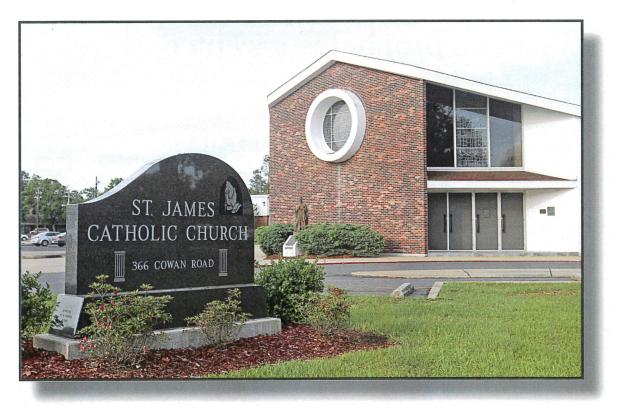
## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 21, 2022



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#### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (Vigil):	4:00PM
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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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)

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022



#### COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

The term "fair-weather friend" might need a technological-era updating. Perhaps "short attention span friend" would work. In our world of multiple communication platforms, it somehow has become increasingly easy to lose track of friends. We shouldn't be surprised when we reach out and they've moved on due to our indifference. The God who is love and whose covenant is one-hundred percent about relationship is depicted in the same way by Jesus today. Hey God, remember us? There was that one time we were really in trouble and you helped out; well, we're in trouble again. But we may find that God has moved on since we turned out to be only foul-weather friends. The covenant relationship has two parties: God and us. If that covenant relationship falls apart, and we're no longer "friended" by God, it's not because God failed as a friend. Keeping up the friendship and relationship with God is equally our responsibility.

#### FROM EAST TO WEST

With our modern understanding of the world and its various cultures and religions, it's hard to grasp how shocking Isaiah's words today would have been to those who first encountered them. After all, they were the people God called "Chosen." It was easy for them to presume that after the sufferings of exile that God's freeing redemption would be for them and them alone. Yet here is Isaiah saying that the saving hand of God will extend to all nations, even those of varying ways and languages. Perhaps most shocking to Isaiah's initial audience would have been today's final line: that God would take these outsiders and fugitives, elevating them to the priesthood, to include them in the descendants of one of Jacob's sons, Levi. It's not difficult to imagine that this sweeping vision of God's mercy and love beyond the bounds of the Chosen People was met with resistance, much as similar messages are met with resistance today.

#### FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

Jesus shows himself to be firmly in Israel's prophetic tradition, a true son of Isaiah today, as he proclaims a similar message. Those who had been chosen as disciples could not presume that merely keeping physical proximity with Jesus or remaining in his company gave them any real claim to call themselves true disciples. As important as table fellowship is in Luke's Gospel, even eating and drinking with Jesus does not guarantee an eventual seat at the table of God's reign. Even being a "pureblood" (a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) doesn't make your final destination

a sure thing. How the world has placed you into its categories—first or last—just might get scrambled too. It is those who follow Jesus through the "narrow gate" of discipleship, truly abiding by his example who are sure to find themselves reclining at table in the kingdom.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Isaiah 66:18–21 Psalm 117:1, 2 Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 Luke 13:22–30



**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.



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Masse	es: August 20	- August 27
Sat.	4:00PM	<b>₽Peggy Scannaliato</b>
Sun.	9:00AM	<b>骨Angela Styczenski</b>
	11:00AM	People of Saint James
	5:30PM	<b>骨Mike Curtain</b>
Mon.	7:00AM	<b>骨Alfred Lopez</b>
	8:30AM	<b>骨Sammy Curter</b>
Tue.	6:00PM	<b>令William Mount</b>
Wed.	8:30AM	<b>骨Angela Styczenski</b>
Thur.	7:00AM	<b>⊕Buddy Hage</b>
	12:00PM	<b>⊕Jerry Zengerle</b>
Fri.	8:30AM	中Daniel Leonard (Special Intention)
	4:00PM	<b>†Irene Enger</b>

#### **LECTORS SCHEDULE**

	Aug	<u>ust 20/21</u>
Sat.	4:00PM	Chuck Bridley
Sun.	9:00AM	Chris Spear
	11:00AM	Ed Farrell
	5:30PM	Michelle Pisciotta
	Aug	ust 27/28
Sat.	4:00PM	Holly Dreger
Sun.	9:00AM	Meggan Gray Stolarski
	11:00AM	Ron Bruni
	5:30PM	Sarah Rhodes

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

	Aug	ust 20/21
Sat.	4:00PM	Mary Pecoul, Connie Pucheu,
		Josie Six and Beverly Moore
Sun.	9:00AM	Gretchen Ellis, Don & Sherry Alfonsos
		and Susanne Chandler
	11:00AM	<b>Butch Plitt, Mary Anne Oberlies,</b>
		<b>Becky Graves and Stephanie Guirola</b>
	5:30PM	Ann Vitosky, Yolanda Edwards,
		Danique Freeman and Ashlie Moran
	Aug	ust 27/28
Sat.	4:00PM	Connie O'Neal, Barbara Levine and
		Mary & Stanley Pecoul
Sun.	9:00AM	Ann Edwards, Linda Joffrion, and
		Bonnie & Gene Jacobs
	11:00AM	Darlene & EG Warren, Roberta
		Hosler and Cara & Alex Karetas
ASA	5:30PM	Diana Holder, Deanne Goulet,
	-	Stephen Oberlies and Deacon Conason

#### SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sarah Rhodes - youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com

### REGISTRATION HAPPENING NOW!

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

# Faith Formation registration

happening now!

Scan the code to get registered today!





Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$81,001. Thus far, 176 families have answered Bishop Kihneman's call and we have raised \$75,606 (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, envelopes can be found in the pew pockets or you can give online at <u>www.biloxidiocese.org</u>. Remember - all monies donated above our goal will be returned to the parish.

#### ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - <u>one</u> draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or <u>two</u> 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 Saint J Youth Ministry. Next weekend's second collection will be for Church Property Insurance.

#### **TREASURE**

August 13/14	
WEEKEND COLLECTION	
Sunday Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$10,486
Sunday Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$205
Weekly Total	
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$16,560
YTD Actual-Week #07	
YTD Budget-Week #07	\$115,920
YTD % of Budget	
2nd Collection - Faith Formation	

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ouinn Baldy, Bridgett Bermond, Teresa Blum, Jerry Boudreaux, Joan Boudreaux, Tina Bradshaw, Hope Broadus, Sonia Bucman, Joan Burwell, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard & Dannie Chevalier, Nick Christovich, Andrew Cooper, Jean Crawford, Jason Creel, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Shellie Ely, W.C. Fore, Gene Gaddy, Joseph Neil Gilly, Roberta Lechner, Loretta Hahn, Ivy Hebert, Jessi Hebert, Louis Helwick, Stephanie Hennessey, Whitney Henriquez, Marian Hewes, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Timmy Holliday, Taylor Hopwood, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Gertrude Johnson, Mary Johnson, William Joyce, Allison Kane, Sheena Khalifeh, Fr. George Kitchin, Marvin Koury, Brenda Landrum, Josie Lindsey, Chuck Loftis, Don Marsh, Lily McCabe, Carolyn McClellan, Mary McCusker, Steve McDaniel, Robert McInnis, Carolyn Messer, Braleigh Moak, Barbara Monson, Buddy Moore, Richard Moran, LuLu Mount, Ethelyn Mozingo, Albert Necaise, Dominic Nguyen, Uven Nguyen, Judy Northrop, Linda Olsen, Butch Oustalet, Toffie Owen Jr., Debbie Postler, Joe Romano, Claudetta Rosetti, Barbara Russo, Dane Shepherd, Donnie Skinner, Evelyn Smutzer, Delcan Sowell, John & Maureen Surrette, James Wetzel Sr., Wally White, Teresa Whiteside, Jack Williamson, Ronnie Williams, Mary Ann Young, and D.J. Zigler.

#### PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Christopher Bruni, Adrienne Conwill, Emery Davis, Jr., Anna Thong Thi Dinh, Carl King, Sidney Langston, Anna Logan, Fr. Tony Menz, Sally Romero, 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, 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.

Thank You!

The Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life Ministry would like to extend our gratitude to all the generous parishioners of St. James for donating \$1,670.00 in our most recent second collection.



Be sure to subscribe to our email list on the Saint James website and subscribe to our new YouTube Channel. Fr. Ryan encourages you to read the Gospel passage before Sunday Mass to prepare our minds and hearts to receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Word and the Holy Eucharist.

#### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

ADORERS ARE NEEDED!

TUESDAY: 4:00AM - 5:00AM; THURSDAY: 3:00PM - 4:00PM; FRIDAY: 9:00PM - 10:00PM; and

SATURDAY: 12:00PM(NOON) - 1:00PM

Second Adorers needed for all hours. <u>Second or Third Adorers are always</u> <u>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.

<u>ADORATION TESTIMONIES WANTED</u> 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#:

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



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

#### PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



# *"Nothing is far from God."* St. Monica

St. Monica's Feast Day is August 27. She is the patron saint of mothers and is a wonderful example of the influence of intercessory prayer. Learn more at: www.catholicapostolatecenter.org

# Save the Lote OCTOBER 8, 2022

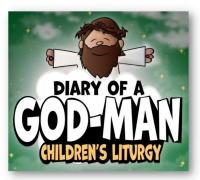
John and Debbie Bazzone have generously donated "The Mass for Children" booklets that can be found in the pews. These booklets help our little ones to participate in the celebration of the Mass. Due to our limited supply, please leave them for other children to enjoy.



FAITH

Can Move

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



## WE KINDLY THANK THE FAMILY (WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS) FOR PROVIDING US WITH A SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR WEEKLY READINGS.

If you would like to purchase your own liturgy book, please go to: <u>www.diaryofagodman.com</u>



The Jeff Bruni Family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of compassion, support and prayers that the St. James Family has shown to us in honor and memory of Christopher Bruni.



# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Courageous Virtue: A Bible Study on Moral Excellence for Women by Stacy Mitch

This study meets weekly for eight weeks. All sessions will meet at the Philomena House: 2009 Saint James Blvd.

## CHOOSE FROM 3 SESSIONS:

Mondays

• 1:00 - 2:30PM beginning September 7 to October 26

#### Wednesdays

- 1:00 2:30PM beginning September 7 to October 26
- 6:00 7:30PM beginning September 7 to October 26

#### Materials Needed:

- Bible
- Courageous Virtue: A Bible Study on Moral Excellence for Women by Stacy Mitch

There is no fee to participate, but obtaining study materials is the responsibility of the participant.

For more information, or to register, please contact: Mara Russo - FLC@saintjameschurchms.com or call the Parish Office 228-896-6059





# **INTRODUCING** Catechesis for Your Whole Family



### We're getting ready for an exciting year with a new way for families to learn our Catholic faith.

Families are warmly welcomed to join **A Family of Faith** this fall! Our Family Program is an innovative approach for the whole family to learn more about the Catholic faith. **A Family of Faith** will help you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home.

## How A Family of Faith Works

#### At the PARISH

You'll learn the key teachings of the Faith through monthly sessions at the parish.

#### At HOME

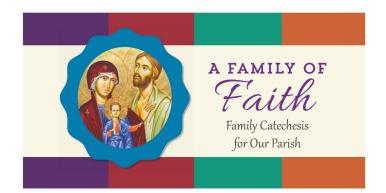
You'll teach your children using fun activities and talk about your faith as a family.

#### In COMMUNITY

You'll get to know other families and support each other on your faith journey.

### To learn more or to register:

# Call (228) 896-6059 Visit www.saintjameschurchms.com



Dear Parishioners,

It's with great enthusiasm that I announce the start of an exciting new approach to faith formation here at Saint James Catholic Church. The basic idea behind this new program is to teach the *Catholic faith to parents that they might then teach the Catholic faith to their own children.* 

On hearing about this concept, some parents have expressed the concern, "But I'm not trained as a teacher! And, I'm worried I don't know enough about my own religion!" As Jesus told us so often, and I repeat: *Do not be afraid!* Who do you think has been teaching in our faith formation classes all these years? Parents, just like you! As a parent, you will be provided with the materials and tools you need to accomplish this crucial task. And there's something more that you've already been given...

Whenever a child is baptized in the Catholic Church, the child's parents are reminded that, in asking for his or her baptism, they are accepting the responsibility of training their son or daughter in the practice of the faith and the duty to bring him or her up to keep God's commandments. The religious education of their own children is part of the God-given vocation of parents, and the Lord never calls us to do something without also giving us everything we need to accomplish it. So, on top of the essential material and tools our parish will provide, *God has given you His grace to do this!* 

A Family of Faith will be taking the place of Sunday morning faith formation classes and is geared for kids in grades K-8, but all families are invited to participate. Children in grades 6-12 will continue their faith formation through the Saint J Youth Group's Edge and Life Teen catechetical models. Sacramental prep for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the St. James Catholic School beginning September 14; and sacramental prep for Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings in the Spring Semester. Since Confirmation preparation is a three-year process, all high school students not attending Catholic school must attend our Life Teen nights and those attending Catholic school are encouraged to attend.

# The first parent session for *A Family of Faith* is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, in the St. James Catholic School cafeteria. We will meet from 5:45 – 7:15 PM.

I look forward to embarking on this new venture with you and allowing Jesus to transform our parish into *a family of faith.* Registration forms are in the back of the church or you may register on our website. If you have any questions, please contact me or Linda Hebert, our Director of Religious Education.

In Christ's peace,

Father Ryan McCoy Pastor







# It's time to register your teen!

We welcome ALL students in grades 6-12 (Catholic school, public school, and homeschool) to join us for another amazing year in our Saint J Youth Group! Our registration link is up and running on our website! Register here: <u>www.saintjameschurchms.com</u> or use the QR code below.

We need all teens registered BEFORE our Fall Youth Group Kick-off on Sept. 11th. Edge is for students in grades 6-8 and Life Teen is for students in grades 9-12. We meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8pm in the St. James Catholic School cafeteria where we share a meal together. Once dinner is over, Life Teen heads over to the Bosco Room while Edge stays in the cafeteria. The remainder of the evening is designed for our youth to encounter Christ through various activities, small group discussion, and service projects.

We have even more to look forward to this year! There will be middle school conferences, Life Teen retreats, tons of fun service projects, and Wednesday youth nights with Bible Study (more details to come).

Be sure to follow us on social media to stay connected. @saintjyouth on Instagram and Facebook.

Faith Formation for our youth in grades 6-12 is conducted using the Edge and Life Teen catechetical models.

Since Confirmation preparation is a three-year process, all high school students not attending Catholic school must attend our Life Teen nights and those attending Catholic school are encouraged to attend.



LAST YEAR'S KICKOFF WAS A BLAST!



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF BEACH GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, AND A BONFIRE WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP. COME HUNGRY! We'll have a Food truck and Sno-Balls.

LOOKING FORWARD TO KICKING OFF A GREAT YEAR WITH ALL OF OUR SAINT J YOUTH GRADES 6-12.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TEENS, SECURITY WILL BE PRESENT AT OUR KICKOFF EVENT.



