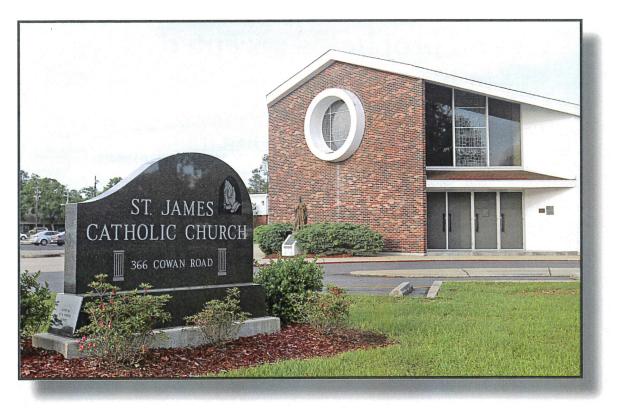
#### Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2023



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#### MASS SCHEDULE

4:00PM
9:00 & 11:00AM, 5:30PM
7:00 & 8:30AM
6:00PM
7:00PM (XLT Praise & Worship)
8:30AM
7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon)
8:30AM

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CONFESSIONS SATURDAY: 3:00 PM CONFESSION BEFORE & AFTER EACH MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT

#### SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY - 1st Thursday

n Road K.C.'S - 1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00PM issippi 39507 -6059 RCIA - Wednesday 7:00PM, in the Church LEGION OF MARY - Monday 9:30AM

USHER SOCIETY - 4 times a year, plus meetings two weeks before Easter & Christmas.
\*If you are interested in any of the above, please call the Parish Office for more detail
CHILDREN'S CHOIR:
9:00AM Mass on Sundays
(Must attend rehearsal 8:30AM in Parish Center)
ADULT CHOIR:
4:00PM Saturday (Practice at 3:00PM in Parish Center)
11:00AM Sunday (Practice at 10:30AM in Parish Center)

1:00PM

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF

#### MARCH 19, 2023

#### WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you see? Jesus gave sight to a man who was blind from birth. Not only was his physical sight restored, he saw things clearly even though the people around him—religious leaders, his own parents—were blinded by fear. Their preconceived convictions kept them in darkness even while the light of the world stood before them, offering them new sight. Led by the light of Christ, the man who had been blind worshiped Jesus. Samuel looked at Jesse's sons through the eyes of God and found the Lord's anointed, not in the older, stronger ones, but in the youngest, David. As we continue our Lenten journey, we resolve to live in the light of the Lord, to see clearly through the eyes of faith and respond by sharing Christ's light with the world.

#### IT'S TIME TO SEE OUR BLINDNESS

Most of us can admit that we're blind at times—we simply do not see the people and situations around us clearly. We stumble in the darkness of illness or grief and cannot see a way out. We may be blinded by selfishness or self-centeredness. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives, we're blind to the hurt, confusion, and need of those around us. We may look at things through our limited experience and perspective and not understand others' pain. At times, we choose to remain blind. We fail to see injustice and unfairness, preferring to remain in the dark rather than risk acknowledging and addressing such situations. Like the parents of the man who was born blind, we stay safe and comfortable, even when there is clearly an opportunity to make a difference, to bring light and love to the darkness.

#### SEE THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

When Samuel met the sons of Jesse, he thought he could see the one the Lord would anoint. He found the grace, however, to see through the eyes of faith and respond by anointing David, who would become the king of Israel. Jesus opened the eyes of the man who was born blind. We do not know how many others' eyes were opened that day, as they saw Jesus as the source of light and life. We can learn from Samuel and Jesus, bringing our darkness to the light through faith.

When we look at life through God's eyes, we see endless possibility for goodness, holiness, grace, and peace.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 Ephesians 5:8–14 John 9:1–41 [1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38]

#### **LENTEN FLOWERS**

During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar with the exceptions of the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), and the Solemnities of St. Joseph (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25). 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) or Josie Six (301-751-2988). Donations start at \$75 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

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#### MARCH 18 - MARCH 25

Sat.	4:00PM	<b>骨Danny Ainsworth</b>
Sun.	9:00AM	<b>骨Chuck Cruthirds</b>
	11:00AM	People of Saint James
	5:30PM	<b>骨Joel Smith</b>
Mon.	7:00AM	<b>骨Herbert &amp; Marguerite Holder</b>
	8:30AM	<b>骨Adrienne Conwill</b>
Tue.	6:00PM	Kevin Chevalier (Special Intention)
Wed.	8:30AM	<b>骨Nancy Stone</b>
Thur.	7:00AM	<b>骨Dominic Mai Nguyen</b>
	12:00PM	<b>骨Aletha Burge</b>
Fri.	7:00AM	Damien Darwish (Special Intention)
	8:30AM	<b>骨Adrienne Conwill</b>
Sat.	4:00PM	<b>₽Marie Reralta</b>

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

#### March 18/19

Sat.	4:00PM	Macky Dominguez
Sun.	9:00AM	Chris Spear
	11:00AM	Arthur Jaramillo
	5:30PM	Carol Ann Hartery
	Mai	rch 25/26
Sat.	4:00PM	Chuck Bridley
Sun.	9:00AM	Meggan Gray Stolarski
	11:00AM	Matthew Schloegel



5:30PM

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

**Debby Weeks** 

March 18/19

Sat. 4:00PM	Mary Pecoul, Connie Pucheu, Josie Six and Debbie Bazzone
Sun. 9:00AM	Gretchen Ellis, Don & Sherry Alsfonso
	and Susan Chandler
Sun. 11:00AM	Helen Sanchez, Mary Anne Oberlies,
	<b>Becky Graves and Stephanie Guirola</b>
Sun. 5:30PM	Yolanda Edwards, Gia Alley,
	London Lafferty and Ashlie Herbert
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#### March 25/26

Sat. 4:00PM	Connie O'Neal, Barbara Levine,
	<b>Mary Pecoul and Beverly Moore</b>
Sun. 9:00AM	Ann Edwards, Linda Joffrion and
	Bonnie & Gene Jacobs
Sun. 11:00AM	Darlene & EG Warren, Roberta Hosler
	and Cara & Alex Karetas
Sun. 5:30PM	Diana Holder, Deanne Goulet,
	Olivia Williams and Oliva Seymour
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#### FAITH FORMATION Linda Hebert - lindahebert@saintjameschurchms.com

#### **APRIL CATECHETICAL GATHERING**



**A FAMILY OF FAITH** Family Catechesis for Our Parish For those participating in a Family of Faith, our next Catechetical Gathering is on Wednesday, April 5, in the SJCS cafeteria at 5:45PM.

SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12 Sarah Rhodes & Bridgett Bermond youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com

Sundays 6:30PM - 8:00PM

We're at DBYC this weekend; but come join us next week!

#### 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.



#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

- This weekend's second collection will be for our Catholic Relief Services.
- Next weekend's second collection will be for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.





#### Mar. 11/12 WEEKEND COLLECTION

\$18,582
\$685
\$19,267
\$16,560
\$690,566
\$612,720
113%
\$1,248

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lewis Anerson, Rita Bailey, Hershel Barrett, Faith Black, Jerry Boudreaux, Joan Boudreaux, Tina Bradshaw, Hope Broadus, Sonia Bucman, Isabel Bullard, Charlotte Jean Buras, Joan Burwell, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard Chevalier, Nick Christovich, Rhonda Clark, Andrew Cooper, Ashley Garrett Couture, Jean Crawford, Jason Creel, Mimi Davis, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Kathy Dufrene, Shellie Ely, W.C. Fore, Gene Gaddy, Joseph Neil Gilly, Loretta Hahn, Dianne Harenski, Jessi Hebert, Louis Helwick, Shirley Henderson, Stephanie Hennessey, Whitney Henriquez, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Taylor Hopwood, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Terry Joffrion, Gertrude Johnson, William Joyce, Allison Kane, Sheena Khalifeh, Doug Kirk, Fr. George Kitchin, Marvin Koury, Brenda Landrum, Roberta Lechner, Josie Lindsey, Chuck Loftis, Don Marsh, Lily McCabe, Carolyn McClellan, Tanya McClellan, Karen McCoy, Mary McCusker, Steve McDaniel, Msgr. James McGough, Carolyn Messer, Braleigh Moak, Buddy Moore, Richard Moran, Autumn Morgan, LuLu Mount, Ethelyn Mozingo, Albert Necaise, Uyen Nguyen, Judy Northrop, Linda Olsen, Butch Oustalet, Linda Palmer, Debbie Postler, Etaw Robb, Marie Romano, Claudetta Rosetti, Barbara Russo, Gladys Salvador, Joan Sample, George Schloegel, Debbie Scairono, Kathy Schankweiler, Ralph Shankweiler, Dane Shepherd, Donnie Skinner, Evelyn Smutzer, Josh Sniffen, Declan Sowell, Jennifer Stolarski, Fr. Joseph Uko, Bob Usey, Ferdie Walker, Scott Webb, Jeanne Welsh, James Wetzel Sr., Wally White, Teresa Whiteside, Jack Williamson, Ronnie Williams, Mary Ann Young, and D.J. Ziegler.

#### PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Ward Faulk, Cobi Amir King, Kathy Mangin and all of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY ARMED FORCES

Protect all military at home and abroad, especially: Major Ryan Bridley, Lt. Ryan Capdepon, Pat Cook, Robert Bodisch Sr., Robert Bodisch Jr., Kenneth Bodisch, Michael Brooks, Clarke Copponex, Kalvin Daniels, Capt. Graham Ernst, Greg Hammontree, Nicholas Hansen, Peter Hansen, Eric Heitkamp, Morgan Jackson, Gean Johnson, Joel Johnson, Capt. Eddie Langford, Paul Polito, Marc Mallard, Col. Michael McCullough, Jennifer Ross, Edwin Andrew Smith, S/Sgt. Drew Spradley, Claude Shimer, Patrick Taylor, Thomas Buhner, Scott & Stephanie Lanier, S/Sgt. Jeanne Rhoads, Mark Wright, Nicholas Williams, Chuck Wright, Mike Shepard, & Corporal Charles Winsor. Watch over them & their families.

#### PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD INITIATIVE

Thank you to Saint James Parish for being the grassroots and home base of this beautiful ministry. If you would like to support this ministry, please donate directly to **Venmo @DioceseofBiloxiProLife** or you may mail your checks to: **Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life, 1790 Popps Ferry Rd. Biloxi, MS 39532,** and mark Pro-Life on the memo line.

Pro-Life Coordinator: **Rev. Mr. Gerald Norris** President, Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life: **Karen Rhodes** Founder: **Penny Sullivan** 



Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

#### **RCIA**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will be offered for those interested, baptized and unbaptized, in learning about the Catholic Faith and/or those cradle Catholics who have never been confirmed. RCIA meets on Wednesdays at 7:00PM.
 For details, contact: Deacon Henderson (a) 228-209-6960

#### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

#### **ADORERS ARE NEEDED!**

#### Monday 12:00PM - 1:00PM; Wednesday 10:00AM - 11:00AM; Friday 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Second Adorers needed for all hours. <u>Second or Third Adorers are al-ways needed in each hour for a substitute system.</u> If you can help or substitute with any of these hours, please call or leave a message in the Parish Office at 228-896-6059 or with Ralph at 228-539-2434.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world.

Let our adoration never cease." - Pope Saint John Paul II. You have a special hour with the Lord waiting for you.

Please put my name down as an Adorer in the Adoration Chapel

I would like to commit to one hour per week \_\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to commit to alternate week \_\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to commit to substitute 1 hour per week \_\_\_\_\_\_ Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone#:\_\_\_\_\_

#### HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

Phone#:\_\_\_\_\_e-mail:\_\_\_\_\_

We challenge each family to bring at least one of the following non-perishable items 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



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items for the week, select an item for the poor and thank God for the ability to provide adequately for your own family, and take time to pray for those less fortunate. Choose from these items based on the first letter of your last name:

**A-E: BOXED DINNERS** - Hamburger, Chicken Helpers, Rice Dishes, instant potatoes (especially mashed potatoes).

**F-I: CANNED FOODS** - Ravioli, soups, tuna, Spam, fruit, vegetables, etc. **J-N: HEALTH CARE ITEMS** - Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, cotton balls, etc.

O-S: PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY/ JUICE - Any brand, or type of jelly/ peanut butter is appreciated.

**T-Z: BOXED CEREAL** - Instant oatmeal, grits, crackers, spaghetti rice, macaroni & cheese etc.

**BABY ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED -** Baby wipes, diapers, etc. **MOST NEEDED ITEMS -** Fruit juice, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, cereal, and health care items.

#### TEXT SJCC

Keep up with our parish happenings Stay updated on news and announcements

- text SJCC to 57838



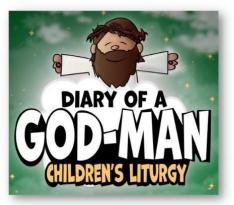
"Though thou hast recourse to many saints as thine intercessors, go especially to St. Joseph, for he has great power with God." St. Teresa of Avila

#### <u>Mass Etiquette Tips</u>

We attend a heavenly banquet when we come to Mass; and while formal attire is not necessary, one should dress modestly. We want to keep everyones eyes on Jesus!

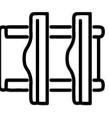


CHILDREN'S LITURGY SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE PICK ONE UP FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO FOLLOW ALONG AND ENJOY THE READINGS OF THE MASS.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our anonymous donor(s) who purchased a TV wall mount from our Parish Office/ Parish Center Wish List!



## Rachels Vineyard Retreat

For those Hurting from Abortion or Miscarriage

There is forgiveness, hope and peace after abortion. If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion or miscarriage, we can help. Please consider attending this faith-based, healing retreat. All faiths are welcome - Open to women and men.

> Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time.

#### Date: April 21-23, 2023

Price: \$195/person (Financial Assistance Available) Facilitators: Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann Priest Facilitator: Fr. Robert Cavalier

To register or for more information, contact the retreat facilitators: Pam Richard - (504) 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net Donna Scheuermann - (504) 258-9183 or donnas@1791.com

Find us on facebook.com/rvrNOLA

Take courage. He is calling you!

## 关 Parish Office/Parish Center Wish List

As an alternative to making a monetary donation, a Parish Office/ Parish Center Wish List has been created to benefit the parish's needs. Please visit our website homepage and scroll down towards the bottom to access the link to our new wish list.

We understand that some may not wish to purchase from amazon.com. In that case, please select the exact same items from a different vendor and contact the Parish Office at 228-896-6059. Your gifts will be added to your listing of contributions.

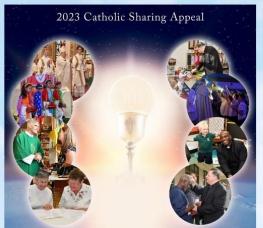


#### Meet Jesus in the Confessional where you can be forgiven and healed!



"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** 

- Saint James Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:00PM
- St. John the Evangelist Monday, March 27
   @ 6:00PM
- St. Joseph Monday, April 3 @ 6:00PM
- St. Thomas the Apostle Wednesday, April 5
   @ 7:00PM



"You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your beavenly Father." – Matthew 5:14, 16 Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$89,503.00. Thus far, 75 families have answered Bishop Kihneman's call and we have raised \$33,445.00 (in pledges & one time gifts). Thank you for your response! If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, please consider if you are able. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org. Remember - all monies donated above our goal will be returned to the parish.

If you have not done so, be sure to check out Fr. Ryan's Special Message on our Saint James YouTube Page!



## Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Saturday | March 25, 2023 | 9:00AM Mass

Nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, we celebrate the Archangel Gabrielle's visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary and revealed God's will that she become the mother of God.



### DON'T FORGET

KC's Friday Fish Fry Dinners Friday - March 24 5:00PM - 6:30PM A portion of the night's proceeds will benefit SVDP Saint James Conference.

Easter Howers

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





## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUBSIDY**

SAINT JAMES

To obtain the Catholic rate at St. James Catholic School and/or St. Patrick Catholic High School, one must be a registered and participating family who regularly contributes to Saint James Parish (using checks, parish envelops or electronic giving). Each school year, parents must bring a subsidy form from the school to the parish office for the pastor to sign in order to receive the subsidized tuition rate.

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Parents are responsible before God to choose appropriate schooling for each of their children. Our task, as a parish community, is to assist parents as best we can with the tools they need to raise their children as good Catholics. Each year, our parish is assessed a certain percentage of our Sunday collection to be allocated to our local Catholic schools, St. James Catholic School and St. Patrick Catholic High School. As such, Saint James Parish has money set aside in the 2023/2024 budget for our registered contributing families to help with Catholic elementary and high school tuition costs.

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 specialize in determining the financial need of each family. The Tuition Assistance application process is now open. There is a processing fee.

## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL & ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Applications for aid can be found on the **FACTS** website. **April 28, 2023 is the deadline** for applications.

www.factsmgt.com





The St. Vincent de Paul Society logo is used in many countries and is recognized everywhere as a symbol of hope and goodwill. The logo has three components: the hands, the text, and the slogan. The top hand is the **Hand of Christ** blessing the cup. The middle hand is the **Hand of Love** which offers the cup, and the bottom hand is the **Hand of Suffering** which receives the cup.

This symbol of the hands truly reflects the work of the members, volunteers and employees of the Society. The Hand of Giving shows our good works, the Hand of Suffering shows those we serve, and the Hand of Christ present, above all others, acknowledges His strong presence in the relationship between ourselves and those we help through the Holy Spirit.

We take this opportunity to give thanks to our generous parishioners, ministeries, school, parents and children for all their support throughout the year. Over the past year, beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, we have tried to be good stewards of your acts of charity. Your donations have helped us to provide the following assistance:

Utilities - 144 households (323 people) - totaling \$25,853.61 in financial aid Food - 389 households (1002 people)

We have also assisted with vehicle repair; we partnered with the St J Youth in providing Wal-Mart gift cards for the Thanksgiving bags; Christmas gift cards; funeral expenses; disaster relief for the water crisis in Jackson; disaster relief for the flood in Kentucky; and miscellaneous clothing (blankets, gloves, hats, scarves).

Our St. Vincent de Paul office is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Items can be dropped off anytime at the Parish Office, or put in the back of the church in our St. Vincent de Paul boxes.

Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church for your donations. Please make your checks payable to St James St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Again, thank you for your continued support - it allows our ministry to weekly assist those in need of the works of Mercy.



