collins

11:00AM Matthew Schloegel

5:30PM Yolanda Edwards

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 16

4:00PM June Bounds, Ashley & George French and Connie O'Neal

### Sunday, March 17

9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso, Gretchen Ellis and Linda Joffrion

11:00AM Alan & Julie Black, Carsen Centanni and Doc & Karen Rhodes

5:30PM Paul Correro, Yolanda Edwards, Joseph Herbert and Beverly Moore

### Saturday, March 23

4:00PM Debbie Bazzone, Barbara Levine, Mary Pecoul and Josie Six

### Sunday, March 24

9:00AM Sherry Alfonso, Carsen Centanni, Shirley Henderson and Bonnie Jacobs

11:00AM Alex & Cara Karetas, Mary Ann Oberlies and Darlene & E. G. Warren

5:30PM Rachelle Cleveland, Deanne Goulet, Diana Holder and Butch Plitt

## TREASURE

### March 9/10, 2024

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$11,482
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$1,615
Weekly Total	\$13,097
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #37	\$647,154
YTD Budget-Week #37	\$695,896
YTD % of Budget	93%
Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services	\$1,103

## SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the Pro Life Billboard Ministry.

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

## 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.



## 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Total Pledges and  
One-Time Gifts= \$44,250



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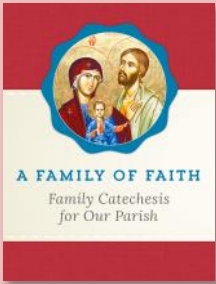
Diocese of Biloxi



\$96,039.00

The CSA has begun in the Diocese of Biloxi. As in the past, each of us will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church in the Diocese of Biloxi. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal provides essential operating support for those offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout the seventeen counties that comprise this diocese.

# FAITH FORMATION



## A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

March Family Gathering  
Sunday - March 17  
Following the 11:00AM Mass  
Church

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

For more information, please contact Linda Hebert at [lindahebert@saintjamescc.com](mailto:lindahebert@saintjamescc.com)



## SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sundays 6:30-8:00PM

### Edge & Life Teen

### Stations of the Cross

Teens - Your \$30 Food Fee is due for the Spring semester.

For more information, please contact  
Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes  
[youthminister@saintjamescc.com](mailto:youthminister@saintjamescc.com)



We congratulate Saint J Youth Ministry on winning several awards at DBYC last weekend.

Our high school youth's t-shirt won an award, and they won a spirit stick too.

Our middle school youth also won a spirit stick at their rally.

We also congratulate Emily Moran who received the Brenda Sargent Award.

This award is presented to a female youth for being a backbone to her Parish and youth group; she is in the trenches accomplishing what needs to be done with a servant's heart and willing spirit. Her hard work and dedication continues to serve as an example to her peers and her parish.



High School



Emily Moran



Middle School

## Save the Date

First Holy Communion  
Sacramental Mass  
1:00PM on April 14

More info: Contact Linda Hebert @ 228-297-5126

**Please pray for our young children and teens who are preparing for Sacraments.**



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.

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

SAINT J YOUTH

**50/50  
RAFFLE**

**CURRENT  
POT  
\$3000**

**\$10/TICKET**

**DRAWING  
EASTER  
SUNDAY**

After 9:00AM  
Mass

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR  
TEENS PAY FOR CONFERENCES**

## SAINT J YOUTH

invites all pre-K thru 5th grade peeps to the Saint James Easter Egg Scramble.

Bring your own basket and join us on the baseball field following the 9:00AM Mass on Easter Sunday.

**EASTER EGG  
SCRAMBLE**





TRIDUUM 2024

# SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 31

## HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)

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

## GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)

- **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.

## HOLY SATURDAY (MARCH 30)

Easter Vigil Mass @ 7:14PM



## EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

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

*He is Risen*

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ 7:14PM:** 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).

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

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





A light blue background featuring various Passover Seder items: a red and yellow tulip in the top left, a white plate with a hard-boiled egg and green leafy vegetables in the top center, a clear glass in the top right, a wooden Seder plate in the middle left, and several pieces of matzah (flatbread) scattered around the bottom and right sides.

# PASSOVER

**APRIL 22, 2024, 6:00PM**  
**PARISH CENTER GYM**

## **WHY SHOULD ONE ATTEND AND CONTRIBUTE?**

ST. PAUL SHOWS THAT IT IS QUITE EASY TO TRANSPOSE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PESACH MEAL INTO THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION AND THE MASS (1 COR. 5:6-7). KNOWING THE PASSOVER STORY, KNOWING THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM, AND EXPERIENCING THAT JOURNEY, CAN ENRICH ONE'S FAITH AS A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE THE EXODUS STORY IS PART OF OUR STORY, TOO.

**SEDER INCLUDES FULL DINNER, DESSERT AND ALL RITUAL FOODS.**

**TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 PER PERSON**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING MARCH 16 & 17, 2024**

**CHILDREN 10 & UNDER ATTEND AND EAT FREE**

**DONATIONS TO FURTHER OFFSET THE COSTS OF THE PESACH MEAL ARE REQUESTED. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED!

Tuesday 9:00PM - 10:00PM;

Friday 3:00AM - 4:00AM; and Saturday 8:00PM - 9:00PM

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.

We Adore Him

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 Wednesdays from 3:15PM - 4:30PM in the Philomena House.

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's Raphael Room 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!



The Pray for a Priest Calendars (March/April 2024) are available in the back of the church.

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" 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.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, baked/pork 'n' beans, Vienna sausages, canned fruit, bottled water, protein bars, crackers, dried beans, canned vegetables, rice and feminine items.

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

If you would like an annual SVDP Contribution Statement, please contact the Parish Office.



HELP WANTED - WE NEED USHERS!



If you are looking for an easy way to participate more in the Mass, please consider becoming an Usher. There is a need for this important ministry at all weekend Masses. For more information, please scan this QR code or complete the contact form online @ www.saintjamescc.com/ushers or talk to an Usher today!



## MINISTRY NEWS (CONTINUED)



**SAINT JAMES**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR**

# FISH FRY

FUNDRAISER

**MARCH 22**

5:00 - 6:30 PM  
PARISH CENTER GYM  
366 COWAN RD.

\$12 per plate

Dine-in or take-out available

## Easter Flowers

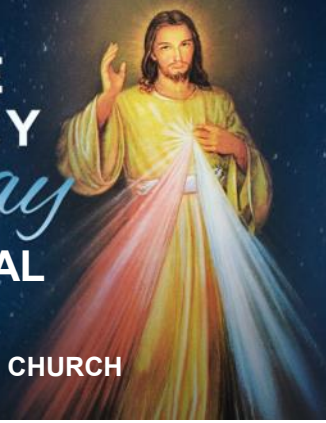
We are now accepting donations for our Easter flowers. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the back of the church.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

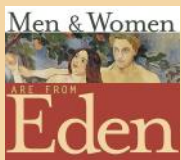
## DIVINE MERCY Sunday DEVOTIONAL

APRIL 7 | 2:30 - 4:00PM | CHURCH



## FAMILY LIFE NEWS

Our next study will utilize the book "Men and Women are from Eden" by Mary Healy. The book may be purchased at most retailers where Catholic books are sold. The course will run for ten weeks.



Monday Session:  
April 15 – June 17  
1:00PM

Wednesday Session:  
April 17 – June 19  
6:00PM

### 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](mailto:FLC@saintjamescc.com) or 228-896-6059.

### BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. The next class will be April 20.

For more information and to register, please contact Mara Russo at [FLC@saintjamescc.com](mailto:FLC@saintjamescc.com) or 228-896-6059.



"Growing Together in Faith and Love"

A Married Couples Retreat  
January 11 - 12, 2025

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center  
Covington, LA

Save the date

Faith and Marriage  
an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community

## 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](mailto:FLC@saintjamescc.com) or 228-896-6059.



If you or a loved one are homebound, or are hospitalized locally and would like to schedule a visit from Fr. Ryan, please contact Mara Russo at [FLC@saintjamescc.com](mailto:FLC@saintjamescc.com) or 228-896-6059.

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Journey on the sorrowful  
Way of the Cross each week.

Fridays @ 2:00PM

### LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint J Youth will present Live  
Stations of the Cross in the Saint  
James Parish Center Gymnasium.

Good Friday, March 29 @ 3:00PM

### Meet Jesus in the Confessional where you can be forgiven and healed!



"Confession is the soul's bath. Even  
a clean and unoccupied room  
gathers dust; return after a week  
and you will see that it needs  
dusting again."

- St. Padre Pio

### Reconciliation Services

**St. Joseph**

**Monday, March 18 @ 6:00PM**

**St. John the Evangelist**

**Monday, March 25 @ 6:00PM**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

**Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:30PM**

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

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  
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**Date: April 5-7, 2024**

**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  
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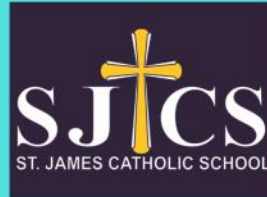
Take courage. He is calling you!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Bethlehem Nativity Group

On the weekend of Palm Sunday  
(March 23 & 24), Saint James will have the  
Bethlehem Nativity Group offering olive-wood  
art at all Masses. This art will be available for  
purchase after each Mass.

## SCHOOL NEWS



### Bayou Bash

April 13, 2024

Bayou Bluff Tennis Club

6:00 - 10:00PM

Tickets: \$100

Admits 2 adults and includes food, live entertainment provided by  
Dr. Rock and the Interns, and a chance to win the following  
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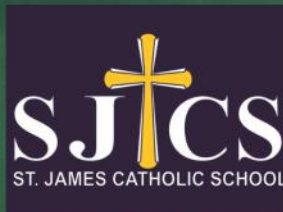
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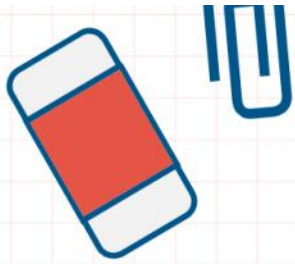
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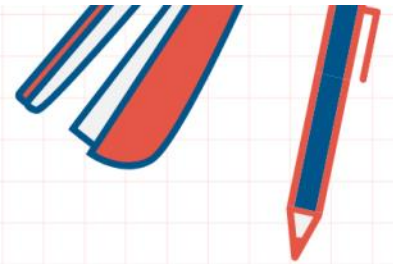
Must be 21 to attend and to purchase a raffle ticket.



Registration for the 2024-2025  
school year is now open at our  
Catholic Schools.



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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUBSIDY

To obtain the Catholic rate at St. James Catholic School and/or St. Patrick Catholic High School, one must be a registered and participating family who regularly contributes to Saint James Parish (using checks, parish envelopes or electronic giving). Each school year, parents must bring a subsidy form from the school to the parish office for the pastor to sign in order to receive the subsidized tuition rate.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents are responsible before God to choose appropriate schooling for each of their children. Our task, as a parish community, is to assist parents as best we can with the tools they need to raise their children as good Catholics. Each year, our parish is assessed a certain percentage of our Sunday collection to be allocated to our local Catholic schools, St. James Catholic School and St. Patrick Catholic High School. As such, Saint James Parish has money set aside in the 2024/2025 budget for our registered contributing families to help with Catholic elementary and high school tuition costs.

At Saint James, our policy is also to set aside a proportional amount to support our faith formation programs for parents who choose public schools or home schooling for their children.

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**We follow a "needs based" policy. Both schools utilize FACTS, an organization that specializes in determining the financial need of each family. The Tuition Assistance application process is now open. There is a processing fee.**

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## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL & ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Applications for aid can be found on the **FACTS** website.

**April 15, 2024 - SPCHS deadline** for applications.

**April 26, 2024 - SJCS deadline** for applications.

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## Eucharistic Miracle of BAGNO DI ROMAGNA



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Fr. Lazzaro, profoundly moved and repentant, confessed his unbelief to the faithful present at the celebration and the profound miracle that the Lord had worked before his eyes.



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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

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# FORMED

This Week on FORMED — (March 17, 2024)

**Monday (Mar 18th) - St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

- Day 10 - A Time When Jesus Gave the Devil the Boot
- Lectio & Meditatio: Climbing the First Rungs | Lectio: Prayer | Episode 3
- St. Patrick | Catholic Saints
- The Story of Saint Patrick
- Learning the REAL history of St. Patrick w/ Eddie Cotter | Chris Stefanick Show
- Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle
- The Trials of Saint Patrick

**Tuesday (Mar 19th) - Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**

- The Gift of Children | The Mission of the Family | Ep 3
- St. Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)
- Saint Joseph | Lukas Storyteller
- St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father
- St. Joseph | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

**Wednesday (Mar 20th)**

- Preparing for Holy Week | The Augustine Institute Show
- Fear of Being Canceled w/ Paul J. Kim | Fearless | Episode 6

**Thursday (Mar 21th)**

- Week Five | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

**Friday (Mar 22th)**

- Oratio: Conversation with God | Lectio: Prayer | Episode 4

**Saturday (Mar 23th) - Turibius de Mogrovejo**

- This Is a Hard Saying | Bread of Life | Episode 3

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### A Prayer for the Unborn Children

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