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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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STAY CONNECTED

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



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TREASURE

December 27/28, 2025

First Collection:	\$32,239
ACH:	\$ —
Online Giving:	\$1,450
Second Collection:	\$832
Tuition Assistance	
Christmas:	\$21,838

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the Aged and Infirm Priests.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Youth Ministry.

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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Copies of "The Forgotten Way" can be found at the entrances of the church.

Please take one per family.



The Catholic Extension 2026 Calendars
are here and can be found on the
tables in the back of the church.

Please take one per family.

A DIVINE MERCY TUESDAY

January 20, 2026

Daily Mass - 6:00PM

Devotional in the Church - 7:00PM

Rejoice in God's Mercy



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Divine Mercy Chaplet | Adoration | Confession | Praise & Worship | Veneration of Relics



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.

Katherine Adams	Joe Culpepper	Ellis Hill	Tanya McClellan	Josh Sniffen
Jeanviere Angeron	Fr. Joseph Dang	Andrea Holderness	Dalton McGuire	Julia Sterling
George Barlow	Mimi Davis	Shannon Holliday	Karen McCoy	Jennifer Stolarski
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John Boothsby	Elinor Donivan	Margie Joffrion	Jennifer Morgan	Katie Todaro
Asher Bonura	Brenda Dubuisson	Fr. Jey Jordan	John Mozingo, Jr.	Fr. Doan Tran
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Dannie Chevalier	Keleal Hassin	Jeff Lawson	Jim Roos	
Edward Collins	Jim Haupt	James Lay	Barbara Russo	
Rose Mary Collins	Melissa Healey	Danny Lechner	Leo Seicshnaydre	
Paul Corley	Jessi Hebert	Josie Lindsey	Kathy Shankweiler	
Debbie Cothorn	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Clark Lizana, Jr.	Ralph Shankweiler	
Jean Crawford	Tom Hicks	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Jaclyn Simpson	

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 note which hospital and provide a room number.

Please remember to pray for the holy souls in purgatory. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in 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, January 3

4:00PM †Kevin Chevalier

Sunday, January 4

9:00AM †Maida Guave
11:00AM People of Saint James
5:30PM †Cathy Oser

Monday, January 5

7:00AM †Don Redder
8:30AM †Jerome Zengerle

Tuesday, January 6

6:00PM †Dennis Bourgeois

Wednesday, January 7

6:00AM †Hoshall Barrett
8:30AM †Sammy Carter

Thursday, January 8

7:00AM †Maria Delosantos
12:00PM †Theda Lake

Friday, January 9

8:30AM †Darren Herbert

Saturday, January 10

4:00PM †Kevin Chevalier
Deceased -† Healing -♥ Special Intention -✿

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

January 5 - January 10

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

5:45PM Family of Faith (Catechetical Session), Raphael Room
7:30PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

Thursday, January 8

6:00PM District Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room

Saturday, January 10

9:15AM Secular Carmelite, Raphael Room

January 12 - January 17

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

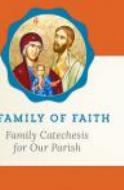
5:30PM Sacramental Prep (FC), Raphael Room

Thursday, January 15

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

FAITH FORMATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5



Catechetical Session January 7 | 5:45PM-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

BINGO NIGHT

Join us as we kickoff this semester!
Exciting Prizes | Fun & Games | Delicious Dinner

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



Come to the Table

A Sacramental Overview with
Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education

Parents of all children who are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are required to attend a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation with Linda.

To schedule your session, please contact Linda at
lindahebert@saintjamescc.com or 228-297-5126

Confirmation Kick-Off

Sacramental Prep for 11th graders (& 12th graders who haven't been confirmed) kicks off Wednesday, January 21, at 6:30PM in the church.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND

**CONFIRMATION
MARCH 19, 2026
6:00PM @ ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**MORE INFO: CONTACT
LINDA HEBERT @ 228-297-5126**

An Epiphany House Blessing

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write **+20 C M B 26+** above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ bless this house)

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2026 the year.

Here is a suggested format for the blessing:

All Start with the Sign of the Cross

Leader: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Using chalk, write the following on the outside of the house or inside above the main entrance:

+20 Christus Mansionem Benedicat 26+ or +20 C M B 26+

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All End with the Sign of the Cross

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;
Wednesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM;
and Saturday 1:00PM - 2:00PM**

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 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!



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.



Knights of Columbus

Saint James Council # 11541

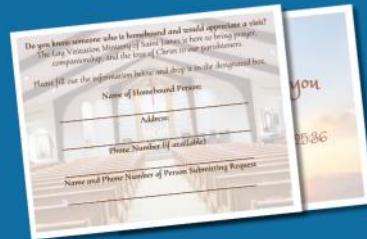


**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, at 7:30PM
in the Raphael Room**

Want to learn more about the Knights of Columbus?
Email us at saintjameskoc11541@gmail.com

VISITATION MINISTRY

The Lay Visitation Ministry will soon begin 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

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.

Did You Know?

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!

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.

Married Couples Retreat

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ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Would you like to spend quality time enriching your marriage?

Then join us on our parish sponsored married couples retreat at the beautiful **St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center in Covington, La**

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The TABITHA PROJECT
Tabitha Tip

**INVITE FEEDBACK:
ASK PARISHIONERS
HOW ACCESSIBILITY
COULD IMPROVE IN
YOUR PARISH AND ACT
ON IT**

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



"A PLACE FOR HOPE AND HEALING"

The Mercy Cross Center is committed to making a positive impact in the lives of those who are without a home, supporting those in need, and ultimately decreasing the number of individuals in our local community who are without housing. The Mercy Cross Center and its partners offer a range of essential services to support individuals experiencing the need for a day shelter.

Please visit <https://biloxidiocese.org/cc-homeless>
to see how you can help.

BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month. The next class will be on February 14.



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

Clearing the Confusion: Common Misconceptions About Annulments

Many Catholics have questions regarding annulments. Here's the truth:

Myth: Annulments dredge up the past and force me to relive painful or embarrassing moments from my life.

→ **Truth:** While the process does include questions about each person's background and the marriage itself, these questions are asked only to understand the circumstances of the marriage and to determine whether it was valid. They are not meant to judge or shame. Many people find that reflecting on their story brings clarity, healing, and peace. Throughout the process, your pastor or a trained advocate is available to guide and support you.

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



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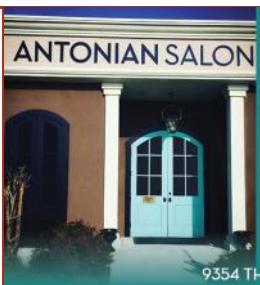
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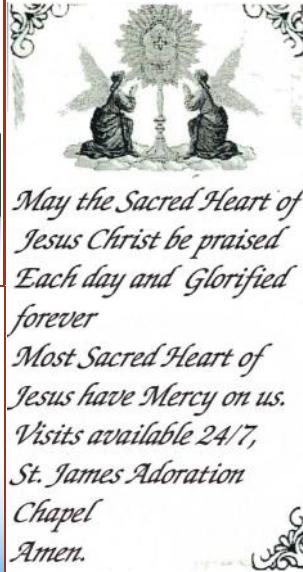
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