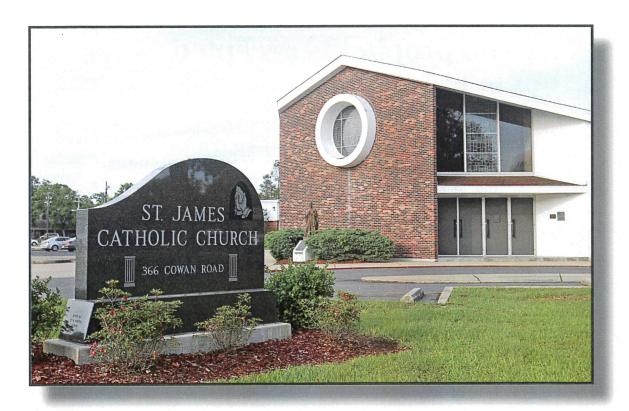
# Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023



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## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 9:00 & 11:00AM, 5:30PM

MONDAY: 7:00 & 8:30AM

TUESDAY: 6:00PM

7:00PM (XLT Praise & Worship) WEDNESDAY:

8:30AM

THURSDAY: 7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon)

FRIDAY: 8:30AM

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**CONFESSIONS** SATURDAY: 3:00 PM CONFESSION BEFORE & AFTER EACH

MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT 

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 @ 896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

## SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES

K.C.'S - 1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00PM

ST VINCENT de PAUL - Quarterly Meetings

RCIA - Wednesday 7:00PM, in the Church

LEGION OF MARY - Monday 9:30AM

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY - 1st Thursday 1:00PM

**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

ADULT CHOIR:

4:00PM Saturday (Practice at 3:00PM in Parish

11:00AM Sunday (Practice at 10:30AM in Parish Center)

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# **Worship & Meditation**

# Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

## Sunday:

AActs 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 Mt 28:1-10

## Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

## Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18

## Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

## Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

### Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

## Saturday:

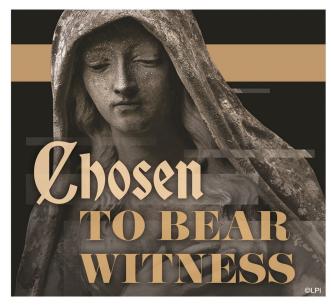
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

## **Next Sunday:**

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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# **Gospel Meditation**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons."

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 | EASTER SUNDAY

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**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) or Josie Six (301-751-2988). Donations start at \$75 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.



## APRIL 8 - APRIL - 15

| Sat.  | 7:20PM  | <b>†Aurelia/Teodulo Soriano</b>            |
|-------|---------|--|
| Sun.  | 7:00AM  | <b>Kevin Chevalier (Special Intention)</b> |
|       | 9:00AM  | <b>†Joel Smith</b>                         |
|       | 11:00AM | People of Saint James                      |
|       | 5:30PM  | †Steven Villarreal                         |
| Mon.  | 7:00AM  | <b>†Carolyn Fayard</b>                     |
|       | 8:30AM  | <b>†Essie Bourgeois</b>                    |
| Tue.  | 6:00PM  | †Dennis Bourgeois                          |
| Wed.  | 8:30AM  | <b>†</b> Adrienne Conwill                  |
| Thur. | 7:00AM  | <b>†Burt Drago</b>                         |
|       | 12:00PM | <b>†Beau Gollott</b>                       |

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

**‡Joseph & Ginny Romano, Sr.** 

**骨Joseph Romano, Sr.** 

## **April 08/09**

| Sat. | 7:20PM  | Carol Cottone      |
|------|---------|--------------------|
| Sun. | 9:00AM  | Joey Beattie       |
|      | 11:00AM | Ed Farrell         |
|      | 5:30PM  | Michelle Pisciotta |

## **April 15/16**

| Sat. | 4:00PM  | Maia Dooley  |
|------|---------|--------------|
| Sun. | 9:00AM  | Tom Collins  |
|      | 11:00AM | Kaine Lucky  |
|      | 5:30PM  | Sarah Rhodes |



Fri.

Sat.

8:30AM

4:00PM

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

## **April 08/09**

| Sat. 7:20PM | Beverly Moore, Shirley Henderson,      |  |
|-------------|--|--|
|             | Mary Pecoul and Debbie Bazzone         |  |
| Sun. 9:00AM | Jennifer & Steve Broadus, Ann Edwards, |  |
|             | Mary Ellen Edwards, Gretchen Ellis     |  |
|             | and Susanne Chandler                   |  |

Sun. 11:00AM Bridget & Russell Weatherly, Kirsten Owen, Julie & Alan Black and Darlene & EG Warren

Sun. 5:30PM Deanne Goulet, Diana Holder,

Isabella Cruthirds and Caroline Dellenger

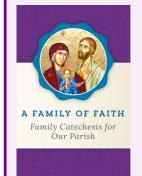
## **April 15/16**

| Sat. 4:00PM  | Mary Pecoul, Connie Pucheu, Barbara Levine  |
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|              | and Debbie Bazzone                          |
| Sun. 9:00AM  | Gretchen Ellis, Don & Sherry Alfonso        |
|              | and Linda Joffrion                          |
| Sun. 11:00AM | Kirsten Owen, Mary Anne Oberlies,           |
|              | Becky Graves and Stephanie Guirola          |
| Sun. 5:30PM  | Yolanda Edwards, Gia Alley, London Lafferty |
|              | and Ashlie Herbert                          |

## FAITH FORMATION

Linda Hebert - lindahebert@saintjameschurchms.com

# APRIL FAMILY GATHERING



For those participating in a Family of Faith, our next Family Gathering is on Sunday, April 16, in the Church at 12:00PM.

## **SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12**

Sarah Rhodes & Bridgett Bermond youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com

Youth is not meeting this weekend. Enjoy the Easter holiday with your family and friends!

## **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.

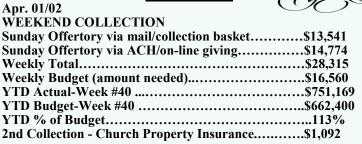
Venmo donations may be made at @St James GPT.



# **SECOND COLLECTION**

- This weekend's second collection will be for the Adoration Chapel.
- Next weekend's second collection will be for Youth Ministry.

## **TREASURE**



## 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, Marysol Camarena, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard Chevalier, Nick Christovich, Rhonda Clark, Andrew Cooper, Ashley Garrett Couture, Jason Creel, Mimi Davis, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Kathy Dufrene, Shellie Ely, W.C. Fore, Reese Forrest, Gene Gaddy, Joseph Neil Gilly, Loretta Hahn, Dianne Harenski, Bryan Hebert, Jessi Hebert, Louis Helwick, Shirley Henderson, Stephanie Hennessey, Whitney Henriquez, Tracy High, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Taylor Hopwood, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Mary Jo Jenkins, 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, Rebecca Mowdy, 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 Üsey, 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

Molly Jimenez, Kathy Mangin, SJ Marengo, Msgr. Joseph Mercier 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, Thomas Buhner,
Clarke Copponex, Kalvin Daniels, Capt. Graham Ernst,
Greg Hammontree, Nicholas Hansen, Peter Hansen, Eric Heitkamp,
Morgan Jackson, Gean Johnson, Joel Johnson, Capt. Eddie Langford,
Scott & Stephanie Lanier, Paul Polito, Marc Mallard,
Col. Michael McCullough, Jennifer Ross, Edwin Andrew Smith,
S/Sgt. Drew Spradley, Claude Shimer, Patrick Taylor, Katie Todaro,
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 @ 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. Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system. 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.

# THE PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL IS CLOSED UNTIL 2:00PM EASTER SUNDAY.

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

| I would like to commit I would like to commit I would like to commit |                               |  |
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| Name:  | to substitute I nour per week |  |
| Address:   |                               |  |
| Phone#:  | e-mail:                       |  |

## HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

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



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

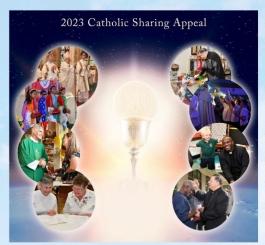




"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song." St. Pope John Paul II The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

APRIL Month of the Holy Eucharist

Source: www.morningoffering.com



Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$89,503.00. Thus far, 107 families have answered Bishop Kihneman's call and we have raised \$48,745.00 (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!

# **Thank You**

Thank you to Ed Farrell, Joseph Herbert, Robert Morris, Jeff Villarreal and Rob Vivian for preparing breakfast for our First Communicants and their parents at the First Communion Morning of Reflection. We are most grateful for everyone's help in cooking, serving and cleaning up!

We also wish to thank Danique Freeman, Diana Holder, Jamie Lindsey and Lori Pearce for leading the children's sessions.

# **Office Closure**



The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Easter on April 10 & 11, 2023.



# **BAPTISMS**

We joyfully welcome into our faith community the following children who were recently baptized:

- Cooper McCabe, son of Tyler & Maegen McCabe
- Warren Steenkamp II, son of Warren & Temple Steenkamp
- Parker Braswell, daughter of Bailey & Katelyn Braswell





# **Mass Etiquette Tips**

In every Catholic church, there is a sanctuary, the place where the primary actions of the Mass are conducted. The word "sanctuary" is generally defined as a location that is holy, sacred or set apart. In many ways, the Catholic sanctuary was designed to mimic the holy of holies in the Jerusalem temple, a place where only the priests were allowed to offer sacrifice to God. The sanctuary is further set apart from the rest of the church by the presence of the tabernacle, the golden cabinet that contains the holy of holies, Jesus in the Eucharist. This is why Catholics genuflect or bow before entering the sanctuary. We do so in honor of the real presence of Christ present in the Eucharist reserved and protected in the tabernacle. At Saint James, the steps are considered a part of the sanctuary. Therefore, the genuflection or bow should occur before ascending the steps.

# Happy Easter

Father Ryan, Deacon Henderson, Deacon Conason and the staff of Saint James Parish wish everyone a Happy Easter. May God's blessing of Easter hope be upon you and your loved ones.

# **Men's Prayer Group**

The Men's Prayer Group invites all men to come pray at 7:00AM on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

# 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.

If you would like to make a contribution for the purchase of The Little White Book, please contact Linda Hebert in the Parish Office.

# Rachel's 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



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Take courage. He is calling you!



# 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. Departmen





Congratulations to those who were confirmed by Bishop Kihneman on Friday, March 31, 2023. You have been sealed with the Holy Spirit - trust always and do what makes you holy!

- Cameron Badurak
- Corbin Bartgis
- Carsen Centanni
- Gracie Chatelain
- Brennan Couvillon
- Breton Descher
- Duke Dymond
- Mary Frontz

- Mary Frontz
- Casimir Goulet
- Cole Hilton
- Theodore Kallinikos
- Matthew Krass
- Mackenzie Mullen
- Beau Muller
- Hailey Necaise

- Sophia Pisciotta
- Gabrielle Rizk
- Peter Russo
- Miller Sharp
- Ella Welch

# Thank You

With great appreciation, we thank the Knights of Columbus and our Bereavement Committee for hosting the Confirmation reception. The food and fellowship were exceptional!

# THANK YOU!

Many thanks are extended to the Confirmation
CoreTeam led by Sarah Rhodes, who prepared our
young people for the sacrament of Confirmation.
Bridgett Bermond, Jessi Hebert, Ashley Herbert,
Joseph Herbert, Stephen Oberlies, Andrew Sanders
and Aimee Seicshnaydre – we are grateful for your
sharing spirits!

# <u>Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony</u>

The Annual Individual and Collective Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary of all active and auxiliary members.

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 1:00PM St. Joseph Catholic Church 12290 Depew Rd. Gulfport, MS 39503

# DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

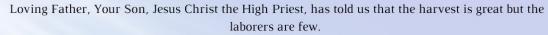


This survey will provide you the opportunity to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on the efforts of the parish to help you grow.

Please scan the QR code to take the survey.

This survey should take 10 - 15 minutes to complete. Your responses are kept confidential.

# **VOCATION PRAYER**



We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women, Dedicated Married couples and Committed Single persons.

Help us to follow Christ faithfully and to answer the call to holiness and discipleship.

We ask this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN



MOST REVEREND LOUIS F. KIHNEMAN, III BISHOP OF BILOXI





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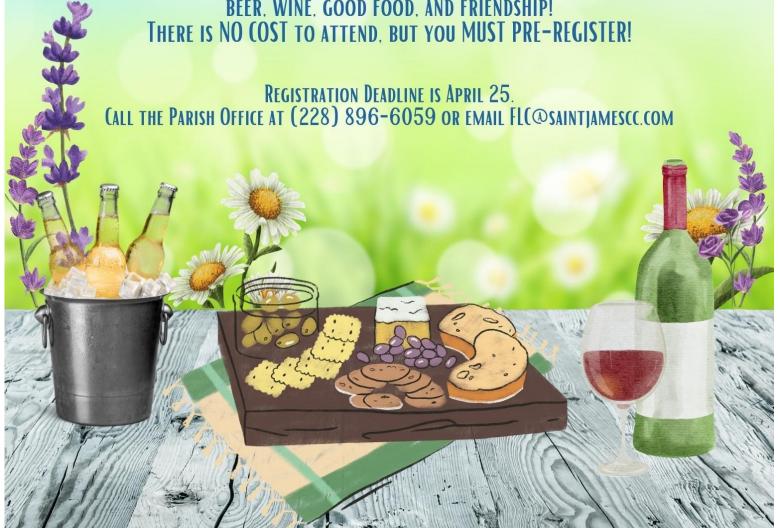




Thursday, April 27, 2023

6:00PM \* Saint James Parish Center Gym

ALL ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR BEER, WINE, GOOD FOOD, AND FRIENDSHIP! THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND, BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER!









# CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUBSIDY

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.

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**April 16, 2023** 

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).

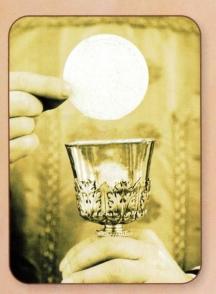
Every family needs God's mercy. Lenten prayers, fasts, alms giving, and good deeds afford us the opportunity to prepare well for extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday.

"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 St. Maria Faustina Kowalska scarlet" (699). 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).

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