



SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



February 11, 2024

“SEE THAT YOU TELL
NO ONE ANYTHING,
BUT GO, SHOW
YOURSELF TO THE
PRIEST AND OFFER
FOR YOUR
CLEANSING WHAT
MOSES PRESCRIBED.”
- MK 1:44

6TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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.



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.



Mass Etiquette Tips

The Three Postures of Mass:

Standing shows a special level of respect and readiness. It is also the normal posture when singing or when praying in common.

Sitting indicates attentiveness, especially when listening to the readings from Sacred Scripture in the Liturgy of the Word and during the preparation of the altar in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Kneeling signifies adoration of God and humility before Him. It is the proper posture for the congregation during the Eucharistic Prayer and after the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God") before the reception of Holy Communion.



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 February 11, 2024

Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4,
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "**If you will it, you can make me clean.**" At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "**moved with compassion.**" The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— *Father John Muir*



"Totally love him who gave himself totally out of love for you."
- St. Clare of Assisi

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



Jeannie Darling, Paula Helwick, Rhonda Mires, Joan Sample and Paula Jermyn Taylor.

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed now share in Eternal Glory and may their loved ones receive God's consolation and peace.

A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

Lord, please hold our military and first responders in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10	
4:00PM	✠ Dennis Bourgeois
Sunday, February 11	
9:00AM	✠ Molly Lee
11:00AM	People of Saint James
5:30PM	✠ David Riemann
Monday, February 12	
7:00AM	✠ Hermine Lightel
8:30AM	✠ Tommy Letard
Tuesday, February 13	
6:00PM	✠ Nick Cascioli
Wednesday, February 14	
7:00AM	✠ Ann Edwards
8:30AM	✠ Jane Dennis
12:00PM	✠ Barbara Lyons
6:00PM	✠ Tim Stafford
Thursday, February 15	
7:00AM	✠ Daniel T. Day
12:00PM	✠ George Schloegel
Friday, February 16	
8:30AM	👤 Emma Allen
Saturday, February 17	
4:00PM	✠ Jenni Bourgeois

Deceased - ✠ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 👤

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

February 12 - February 17

Monday, February 12

10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House
1:00PM	Bible Study, Raphael Room
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, February 13

9:00AM	H & F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM	OCIA, Raphael Room

Wednesday, February 14

7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM	Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
6:00PM	Bible Study, Philomena House

Saturday, February 17

9:00AM	Secular Carmelite, Philomena House
10:00AM	Baptism Prep Class (RSVP only), Raphael Room

February 19 - February 23

Monday, February 19

10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House
1:00PM	Bible Study, Raphael Room
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

7:00AM	Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room
3:15PM	Lectio Divina, Raphael Room
5:30PM	First Communion Prep, Raphael Room
6:00PM	Bible Study, Philomena House
6:30PM	Confirmation Prep, Bosco Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10

4:00PM Maia Dooley

Sunday, February 11

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarski

11:00AM Matthew Schloegel

5:30PM Sarah Rhodes

Saturday, February 17

4:00PM Frank Morton

Sunday, February 18

9:00AM Joey Beattie

11:00AM Eric Hosler

5:30PM Debby Weeks

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 11

9:00AM Jennifer & Steve Broadus, Gretchen Ellis and Bonnie Jacobs

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

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

Saturday, February 17

4:00PM June Bounds, Ashley & George French and Connie O'Neal

Sunday, February 18

9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso, Gretchen Ellis and Linda Joffrion

11:00AM Alan & Julie Black, Carsen Centanni and Doc & Karen Rhodes

5:30PM Paul Correro, Yolanda Edwards, Joseph Herbert and Beverly Moore

TREASURE

February 03/04, 2024

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$13,063
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$15,306
Weekly Total	\$28,369
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #32	\$564,647
YTD Budget-Week #32	\$601,856
YTD % of Budget	94%
Second Collection - Ukraine Relief	\$1,097

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul, Saint James Conference.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Black & Indian Missions.

The Ash Wednesday collection will be for the Churches in Eastern Europe & Churches in Africa.

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.

Annual Contribution Statement



If you'd like to receive an annual contribution statement, please contact the Parish Office.

Please Help Us (Help You)

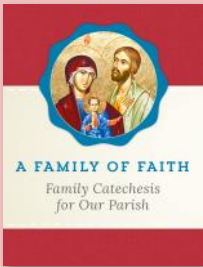
For record-keeping purposes, please consider the following when making monetary contributions to Saint James Catholic Church:

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

February Family Gathering
Sunday, February 18
Parish Center Gym

Parents - If you were unable to attend the Catechetical Session, please stop by the parish office and pick up your February 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 & LifeTeen

No Youth on February 11

Enjoy watching the Super Bowl with family and friends!

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

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

Save the Dates

First Reconciliation
6:00PM on February 26

First Holy Communion
Morning of Reflection
9:00 - 10:30AM on March 9

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

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



Lenten Family Night

All families are invited to
Saint J's Lenten Family Night
Sunday, February 18
6:45 - 8:00PM

CONFIRMATION PREP

February 21 | 6:30 - 8:00PM

Bosco Room

THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE DUE
AT THE NEXT MEETING:

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FORM
CONFIRMATION COVENANT
SPONSOR FORM
DRESS CODE FORM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
LINDA HEBERT @ 228-297-5126



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.**



LENT 2024 SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - THURSDAY, MARCH 28

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 7:00AM
- 8:30AM
- 12:00PM (Noon)
- 6:00PM

Wednesday, February 14

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

Dinners will be available for eat-in or take-out in the Saint James Parish Center Gymnasium. Dinners are \$12.00.

March 8, 15 & 22 @ 5:00PM - 6:30PM

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint J Youth will present Live Stations of the Cross in the Saint James Parish Center Gymnasium.

Good Friday, March 29 @ 3:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Journey on the sorrowful
Way of the Cross each week.

Fridays @ 2:00PM

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Come and receive healing grace in the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Monday, March 11 @ 6:00PM

COUPLE PRAYER SERIES

A 6-week Couple Prayer Series for
engaged and married couples starting
February 15 and continuing throughout
Lent will be held in the Church.

Scan the QR code to register today!

Thursdays 6:00PM - 8:00PM





LENTEN FASTING + ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Fasting: Catholics 18-59 years of age, who are in good health, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

Abstinence: All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity.

TIME, TALENT + TREASURE

Lent is not only a time for fasting and abstinence; it is also a time to do more or be more active in your Saint James Parish. Here are a few things you might consider doing during Lent:

TIME

- Pray the Rosary every day
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Go to confession
- Go to daily Mass
- Attend Stations of the Cross
- Sign up for the Couples Prayer Series

- Bring/encourage others to attend Mass
- Visit our Perpetual Adoration Chapel frequently

TALENT

- Take the Spiritual Gift Inventory
- Join one of our many ministries

TREASURE

- Donate to Operation Rice Bowl
- Donate food and drinks to our Saint J Youth Group
- Donate to the Catholic Sharing Appeal
- Donate a bag of food to our St. Vincent De Paul food bank

For more information on how you can do more this Lent, please contact the Parish Office (228-896-6059).

Spiritual Gift Inventory - disciple@saintjamescc.com

For donations: Saint J Youth Group youthminister@saintjamescc.com and SVDP stjamesvdp07@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE + OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRACE

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

Monday: 7:00AM & 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM

7:00PM XLT (**Adoration** with praise & worship) **Confession** available

Wednesday: 6:00AM (In the Adoration Chapel) & 8:30AM

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

Friday: 7:00AM & 8:30AM

Saturday: 3:00PM **Confession** available before 4:00PM Mass

24/7 Spend time praying with our Lord in the **Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

Confession is also available upon request & the Rosary is prayed daily.





Ladies Altar Society

Parishioners, thank you! The Ladies Altar Society appreciates your generous contributions. We are grateful for your support in helping us to put God's House first in our lives. We thank you for blessing us with these funds to replace many of our parish items. Please continue to pray for our work in honoring God's House.

SEPTEMBER 2023 TO JANUARY 2024 STATEMENT

ALTAR SOCIETY DONATIONS

September 9/10 Collection	\$1,411.00
November 11/12 Collection	\$1,278.00
January 20/21 Collection	<u>\$1,416.00</u>
Donation	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$4,405.00</u>

ALTAR SOCIETY PURCHASES

Side entry table	-\$189.33
Blue & green 5 day votive cylinders	-\$753.95
Materials needed to set-up votives	-\$14.91
Refinished small ciborium	-\$544.95
3 Tabernacle skirts in liturgical colors	-\$264.79
Thanksgiving and Advent plants	-\$94.83
Christmas Trees	-\$1,140.00
Lights, electrical cords and surge protectors	-\$130.53
Poinsettia Flowers	-\$1,272.55
40 Prayer Rosaries	-\$278.63
Dry cleaning of vestments	-\$132.85
Dry cleaning of Altar cloths from the Chapel and Church	-\$44.66
TOTAL	<u>-\$4,861.98</u>

BALANCE FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURES -\$456.98

Upcoming Expenses: Refinishing the second small ciborium after Easter, and setting up Sacred Heart Votive candles.



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.

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 Raphael Room.

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.



HELP WANTED - WE NEED USHERS!



If you are looking for an easy way to participate more in the Mass, please consider becoming an Usher. There is a need for this important ministry at all weekend Masses. For more information, please scan this QR code or complete the contact form online @ www.saintjamescc.com/ushers or talk to an Usher today!



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

MARRIAGE

For information regarding Marriage preparation, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059. Please do not choose a wedding date until you have contacted the Family Life Coordinator.

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.

BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. The next class will be February 17. 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.

Lent 2024

Couple Prayer Series

GET TO HEAVEN TOGETHER!

A 6-week Couple Prayer Series for engaged and married couples beginning Thursday, February 15 and continuing throughout Lent (final session is March 21).

Sessions will be held in the Church from
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Child Care will be available at no cost
- MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND -

The Couple Prayer series was created to help engaged and married couples discover the life-changing intimacy and joy that praying together brings to a marriage.



For more information or to pre-register, scan the QR Code or contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or call the Parish Office at 889-896-6059.



ITE AD JOSEPH

6:30 PM - 8:00PM
21 FEBRUARY

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S NIGHT

A night of food, fellowship and masculine spirituality.

RSVP is necessary to attend.

Scan our QR Code or Contact Chris Molino
to RSVP at evangelization@saintjamescc.com



www.saintjamescc.com/mens-night

"In Joseph... heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care."

Pope Leo XIII

963 RIVERVIEW DR. | BILOXI, MS 39532



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Support Us With Your Shoes!

Help us raise funds by donating your gently worn, used, and new shoes!

By donating your used shoes, you'll be supporting micro-enterprises in developing nations as well as keeping shoes out of landfills.

01/15/24 - 03/15/24



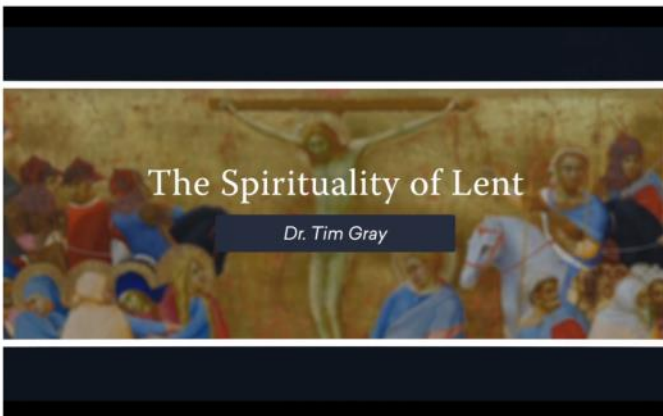
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The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



NATIVITY BVM
CATHEDRAL PRESENTS

LENTEN LESSONS & REFLECTIONS

FEATURING JOHN STAINER'S
"CRUCIFIXION"

MARCH 9, 2024 - 3 PM

870 HOWARD AVENUE - BILOXI, MS
FOR MORE INFO -
terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

This is a powerful, deeply moving, spiritual program that will prepare the listener for the events and celebrations of Holy Week. The presentation will be given by a massed choir comprised of the Choral Societies of "Mobile Vocal Arts" of Mobile, Alabama and "Gloria In Excelsis" of Biloxi, Mississippi with soloists and a small chamber orchestral ensemble.

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 5-7, 2024

Price: \$195/person (Financial Assistance Available)

Facilitators: Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann

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In 1827 a violent thunderstorm suddenly burst over the village of Stiphout. A lightning bolt struck the parish, setting it on fire. The flames quickly spread everywhere and reached the interior of the church. Not knowing who to do, the elderly pastor, Jan Haucuts, tried to flee to the neighbors. A group of the faithful, led by Jan Hubens, decided to try to save the church. They spread the sacraments, gathered the children remaining in the church, and carried them to safety. Everyone miraculously escaped the fire. The church was later rebuilt and the Hosts remained intact until 1907. Because of historical importance and religious awe, every trace of them was subsequently lost.

It was impossible to enter the church, and the only entrance left was the entrance to be burned down through the window. Jan Hubens volunteered. After knocking the glass of the large window near the altar with a hat, he let himself down inside. With great concentration, he saw that the Hosts which had already descended the whole church were being kept safe from the sun.



Remember to pray for our seminarians, especially Chris Collins.

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

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