

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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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 3:00рм - 4:00рм 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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TREASURE

September 20/21, 2025

First Collection: \$8,357 2nd ACH: \$7,407 Online Giving: \$1,977 Second Collection: \$1,024

Tuition Assistance

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

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

Next weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul, Saint James Conference.

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.

LIFE AT SAINT JAMES



BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome the newest member of our faith family:

Margaret Marie Shepherd

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Sarah Parker Daniels
Felix & Elizabeth Elias and daughter
Jose & Khamel Santamaria and children
Sally Stevenson and children



Altar Candlestick Request

To enhance the reverence and beauty of our liturgical celebrations, Fr. Ryan would like six floor-standing altar candlesticks; four have already been donated. If you would like to sponsor one of the two remaining candlesticks (\$1,650 each) in memory of a loved one or as a family gift, please contact the parish office. Your generosity will help enrich our worship for years to come.

Flowers

Flowers in front of the altar are in loving memory of Bobbie Mizell and have been donated by Gretchen Ellis and Family.

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.

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 Mimi Davis Fr. Jey Jordan Fr. George Murphy Nicholas James Davis William Jordan Lois Ann Necaise Jeanviere Angeron Valerie Dean **George Barlow** Holly Kersten **Butch Oustalet** Elinor Donivan Analyse Khalifeh Jean Piltz Terry Barnes **Hoshall Barrett** Brenda Dubuisson Carli Khalifeh Melissa Robbins Jan Khalifeh Leo Romano Helen Bartelsmeyer Anna Dugas Diana Berman Susan Dunne Sheena Khalifeh Ron Roland Jill Eure Sophia Khalifeh Jim Roos Asher Bonura Jerry Boudreaux Wendy Figer Aaron Kiehl Barbara Russo W.C. Fore Bishop Louis Kihneman Susan Bourgeois Leo Seicshnavdre Doug Kirk Msgr. Dominic Fulham Kathy Shankweiler Debra Boyd **Hope Broadus** Ada Grace Glass Roger Labit Ralph Shankweiler Jeff Lawson Teresa Buckman Ashley Hage Jaclyn Simpson Sarah Buras Loretta Hahn James Lay Josh Sniffen Denise Hancock Danny Lechner Julia Sterling Valerie Buras Caroline Carlisle Jeff Harper Josie Lindsey Jennifer Stolarski Keleal Hassin Clark Lizana, Jr. Darryl Stolica Martha Chapin **Bernard Chevalier** Jim Haupt Gayle Rivet Martinez Katherine Styczenski Tanva McClellan Dannie Chevalier Jessi Hebert Fr. Doan Tran **Edward Collins** Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp Dalton McGuire Fr. Joseph Trinh Rose Mary Collins Tom Hicks Karen McCoy Fr. Joseph Uko **Paul Corley** Andrea Holderness Max Millet Bob Usey Debbie Cothern Shannon Holliday Beverly Moore Jim Ussery Jennifer Morgan Donna Valestro Joe Culpepper Erik Hosler Fr. Joseph Dang Mamie Humphrey John Mozingo, Jr. Brittany Varney

Alyssa Vega Ferdie Walker Kim Casano-Ware Damon Wesfaul

Teresa Whiteside

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



Edward Colbet, Darren Herbert, Rudy Hurlbert, Fr. Fintan Kilmurray, Charlie Kirk and Don Redder

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.

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

office at 228-896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

Monday, September 29

Tuesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 1

Thursday, October 2

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

4:00PM ⊕Troy Fleming

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

September 29 - October 4

Monday, September 29

10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House 1:00PM Bible Study, Philomena House 6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

5:30PM Family of Faith Catechetical Session, Raphael Room

6:00PM Bible Study, Philomena House

Thursday, October 2

9:00AM Altar Society, Raphael Room

6:00PM Seven Sisters Apostolate, Philomena House 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, Raphael Room

Saturday, October 4

9:30AM Apologetics Reading Group, Raphael Room

October 6 - October 11

Monday, October 6

10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House
1:00PM Bible Study, Philomena House
6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

5:30PM Confirmation Info Session, Parish Center Gym

5:30PM Sacramental Prep (First Holy Communion), Raphael Room

6:00PM Bible Study, Philomena House

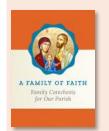
Thursday, October 9

6:00PM District Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Saturday, October 11

9:00AM Secular Carmelites, Raphael Room

A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5



October Catechetical Session October 1 | 5:45-7:15PM Raphael Room

Parents - If you cannot attend the Catechetical Session, please make plans to pick up the materials.

For more information, please contact Linda Hebert at lindahebert@saintjamescc.com



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

Edge begins in the SJCS Cafeteria and LifeTeen in the Bosco Room.

Pickup for all teens is at the SJCS Cafeteria.

Tonight
Edge - Morning Star
LifeTeen - Playbook

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 during October 2025.

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

If your child was not baptized at Saint James Catholic Church, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the session.

DATES TO REMEMBER

First Reconciliation - February 23, 2026 First Holy Communion - April 19, 2026



Congratulations to
Joseph Ross and
Katherine Adams,
our Saint J youth members,
on being chosen Homecoming
King and Queen at St. Patrick
Catholic High School!

SEARCH

We are excited to announce that several of our Saint J teens (Addison Ladner, Hope McLoughlin, Joseph Ross, Lola Saucier and Abigail Warburton) have been selected to serve on this year's diocesan SEARCH Team. Please join us in congratulating and praying for them as they begin this important ministry.

OC A

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.

Classes have begun - but it's not too late to join!

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

OCIC



The Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) is for children (aged 7-17) who are unbaptized, children who have been baptized in a non-Catholic faith or children who did not receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during their second-grade year. Through the OCIC process, children prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation and enter the Catholic Church.

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September 28, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today I am announcing a special *Called by Name* Campaign to identify faithful young men and women in our diocese who may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. The campaign will take place on October 4-5, 2025.

As you know, our diocese has a great need for "more workers for the harvest." I firmly believe that our future priests and sisters will come from our own parishes and schools. In addition to our prayers for Holy Vocations, especially among the young people of our Diocese, we need to offer our support and encouragement as they discern their vocations.

Next weekend, as you reflect upon the vocation story shared by your priest, please consider the following:

1) For Young People

For those of you discerning your vocation, I encourage you to remain open to God's call. It takes courage to consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life – it's worth it! Whether or not you are called to a religious vocation, you will never regret praying about God's will. Our Father has a beautiful and fulfilling plan for your life!

2) For All Parishioners

I invite you to think deeply about the youth & young adults in your parish who you believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the one who calls, he often uses our voices to inspire others. Next week, you can honor a young person in your parish by writing down their name on a pew card, or by submitting their name at biloxivocations.org.

This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to please participate thoughtfully, so that it will be a great success throughout the diocese. And please join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new leaders who are intentional disciples for the future of the Church!

May God bless you,

Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III

Bishop of Biloxi

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;

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

<u>Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour</u> 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.

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MEN ON A MISSION

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Meetings: 7:00PM | Parish Center | Raphael Room

- General Meeting 1st Thursday of the Month
- Planning Meeting 3rd Thursday of the Month

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www.saintjamescc.com/kc11541

www.kofc.org

To All Altar Society Ladies,

Our next meeting will be at 9:00AM on Thursday, October 2, in the Raphael Room. Please remember to bring food items for St. Vincent de Paul. We are having an exciting speaker at our meeting.

Can't wait to see you!

Your Officers

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. | Do you have someone who is hardward and would apply and the layer and a form of the church and would be layer and the layer and layer

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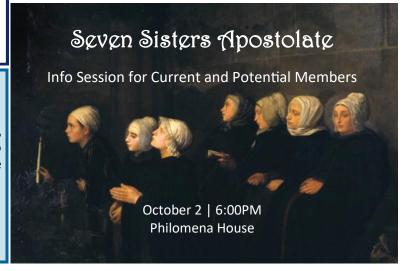


We challenge each family to bring at least one non-perishable item to Mass every week, and to place it in the "Food Drop Box" located in the back of the church. When you are shopping and select your item for the poor, thank God for the ability to adequately provide for your own family; and pray for those less fortunate.

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Thursdays 10:00AM - 11:30AM, Food Assistance ONLY

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Rachelle Cleveland at 228-731-0085.



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.

begin the process, 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:

"I'm already married - there's no hope for me."

There is hope. The Church desires healing and full communion for all. If you are civilly remarried, a priest or tribunal advocate can help you begin the process of regularizing your marriage.

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

SAINT JAMES **Married Couples Retreat** Sponsored by St James in Gulfport ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Join us for our Would you like to spend quality time

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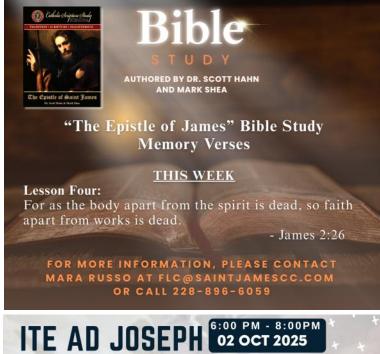
BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month. The next class will be October 11.

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





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