

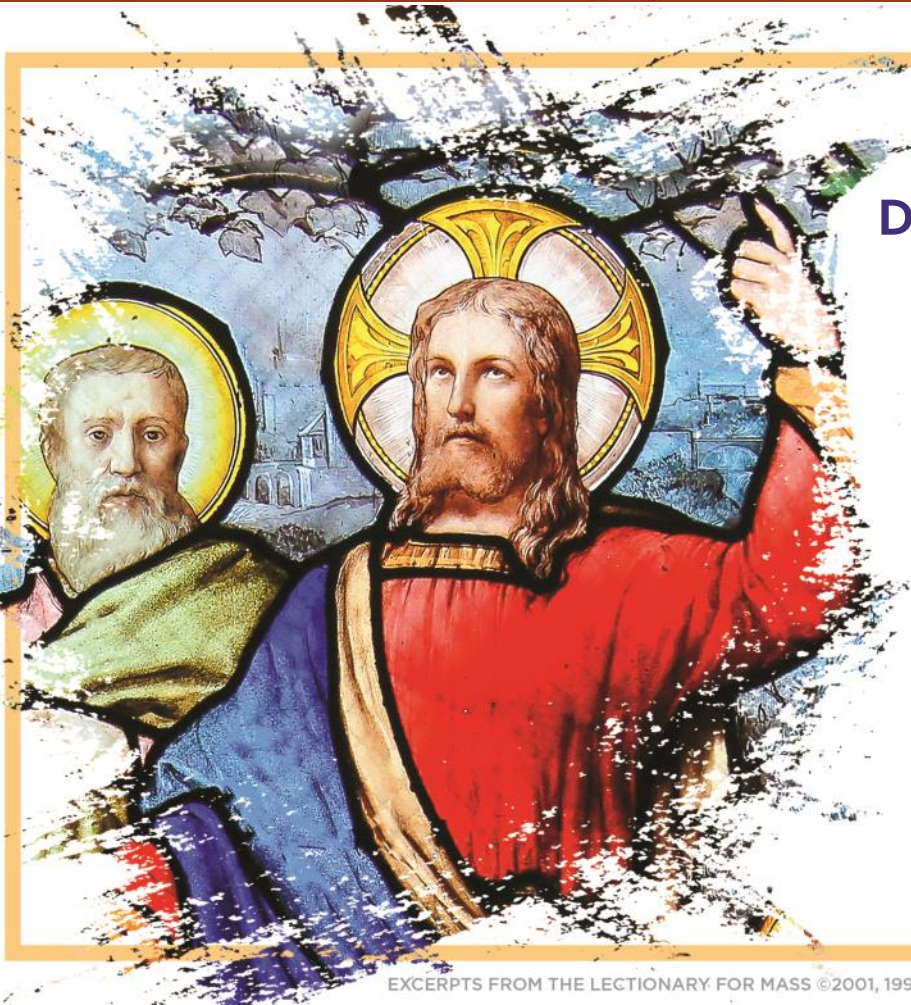


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



DECEMBER 03, 2023

**"BE WATCHFUL!
BE ALERT! YOU
DO NOT KNOW
WHEN THE TIME
WILL COME."
— MK 13:33**

1ST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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PASTOR - Father Ryan McCoy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:30PM

Monday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM, 7:00PM XLT | Adoration

Wednesday: 8:30AM

Thursday: 7:00AM and 12:00PM (Noon)

Friday: 8:30AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Convent Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00PM - 4:00PM or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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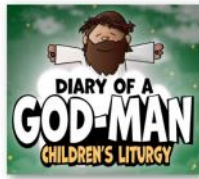
Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
THURSDAY - DECEMBER 7, AT 6:00PM (VIGIL MASS)
FRIDAY - DECEMBER 8, AT 7:00AM | 8:30AM | 12:00PM (NOON) | 6:00PM



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.

Mass Etiquette Tips

During Mass, we assume different postures and are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass. As a sign of adoration, we genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Many people also make the Sign of the Cross as they bend their knee. Traditionally, Catholics genuflect on entering and leaving the church if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the church. At the beginning and conclusion of the Mass, the priest and deacon(s) genuflect to the tabernacle on entering and leaving the sanctuary. Others (commentators, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, etc.) who enter and leave the sanctuary should also genuflect or make a profound bow. The priest also genuflects in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the people after the consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are accepting donations for sanctuary flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in front of the altar for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Due to the rising cost of flowers, donations now start at \$100 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Keep up with our parish happenings and stay updated on news and announcements:



Text SJCC to 57838

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 4:00PM on Monday.

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

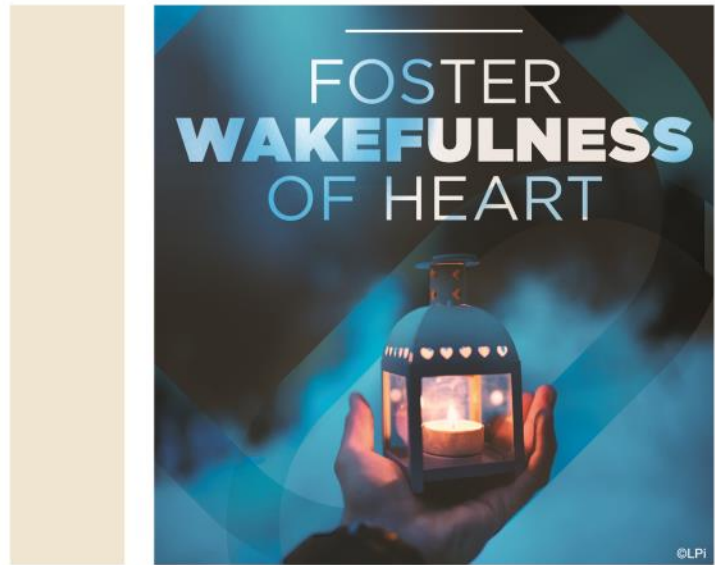
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil."

- St. John Chrysostom

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.

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

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:



Paula Hire,
Hermine Lightell,
Danny Lowther,
Albert Necaize,
Teresa Ruggieri
and Linda Sharp

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, December 02	
4:00PM	✠Dustin Black
Sunday, December 03	
9:00AM	✠Salvation of the Dying
11:00AM	✠People of Saint James
5:30PM	✠Tommy Letard
Monday, December 04	
7:00AM	✠Emmitt Thames
8:30AM	✠Molly Lee
Tuesday, December 05	
6:00PM	✠Robert Eyer, Jr.
Wednesday, December 06	
8:30AM	✠David Riemann
Thursday, December 07	
7:00AM	✠Adrienne Conwill
12:00PM	✠Carlos Faul, Jr.
6:00PM	♥ Robin Gillan
Friday, December 08	<u>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
7:00AM	✠Gary Durbin
8:30AM	✠Jane Dennis
12:00PM	People of Saint James
6:00PM	✠Mike Catalino
Saturday, December 09	
4:00PM	✠Natalie Stanbro
Deceased - ✠	Healing - ♥
	Special Intention - ✠

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

December 04 - December 09

Monday, December 04

9:00AM Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
9:45AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room

Tuesday, December 05

6:00PM Saint J Youth Bible Study, Bosco Room
7:00PM R.C.I.A., Raphael Room
7:00PM XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, December 06

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
5:45PM Family of Faith (Catechetical Session), Raphael Room

Thursday, December 07

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

Friday, December 08

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)

December 11 - December 16

Monday, December 11

9:00AM Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
9:45AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House
6:30PM Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room

Tuesday, December 12

8:30AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House
6:00PM Saint J Youth Bible Study, Bosco Room
7:00PM R.C.I.A., Raphael Room
7:00PM XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, December 13

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
7:00PM SJCS Christmas Program, Parish Center Gym

Thursday, December 14

7:00PM SJCS Christmas Program, Parish Center Gym

Saturday, December 16

10:00AM Baptism Prep Class (RSVP Only), Raphael Room
10:00AM Apologetics Reading Group, Philomena House

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 02

4:00PM Holly Dreger

Sunday, December 03

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarski

11:00AM Ed Farrell

5:30PM Yolanda Edwards

Saturday, December 09

4:00PM Carol Cottone

Sunday, December 10

9:00AM Joey Beattie

11:00AM Doug Hill

5:30PM Michele Pisciotta

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 02

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

Sunday, December 03

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

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

5:30PM Steven Eckert, Yolanda Edwards and
Ashlie & Joseph Herbert

Saturday, December 09

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

Sunday, December 10

9:00AM Jennifer & Steve Broadus,
Carsen Centanni and Bonnie Jacobs

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

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

TREASURE

November 25/26, 2023

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$7,999
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$1,460
Weekly Total	\$9,459
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #22	\$347,786
YTD Budget-Week #22	\$413,776
YTD % of Budget	84%
Second Collection - Pro-Life Billboard Ministry	\$1,651

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Retired Religious.

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.

Please Help Us (Help You)

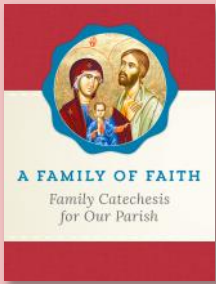
For record-keeping purposes, please consider the following when making monetary contributions to Saint James Catholic Church:

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

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

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

FAITH FORMATION



A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

December Catechetical Session
Wednesday, December 6
5:45-7:15PM
Raphael Room

Our December Family Gathering will be
Sunday, December 10, in the Parish Center Gym.

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



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP
GRADES 6-12
Sundays 6:30-8:00PM

Edge & LifeTeen
An Advent Family Night - "She Said Yes"
Immediately following Mass-7:45PM in the Church

All families are welcome!

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



The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. Jesse was the father of King David, and the Jesse Tree gets its name from Isaiah 11:1: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophesies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

Our Jesse Tree is located in the sanctuary near the crucifix; and details of the various ornaments and their meaning can be found on our website.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE
DECEMBER 3, 2023

Face to Face:
Saint J LifeTeen Retreat

December 9-10

Paul B. Johnson State Park
Hattiesburg

Personal Transportation

\$70 Retreat Fee

CONFIRMATION

Parents of 11th and 12th Graders to be Confirmed this Year - if you missed the Confirmation Info Session on October 23, please contact Linda Hebert for details on upcoming sacramental prep.

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



RCIA (Rite 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. RCIA meets on Tuesdays at 7:00PM in the Raphael Room. **For information, contact Deacon Henderson 228-209-6960.**

Saint James Catholic Church Advent & Christmas Schedule

2023

2023 - 2024

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 6:00PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 7:00AM
- 8:30AM
- 12:00PM
- 6:00PM

Penance Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 6:00PM

Christmas Masses

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *

- 4:00PM (CHILDREN'S MASS)
- 6:00PM
- 12:00AM (MIDNIGHT MASS)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 9:00AM
- 11:00AM
- 5:30PM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Masses

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 4:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 9:00AM
- 11:00AM
- 5:30PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

- 7:00AM
- 12:00PM
- 6:00PM

The Epiphany of the Lord Masses

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- 4:00PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- 9:00AM
- 11:00AM
- 5:30PM



*THE 9:00AM AND 11:00AM SUNDAY MASSES FULFILL YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION WHILE THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING MASSES FULFILL YOUR CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION.

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a popular family devotion for this season. It is usually a circle of evergreen branches surrounding four candles, one for each of the Sundays of Advent. Frequently, three of the candles are violet and one is rose. The rose-colored candle is lit during the third week of advent, beginning on Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete means “joy”) as a reminder that our waiting will soon be over. The Advent wreath is blessed on the first Sunday of Advent. One candle is lit the first week, two the second week, three the third week and all four the fourth week.

Blessing the Advent Wreath

On the first Sunday of Advent, gather the family and bless the advent wreath.

Begin by making the sign of the cross.

Leader - Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All - Who made heaven and earth.

Reading

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:2-3,6-7

Blessing

A parent leads the family in one of these blessings, or the family prays it in unison.

Lord God, Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Week of Advent

This ceremony is meant for every day during the first week of Advent, beginning with the first Sunday. The family prays one of these prayers as the first candle is lighted.

All powerful God, Increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

The Second Week of Advent

The family prays one of these prayers as two candles are lighted.

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom, which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

The Third Week of Advent

The family prays one of these prayers as three candles, including the rose-colored one, are lighted.

Lord God, may we, your people who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fourth Week of Advent

The family prays one of these prayers as all four candles are lighted.

Lord, fill our hearts with you love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father, all powerful God, your eternal word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Hallow

FIND PEACE IN GOD THIS ADVENT

LIZZIE VELASQUEZ MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

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FR. JOSH JOHNSON AUTHOR & PODCAST HOST

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ADVENT

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Daily Prayers

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Examen, or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.



Family Content

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, or guide your little ones with introductory prayer sessions for ages 3 and up as well as sacrament prep.



Bible Stories & Sleep Content

Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.

MINISTRY NEWS

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED!

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

Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system. If you can help or substitute with any hours, please call Ralph at 228-539-2434 or contact the Parish Office.

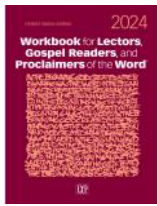
HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

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.



**Open: Tuesdays 9:00AM - 11:45AM, Food & Financial Assistance
Thursdays 10:00AM - 11:30AM, Food Assistance ONLY**

Attention Lectors - There are limited copies of the *2024 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word* available in the Sacristy.



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 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!

AMAZING GLAZE

Amazing Glaze Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve donuts after the 9:00AM Mass

As a volunteer, you will be responsible for picking up donuts (pre-paid) from Krispy Kreme on Hwy 49. You will set-up tables & chairs, make coffee, pour Sunny D, and put out the donuts. You will then put up the tables & chairs and clean up.

Please contact Susanne Chandler for more details: 228-596-5373 or shc0138@yahoo.com

Please choose from this list of dates if you are available to be a volunteer.

- Dec 10
- Dec 17
- Dec 24
- Dec 31

We Adore Him

Saint James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now offering enhanced adorer scheduling, substitute requests and more with this user-friendly program!

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THANK YOU for Ushering!



FAMILY LIFE NEWS

For information regarding sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

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

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

Save the Dates

Couples Date Night 2024

January 25
April 25
July 25
October 24

Couple Prayer Series Lent 2024

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February 14



BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome the newest member of our parish family.

- Poppy Sinclair Hardenstein, daughter of Taylor & Megan Hardenstein



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Lisa Andrison

Emily Hale

Salvador & Jillian Milatello and children



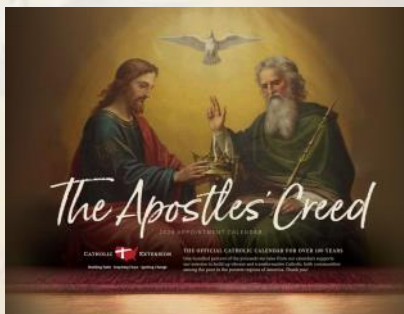
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



The Little Blue Books

Copies of *The Little Blue Book*, which contain Advent & Christmas reflections, are available on the tables near the entrances. Please take one per family.

2024 Calendars



The 2024 Catholic Extension calendars are here and are available for pick up on the tables at the church entrances.

Christmas Flowers

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas flowers. Envelopes can be found on the tables at the church entrances.



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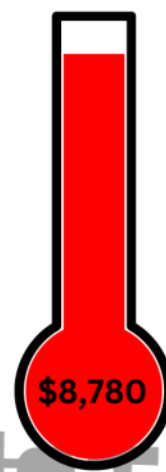
OFFICE CLOSURE



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8, in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Cemetery Surveillance System & Tree Trimming

Due to the ongoing vandalism at our cemetery, a security surveillance system monitored by the Gulfport Police Dept. is necessary. Father Ryan is seeking donations to help cover the cost associated with the installation. Please consider making a donation to protect our deceased loved ones.



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- First Week of Advent | Behold with Sr. Miriam James
- Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Tuesday (Dec 5th)

- Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project
- Drawing Closer to God - Episode 1

Wednesday (Dec 6th) - St. Nicholas

- Day 17 - Saint Nicholas | The Days of Advent with Brother Francis
- St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney
- Episode 5: St. Nicholas

Thursday (Dec 7th) - St. Ambrose

- Who is Saint Ambrose?

Friday (Dec 8th) - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- What Is The Immaculate Conception?
- What Is the Immaculate Conception?
- Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?
- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art
- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday (Dec 9th) - St. Juan Diego

- Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego | Littlest Saints
- The Saints, Youth Ministry and Our Lady of Guadalupe | Chris Stefanick Show
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Remember to pray for our seminarians, especially Chris Collins.

VOCATION PRAYER

Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest, has told us that the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

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

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