

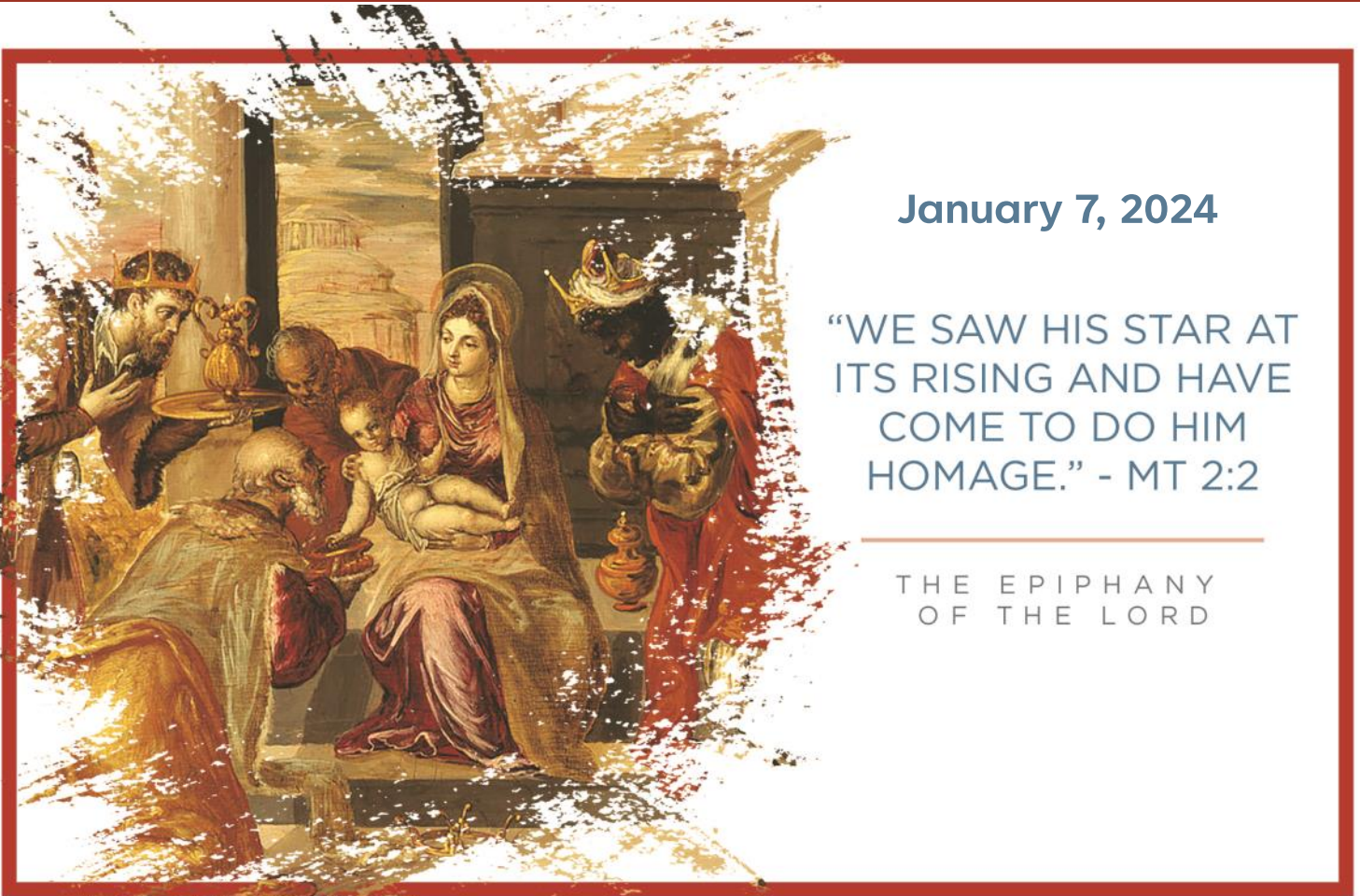


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



January 7, 2024

**"WE SAW HIS STAR AT
ITS RISING AND HAVE
COME TO DO HIM
HOMAGE." - MT 2:2**

THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

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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 - Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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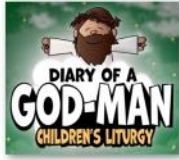
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228-702-0500

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

During Mass, we assume different postures and are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith" (CCC 463). As a way of highlighting this unique, powerful mystery, we bow during the phrase in the *Nicene Creed* that expresses it ("and by the power of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.").

Older Catholics might recall that, prior to the Second Vatican Council, everyone genuflected during this part of the *Creed* on all Sundays and solemnities. After the Council, the Church relaxed this practice, and now we genuflect during this part on just two solemnities of the year: the Annunciation on March 25 and the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) on December 25. We use the more solemn gesture of genuflecting on these days because the Annunciation celebrates the moment of Christ's Incarnation, while Christmas, of course, celebrates the birth of Jesus, God Incarnate.

Some people are unable to genuflect or even bow due to age or health, and that is completely understandable. These people can simply bow their heads instead. But for all who are able, the gesture of bowing deeply is a beautiful expression of our reverence and gratitude for Christ, who loved us so much that He assumed our humanity, to redeem us and to unite us to Himself in a new way forever.

Source: Adapted from Catholic Times



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

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). Due to the rising cost of flowers, donations now start at \$100 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 January 7, 2024

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/
Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die."

-St. Peter Chrysologus

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	Mimi Davis	Fr. George Kitchin	Jaclyn Simpson
Hoshall Barrett	Nicholas James Davis	Danny Lechner	Georgeanna Baker
Faith Black	Rose Dellenger	Josie Lindsey	Sincavage
Thomas Blankenbaker	Elinor Donovan	Carolyn McClellan	Josh Sniffen
Jerry Boudreaux	Jennifer Ellett	Tanya McClellan	Julia Sterling
Debra Boyd	Spencer Ellett	Karen McCoy	Fr. Joseph Uko
Hope Broadus	W.C. Fore	Msgr. James McGough	Bob Usey
Jennifer Brown	Loretta Hahn	Beverly Moore	Alyssa Vega
Teresa Buckman	David Harris	Pete Moran	Ferdie Walker
Isabel Bullard	Keleal Hassin	Elsa Mrazek	Kim Casano-Ware
Charlotte Jean Buras	Jessi Hebert	Lois Ann Necaize	Teresa Whiteside
Valerie Buras	SSG. Eric Heitkamp	Butch Oustalet	
Dick Chapin	Louis Helwick	Libby Owen	
Martha Chapin	Tom Hicks	Etaw Robb	
Bernard Chevalier	Timmy Holliday	Jim Roos	
Dannie Chevalier	Dianne Hurlbert	Barbara Russo	
Rhonda Clark	William Jordan	Gladys Salvador	
Susan Cooper	Analyse Khalifeh	Joan Sample	
Jean Crawford	Sheena Khalifeh	Kathy Shankweiler	
Fr. Joseph Dang	Doug Kirk	Ralph Shankweiler	

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:



George Donovan,
Antoinie El Khoury, Ed Martin,
Theresa Ritter,
Shirley Simmerman, Elfried
Teichman, Marc Toups and
Robert Watts, Sr.

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

Saturday, January 06

4:00PM ☩ Ward Faulk

Sunday, January 07

9:00AM ☩ Bill Sanchez
11:00AM People of Saint James
5:30PM ☩ Natalie Stanbro

Monday, January 08

7:00AM ☩ Ashten Irby
12:00PM ☩ Alexandra Healy

Tuesday, January 09

6:00PM ☩ Jerry Bourgeois

Wednesday, January 10

8:30AM ☩ George Schloegel

Thursday, January 11

7:00AM ☩ Harry Sniffen
12:00PM ☩ Denise Moss

Friday, January 12

8:30AM ☩ Ann Edwards

Saturday, January 13

4:00PM ☩ Ward Faulk

Deceased - ☩ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - ☩

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

January 08 - January 13

Monday, January 08

9:00AM Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, January 09

8:30AM H & F Game, Philomena House
7:00PM XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church
7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room

Wednesday, January 10

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
5:30PM First Communion Prep, Raphael Room

Saturday, January 13

10:00AM Apologetics Reading Group, Philomena House

January 15 - January 20

Monday, January 15

9:00AM Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
5:30PM First Communion Prep, Raphael Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 06

4:00PM Macky Dominguez

Sunday, January 07

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarski

11:00AM Matthew Schloegel

5:30PM Michele Pisciotta

Saturday, January 13

4:00PM Chuck Bridley

Sunday, January 14

9:00AM Joey Beattie

11:00AM Erik Hosler

5:30PM Sarah Rhodes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 06

4:00PM Beverly Moore, Connie O'Neal,
Linda Randolph and Debby Weeks

Sunday, January 07

9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso,
Susanne Chandler and Linda Joffrion

11:00AM Stephanie Guirola, Roberta Hosler,
John Mozingo, III and John Mozingo, IV

5:30PM Steven Eckert, Yolanda Edwards,
Deanne Goulet and Ashlie Herbert

Saturday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 14

9:00AM Jennifer & Steve Broadus,
Gretchen Ellis and Bonnie Jacobs

11:00AM Alan & Julie Black, Becky Graves
and Bridget & Russell Weatherly

5:30PM Paul Correro, Diana Holder,
Butch Plitt and Debby Weeks

TREASURE

December 30/31, 2023

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$9,820
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$14,742
Weekly Total	\$24,562
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #27	\$474,840
YTD Budget-Week #27	\$507,816
YTD % of Budget	94%
Second Collection - Adoration Chapel	\$7,651
Collection for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$1,585

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Aged & 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.

Annual Contribution Statement



If you'd like to receive an annual contribution statement, please contact the Parish Office.

Please Help Us (Help You)

For record-keeping purposes, please consider the following when making monetary contributions to Saint James Catholic Church:

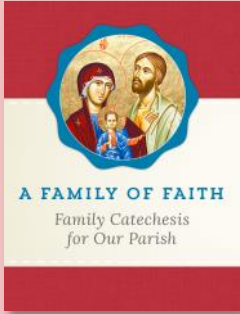
If using Venmo, please specify what the payment is for and notate whose name the contribution should be credited to in our records. Please ensure that you use the name under which you are registered in the parish. An envelope number can also be referenced.

If writing a check on a business account, please notate on the memo line the name under which you are registered or use your envelope number.

Following these requests will make certain that all contributions are captured and allocated to the proper account for accurate contribution statements.

FAITH FORMATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5



Parents - If you did not attend the Catechetical Session on January 3, please stop by the parish office and pick-up your teaching materials.

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



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sundays 6:30-8:00PM

Edge & LifeTeen Welcome Back!

We look forward to seeing everyone as we kick off our spring semester with a treasure hunt. Please note - due to our activity, we will meet 3:30 - 5:00PM on January 7.

For more information, please contact Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes youthminister@saintjamescc.com

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI ANNUAL

WALK FOR LIFE

SUNDAY
JANUARY 14
2 - 5 PM

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL, BILOXI

MASS
ROSARY
PROCESSION
ADORATION
SPEAKERS

"WEARING FOR SHOES ON YOUR FEET, THE EAGERNESS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"

EPHESIANS 6:15



Parents Meeting



for students preparing to receive their
First Holy Eucharist
(Faith Formation students and SJCS students)

Thursday - February 1, 2024

6:00PM @ Saint James Catholic Church

More info: Contact Linda Hebert @ 228-876-6059

CONFIRMATION



Parents of 11th and 12th Graders to be Confirmed this Year - if you missed the Confirmation Info Session on October 23, please contact Linda Hebert for details on upcoming sacramental prep. **Attending an overnight retreat is a requirement, so arrangements need to be made ASAP.**

Upcoming Retreats:

SEARCH - February 2-4, 2024
LIFT Boys Retreat - March 1-3, 2024

More info on Confirmation to be announced soon.

Linda Hebert @ 228-896-6059 or lindahebert@saintjamescc.com



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.**

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SAINT JAMES PARISH MERCHANDISE



MANY PARTS, ONE BODY Back of Shirt

**COMFORT COLOR:
FLO BLUE**



**COMFORT COLOR:
GRAPHITE**



**COMFORT COLOR:
BERRY**



**COMFORT COLOR:
BLUE SPRUCE**



Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve Available (Short sleeve youth sizes available in the Flo Blue only.)

SWEATSHIRT



CAR DECAL



All proceeds go to help Saint J Youth travel to summer conferences!

COFFEE MUG



Gildan Softstyle: Sport Gray with Navy Writing

Saint James Parish Merchandise Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please circle which Mass you normally attend: Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM

PRICES

Short Sleeve Shirts: \$22

Sweatshirts: \$30

Coffee Mug: \$15

Long Sleeve Shirts: \$25

Car Decal: \$5

Additional \$4 for 2x-4x

Cash or Check

Checks made payable to:

Saint James Youth

Adult T-Shirts	Short Sleeve Small	Short Sleeve Medium	Short Sleeve Large	Short Sleeve X-Large	Short Sleeve 2x	Short Sleeve 3x	Short Sleeve 4x	Total Shirts	Price \$22/shirt
Flo Blue									
Graphite									
Blue Spruce									
Berry									
Adult T-Shirts	Long Sleeve Small	Long Sleeve Medium	Long Sleeve Large	Long Sleeve X-Large	Long Sleeve 2x	Long Sleeve 3x	Long Sleeve 4x	Total Shirts	Price \$25/shirt
Flo Blue									
Graphite									
Blue Spruce									
Berry									
Youth T-Shirts	Short Sleeve Small	Short Sleeve Medium	Short Sleeve Large	Short Sleeve X-Large				Total Shirts	Price \$22/shirt
Flo Blue									
Sweatshirt	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	2x	3x	4x	Total Sweatshirts	Price \$30/shirt
Sport Gray									
Misc.	# of Items								Price
Coffee Cups \$15/cup									
Car Decals \$5/decal									
TOTAL COST									

Order Forms due January 21st **Forms and money may be turned into the parish office or placed in the offertory basket in an envelope. Please make sure the envelope states "Saint J Youth" on the front.**

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED!

Monday 12:00PM(Noon) - 1:00PM; Wednesday 4:00PM - 5:00PM; and Friday 3:00AM - 4:00AM and 4:00AM - 5:00AM

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 Mondays from 9:00AM - 10:30AM (following the 8:30AM Mass) in the Raphael Room.

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!



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

Fruit juice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, ramen 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



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!



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

MARRIAGE

For information regarding Marriage preparation, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059. Please do not choose a wedding date until you have contacted the Family Life Coordinator.

Please note: The Diocese of Biloxi requires that engaged couples should begin the Marriage Preparation process no less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. The next class will be January 20. For more information and to register, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

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 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 or 228-896-6059.

St. James

CDN

Couples Date Night

Thursday
January 25

6PM
Parish Center Gym

There is no fee for this event, but you must pre-register by January 22 to attend! To register, please scan the QR code, or call the Parish Office at (228)896-6059 or email FLC@saintjamescc.com



A BIBLE REFRESHER FOR CATHOLICS

In this four-week course, we will cover:

- The Old Testament
- The New Testament
- The Catholic approach to the Bible
- Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture)

DAYTIME SESSIONS

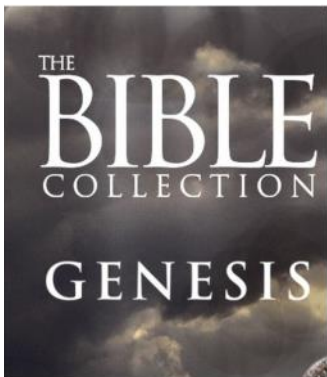
Mondays at 1PM
January 29 - February 19
Raphael Room

EVENING SESSIONS

Wednesdays at 6PM
January 31 - February 21
Philomena House

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



Christmas Gift for Your Family

Please take a copy of the book *Beautiful Eucharist* - a collection of reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. They are located at the entrances of the church.



Please take one copy per family.



+ 20 C M B 24 +

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 24+** 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 2024 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 24+ or
+20 C M B 24+**

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



ARE YOU + GOING

to the **first** National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years?



REVIVAL Happens Here

JULY 17-21, 2024 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

To view this week's Eucharistic Miracle please go to our website (www.saintjamescc.com) or scan the QR code below:



Remember to pray for our seminarians, especially Chris Collins.

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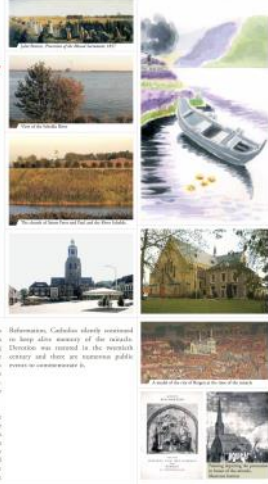
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