

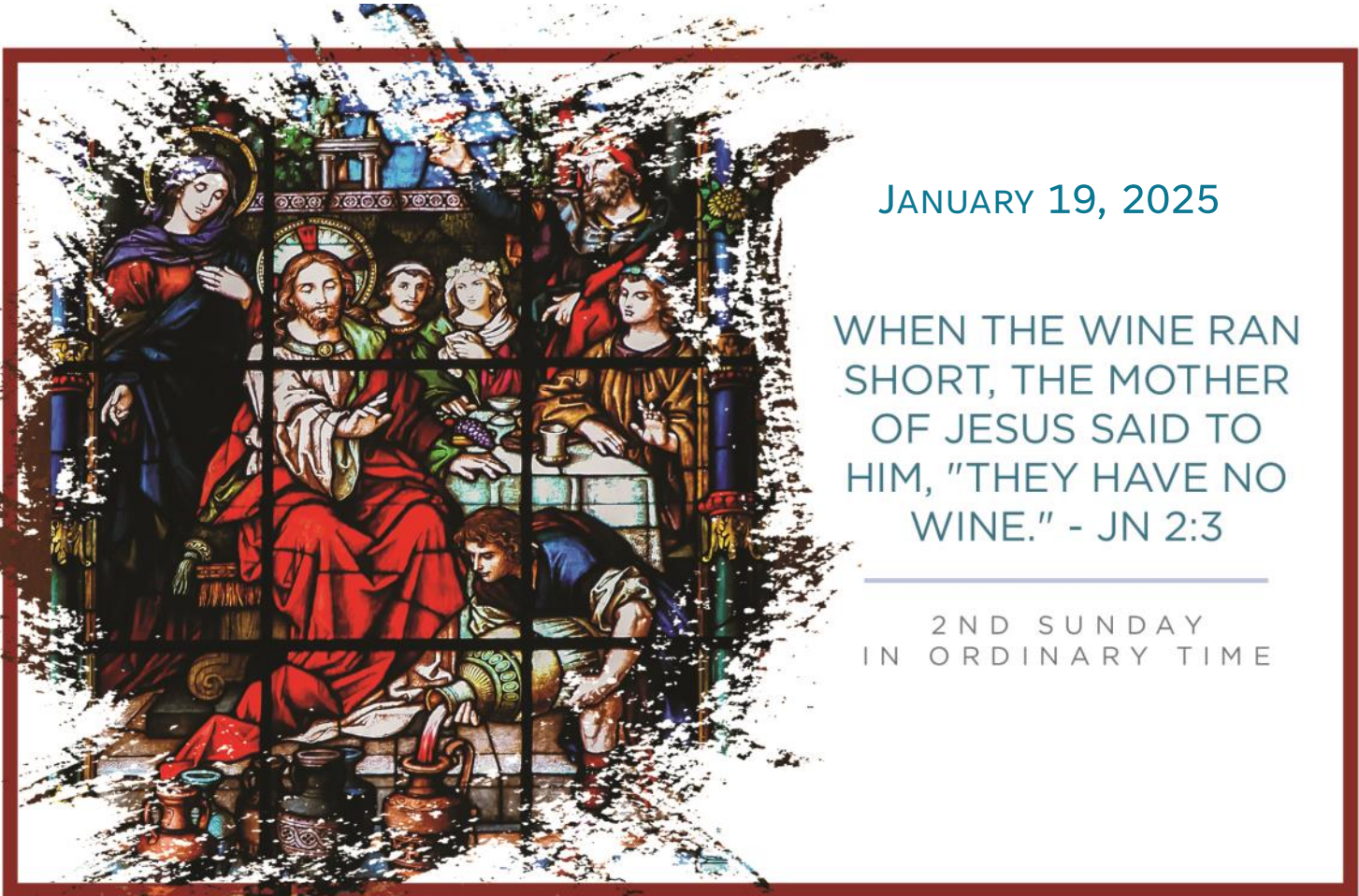


SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



JANUARY 19, 2025

WHEN THE WINE RAN
SHORT, THE MOTHER
OF JESUS SAID TO
HIM, "THEY HAVE NO
WINE." - JN 2:3

2ND 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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 2:30PM

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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.

Candlemas on February 2

If you count 40 days after the celebration of Christmas you reach February 2. Early on, the Church marked that day with a special feast and it is the final "baby Jesus" day in the liturgical calendar before the celebration of Lent. The feast has many different names in the Roman Catholic Church. It has been called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, more familiarly, Candlemas. Each name highlights a different aspect of the feast that the Church celebrates.

First of all, it is called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary on account of an ancient Mosaic law explained in Leviticus.

[If a woman conceives, and bears a child she shall be unclean] And when the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the door of the tent of meeting a lamb a year old for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, and he shall offer it before the Lord, and make atonement for her; then she shall be clean. (Leviticus 12:6-7)

Mary, being a faithful Jew, abided by the law and did what was required of her. After 40 days passed, she approached the priest with the proper offering to be declared "clean."

The liturgical celebration is also called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and again corresponds to an ancient Jewish practice of presenting the first-born to God.

Everything that opens the womb of all flesh, whether man or beast, which they offer to the Lord, shall be yours; nevertheless the first-born of man you shall redeem. (Numbers 18:15)

As a result, Mary and Joseph brought with them Jesus, as St. Luke narrates, "And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord')" (Luke 2:22-23).

St. Luke narrates how, while at the Temple, the Holy Family encountered an old man named Simeon and what he said next constitutes the basis for why the feast is called Candlemas.

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

Simeon declared that Jesus would be a "light," and the Church developed a custom of lighting and blessing candles on this day. Historically, the priest would bless all the candles used during Mass for the entire year. The congregation also received candles and the words of Simeon were repeated in song. The current Roman Missal has the following prayer that summarizes the symbolism.

O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails.

Though not a holy day of obligation, it is a beautiful day in the Church's calendar. It signals the end of the "Christmas-Cycle" and looks forward to the light that will shatter all darkness at the Easter Vigil — when another candlelight service is performed in recognition that, "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). *Adapted from: Philip Kosloski - www.aleteia.org*

On the feast of Candlemas, bring candles that you will use in your homes throughout the year and they will be blessed.



"He had made it quite plain that the world would not tolerate His Divinity — that if He turned water into wine, someday wine would be changed into blood."

-From Fulton Sheen's *The World's First Love*

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 January 19, 2025

Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,
27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, **"Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10)**. That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), **"But you have kept the good wine until now."** This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

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). Donations must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

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	Paul Corley	Tom Hicks	Carolyn McClellan	Josh Sniffen
George Barlow	Jean Crawford	Shannon Holliday	Tanya McClellan	Julia Sterling
Terry Barnes	Fr. Joseph Dang	Timmy Holliday	Karen McCoy	Jennifer Stolarski
Hoshall Barrett	Mimi Davis	Erik Hosler	Beverly Moore	April Styczenski
Faith Black	Nicholas James Davis	Terry Joffrion	Pete Moran	Vince Tester
Thomas Blankenbaker	Rose Dellenger	William Jordan	Jennifer Morgan	Fr. Doan Tran
Asher Bonura	Elinor Donivan	Pete Jurich	Fr. George Murphy	Fr. Joseph Trinh
Jerry Boudreaux	Brenda Dubuisson	Elaine Kennedy	Kristina Myers	Fr. Joseph Uko
Susan Bourgeois	Anna Dugas	Analyse Khalifeh	Lois Ann Necaize	Bob Usey
Debra Boyd	Susan Dunne	Sheena Khalifeh	Butch Oustalet	Brittany Varney
Vikki Blum Brewton	Craig Elliott	Sophia Khalifeh	Libby Owen	Alyssa Vega
Hope Broadus	Jill Eure	Doug Kirk	Brian Pellegrin	Cathy Crane Vick
Jennifer Brown	W.C. Fore	Roger Labit	Kage Pickett	Michael Vu
Teresa Buckman	Theresa Frontz	Jeff Lawson	Jean Piltz	Ferdie Walker
Isabel Bullard	Ashley Hage	James Lay	Melissa Robbins	Kim Casano-Ware
Charlotte Jean Buras	Loretta Hahn	Danny Lechner	Steve Rocha	Kemon Welford
Valerie Buras	Denise Hancock	Kathy Letaw	Jim Roos	Damon Wesfaul
Martha Chapin	David Harris	Josie Lindsey	Barbara Russo	Teresa Whiteside
Bernard Chevalier	Keleal Hassin	Clark Lizana, Jr.	Doris Seymour	
Dannie Chevalier	Jim Haupt	Chris Logan	Kathy Shankweiler	
Rhonda Clark	Jessi Hebert	Melissa Bailey Logan	Ralph Shankweiler	
Rose Mary Collins	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Amy Longo	Jaclyn Simpson	
Susan Cooper	Louis Helwick	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Amanda Smith	

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:



Mike Bass, Betty Bodden,
Eva Hinkel, Daniel Holliday,
Therese Jean Hughes,
Fr. John Kelly,
David McGuffe and
Alice Scafidi

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, January 18	
4:00PM	✠Tony Strnad
Sunday, January 19	
9:00AM	✠Martin Banaszak
11:00AM	People of Saint James
5:30PM	✠Elise Harris
Monday, January 20	
7:00AM	👤Chelsea Miller & Family
8:30AM	✠Fred Six
Tuesday, January 21	
6:00PM	✠Bernard Maurice Goodman
Wednesday, January 22	
8:30AM	✠David Hathcock
Thursday, January 23	
7:00AM	👤John Collins, IV
12:00PM	Father's Intention
Friday, January 24	
8:30AM	✠Jerry Bourgeois
Saturday, January 25	
4:00PM	✠Paul Henry Goodman
Deceased - ✠	Healing - ♥
	Special Intention - 👤

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

January 20 - January 25

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

5:30PM Sacramental Prep (First Communion), Raphael Room

Friday, January 24

10:00AM Canticle of Divine Mercy, Raphael Room

January 27 - February 1

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

5:30PM Sacramental Prep (First Communion), Raphael Room

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18

4:00PM Chuck Bridley

Sunday, January 19

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarski

11:00AM Erik Hosler

5:30PM Debby Weeks

Saturday, January 25

4:00PM Jennifer Villarreal

Sunday, January 26

9:00AM Joey Beattie

11:00AM Ed Farrell

5:30PM Yolanda Edwards

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18

4:00PM Barbara Levine, Connie O'Neal and Stephen Eckert

Sunday, January 19

9:00AM Shirley Henderson, Bonnie Jacobs and Gretchen Ellis

11:00AM Stephanie Guirola, Becky Graves, John Mozingo, III and John Mozingo, IV

5:30PM Yolanda Edwards, Joseph Herbert and Rachelle Cleveland

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso and Steve & Jennifer Broadus

11:00AM Julie & Alan Black, Stephanie Guirola and Becky Graves

5:30PM Butch Plitt, Debbie Bazzone and Ashley Herbert

TREASURE

January 11/12, 2025

First Collection: \$11,123

ACH: \$ —

Online Giving: \$2,050

Second Collection: \$912

Youth Ministry

SECOND COLLECTION

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

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Church in Latin America & Saltillo Mission.

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:

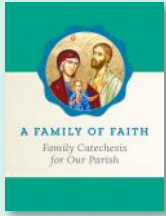
If using Venmo, please specify what the payment is for and notate whose name the contribution should be credited to in our records. Please ensure that you use the name under which you are registered in the parish. An envelope number can also be referenced.

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



Family Gathering
January 19 | 2:00PM - 5:00PM
**Diocesan Rosary Rally &
Walk for Life**

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

No Youth on Sunday Night
We're participating in the
Diocesan Rosary Rally & Walk for Life.

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

Come to the Table

A Sacramental Overview with
Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education

Parents of all children who are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are required to attend a one-on-one, conversation with Linda.

To schedule your session, please contact Linda at lindahebert@saintjamescc.com or 228-297-5126

Please Help

Every Sunday night, we end our evening with a meal and fellowship. If you or your business is interested in helping feed our teens, please scan the QR Code to sign up for a night.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Hospitality Lead Parent: Morgan McCabe
@ 228-669-4540



CONFIRMATION RETREATS

11th and 12th Graders to be confirmed this year - Stepping away from the world and giving time to God enriches our faith lives. In this time of sacramental prep, attending an overnight retreat is a requirement for Confirmation. There are just a few opportunities left:

SEARCH Retreat - January 31-February 2
Waiting List Only

Saint J LifeTeen Retreat - February 21-23

Questions, regarding Confirmation, should be directed to Linda Hebert.

SUMMER

Camp 2025

Hidden Lake: June 9th-14th, 2025
Current 6th & 7th Graders | Dahlonge, GA
\$625.00 plus transportation and food cost, while traveling TBD

Covecrest: July 6th-12th, 2025
Current 8th - 12th Graders | Tiger, GA
\$825.00* plus transportation and food cost while traveling TBD

*does include an extra night & white water rafting



Only a few spots available!

Notarized Forms & \$100 Nonrefundable Deposit
(Cash & Check Only) due to reserve spot.

Need More Information? Email: youthminister@saintjamescc.com



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will be offered for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, for those who seek entry into the Catholic Church or for those Adult Catholics who have never been confirmed.

Classes are held on Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Raphael Room.

For information, contact Deacon Henderson 228-209-6960.

Saint J Blessing Bags

On January 26, Saint J's Life Night is entitled "My Brother's Keeper" and presents a comprehensive understanding of pro-life that extends beyond the abortion debate. That evening, our teens will assemble care bags for those in need. Please prayerfully consider donating the following items that will be included in the bags:

- socks
- peanut butter/cheese cracker packs
- wipes*
- individually wrapped granola bars
- comb
- bottled water
- chapstick
- shampoo*
- hot hands
- dry shampoo*
- deodorant*
- toothpaste*
- toothbrush

*travel size



Donations may be dropped off in the church or the parish office.



CONFIRMATION APRIL 1, 2025

Confirmation Kick-Off

Sacramental Prep for 11th graders (& 12th graders who haven't been confirmed) kicks off Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30PM in the church.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE
REQUIRED TO ATTEND

January 29 | 6:30PM

Saint James Catholic Church

MORE INFO: CONTACT
LINDA HEBERT @ 228-297-5126



Parents Meeting

for students preparing to receive their
First Holy Eucharist

(Faith Formation students and SJCS students)

Monday - February 11, 2025

6:00PM @ Saint James Catholic Church

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



SAINT J YOUTH PRESENTS

Fulfilled

A LIFE TEEN RETREAT ON SEARCHING FOR MEANING

February 21st - 23rd

Gulf Shores Retreat Center

\$150.00

(includes boarding, food at retreat,
supplies, and transportation)



Scan the QR Code for details and to complete the application. \$50 non-refundable deposit due with application. Permission forms will be sent at a later date.

DON'T LET THE COST BE A DECIDING
FACTOR-ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE!

A SAINT JAMES PARISH TOWN HALL: PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

We invite all parishioners to join us for an important Town Hall meeting as we discuss the exciting opportunities that will shape the future of Saint James Parish.



DATE:

FEBRUARY 06, 2025



TIMES:

1:30PM & 6:00PM (1 HOUR SESSION)

This is your chance to learn more about our Master Plan and contribute to respectful discussions about how we can continue to grow as a community of faith while addressing the needs of our church and facilities. Your voice is vital as we strive to optimize our current resources and prepare for a bright future together.

We encourage everyone to attend one of the sessions and be part of this meaningful conversation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Daughters of St. Paul

Catholic Book Fair

Sisters from the Daughters of St. Paul will be here at Saint James on the weekend of February 8-9. Their Mission is to spread the Gospel through all forms of media and will provide a display of Catholic Bibles, books, music, and movies for purchase after all Masses. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to find excellent resources for your spiritual enrichment! For more about the Sisters, go to www.pauline.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who made the Season of Christmas a joyous celebration at Saint James!

Those who helped to decorate the church and those who served at the many Masses (the ushers, altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and the musicians and choir members, too) – all of you contributed in adding to our worship of the Newborn King and we thank you for your dedication and service!



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Weather permitting the office will reopen on Tuesday, January 21.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Please remember in your prayers all those who are making their way to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on January 24.



Ask for the Blessed Mother Tag

AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR

THANK YOU

We are excited to announce that our 2024 Saint James Fall Festival raised \$96,000. Thank you to those who came out and supported our fundraiser; and a special thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who worked so hard to make our fall festival a success!

ITE AD JOSEPH

ST. JOSEPH MEN'S NIGHT

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FEBRUARY TBA

RSVP is necessary to attend.

A night of food, fellowship and masculine spirituality.

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

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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 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM; Tuesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM; Wednesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 4:00AM - 5:00AM; Thursday 7:00AM - 8:00AM, 3:00PM - 4:00PM; and Saturday 9:00AM - 10:00AM

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!



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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our generous parishioners for supporting out ministry through our second collection.

If you would like a 2024 contribution statement from St. Vincent de Paul, please call the office or contact Gretchen Ellis at 228-265-1336 and leave your name and phone number.



Knights of Columbus Saint James Council # 11541

MEN ON A MISSION A Catholic brotherhood changing the world

Meetings: 7:00PM | Parish Center | Raphael Room

- General Meeting - 1st Thursday of the Month
• Planning Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the Month

Upcoming Events

- TBD - Red Cross Blood Drive
• Lenten Fish Fries

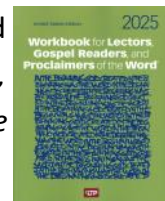
#11541 Facebook page



www.kofc.org www.kofc-ms.org

www.saintjamescc.com/kc11541

Attention Lectors - There are limited copies of the 2025 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word available in the Sacristy.



The Pray for a Priest Calendars (January/February 2025) are available on our website.

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 February 8.



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.

Saint James Catholic Church

Couple Prayer Series Lent 2025

A six-week series for engaged and married couples beginning **Thursday, March 6** and continuing through Lent (final session is April 10).

Sessions will be held in the church from **6:00PM - 8:00PM**
Childcare 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.



Faith and Marriage
an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community



Congratulations to our couples who attended the Willwoods Married Couples Retreat in Covington, Louisiana! We thank you all for dedicating this time to grow and enrich your marriage!

Couples Date Night

Thursday, February 27, 2025 | 6:00PM
Saint James Parish Center Gym

Registration deadline for those needing childcare is February 24!!

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