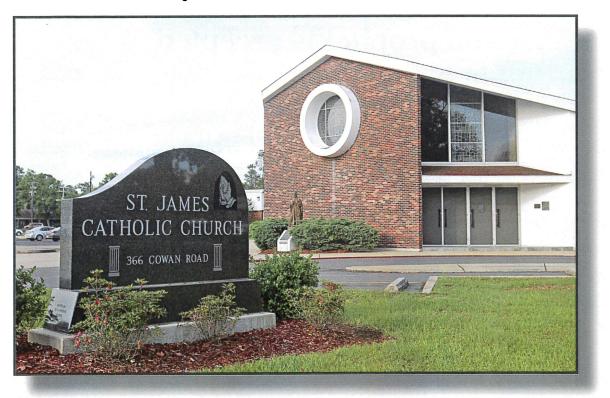
4th Sunday of Lent — March 27, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE

| SATURDAY (Vigil): | |
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| SUNDAY: | 9:00 & 11:00AM, 5:30PM |
| MONDAY: | 7:00 & 8:30AM |
| TUESDAY: | 6:00PM |
| | 7:00PM (XLT Praise & Worship) |
| WEDNESDAY: | 8:30AM |
| THURSDAY: | 7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon) |
| FRIDAY: | 8:30AM |
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Saint James Catholic Church 366 Cowan Road Gulfport, Mississippi 39507



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

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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Call the Parish Office at 228-896-6059 (All ads are annual)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS: Thank our Advertisers for supporting St. James Church



Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Convent Chapel

"THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD, AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN; E WAS LOST, AND HAS BEEN FOUND."

LUKE 15:24

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BE TRANSFORMED

Who knew that when Moses led the Israelites out of slavery it would mean forty years of wandering in the desert before they were able to enter the Promised Land? Many of us experience periods of wandering in our life. Perhaps we made some poor judgment calls in our younger days, or maybe as adult children we returned home to live because of struggling with substance abuse, or unemployment, or a divorce. Or maybe we fell away from Church for a bit. This is nothing new. The second reading calls us to be new creations in Christ, to put away our old selves, to be transformed; and in the Gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son. Each of these calls for us to move, and grow, and leave old ways behind.

TESTING THE BOUNDARIES

Some of the first words a two-year-old might say are "Do by self!" It is almost a rite of passage for teenagers to test their parents as much as they can. Every parent who ever lay awake in bed at night waiting to hear the sound of the child pulling the car into the garage or opening the door knows at least as much about praying vigils as any nun in a convent. This is a deep and earnest prayer, and the parents can barely breathe until their child comes home. Usually when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son, we think of the feeling of guilt the son had as he realized how much he had messed things up, or we feel the injustice that the older brother felt, because he wasn't the rebel child leaving the home.

WELCOME HOME

What we don't often remember in the story of the Prodigal Son is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him

with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we've made, or how many times we have made them.

TODAY'S READINGS

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 Luke 15:1–3, 11–32



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.



| Masses: March 26 - April 02 | | | |
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| | Sat. | 4:00PM | Ramon Faul |
| | Sun. | 9:00AM | Steve Brooks |
| | | 11:00AM | People of Saint James |
| | | 5:30PM | Frank Pittman |
| | Mon. | 7:00AM | Dustin Black |
| | | 8:30AM | Ann Mills |
| | Tue. | 6:00PM | Roberta Hartfield |
| | Wed. | 8:30AM | Rose Nutter |
| | Thur. | 7:00AM | Parker Hewes |
| | | 12:00PM | Joann Blaze |
| | Fri. | 7:00AM | Ernie Brown (Healing) |
| | | 8:30AM | Julie Norris |
| | Sat. | 4:00PM | Pete Gates |
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SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Religious Education.**

THIS WEEKEND'S LECTORS & MINISTERS

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR - March 26/27

| | Sat. | 4:00PM | Macky Dominguez | |
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| | Sun. | 9:00AM | Emerson Morris | |
| | | 11:00AM | Ed Farrell | |
| | | 5:30PM | Yolanda Edwards | |
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 26/27

| Sat. | 4:00PM | June Bounds & Connie O'Neal |
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| Sun. | 9:00AM | Bonnie & Jean Jacobs |
| | 11:00AM | Bridget & Russel Weatherly |
| | | and Darlene Warren |
| | 5:30PM | Daria Sharp, Diana Holder |
| | | and Deanne Goulet |

EASTER FLOWERS

The Ladies Altar Society is taking donations for Easter Flowers. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the back of the church.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Anyone, (Catholic, non-Catholic, or unbaptized, high school and up) is cordially invited to RCIA classes. Classes meet on Wednesday in the church at 7:00PM. For more information, or to join, call Deacon Henderson at 228-209-6960. Please continue to pray for Laken Ely, Ashley Fontenot, Lisa Garcia, John Hightower, Olivia Hightower, Philip Irby, Billy Porter, Christy Richardson, and Jaclyn Simpson, our RCIA class, as they continue their faith journey.

FAITH FORMATION

Linda Hebert - lindahebert@saintjameschurchms.com

Kindergarten - Fifth graders attend class on Sunday morning from 10:00AM - 10:45AM and Sixth - Twelfth graders meet on Sunday evening from 6:30PM- 8:00PM.

Both sessions begin in the St. James Catholic School Cafeteria.

Please remember to pray for our children who are receiving Sacraments this year.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- First Reconciliation 6:00PM March 28, 2022
- First Communion 1:00PM April 24, 2022

Congratulations to those who were confirmed on Thursday. May the Holy Spirit guide you on the path of holiness!

Gia Alley, Haylie Alvarez, Abby Badurak, Knox Brogdon, Colin Chatman, Braden Cooper, Lauren Croal, Isabella Cruthirds, Caroline Dellenger, Caden DeMers, Mary Ellen Edwards, Makenzi Fontenot, Nevaeh Gilman, Caleb Gonzalez, Abraham Goulet, Ana Hebert, Clay Hilton, London Lafferty, Lucy Lee, Christina Lightsey, Cooper Lott, Emerson Morris, John Mullins, Trevor Musgrove, Katherine Oropesa, Thomas Owen, Jacob Palazzo, Thomas Salloum, Lily Schloegel, Mia Sharp, Bryon Shepard, Hayden Taylor, Skylar Tebor, Ainsley Kate Thriffiley, Alexis White & Olivia Williams.

WE APPRECIATE AND EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE CONFIRMATION CORE TEAM FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE & GUIDANCE IN **PREPARING OUR CANDIDATES:**

- Sarah Rhodes
- **Stephen Oberlies**
- Bridgett Bermond •
- Patrick Collins
- Jessi Hebert
- Andrew Sanders
- Joseph Simpson
- Rachel Vivan
- Joseph Herbert

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT SAINT JAMES? IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ!

If you attend Mass here on a regular basis and in order for our parish to better assist you in times of sacramental needs, such as baptism or marriage, and in times of illness or death, you need to be officially registered. Registration forms are on the tables at the back of the church, or you may call our office and we will mail one to you. Completed forms may be dropped in the regular collection.

SUBSIDY /TUITION ASSISTANCE POLICY:

ST. JAMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL Grades K-12 in order for students to receive subsidized tuition and or tuition assistance:

EACH SCHOOL YEAR parents must bring a subsidy form from St. James/St. Patrick to the parish office for the pastor to sign, in order to receive the subsidized rate. The following requirements apply:

1) The family must be registered with the parish a minimum of six months. *Unless your family has just moved to this area, and when registering you filled out an ACH form for church contributions.

2) For Pre-K-6th grade, at St. James School you must turn in a Catholic **Baptismal certificate** to the school and the parents must donate 2 hours, 2 times a year in service to the St. James Elementary School.

3) The family must contribute *identifiably* to the support of the parish through the regular weekly or monthly use of the envelope system, by automatic draft/electronic fund transfer, your personal check to identify you or cash in an envelope with your name on it.

4) The family **must attend** weekend Mass with the parish family at St. James. 5) If you are an active supporting Catholic family from another parish, you may be eligible to receive subsidy through that parish. Contact the school principal for further information.

SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sarah Rhodes - youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com Saint J Youth Group meets Sunday at 6:30PM in the St. James School Cafeteria.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Saint J Youth Group would greatly appreciate donations of individually wrapped packages of chips, cookies, crackers & fruit snacks. In addition, canned drinks and bottled waters would be most welcome. We could also use Bean Bag Chairs. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Glenn Anglada, Lorna Antenio, Jerry Boudreaux, Joan Boudreaux, Marie Bourg, Tina Bradshaw, Hope Broadus, Ernie Brown, Jerry Brown, Georgia Buckley, Nivia Buchanan, Sonia Bucman, Isabel Bullard, Valerie Buras, Joan Burwell, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard & Dannie Chevalier, Nick Christovich, Andrew Cooper, Michael P. Curtin, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Kelly Englese, Shellie Ely, Fr. Bernie Farrell, W.C. Fore, Gene Gaddy, Mary Kay Ğaspeud, Joseph Neil Gilly, Loretta Hahn, Tom Healy, Jessi Hebert, Greg Herbert, Louis Helwick, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Heaven Holliday, Taylor Hopwood, Eric Hosler, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Gertrude Johnson, Mary Johnson, Kenise Johnson, Allison Kane, Tony King, Fr. George Kitchin, Marvin Koury, William Joyce, Josie Lindsey, Chuck Loftis, Lily McCabe, Dr. Mike McCabe, Carolyn McClellan, Mary McCusker, Steve McDaniel, Robert McInnis, Mike Mensi, Carolyn Messer, Braleigh Moak, Buddy Moore, LuLu Mount, Ethelyn Mozingo, Albert Necaise, Lois Ann Necaise, Judy Northrop, Uyen Nguyen, Stephen Oberlies, Linda Olsen, Toffie Owen Jr., Debbie Postler, Joe Romano, Claudetta Rosetti, Dane Shepherd, Jill Simmons, Donnie Skinner, Evelyn Smutzer, Cora Sue Villarreal, James Wetzel Sr., Wally White, Teresa Whiteside, Jack Williamson, Ronnie Williams, Mary Ann Young, and D.J. Zigler.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Larson Carroll, Laura Galloway, Doris Marie, Joel Oustalet, Sawyer Scarborough and All of the Holy Souls.

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, Kalvin Daniels, Capt. Graham Ernst, Greg Hammontree, 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.

SAINT JAMES PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD INITIATIVE

With our "Choose Life" billboards gaining a larger reach, the St. James Pro-Life With our Choose Life of hoodards gaming a larger reach, the St. Janes Pro-Life Billboard Initiative has become a diocesan –wide effort! Our mission remains the same...to evangelize to the masses to Choose Life and pray fervently. However, our name has changed to "Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life". You may still use St. James Pro Life Billboard on our Facebook page to see the latest news. Thank you to the Saint James Parish for being the grassroots and home base of this beautiful ministry. If you would like to support and keep this ministry alive, 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.

Mary our Mother, pray for us. Director of Pro-Life Ministries & NFP Coordinator:

Michele Pisciotta. M.D. President, Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life: Karen Rhodes Founder: Penny Sullivan

TREASURE

| March 12/15 | |
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| WEEKEND COLLECTION | \sim |
| Sunday Offertory via mail/collection basket | \$9,880 |
| Sunday Offertory via ACH/on-line giving | \$9,152 |
| Weekly Total | \$19,032 |
| Weekly Budget (amount needed) | \$16,620 |
| YTD Áctual-Week #38 | \$660,039 |
| YTD Budget-Week #38 | \$631,560 |
| YTD % of Budget | |
| 2nd Collection Ukraine | |
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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS ARE NEEDED! SATURDAY: 5:00AM - 6:00AM & 8:00AM - 9:00AM SUNDAY: 1:00PM - 2:00PM

2nd 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 Adoration Chapel is also in need of divisional leaders.

"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.

ADORATION TESTIMONIES WANTED Has God been working in your life? There are sheets in the Adoration Chapel to share answered prayers, graces and miracles that you have received. Share with your parish family how prayers and your time spent in the Adoration Chapel has blessed your life.

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#:

HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COUNCIL

e-mail:

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/ P. B. 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, Spaghetti noodles, and cereal, health care items

IF YOU NEED A TAX STATEMENT FOR 2021 FROM SVDP

Please call the Parish Office, and leave a message, or call Gretchen (a) 228-265-1336 and leave a message.



SATURDAY MEALS FOR OUR PRIESTS

If you would like to participate in providing a meal for Fr. Ryan & Fr. Kitchin on a Saturday, please sign up at takethemameal.com Recipient Last Name: McCoy....Password: 4444

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick Catholic High School faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit their website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school.

> please contact: Dr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500 or

mbuckley@stpatrickhighshool.net.





THURSDAY, APRIL 14 - SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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

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 Vigil Mass @ 7:24PM



- Mass @ 7:00AM
- Mass @ 9:00AM
- Mass @ 11:00AM
- NO 5:30PM Mass



The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ 7:24PM: 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.





REFLECTIONS ON HOLY WEEK A CONCERT - SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2022 – 3:00 P.M. NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHEDRAL

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS & MOBILE VOCAL ARTS TERRY D. MADDOX, M.M. – DIRECTOR – 251 406-1454 TERRYDALEMADDOX@GMAIL.COM

