

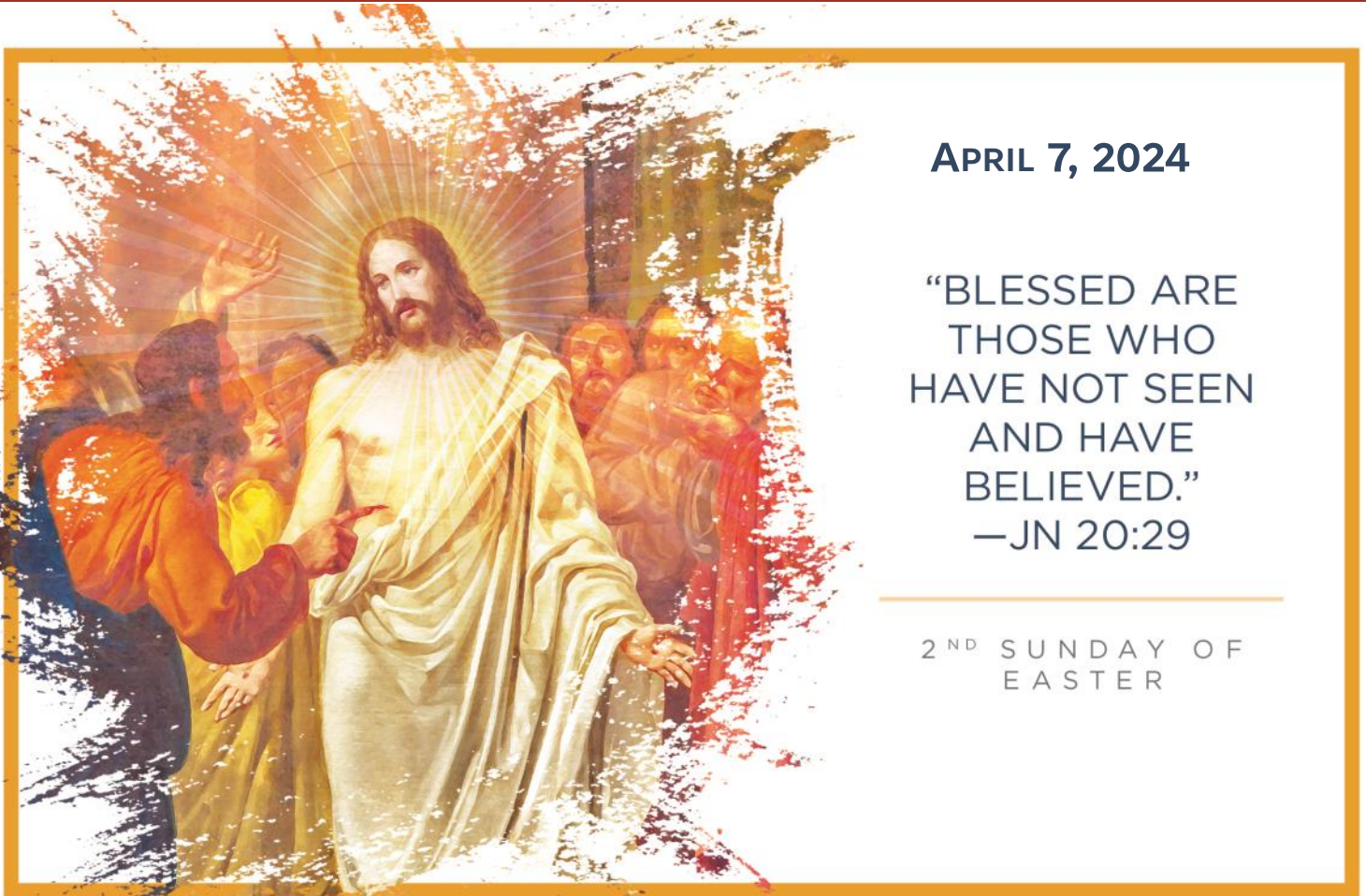


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



APRIL 7, 2024

**“BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO
HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE
BELIEVED.”
—JN 20:29**

2ND SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 2:30PM

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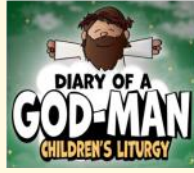
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Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

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. Registration forms can also be found



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.

Welcome To the Family

Warmest congratulations to those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:

Danny Borges	Brooklyn Logan
Lori Borges	Chelsa Logan
Jennifer Brown	Sutton McConnell
Caylee Henderson	Matt Pippin
Chloe Henderson	Jaden Pruitt
Lily Knox	Krissy Simmerman
Keelee Ladnier	Shelly Williams
Benjamin Logan	Evan Wright

The Church is bigger and brighter than before.



"You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and you opened wide your mercy to us. There is no misery that could exhaust you; you have called us all to this fountain of love, to this spring of God's compassion."

- Saint Faustina Kowalska

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 April 7, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

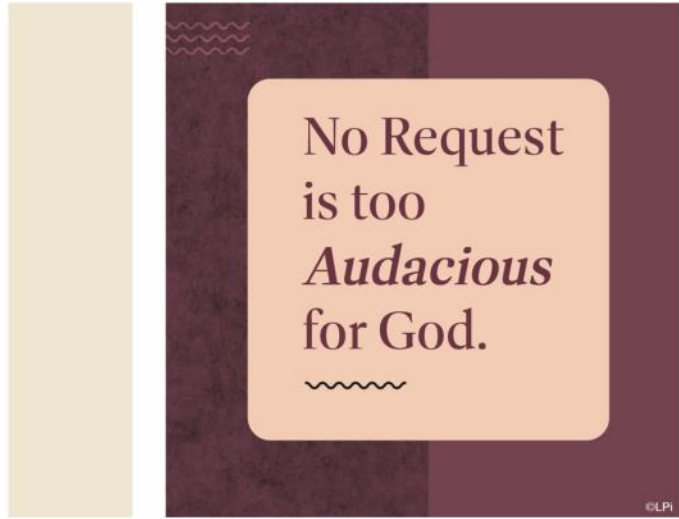
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— *Father John Muir*

Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been donated in memory of **Albert Styczenski, Sr.** on his heavenly birthday and **Angela Rose** on the anniversary of her death.

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

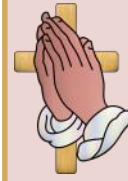
To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.
Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

Terry Barnes	Jean Crawford	William Jordan	Libby Owen
Hoshall Barrett	Fr. Joseph Dang	Pete Jurich	Kage Pickett
Faith Black	Mimi Davis	Analyse Khalifeh	Joe Raspberry
Thomas Blankenbaker	Nicholas James Davis	Sheena Khalifeh	Jim Roos
Jerry Boudreaux	Rose Dellenger	Doug Kirk	Barbara Russo
Susan Bourgeois	Elinor Donivan	Fr. George Kitchin	Doris Seymour
Debra Boyd	Craig Elliott	Roger Labit	Kathy Shankweiler
Hope Broadus	Rhett Fontenelle	Danny Lechner	Ralph Shankweiler
Jennifer Brown	W.C. Fore	Kathy Letaw	Jaclyn Simpson
Teresa Buckman	Ashley Hage	Josie Lindsey	Josh Sniffen
Isabel Bullard	Loretta Hahn	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Julia Sterling
Charlotte Jean Buras	David Harris	Carolyn McClellan	Fr. Joseph Uko
Valerie Buras	Keleal Hassin	Tanya McClellan	Bob Usey
Dick Chapin	Jessi Hebert	Karen McCoy	Alyssa Vega
Martha Chapin	SSG. Eric Heitkamp	Msgr. James McGough	Cathy Crane Vick
Bernard Chevalier	Louis Helwick	Beverly Moore	Ferdie Walker
Dannie Chevalier	Tom Hicks	Pete Moran	Kim Casano-Ware
Rhonda Clark	Timmy Holliday	Elsa Mrazek	Teresa Whiteside
Rose Mary Collins	Dianne Hurlbert	Lois Ann Necaize	
Susan Cooper	Terry Joffrion	Butch Oustalet	

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:



Penny Cole,
Roxanna Hoda and
Jeffery Taylor

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, April 6	
4:00PM	✠ George Schloegel
Sunday, April 7	
9:00AM	✠ Juanita & Andrew Irby
11:00AM	People of Saint James
5:30PM	✠ Remy Bozant
Monday, April 8	
7:00AM	✠ Holy Souls of Purgatory
8:30AM	✠ Harry Sniffen
Tuesday, April 9	
6:00PM	👤 Alison & Brad Laguaitte and Family
Wednesday, April 10	
8:30AM	✠ Kathleen Holley
Thursday, April 11	
7:00AM	✠ Nancy Baird
12:00PM	Father's Intention
Friday, April 12	
8:30AM	✠ Emery Bares
Saturday, April 13	
4:00PM	✠ George Schloegel
Deceased - ✠	Healing - ♥
	Special Intention - 👤

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

April 8 - April 13

Monday, April 8	
10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room
Tuesday, April 9	
8:30AM	H & F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM	XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church
7:00PM	OCIA, Raphael Room
Wednesday, April 10	
7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM	Lectio Divina, Philomena House
5:30PM	First Communion Preparation, Raphael Room
Friday, April 12	
3:30PM	First Communion Rehearsal, Church
Saturday, April 13	
9:15AM	3rd Order of Discalced Carmelites, Raphael Room

April 15 - April 20

Monday, April 15	
10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room
Tuesday, April 16	
7:00PM	Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish
7:00PM	XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church
Wednesday, April 17	
7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM	Lectio Divina, Philomena House
Saturday, April 20	
9:30AM	Apologetics Reading Group, Philomena House
10:00AM	Baptism Prep Class (RSVP Only)

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6

4:00PM Maia Dooley

Sunday, April 7

9:00AM Chris Spear

11:00AM Ed Farrell

5:30PM Sarah Rhodes

Saturday, April 13

4:00PM Frank Morton

Sunday, April 14

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarski

11:00AM Doug Hill

5:30PM Debby Weeks

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6

4:00PM Beverly Moore, Connie Pucheu,
Linda Randolph and Debby Weeks

Sunday, April 7

9:00AM Susanne Chandler, Shirley Henderson,
Linda Joffrion and Kate Spear

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

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

Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 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

March 30/31, 2024

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket \$17,371

Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving \$16,151

Weekly Total \$33,522

Weekly Budget (amount needed) \$18,808

YTD Actual-Week #40 \$711,983

YTD Budget-Week #40 \$752,320

YTD % of Budget 95%

Second Collection - Youth Ministry \$1,324

Holy Thursday - Adoration Chapel \$1,084

Good Friday - Holy Land \$1,052

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the Altar Society.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Eucharistic Revival's June Procession Event hosted by Saint James.

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.

2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

- 117 Donors -

Total Pledges and

One-Time Gifts= \$50,390

\$96,039.00

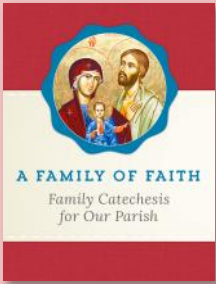


MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP



The CSA has begun in the Diocese of Biloxi. As in the past, each of us will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church in the Diocese of Biloxi. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal provides essential operating support for those offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout the seventeen counties that comprise this diocese.

FAITH FORMATION



A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

April Family Gathering
Sunday - April 21
Following the 11:00AM Mass
Parish Center Gym

Parents - If you were unable to attend the Catechetical Session, please stop by the Parish Office and pick up your April 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 & Life Teen

This week we are praying the
Divine Mercy Devotion on Sunday from 2:30-4:00PM.
We will not meet Sunday Evening.

Teens - Your \$30 Food Fee is due for the Spring semester.

For more information, please contact
Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes



Save the Date

First Holy Communion
Sacramental Mass
1:00PM on April 14

More info: Contact Linda Hebert @ 228-297-5126



SAINT J YOUTH

50/50 RAFFLE

DRAWING
EASTER
SUNDAY

SAINT J YOUTH WISHES TO
THANK EVERYONE WHO
BOUGHT A 50/50 SPLIT THE
POT RAFFLE TICKET TO HELP
GET OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO
SUMMER ENCOUNTERS.

THE FINAL POT GREW TO
\$13,160, AND WE
CONGRATULATE OUR WINNER,
DEBBIE COMPTON.



SAINT JAMES
PARISH
MERCHANDISE



MANY PARTS, ONE BODY Back of Shirt

If you ordered merchandise from Saint J Youth, you may pick up your items after any Mass this weekend. During the week, items will be available in the Parish Office.



GREAT JOB

THANK YOU TO OUR SAINT J YOUTH FOR THEIR MOVING PERFORMANCE OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR YOUNG ACTORS, THEIR BACK STAGE ASSISTANTS AND OUR CORETEAM MEMBERS, WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME & TALENT TO PRESENT THIS CENTURIES OLD DEVOTION TO OUR PARISH.

A top-down view of a light blue wooden surface. In the top left is a red and yellow tulip. In the top center is a white plate with a hard-boiled egg and a large green leaf. In the top right is a clear glass. In the bottom left is another tulip. In the bottom center and right are several pieces of matzah. A dark red book is partially visible on the left edge.

PASSOVER

APRIL 22, 2024, 6:00PM
PARISH CENTER GYM

WHY SHOULD ONE ATTEND AND CONTRIBUTE?

ST. PAUL SHOWS THAT IT IS QUITE EASY TO TRANSPOSE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PESACH MEAL INTO THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION AND THE MASS (1 COR. 5:6-7). KNOWING THE PASSOVER STORY, KNOWING THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM, AND EXPERIENCING THAT JOURNEY, CAN ENRICH ONE'S FAITH AS A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE THE EXODUS STORY IS PART OF OUR STORY, TOO.

SEDER INCLUDES FULL DINNER, DESSERT AND ALL RITUAL FOODS.

TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 PER PERSON

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES AND
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

CHILDREN 10 & UNDER ATTEND AND EAT FREE

**DONATIONS TO FURTHER OFFSET THE COSTS OF THE
PESACH MEAL ARE REQUESTED. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO
DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7, 2024

Devotional in the Church

2:30PM - 4:00PM

*Rejoice in the
Resurrection*

*Rejoice in
God's Mercy*

*"On that day the very depths of My
tender mercy are open. I pour out a
whole ocean of graces upon the souls
who approach the Font of My Mercy."*

(Jesus to Saint Mario Faustina Kowalska. Diary. paragraph #699)



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

The Feast of Mercy - A Day of Extraordinary Grace

The First Sunday after Easter

In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord repeatedly called for the celebration of the Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter. He promised an ocean of graces to be poured upon the world. Today, we know this feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

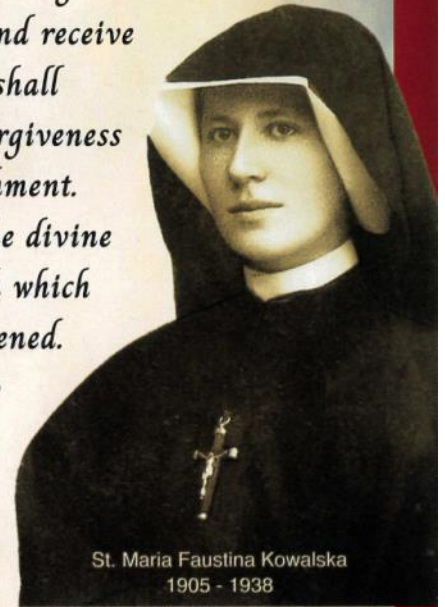
"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy" (299).

Every family needs God's mercy. Lenten prayers, fasts, alms giving, and good deeds afford us the opportunity to prepare well for extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday.

"No soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed or brought to shame" (1541).

Jesus to St. Faustina:

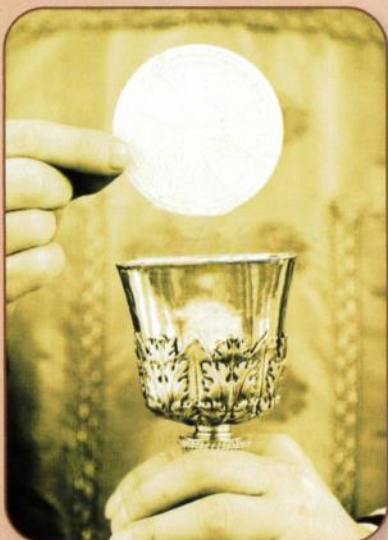
"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (699).



St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
1905 - 1938

"Ordinarily, only the sacrament of Baptism effects in the soul the 'complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.' Reception of the Eucharist in a state of grace ordinarily remits only venial sin, while strengthening the soul against both venial and mortal sin (Catechism, 1394-1395). But on Mercy Sunday reception of Holy Communion worthily and with trust in God's Mercy pours out upon the soul a complete renewal of baptismal grace." - Rev. Ignacy Rozycki, STD, Former Member of the Holy See's International Theological Commission

Turn to the Lord with trust for all of your needs, spiritual as well as temporal. Ask for much and join the hundreds of thousands that have received hope, healing and answers to many prayers on this special day. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Rejoice in God's Mercy.



How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

In addition, if we want to receive mercy we must be merciful. Our Lord told St. Faustina:

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy" (742).

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED!

Wednesday 8:00AM - 9:00AM; Friday 3:00AM - 4:00AM;

Saturday 8:00PM - 9:00PM and 12:00 - 1:00PM

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 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!

THANK YOU

We express our gratitude to the Ladies Altar Society for their dedication in transforming the sanctuary throughout the many Holy Week celebrations. The church was especially beautiful for the Solemnity of Easter!



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!



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

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti 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

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 Wednesdays from 3:15PM - 4:30PM in the Philomena House.

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!

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.

BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. The next class will be April 20.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

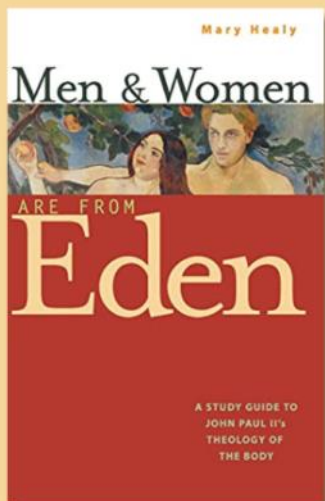
When properly practiced, NFP (Natural Family Planning) can be up to 99% effective in postponing or avoiding pregnancy.

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.

FAITH
Formation
COURSE



Our next study will utilize the book "Men and Women are from Eden" by Mary Healy. The book may be purchased at most retailers where Catholic books are sold. The course will run for ten weeks.

Monday Session:
April 15 - June 17 @ 1:00PM

Wednesday Session:
April 17 - June 19 @ 6:00PM

There is no fee for this study but registration is required.

Please contact the Parish Office 228-896-6059 or email FLC@saintjamescc.com

Save the date

“Growing Together in Faith and Love”
A Married Couples Retreat
January 11 - 12 , 2025
St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center
Covington, LA



Faith and Marriage
an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community



Bayou Bash

April 13, 2024
Bayou Bluff Tennis Club
6:00 - 10:00PM

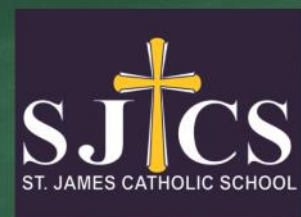
Tickets: \$100

Admits 2 adults and includes food, live entertainment provided by Dr. Rock and the Interns, and a chance to win the following prizes:

- 2024 Evolution D5 Maverick Golf Cart
- 1 Year of Free Tuition for One Student (includes all fees)
- 4 Saints Tickets and a 6 Hour Limousine Ride (20% gratuity required, but not included)
- \$1,000 Cash Prize
- Fabulous Set of Gift Cards

Stop by the school office or church office to purchase tickets. You do not have to be present to win.

Must be 21 to attend and to purchase a raffle ticket.



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open at our Catholic Schools.

The Little White Book

Copies of *The Little White Book*, which contain Easter reflections are on the tables in the back of the church. Please take one per family.



NO MORE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS REQUIRED!

Just ask for the "Diocese of Biloxi" tag when you renew at your local tax collector's office this year and claim your own!

Parish Office/Parish Center Wish List

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- [Ocean of Mercy](#)
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- [Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting" | Real + True](#)
- Friday (April 12) - Friday of the second week of Easter
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