

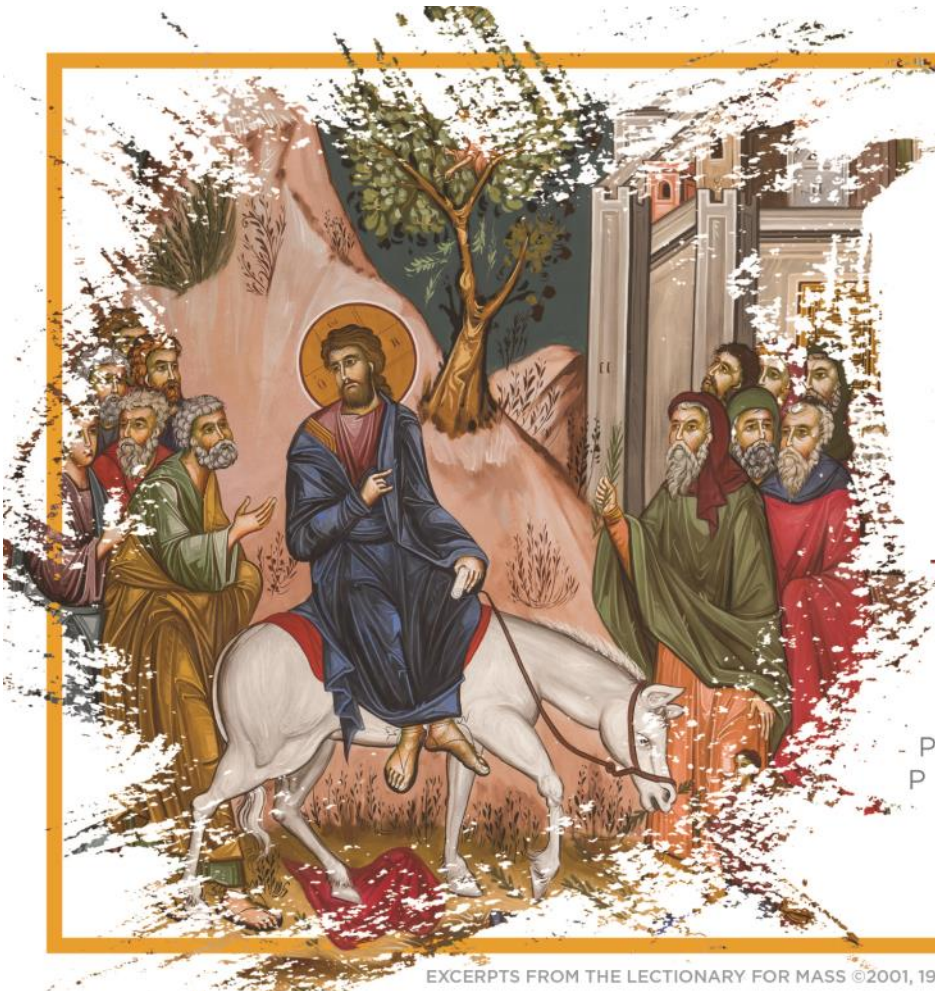


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



March 24, 2024

**MANY PEOPLE
SPREAD THEIR
CLOAKS ON THE
ROAD, AND OTHERS
SPREAD LEAFY
BRANCHES THAT
THEY HAD CUT FROM
THE FIELDS. - MK 11:8**

**- PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION 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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 2:30PM

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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 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.

Did You Know?

The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide and are meant to be a heightened observance of Lent as Easter approaches, reaching its peak during Holy Week. During this time, it is customary to shroud all the sacred images in the church, except for the Stations of the Cross. The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions, which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates Good Friday in adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ risen from the tomb to win eternal life for us.

Adapted from the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship



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

During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar in the sanctuary. Although not used in the sanctuary, flowers may still be placed in front of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph altars. Please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Due to the rising cost of flowers, donations start at \$50 per altar 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 March 24, 2024

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

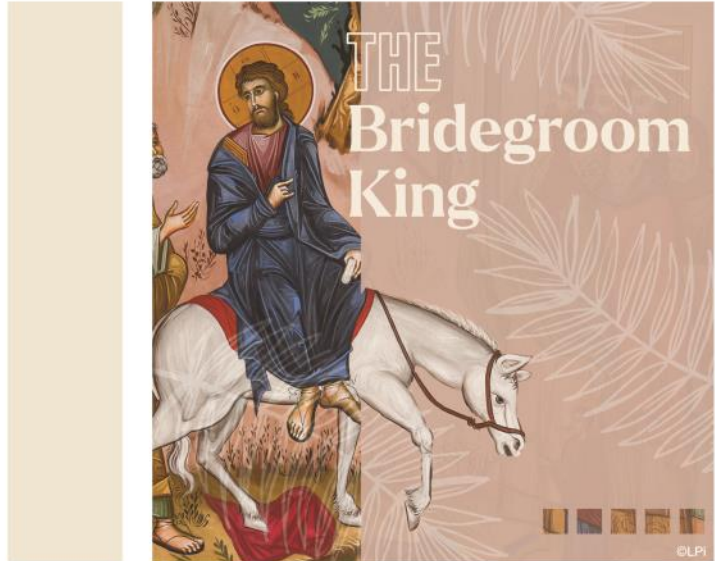
Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ©LPI



"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason:
Holy Communion."

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

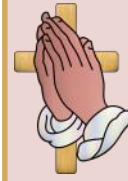
To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.
Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

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

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:



Linda Caho-Powers,
Edvardo Gian Chan, Ron Donegan,
Kevin Jermyn, Peter Quy Pham,
Casey Thurman and Jimmy Wetzel

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, March 23	
4:00PM	† George Schloegel
Sunday, March 24	
9:00AM	† Alexandra Healy
11:00AM	People of Saint James
5:30PM	† George Schloegel
Monday, March 25	
7:00AM	† Albert Necaize
8:30AM	† Candy Darling
Tuesday, March 26	
6:00PM	† Angela Styczenski
Wednesday, March 27	
8:30AM	† Elise Harris
Thursday, March 28	Holy Thursday
7:00PM	🕯️ Oran & Mary Frances Camet
Friday, March 29	Good Friday
4:30PM	No Mass
Saturday, March 30	Easter Vigil
7:14PM	† Kathy Dibble
Deceased - †	Healing - ♥️ Special Intention - 🕯️

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

March 25 - March 30

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM Lectio Divina, Philomena House

Friday, March 29

3:00PM Live Stations of the Cross, Parish Center Gym

April 1 - April 6

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM Lectio Divina, Philomena House
5:45PM Family of Faith (Catechetical Session), Raphael Room

Thursday, April 4

9:15AM Altar Society, Raphael Room
7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23	
4:00PM	Holly Dreger
Sunday, March 24	
9:00AM	Tom Collins
11:00AM	Matthew Schloegel
5:30PM	Yolanda Edwards
Saturday, March 30	Easter Vigil
7:14PM	Carol Cottone
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday
7:00AM	Jennifer Villarreal
9:00AM	Joey Beattie
11:00AM	Eric Hosler
5:30PM	Joseph Herbert

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23	
4:00PM	Debbie Bazzone, Barbara Levine, Mary Pecoul and Josie Six
Sunday, March 24	
9:00AM	Sherry Alfonso, Carsen Centanni, Shirley Henderson and Bonnie Jacobs
11:00AM	Alex & Cara Karetas, Mary Ann Oberlies and Darlene & E. G. Warren
5:30PM	Rachelle Cleveland, Deanne Goulet, Diana Holder and Butch Plitt
Thursday, March 28	Holy Thursday
7:00PM	June Bounds, Ashley & Gretchen Ellis and Ashley & George French
Saturday, March 30	Easter Vigil
7:14PM	June Bounds, Barbara Levine, Mary Pecoul and Kate Spear
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday
7:00AM	T.B.D.
9:00AM	Don & Sherry Alfonso, Jennifer & Steve Broadus, Ashley & George French and Alex & Cara Karetas
11:00AM	Alan & Julie Black, Roberta Hosler, Shirley Henderson and Connie Pucheu
5:30PM	Rachelle Cleveland, Beverly Moore, Josie Six and Debby Weeks

TREASURE

March 16/17, 2024

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$11,004
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$9,382
Weekly Total	\$20,386
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #38	\$667,540
YTD Budget-Week #38	\$714,704
YTD % of Budget	93%

Second Collection - Pro-Life Billboard Ministry \$1,550

Special Collection - Little Sisters of the Poor \$4,564

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Church Property Insurance.

Holy Thursday's collection will be for the Adoration Chapel.

Good Friday's collection will be for the Holy Land.

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.

2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

- 108 Donors -

Total Pledges and
One-Time Gifts= \$46,645

\$96,039.00

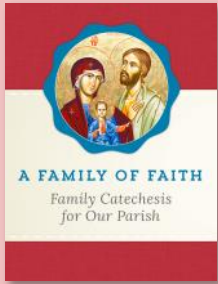


MISSIONARY
DISCIPLESHIP



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
Wednesday - April 03
5:45 - 7:15PM
Raphael Room

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

Service Project

Prep for Easter Egg Scramble

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

For more information, please contact
Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes

SAINT J YOUTH

50/50 RAFFLE

CURRENT
POT
\$5000

\$10/TICKET

DRAWING
EASTER
SUNDAY

After 9:00AM
Mass

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR
TEENS PAY FOR CONFERENCES

Save the Date

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

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

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.



OCIA

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.

SAINT J YOUTH

invites all pre-K thru 5th grade
peeps to the Saint James
Easter Egg Scramble.

Bring your own basket and
join us on the baseball field
following the 9:00AM Mass
on Easter Sunday.



EASTER EGG
SCRAMBLE





TRIDUUM 2024

SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 31

HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)

- Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00PM
- Gethsemane Watch in the Church until 12:00AM (Midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)

- **Live Stations of the Cross**
Presented by Saint J Youth @ 3:00PM in the Parish Center Gymnasium.
- **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**
@ 4:30PM in the Church.

HOLY SATURDAY (MARCH 30)

Easter Vigil Mass @ 7:14PM



EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

- Mass @ 7:00AM
- Mass @ 9:00AM
- Mass @ 11:00AM
- Mass @ 5:30PM

He is Risen

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ 7:14PM: The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place at night and is arranged in four parts: after a service of light and the Easter Proclamation (I), the church meditates on all the wonderful things God has done for his people from the beginning; this is the Liturgy of the Word (II). As the day of Resurrection approaches, new members of the Church are reborn in Baptism (III), and the whole Church is called to the table of the Lord prepared for his people through his Death and Resurrection; this is the Liturgy of the Eucharist (IV).

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Church meditates on the Passion and Death of our Lord. Therefore, the Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be closed from 5:00PM on Holy Thursday until 2:00PM on Easter Sunday.

Please make every effort to attend the scheduled services during the Triduum.



A light blue background featuring various Passover Seder items: a red and yellow tulip in the top left, a white plate with a hard-boiled egg and green leafy vegetables in the top center, a clear glass in the top right, a piece of matzah in the middle right, another tulip in the bottom left, a walnut in the bottom left, another walnut in the bottom right, and a piece of matzah in the bottom center.

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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED! Tuesday 9:00PM - 10:00PM; Friday 3:00AM - 4:00AM; and Saturday 8:00PM - 9:00PM

ADORERS - AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY, PLEASE JOIN THE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION IN THE CHURCH AS JESUS IS MOVED TO HIS PLACE OF REPOSE FOR THE GETHSEMANE WATCH.

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 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!



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

If you would like an annual SVDP Contribution Statement, please contact the Parish Office.

Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for our Easter flowers. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the back of the church.



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

MINISTRY NEWS (CONTINUED)



Diocese of Biloxi Tag
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PROTECT LIFE

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DIVINE MERCY
Sunday
DEVOTIONAL

APRIL 7 | 3:00 - 4:00PM | CHURCH

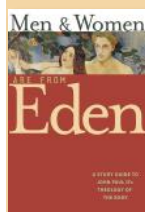


Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets begins on Good Friday in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter.

Novena pamphlets are available in the back of the church. The prayers can also be found on several Catholic Apps, *i.e.*, Amen, Hallow, Laudate, etc.

FAMILY LIFE NEWS




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

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

Save the date



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.

Good Friday
Live Stations of the Cross
 Presented by Saint J Youth @
 3:00PM in the Parish Center Gym

Office Closure
The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Good Friday on March 29, 2023.



Meet Jesus in the Confessional where you can be forgiven and healed!



"Confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again."
 - St. Padre Pio

Reconciliation Services
St. John the Evangelist
Monday, March 25 @ 6:00PM
St. Thomas the Apostle
Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:30PM

SCHOOL NEWS



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
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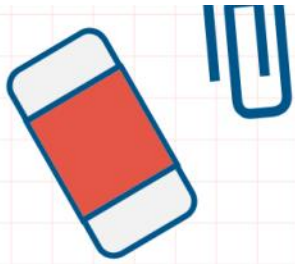
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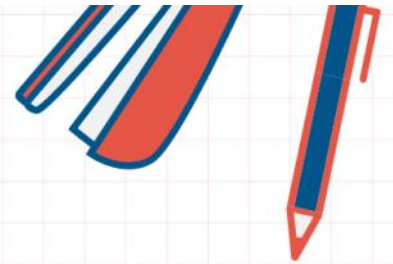
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At Saint James, our policy is also to set aside a proportional amount to support our faith formation programs for parents who choose public schools or home schooling for their children.

We follow a "needs based" policy. Both schools utilize FACTS, an organization that specializes in determining the financial need of each family. The Tuition Assistance application process is now open. There is a processing fee.

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The Pope was determined to investigate. When the Host was consecrated, he noticed the blood of the chalice on being the Host and the Host itself having the signs of Blood on it. He had the Host placed in the tabernacle. The Hosts having the signs of Blood in all recently consecrated and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

Pope Urban IV was prompted by Raphael to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Office for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours to celebrate the Most Holy Body of the Lord (Corpus Christi). One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the Apostolic constitution, and by means of a papal bull extended the feast of Corpus Christi.



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- [Easter Monday: Reflections on the Resurrection](#)

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- [Resolutio: Putting Love into Action | Lectio: Prayer | Episode 6](#)
- [O Lamb Of God, I Love You \(Easter/Holy Week Special Feature\)](#)
- [Am I Saved? | The Search | Episode 6](#)
- [Does the Resurrection Rip-Off Pagan Myths?](#)

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- [Why Doesn't God Just Show Himself?](#)
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Thursday (Apr 4th) - Thursday in the Octave of Easter, Solemnity

- [Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?](#)

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