

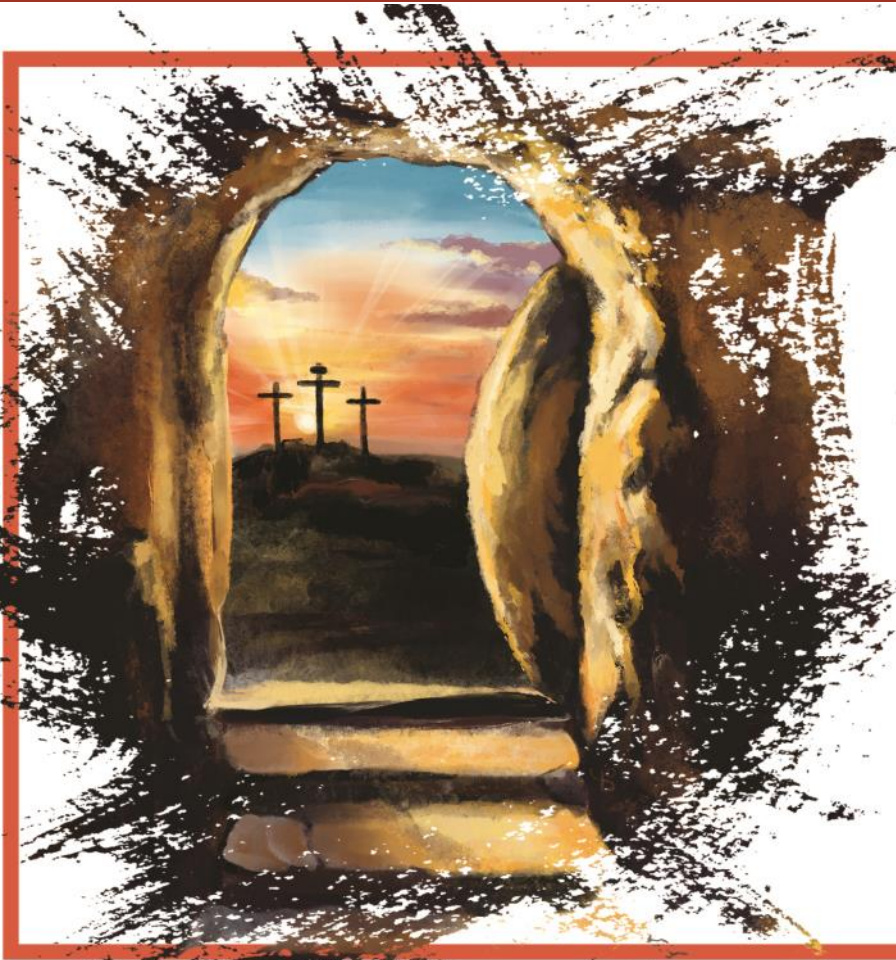


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



March 31, 2024

HE WENT INTO THE
TOMB AND SAW THE
BURIAL CLOTHS
THERE, AND THE
CLOTH THAT HAD
COVERED HIS HEAD,
NOT WITH THE
BURIAL CLOTHS BUT
ROLLED UP IN A
SEPARATE PLACE.
—JN 20:6-7

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

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PASTOR - Father Ryan McCoy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM Vigil Mass

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

Monday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM

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

Wednesday: 8:30AM

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

Friday: 8:30AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Convent Chapel

RECONCILIATION

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 2:30PM

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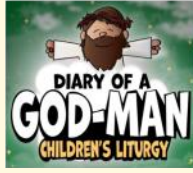
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Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

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



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.

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.



Source: www.morningoffering.com

Did You Know?

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the risen Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection for "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

Adapted from USCCB "What is Easter?"

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.



Easter Flowers FOR OUR LOVED ONES



IN HONOR/MEMORY OF

- Molly Lee
- Dolores, John & Doug Wehrman, Mary Johnson and Jimmy Bounds
- David Cothorn
- Mary Mason and John Robinson
- Mac & Carolyn McClellan/Elie and Kathleen Hebert
- The LeBlanc and Boudreau Family Members
- Our Loved Ones
- Tony Villerreal and Allan & Etaw Robb
- Frank S. Palazzo, Jr.
- Clem Dellenger, Jr., Clem & Inez Dellenger, Sr., and Ludwig & Catherine Hauser
- Ellis, Mizell and Sandidge Family Members
- Levens Family - Red, Virgie, Terry, & Dean Barnett Ratcliff & Bobby Welch
- Deceased Family Members
- Mr. & Mrs. Russell Seymore, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Romano, Sr. and Joanie Romano Radolfich
- Christopher Bruni
- A.D., Margaret, Michael and Steven Roberts
- Christopher Bruni
- Ann Stieffel
- Mr. & Mrs. John Micele and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Culpepper Jr.
- The Bunch Family
- Anna Marie Sukmann
- Mr. & Mrs. Harvey West, Dr. & Mrs. George Byrne, Mr. & Mrs. Bubba Oustalet and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gallagher, Jr.
- Parker & Ladner Families
- George Schloegel
- Caroline Blosser
- Jane Dennis
- Deceased Family Members
- C. Dawson Moore, Jr.
- Nick Christovich
- George & Margaret Peranich
- Al Welch, Joann Blades, Mitchell Owen, Marguerite Kalif, Mary Williams and Charles Williams
- Amelia Owen, Tofie Owen, Sr., Tofie Owen, Jr., Sam Owen and Genevieve Owen
- Doug, Helen and Mike Weiland
- George Donovan

DONATED BY

- Amy & David Lee and Family
- Terry & June Bounds
- Debbie Cothorn
- Danny & Laura Courtenay
- Bryan & Linda Hebert
- Beth Black
- Catherine R. Slaughter
- Jeff & Jennifer Villerreal
- Muriel Palazzo and Family
- Mary Dellenger
- Michael & Gretchen Ellis
- Sylvia Welch
- John & Debbie Bazzone
- Marie & Leo Romano
- Ron & Mary Lee Bruni
- Nicole Webb
- Jeff & Angela Bruni
- David & Beverly Courtenay
- Johnnie & Joe Culpepper
- Frances Chapman
- Sukmann Family
- Stephen & Pam Byrne
- E.J. Parker
- Peggy Schloegel & Family
- Blossers
- Chris & Kate Spear
- Rosemary Collins
- Beverly Moore
- Lauren Christovich
- Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ladner
- Joe Sam & Sherry Owen
- Joe Sam & Sherry Owen
- Dennis & Linda Weiland
- Dennis & Linda Weiland



Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:

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

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 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— *Father John Muir*

Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been donated by the Blosser Family in celebration of Nathan Blosser's birthday.



"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song."
- *St. Pope John Paul II*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

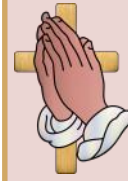
To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.
Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

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

If you or anyone in your family is ill, at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit, please contact the parish office at 228-896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

SYMPATHY

The Saint James community wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:



Linda Caho-Powers,
Edvarado Gian Chan, Penny Cole,
Roxanna Hoda,
Peter Quy Pham, Jeffery Taylor
and Jim Wetzel

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

A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

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

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30

7:14PM ☩ Kathy Dibble

Sunday, March 31

7:00AM ☩ Marguerite & Herbert Holder

9:00AM ☩ Aurelia & Peodulo Soriano

11:00AM People of Saint James

5:30PM ☩ Kathy Dibble

Monday, April 1

7:00AM ☩ Terri Ruggieri

8:30AM ☩ Albert Necaise

Tuesday, April 2

6:00PM ☩ Angela Schintzius

Wednesday, April 3

6:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30AM ☩ Lucille Collins

Thursday, April 4

7:00AM ☩ Bob & Louise Allen

Friday, April 5

8:30AM ☩ Albert Styczenski

Saturday, April 6

4:00PM ☩ George Schloegel

Deceased -☩ Healing -♥ Special Intention -

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

April 1 - April 6

Monday, April 1

10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House

6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, April 2

7:00PM XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church

7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room

Wednesday, April 3

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room

3:15PM Lectio Divina, Philomena House

5:45PM Family of Faith (Catechetical Session), Raphael Room

Thursday, April 4

9:15AM Altar Society, Raphael Room

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

April 8 - April 13

Monday, April 8

10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House

6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, April 9

8:30AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House

7:00PM XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church

7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room

Wednesday, April 3

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room

3:15PM Lectio Divina, Philomena House

5:30PM First Communion Preparation, Raphael Room

Saturday, April 13

9:15AM Carmelites, Raphael Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 30	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
7:14PM	Carol Cottone
Sunday, March 31	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
7:00AM	Jennifer Villarreal
9:00AM	Joey Beattie
11:00AM	Eric Hosler
5:30PM	Joseph Herbert
Saturday, April 6	
7:14PM	Maia Dooley
Sunday, April 7	
9:00AM	Chris Spear
11:00AM	Ed Farrell
5:30PM	Sarah Rhodes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 30	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
7:14PM	June Bounds, Barbara Levine, Mary Pecoul and Kate Spear
Sunday, March 31	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
7:00AM	Gretchen Ellis, Barbara Levine, Linda Randolph and Connie O'Neal
9:00AM	Don & Sherry Alfonso, Jennifer & Steve Broadus, Ashley & George French and Alex & Cara Karetas
11:00AM	Alan & Julie Black, Roberta Hosler, Shirley Henderson and Connie Pucheu
5:30PM	Rachelle Cleveland, Beverly Moore, Josie Six and Debby Weeks
Saturday, April 6	
4:00PM	Beverly Moore, Connie Pucheu, Linda Randolph and Debby Weeks
Sunday, April 7	
9:00AM	Susanne Chandler, Shirley Henderson, Linda Joffrion and Kate Spear
11:00AM	Stephanie Guirola, Roberta Hosler, John Mozingo, III and John Mozingo, IV
5:30PM	Steven Eckert, Yolanda Edwards, Deanne Goulet and Ashlie Herbert

TREASURE

March 23/24, 2024

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$9,306
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$1,615
Weekly Total	\$10,921
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #39	\$678,461
YTD Budget-Week #39	\$733,512
YTD % of Budget	92%
Second Collection - Church Property Ins.	\$1,431

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Youth Ministry.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Altar Society.

ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - one draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or two drafts to be made on the Monday following the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



Venmo donations may be made at @St_James_GPT.

2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

- 113 Donors -

Total Pledges and

One-Time Gifts= \$49,170



MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP



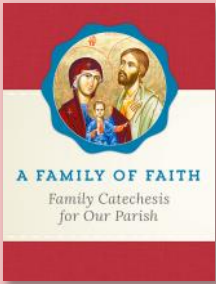
Diocese of Biloxi



\$96,039.00

The CSA has begun in the Diocese of Biloxi. As in the past, each of us will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church in the Diocese of Biloxi. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal provides essential operating support for those offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout the seventeen counties that comprise this diocese.

FAITH FORMATION



A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

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

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



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sundays 6:30-8:00PM

Edge & Life Teen

We are not meeting this Sunday.
Enjoy the Easter holiday with your family!

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

For more information, please contact
Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes



Save the Date

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

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



SAINT J YOUTH

invites all pre-K thru 5th
grade peeps to the
Saint James Easter Egg Scramble.
Bring your own basket and join us
on the baseball field following the
9:00AM Mass on Easter Sunday.



If you ordered merchandise from Saint J Youth, you may pick up your items after any Mass this weekend. During the week, items will be available in the Parish Office.



OCIA (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.

A light blue wooden-textured background featuring various Passover Seder items. In the top left is a red and yellow tulip. In the top center is a white plate with a hard-boiled egg and green leafy vegetables. In the top right is a clear glass. In the bottom left is another tulip. In the bottom center and right are several pieces of matzah. A dark red book is partially visible on the left side.

PASSOVER

APRIL 22, 2024, 6:00PM
PARISH CENTER GYM

WHY SHOULD ONE ATTEND AND CONTRIBUTE?

ST. PAUL SHOWS THAT IT IS QUITE EASY TO TRANSPOSE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PESACH MEAL INTO THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION AND THE MASS (1 COR. 5:6-7). KNOWING THE PASSOVER STORY, KNOWING THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM, AND EXPERIENCING THAT JOURNEY, CAN ENRICH ONE'S FAITH AS A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE THE EXODUS STORY IS PART OF OUR STORY, TOO.

SEDER INCLUDES FULL DINNER, DESSERT AND ALL RITUAL FOODS.

TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 PER PERSON

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES AND
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

CHILDREN 10 & UNDER ATTEND AND EAT FREE

**DONATIONS TO FURTHER OFFSET THE COSTS OF THE
PESACH MEAL ARE REQUESTED. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO
DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7, 2024

Devotional in the Church

2:30PM - 4:00PM

*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.

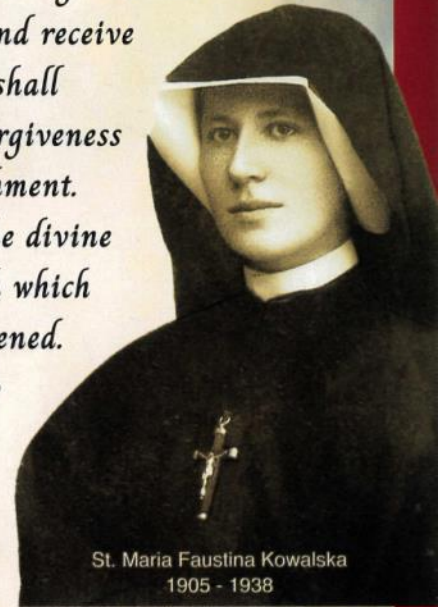
"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy" (299).

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:

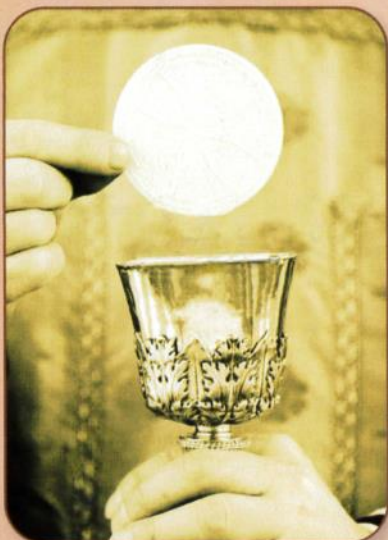
"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (699).



St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
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).

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED!

Wednesday 8:00AM - 9:00AM; Friday 3:00AM - 4:00AM;

Saturday 8:00PM - 9:00PM and 12:00 - 1:00PM

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!

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

Advertisement for Diocese of Biloxi Tag \$33. Includes image of a couple and a license plate with 'PROTECT LIFE' slogan.

NO MORE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS REQUIRED!

Just ask for the "Diocese of Biloxi" tag when you renew at your local tax collector's office this year and claim your own!

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.

For anyone who is interested, Lectio Divina is now meeting on Wednesdays from 3:15PM - 4:30PM in the Philomena House.

ENJOY SINGING?



We need new choir members for our 11:00AM Sunday Mass. There is no commitment...just show up when you can! We practice at 10:30AM in the Parish Center's Raphael Room before Mass. It is not necessary to read music. We welcome 9th graders and up. Come help us spread God's love through the gift of song!

MARRIAGE

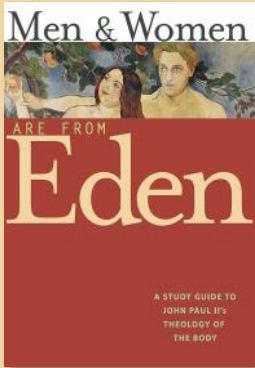
Please note: The Diocese of Biloxi requires that engaged couples should begin the Marriage Preparation process no fewer than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Wedding dates CANNOT BE SCHEDULED until the engaged couple contacts and meets with the Family Life Coordinator.

To begin the process, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

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.



Our next study will utilize the book “Men and Women are from Eden” by Mary Healy. The book may be purchased at most retailers where Catholic books are sold. The course will run for ten weeks.

**Monday Session:
April 15 – June 17
1:00PM**

**Wednesday Session:
April 17 – June 19
6:00PM**



BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome the newest members of our parish family:

- Asher Knesal, son of Summer & Jared Knesal
- Elliott Thomas Black, son of Dylan & Olivia Black
- Sloane Delaney Watters, daughter of Jonathan & Danielle Watters
- Benjy Robinson, son of Ben & Kelsy Robinson

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:
Cameron & Sarah Whiteside & children



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BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. The next class will be April 20.

For more information and to register, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Office Closure



The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Easter on April 1 & 2, 2024. The office will reopen on Wednesday.

SCHOOL NEWS



Bayou Bash

April 13, 2024
Bayou Bluff Tennis Club
6:00 - 10:00PM

Tickets: \$100

Admits 2 adults and includes food, live entertainment provided by Dr. Rock and the Interns, and a chance to win the following prizes:

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DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

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Date: April 5-7, 2024

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

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Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open at our Catholic Schools.



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 envelopes 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 2024/2025 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 specializes 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 15, 2024 - SPCHS deadline for applications.

April 26, 2024 - SJCS deadline for applications.

www.factsmgmt.com



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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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 - [The Annunciation | Sacred Art](#)
 - [The New Ark | Lectio: Mary | Episode 2](#)
 - [A Bible Study on the Annunciation](#)
 - [The Bible and the Virgin Mary](#)

Tuesday (Apr 2nd) - Tuesday of the second week of Easter

- [Ocean of Mercy](#)
- [Divine Mercy 101 with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC](#)
- [Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley](#)

Wednesday (Apr 3rd) - Wednesday of the second week of Easter

- [The Apostle Paul: Acts 8-12 | Luke-Acts | The Bible Project](#)
- [Trinity, Faith & the God Who Is Love | Symbolon for Teens: The Creed | Episode 1](#)

Thursday (Apr 4th) - St. Stanislaus

- [Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting" | Real + True](#)

Friday (Apr 5th) - Friday of the second week of Easter

- [Slaves and Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret \(English Audio\)](#)

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A Prayer for the Unborn Children

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