



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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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 to register.

Registration forms can also be found in the back of the church.

COMMUNION FAST REMINDER

A complete fast from all food and drink (to include gum) for one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is a required discipline for all Catholics. The fast does not include water and medicine.



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
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
Office: 228-896-6059
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Keep up with our parish happenings and stay updated on news and announcements:



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TREASURE

February 14/15, 2026

First Collection: \$8,505
ACH: \$6,927
Online Giving: \$1,430
Second Collection: \$872
Family Life

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

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

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.



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Annual Contribution Statement



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

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The Little Black Books

Copies of *The Little Black Book*, which contains Lenten reflections, are available at the entrances of the church.

Please take one per family.

BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome the newest member of our faith family:

Shaw Sullivan, son of
Chad & Megan Sullivan

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Randa Greene and children
Tyler & Summer Henry and children



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION MEETING

As we continue discerning how God is calling our parish to grow in mission and ministry, all parishioners are invited to the **Capital Campaign Information Meeting following Mass on March 7 & 8.** This brief gathering in the church will share our vision, the needs we hope to address, and how this campaign will strengthen our parish for future generations. Your presence and your insights are a valued part of this important conversation.

Flowers

Last weekend's altar flowers were donated in honor of Nathan & Renata Blosser's 22nd wedding anniversary on Valentines Day.

LENT 2026 SCHEDULE



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO SEE OUR FULL
LENTEN SCHEDULE.

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.

Katherine Adams	Jean Crawford	Tom Hicks	Josie Lindsey	Leo Seichsnaydre
Jeanviere Angeron	Joe Culpepper	Ellis Hill	Clark Lizana, Jr.	Kathy Shankweiler
George Barlow	Fr. Joseph Dang	Andrea Holderness	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Ralph Shankweiler
Terry Barnes	Mimi Davis	Shannon Holliday	Tanya McClellan	Sheri Glavin Simmons
Helen Bartelsmeyer	Valerie Dean	Erik Hosler	Dalton McGuire	Jaclyn Simpson
Diana Berman	Linda Diaz	Mark Howard, Sr.	Karen McCoy	Josh Sniffen
John Boothsby	Cynthia Dominguez	Mamie Humphrey	Ignatius Micele	Julia Sterling
Asher Bonura	Elinor Donivan	Margie Joffrion	Max Millet	Jennifer Stolarski
Dave Bosma	Brenda Dubuisson	Fr. Jey Jordan	Beverly Moore	Darryl Stolica
Jerry Boudreaux	Anna Dugas	William Jordan	Jennifer Morgan	Laurie Sumrall
Joan Boudreaux	Susan Dunne	Jack Kampf	John Mozingo, Jr.	Fr. Doan Tran
Susan Bourgeois	Keira Fahey	Holly Kersten	Mary Mozingo	Fr. Joseph Trinh
Debra Boyd	Duane Friedrich	Analyse Khalifeh	Fr. George Murphy	Fr. Joseph Uko
Hope Broadus	Msgr. Dominic Fulham	Carli Khalifeh	Angela Murray	Bob Usey
Sarah Buras	Ada Grace Glass	Jan Khalifeh	Rebecca Napier	Jim Ussery
Valerie Buras	Ashley Hage	Sheena Khalifeh	Johnny Neuneyer	Donna Valestro
Caroline Carlisle	Loretta Hahn	Sophia Khalifeh	Lois Ann Necaize	Brittany Varney
Bernard Chevalier	Denise Hancock	Aaron Kiehl	Butch Oustalet	Ferdie Walker
Dannie Chevalier	Jeff Harper	Bishop Louis Kihneman	Alan Picard	Kim Casano-Ware
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Paul Corley	Melissa Healey	Jeff Lawson	Ron Roland	
Debbie Cothorn	Jessi Hebert	James Lay	Jim Roos	
Ashley Garrett Couture	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Danny Lechner	Barbara Russo	

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



Oscar Lestrade,
James Redding, Jr.,
Jeremy Richardson,
Wendy Lawson Spence and
Frankie Walters

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.

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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21

4:00PM ☩ Kevin Chevalier

Sunday, February 22

9:00AM ☩ Patti White
11:00AM People of Saint James
5:30PM ☩ Michael Guel

Monday, February 23

7:00AM ☩ Wendy Figer
8:30AM ☩ Dylan Gilis

Tuesday, February 24

6:00PM ☩ Robert Eyer, Jr.

Wednesday, February 25

6:00AM ♥ Liz Eckert
8:30AM 🕊 Charles Finnegan

Thursday, February 26

7:00AM ☩ Fred Six
12:00PM ☩ Paul W. Boudreau, Jr.

Friday, February 27

7:00AM ☩ Etaw Robb
8:30AM ☩ Mack Snyder

Saturday, February 28

4:00PM ☩ Kevin Chevalier

Deceased - ☩ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🕊

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

February 23 - February 28

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

9:00AM H&F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM OCIA Class, Raphael Room
7:00PM XLT with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, February 25

5:30PM Sacramental Prep (First Communion), Raphael Room
5:30PM OCIC Class, Front Office
6:30PM Sacramental Prep (Confirmation), Church

Friday, February 27

10:00AM Cenacle of Divine Mercy, Raphael Room
5:00PM KoC Fish Fry Dinner, Parish Center Gym

March 2 - March 7

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

9:00AM H&F Card Game, Philomena House
7:00PM OCIA Class, Raphael Room
7:00PM XLT with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, March 4

5:45PM Family of Faith Catechetical Session, Raphael Room
5:30PM OCIC Class, Front Office
6:30PM Sacramental Prep (Confirmation), Bosco Room

Thursday, March 5

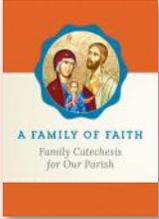
9:00AM Altar Society Meeting, Raphael Room
7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

Friday, March 6

5:00PM KoC Fish Fry Dinner, Parish Center Gym

FAITH FORMATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5



Family Gathering
February 22 | 12:00-1:30PM
SJCS Cafeteria

Parents - If you were unable to attend the Catechetical Session, please stop by the Parish Office and pick up your materials.

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



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

Lenten Family Night
February 22 | 6:45 - 7:45PM | Church
ALL parish families are welcome!

For more information, please contact Bridgett Bermond at youthminister@saintjamescc.com

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Questions? Contact Ms. Bridgett
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Save the Date

First Reconciliation
February 23 | 6:00PM



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



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MARCH 13TH-15TH

9th - 12th Grade
Register By February 16th



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**ST. JOSEPH -
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6:00 - 7:30PM
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MARCH 2, 9, & 16, 2026

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EVANGELIZATION@SAINTJAMESCC.COM

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Middle School Rally

March 15th from 2:00-5:00

\$50

includes t-shirt and conference fee
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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!

Sunday 3:00PM - 4:00PM;

Wednesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM;

Thursday 9:00AM - 10:00AM and Saturday 1:00PM - 2:00PM

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 offers enhanced adorer scheduling, substitute requests and more with this user-friendly program!

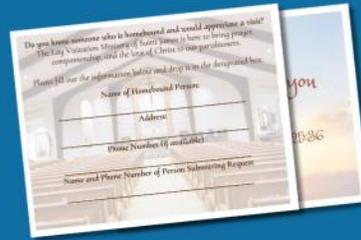
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VISITATION MINISTRY

The Lay Visitation Ministry has begun their visits to the homebound. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please fill out a card found in the back of the church and drop it in the box. A representative will contact you to schedule the visit.



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" located in 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,
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Thursdays 10:00AM - 11:30AM, Food Assistance ONLY

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our generous parishioners for supporting our ministry through our second collections and other donations.

If you would like a 2025 contribution statement from St. Vincent de Paul, please call 228-896-6059 and select option 2.

To All Altar Society Ladies,

Our next meeting will be at 9:00AM on Thursday, March 5, in the Raphael Room.

Can't wait to see you!
Your Officers

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the sanctuary. However, flowers may still be placed in front of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph altars. Please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420) to order flowers. Donations must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Bereavement

The Bereavement Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested in helping to meet the needs of a family at the time of a bereavement (primarily with providing food items immediately after the funeral services), please contact: Mary Anne Oberlies at 228-596-5334.

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MARCH 6, 20, & 27**



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FAMILY LIFE NEWS

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.

BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month. The next class will be on March 14.



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

Clearing the Confusion: Common Misconceptions About Annulments

Many Catholics have questions regarding annulments. Here's the truth:

Myth: Only Catholic marriages need to be annulled.

➔ **Truth: Every marriage is presumed to be a lifelong commitment—until death—regardless of whether it was celebrated in a Catholic ceremony or not. For this reason, no one is considered free to enter a new marriage if they have been married previously. Any prior marriage must be examined by the Church before a person may marry again. It is a myth that an annulment is unnecessary simply because a previous marriage was not Catholic.**

Have questions or need support? Please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or by calling the parish office at 228-896-6059.

Saint James Catholic Church

Lent 2026

Couple Prayer Series

A five-week series for engaged and married couples beginning **Thursday, February 19** and continuing through Lent (final session is March 19).

Sessions will be held in the church from **6:00PM - 7:30PM**

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.

Married Couples Retreat

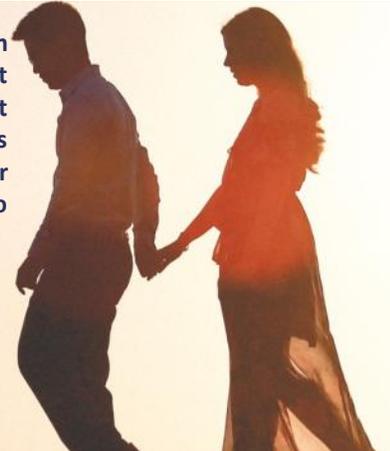
NEW WEEKEND ADDED



Because so many couples from Saint James were on the waitlist for this year's Marriage Retreat of January 10-11, Willwoods has graciously opened up their February 28 - March 1 retreat to us.



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Covington, LA



COMMUNITY AND DIOCESAN NEWS



2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Saint James Goal: \$89,253

Please prayerfully consider making a donation.

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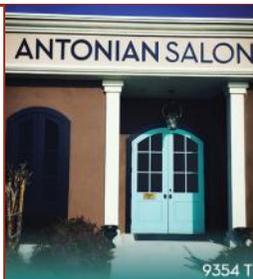
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