



SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



DECEMBER 24, 2023

4TH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

"Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

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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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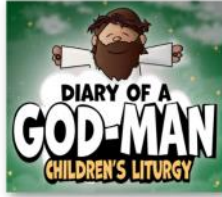
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Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

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

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.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith" (CCC 463). As a way of highlighting this unique, powerful mystery, we bow during the phrase in the *Nicene Creed* that expresses it ("and by the power of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.").

Older Catholics might recall that, prior to the Second Vatican Council, everyone genuflected during this part of the *Creed* on all Sundays and solemnities. After the Council, the Church relaxed this practice, and now we genuflect during this part on just two solemnities of the year: the Annunciation on March 25 and the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) on December 25. We use the more solemn gesture of genuflecting on these days because the Annunciation celebrates the moment of Christ's Incarnation, while Christmas, of course, celebrates the birth of Jesus, God Incarnate.

Some people are unable to genuflect or even bow due to age or health, and that is completely understandable. These people can simply bow their heads instead. But for all who are able, the gesture of bowing deeply is a beautiful expression of our reverence and gratitude for Christ, who loved us so much that He assumed our humanity, to redeem us and to unite us to Himself in a new way forever.

Source: Adapted from Catholic Times

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

During Advent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar (with the exception of Gaudete Sunday). 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 \$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 24, 2023

Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps
97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is
52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn
1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Friday:

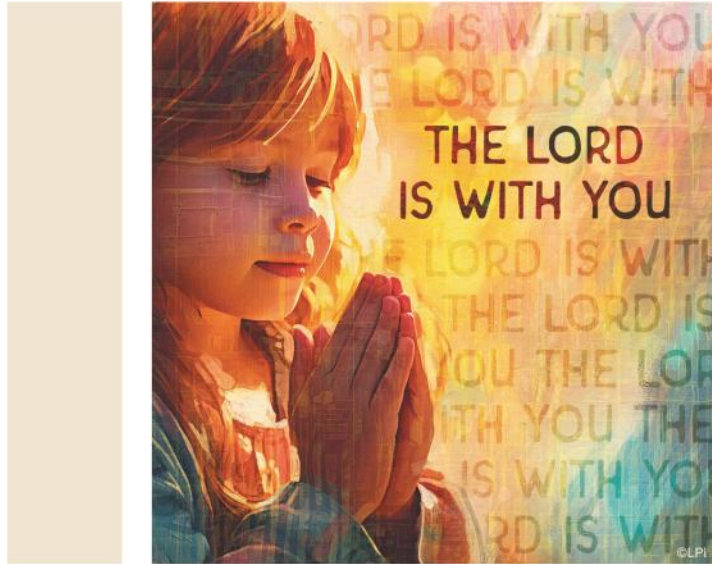
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, **"But she was greatly troubled at what was said."** An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, **"Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."**

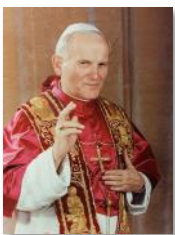
— *Father John Muir*



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"The city where Jesus was born in fulfilment of the Scriptures, in Hebrew means "house of bread." It was there that the Messiah was to be born, the One who would say to himself: "I am the bread of life" (Jn 6:35,48). In Bethlehem was born the One who, under the sign of broken bread, would leave us the memorial of his Pasch. On this Holy Night, adoration of the Child Jesus becomes Eucharistic adoration. We adore you, Lord, truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, the living Bread which gives life to humanity. We acknowledge you as our one God, a little Child lying helpless in the manger!"

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

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:



Lucille Collins, George Donovan, John Hoffman, Kathleen Holly, Antonie El Khoury, Barbara Lyons, Michael Martin, Theresa Ritter, Marcia Ross, Patsy Schaeffer and Elfried Teichman,

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 23

4:00PM ☩Shane Rodgers

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00AM ☩Brian Sprayberry

11:00AM People of Saint James

Nativity of the Lord

4:00PM ☩Essie Bourgeois

6:00PM ☩George Schloegel

Monday, December 25

12:00AM ☩David Riemann

9:00AM ☩Herbert & Marguerite Holder

11:00AM People of Saint James

5:30PM ♥Joshua Sniffen

Tuesday, December 26

6:00PM Communion Service

Wednesday, December 27

8:30AM ☩Emmitt Thames

Thursday, December 28

7:00AM ☩Alexandra Healy

12:00PM ♥Jacob Sniffen

Friday, December 29

8:30AM ☩Mary Klotz

Saturday, December 30

4:00PM ☩Dennis Bourgeois

Deceased - ☩ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🙏

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

December 25 - December 30

Wednesday, December 27

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

January 01 - January 06

Tuesday, January 04

7:00PM XLT, Adoration with Confessions, Church

7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room

Wednesday, January 03

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

5:45PM Family of Faith, Raphael Room

Thursday January 04

7:00PM Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23

4:00PM Frank Morton

Sunday, December 24

9:00AM Tom Collins
11:00AM Ron Bruni
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

4:00PM Chris Spear
6:00PM Debby Weeks
(Nativity of the Lord)

Monday, December 25

12:00AM Ed Farrell
9:00AM Jennifer Villareal
11:00AM Eric Hosler
5:30PM TBD

Saturday, December 30

4:00PM Gaines Cleveland

Sunday, December 31

9:00AM Chris Spear
11:00AM Arthur Jaramillo
5:30PM Yolanda Edwards

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23

4:00PM Beverly Moore, Mary Pecoul, Josie Six, and Debby Weeks

Sunday, December 24

9:00AM Carsen Centanni, Shirley Henderson, Bonnie Jacobs and Linda Joffrion
11:00AM Alan & Julie Black, Stephanie Guirola and Roberta Hosler
(Nativity of the Lord)

4:00PM June Bounds, Jennifer & Steve Broadus, Alex & Cara Caretas, Stephen Eckert, Ashley & George French, Mary Pecoul, Connie Pucheu and Kate Spear

6:00PM Rachelle Cleveland, Connie O'Neal and Bridgett & Russell Weatherly

Monday, December 25

12:00AM Paul Correro, Stephen Oberlies, Darlene & E. G. Warren and Kate Spear

9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso, Gretchen Ellis and Shirley Henderson

11:00AM Alan & Julie Black, Stephanie Guirola and Mary Ann Oberlies

5:30PM Deanne Goulet, Beverly Moore, Butch Plitt and Debby Weeks

Saturday, December 30

4:00PM Barbara Levine, Connie O'Neal, Connie Pucheu and Linda Randolph

Sunday, December 31

9:00AM Jennifer & Steve Broadus, Bonnie Jacobs and Linda Joffrion

11:00AM John Mozingo, III, John Mozingo, IV and Darelene & E. G. Warren

5:30PM Paul Correro, Yolanda Edwards and Joseph & Ashlie Herbert

TREASURE

December 16/17, 2023

Weekly Offertory via mail/collection basket	\$8,701
Weekly Offertory via ACH/on-line giving	\$8,967
Weekly Total	\$17,668
Weekly Budget (amount needed)	\$18,808
YTD Actual-Week #25	\$409,544
YTD Budget-Week #25	\$470,200
YTD % of Budget	87%
Second Collection - St. Vincent de Paul, Saint James Conference	\$2,007

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Faith Formation.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Adoration Chapel.

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)

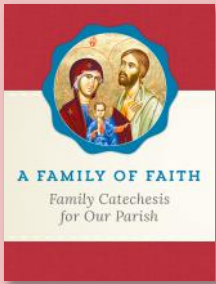
For record-keeping purposes, please consider the following when making monetary contributions to Saint James Catholic Church:

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

**January Catechetical Session
Wednesday, January 3
Raphael Room**

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

**have wrapped up the Fall Semester.
Activities will resume in January.
Enjoy the holiday with friends and family.**

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, prophecies, 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.

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.

More info on Confirmation will be announced in the new year.

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



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.**

Saint James Catholic Church Advent & Christmas Schedule

2023

2023 - 2024

Christmas Masses

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 12:00AM (MIDNIGHT MASS)
- 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.



Parishioners of Saint James:

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will” (DRA, Luke 2:13-14).

This year, the Mass schedule for Christmas is confusing; so I want to explain your obligations for the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas. Your 4th Sunday of Advent obligation will be fulfilled by attending one of three Masses: Saturday – December 23rd at 4PM or Sunday – December 24th at 9AM or 11AM. Your Christmas obligation will be fulfilled by attending one of six Masses: Sunday – December 24th at 4PM (Children’s Mass) or 6PM or Monday – December 25th at 12AM (Midnight Mass), 9AM, 11AM or 5:30PM. And, yes, if you attend Mass twice on Sunday, you can receive Holy Communion twice.

As your pastor, part of my Christmas joy is the fundraising results of the Fall Festival and the Cemetery Surveillance Project. I want to report that our Fall Festival made \$148,000 with the monies split between Saint James Parish and St. James Catholic School. I am most grateful for all who made our Saint James Fall Festival a success – praise Jesus! Also, I am excited to announce that we met our goal of \$10,000 for cemetery surveillance. The tree trimming efforts and the new surveillance system will help protect our Saint James Cemetery.

My prayer for you this Christmas is that God reminds you that you are not alone. You have help. God has given every person a Guardian angel to pray for you. *Guardian Angel, Guardian Dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen.* Your Guardian angel was present that night at Bethlehem as part of the multitude of the heavenly army. Ask your Guardian Angel to share with you the experience of the birth of the Christ Child.

“Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will” (DRA, Luke 2:14). May the joy of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season. I pray that Jesus sends the holy angels to watch over the parishioners of Saint James and to intercede for bountiful spiritual gifts this Christmas season.

Peace!

Rev. Ryan McCoy
Pastor





Christmas Poinsettias

for our Loved Ones

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF

- Caroline Mary Blosser
- Mr & Mrs Harvey West; Dr & Mrs George Byrne, Mr & Mrs Bubba Oustalet Jr.; and Mr & Mrs Ray Gallagher Jr.
- The Parker Family
- The Faulk & Cowan Families
- George Schloegel
- Auburn Andrew Welford
- The Hurlbert & Banaszak Families
- Dolores, John and Doug Wehrman, Mary W. Johnson and Jimmy Bounds
- Steve & Dorothy "Dot" Ellis
- Christopher Bruni
- Anna Marie Sukmann
- Ethel & Howard Tirrell
- Terri, Bonnie & Joseph Ladner
- Alan Van Nguyen
- Bernard & Rosemary Watta
- Frank Palazzo, Jr.
- Joseph & Ginny Romano, Russell & Eleanor Seymore and Joanie Rodolfich
- Julia, John & Rodney Lovin and Mary & Salvatore Mauro
- Bill & Carolyn McClellan/Elie & Kathleen Hebert
- Kenny, Marilyn & Arnold Alston; Beverly & Laurence Elm; and Max & Lena Strilcove
- Allan L. Robb and Tony Villarreal
- The Bunch & Tolar Families
- Edward Albritton
- William James Quinlan
- Jack Beattie
- Our Deceased Loved Ones
- Christopher Bruni
- The Boudreau & LeBlanc Family Members
- Dawson Moore
- Joe Tramuta
- The Swanier & Davis Families
- The Ellis, Mizell & Sandidge Families
- Amy, David, Sam, Lucy & Lala Lee/Molly Lee
- Doug, Helen & Mike Weiland and George Donivan
- The DelaCruz, Sablan & Palacios Family Members and Souls of Friends & Family

DONATED BY

- Nathan & Renata Blosser
- Steven & Pam Byrne
- EJ & Cathy Parker
- Celia Faulk
- The Schloegel Family
- Stephen & Diana Holder
- Jeanette Hurlbert
- June Bounds
- Mr & Mrs Steve Ellis, Jr.
- Ron & Mary Lee Bruni
- Sukmann Family
- Cathy Pickle
- Larry Ladner
- Ai Nguyen
- M. Glenn
- Muriel Palazzo & Family
- Marie & Leo Romano
- Teresa Lovin
- Bryan & Linda Hebert
- Carleen Alston
- Jennifer & Jeff Villarreal
- Frances Chapman
- Martha Albritton
- Michele Pisciotta
- Jeannie Beattie-Plant
- Debbie Cothorn
- Jeff & Angela Bruni
- Beth Black
- Beverly Moore
- Kathy Caldwell
- Marie Davis
- Gretchen Ellis
- Susan Collins
- Dennis & Linda Weiland
- Rira DelaCruz

Thank you to those who anonymously donated
for our Christmas Poinsettias.





ITE AD JOSEPH

9:00 AM - 9:00PM

06 JAN 2024

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S RETREAT

A day retreat centered around a renewal in the Sacraments, prayer and masculine fellowship. Lunch & dinner provided.

\$20.00 Retreat Fee

RSVP is necessary to attend.

Contact Chris Molino to RSVP at evangelization@saintjamescc.com

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

Pope Leo XIII

9:00AM - 9:00PM

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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.

With the holidays approaching, there are a lot of requests for Adoration Chapel substitutes. If you can be a substitute on one of the upcoming holidays, please contact Ralph Shankweiler at 228-539-2434.

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

St. Vincent de Paul will be closed until January 4, 2024.

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!



Thank You!

A special "thank you" to our supportive and generous parishioners for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society's second collection on December 17, 2023. May God continue to bless each of you and our parish.

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!



CALLING ALL USHERS!



We're needing to update the current usher roster with your phone number and email. Please call or text Rob Vivian at (228) 669-3988 with your info OR scan the QR code and complete the online form. You can also visit the website at www.saintjamescc.com/ushers. THANK YOU for Ushering!



MARRIAGE



For information regarding Marriage preparation, 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.

BAPTISM



Baptism Preparation classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. The next class will be December 16. For more information and to register, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK



If you or a loved one 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.

Save the Dates

Couples Date Night 2024

- January 25*
- April 25*
- July 25*
- October 24*

*Couple Prayer Series
Lent 2024*

*A six-week series held on
Thursday nights beginning
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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 Gift for Your Family

Please take a copy of the book *Beautiful Eucharist* - a collection of reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. They are located at the entrances of the church. Please take one copy per family.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)



The Parish Office will be closed Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26, in observance of Christmas. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 1, in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.



Father Ryan, Deacon Henderson, Deacon Conason and the Office Staff hope you enjoy the holiday with family and friends while celebrating the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Monday (December 25th) - Christmas Day

- The Shepherds in the Field: Glory to God | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 4
- The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller
- Christmas as "Christ's Mass": The Manger and the Eucharist by Dr. Michael Barber
- O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses Band

Tuesday (December 26th) - St. Stephen

- The 12 Days of Christmas
- Kristoph & the First Christmas Tree: A Legend of St. Boniface

Wednesday (December 27th) - St. John the Evangelist

- St. John the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Thursday (December 28th) - Feast of the Holy Innocents

- The True Meaning of Christmas by Fulton Sheen
- The Holy Innocents

Friday (December 29th) - St. Thomas Becket

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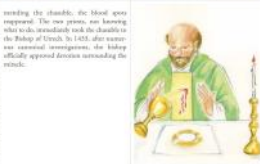
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Remember to pray for our seminarians, especially Chris Collins.

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.

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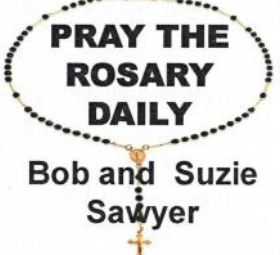
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