

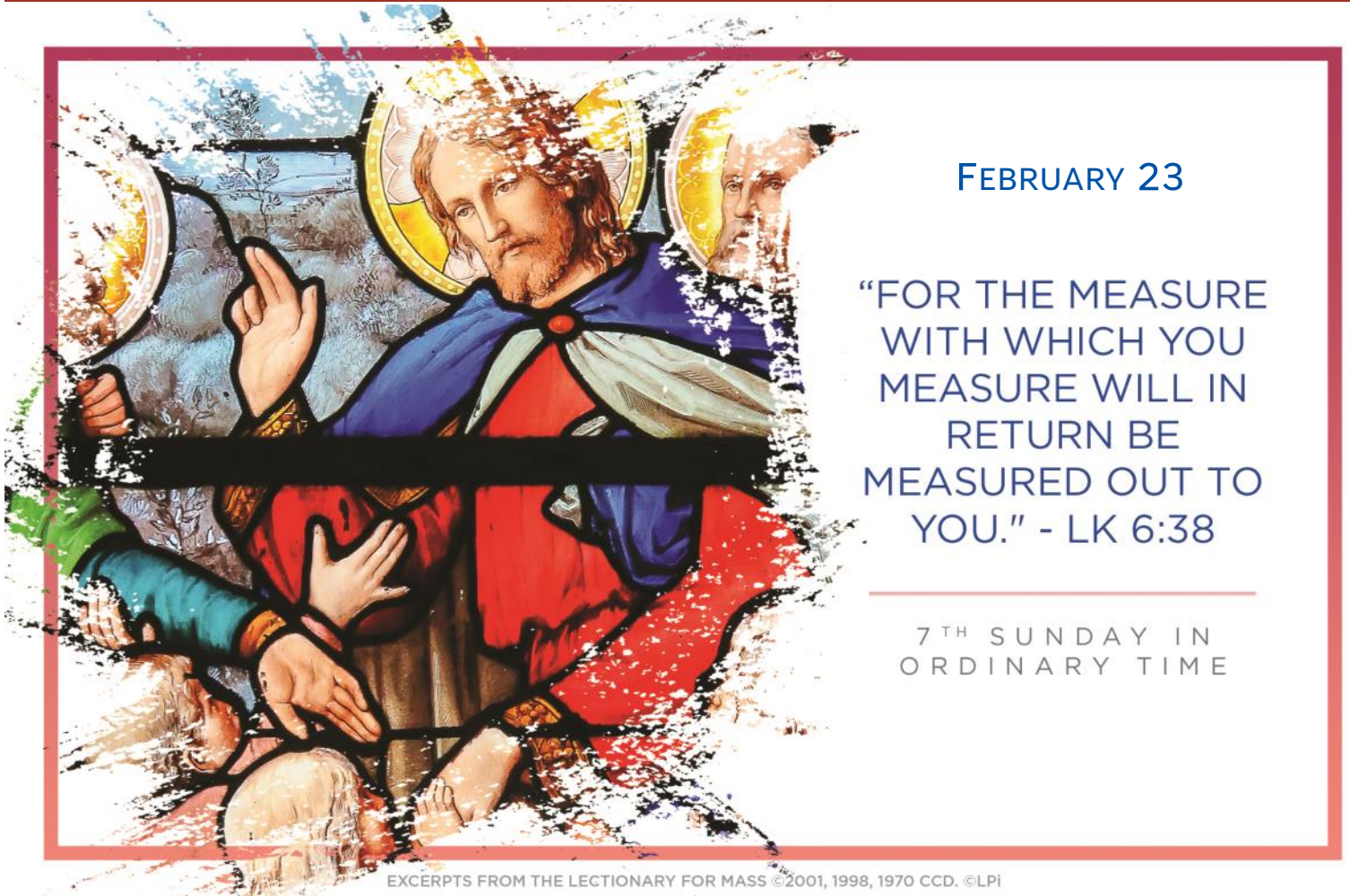


# SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



FEBRUARY 23

“FOR THE MEASURE  
WITH WHICH YOU  
MEASURE WILL IN  
RETURN BE  
MEASURED OUT TO  
YOU.” - LK 6:38

7<sup>TH</sup> 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

Office: 228-896-6059 | Fax: 228-896-5498

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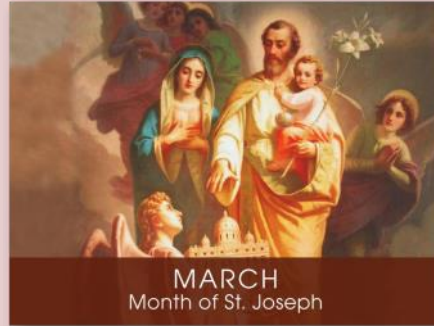


## Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

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.



The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with

complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

Source: [www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com)

## Did you know?



Every week Fr. Ryan publishes a Gospel Preview on YouTube, Facebook and email. He encourages you to read the Gospel passage before Sunday Mass to prepare our minds and hearts to receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in Word and the Holy Eucharist.



"If I am distracted, Holy Communion helps me to become recollected. If opportunities are offered by each day to offend my God, I arm myself anew each day for the combat by the reception of the Eucharist. If I am in special need of light and prudence in order to discharge my burdensome duties, I draw nigh to my Savior and seek counsel and light from him."

- St. Thomas More

Keep up with our parish happenings and stay updated on news and announcements:



Text SJCC to 57838

### Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 4:00PM on Monday.

## Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

### Sunday:

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/  
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

### Monday:

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday:

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/  
Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday:

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174,  
175/Mk 9:38-40

### Thursday:

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

### Friday:

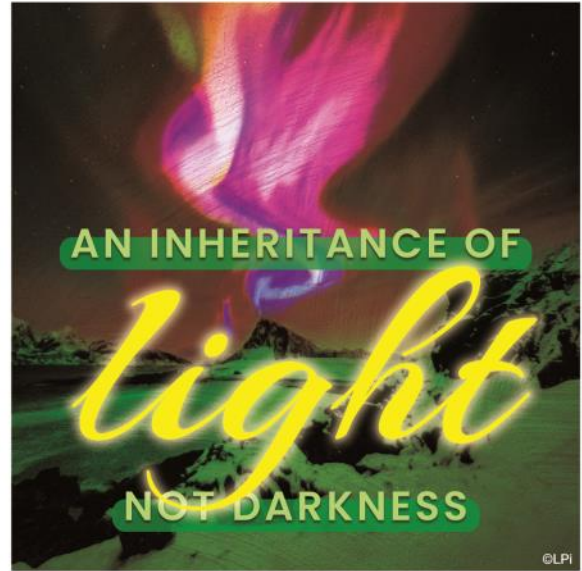
Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/  
Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday:

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/  
Mk 10:13-16

### Next Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/  
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir*



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### Flowers

This weekend, the main altar flowers have been donated by Debbie Cothorn in memory of David Cothorn's birthday. Flowers on the high altar and at the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph altars have been donated by the Tomajian Family in memory of Laurice Boulos Tomajian.

### 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	Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp	Gayle Rivet Martinez	Jaclyn Simpson
George Barlow	Joe Culpepper	Louis Helwick	Carolyn McClellan	Amanda Smith
Terry Barnes	Fr. Joseph Dang	Tom Hicks	Tanya McClellan	Josh Sniffen
Hoshall Barrett	Mimi Davis	Shannon Holliday	Karen McCoy	Julia Sterling
Faith Black	Nicholas James Davis	Timmy Holliday	Beverly Moore	Jennifer Stolarski
Thomas Blankenbaker	Rose Dellenger	Erik Hosler	Pete Moran	April Styczenski
Asher Bonura	Elinor Donivan	William Jordan	Jennifer Morgan	Vince Tester
Jerry Boudreaux	Brenda Dubuisson	Pete Jurich	Fr. George Murphy	Fr. Doan Tran
Susan Bourgeois	Anna Dugas	Elaine Kennedy	Kristina Myers	Fr. Joseph Trinh
Debra Boyd	Susan Dunne	Analyse Khalifeh	Lois Ann Necaice	Fr. Joseph Uko
Vikki Blum Brewton	Craig Elliott	Jan Khalifeh	Butch Oustalet	Bob Usey
Hope Broadus	Jill Eure	Sheena Khalifeh	Libby Owen	Donna Valestro
Jennifer Brown	W.C. Fore	Sophia Khalifeh	Brian Pellegrin	Brittany Varney
Teresa Buckman	Lisa Glavin	Doug Kirk	Kage Pickett	Alyssa Vega
Isabel Bullard	Theresa Frontz	Roger Labit	Jean Piltz	Cathy Crane Vick
Charlotte Jean Buras	Ashley Hage	Jeff Lawson	Melissa Robbins	Michael Vu
Valerie Buras	Ouida Mae Hagwood	James Lay	Steve Rocha	Ferdie Walker
Martha Chapin	Loretta Hahn	Danny Lechner	Jim Roos	Kim Casano-Ware
Bernard Chevalier	Denise Hancock	Kathy Letaw	Barbara Russo	Kemon Welford
Dannie Chevalier	David Harris	Josie Lindsey	Leo Seicshnaydre	Damon Wesfaul
Rhonda Clark	Keleal Hassin	Clark Lizana, Jr.0	Doris Seymour	Teresa Whiteside
Rose Mary Collins	Jim Haupt	Amy Longo	Kathy Shankweiler	
Susan Cooper	Jessi Hebert	Will Major	Ralph 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:



Paul Bullard,  
Billy Hewes, Jr.,  
Gene Jacobs,  
Anthony Lewis,  
Carl Rackley,  
Colleen Stritch and  
Laurice Boulos Tomajian

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

### A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

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

**Amen.**

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 22

4:00PM ☩ Fred Six

### Sunday, February 23

9:00AM ☩ Tony Strnad

11:00AM ☩ Eva Hinkel

☩ Laurice Boulos Tomajian

5:30PM People of Saint James

### Monday, February 24

7:00AM ☩ Shelly Bentz

8:30AM ☩ Herbert Young

### Tuesday, February 25

6:00PM ☩ Betty Bodden

### Wednesday, February 26

8:30AM ☩ Kathy & Jackie Smith

### Thursday, February 27

7:00AM ☩ Elizabeth Newman

12:00PM Father's Intention

### Friday, February 28

8:30AM ☩ Carl Ladner

### Saturday, March 1

4:00PM ☩ Essie Bourgeois

Deceased - ☩ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🙏

## TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

### February 24 - March 1

#### Monday, February 24

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

#### Tuesday, February 25

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

#### Wednesday, February 26

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

#### Friday, February 28

10:00AM Cenacle of Divine Mercy, Raphael Room

### March 3 - March 8

#### Monday, March 3

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

#### Tuesday, March 4

7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room

#### Thursday, March 6

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

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 22

4:00PM Frank Morton

### Sunday, February 23

9:00AM Joey Beatie  
11:00AM Matthew Schloegel  
5:30PM Debby Weeks

### Saturday, March 1

4:00PM Gaines Cleveland

### Sunday, March 2

9:00AM Tom Collins  
11:00AM Erik Hosler  
5:30PM Edwina Conason

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 22

4:00PM Beverly Moore, Debby Weeks and  
Debbie Bazzone

### Sunday, February 23

9:00AM Don & Sherry Alfonso and  
Jennifer & Steve Broadus  
11:00AM Julie & Alan Black, Stephanie Guirola  
and Becky Graves  
5:30PM Butch Plitt, Debbie Bazzone and  
Ashlie Herbert

### Saturday, March 1

4:00PM Debby Weeks, Barbara Levine and  
Beverly Moore

### Sunday, March 2

9:00AM Bonnie Jacobs, Shirley Henderson and  
Gretchen Ellis  
11:00AM John Mazingo, IV, Roberta Hosler and  
Becky Graves  
5:30PM Debby Bazzone, Joseph Herbert and  
Yolanda Edwards

## TREASURE

### February 15/16, 2025

First Collection: \$8,779

ACH: \$7,757

Online Giving: \$1,626

Second Collection: \$943

Black & Indian Missions

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for  
Family Life.

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.



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)

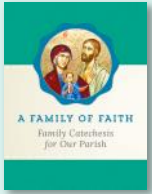
For record-keeping purposes, please consider the following when making monetary contributions to Saint James Catholic Church:

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.

A FAMILY OF FAITH  
GRADES K-5



**March Catechetical Session**  
March 12 | 5:45PM - 7:15PM  
Raphael Room

Parents - If you are 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](mailto:lindahebert@saintjamescc.com)



**SAINT J YOUTH GROUP**  
GRADES 6-12

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

**No Life Teen this week.**  
**Edge will meet in the Bosco Room.**  
**“Under Pressure”**

For more information, please contact  
Bridgett Bermond  
[youthminister@saintjamescc.com](mailto:youthminister@saintjamescc.com)

## Save the Dates

**First Reconciliation**  
February 24 - 6:00PM

**First Holy Communion**  
Rite of Enrollment  
March 9 - 9:00 AM Mass

**First Holy Communion**  
Morning of Reflection  
March 29 - 9:00 - 10:30AM



More info: Contact Linda Hebert @ 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



## SUMMER

### Camp 2025

Hidden Lake: June 9th-14th, 2025  
Current 6th & 7th Graders | Dahlonga, 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



**Covecrest is full | Only a few spots left for Hidden Lake**

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

Need More Information? Email: [youthminister@saintjamescc.com](mailto: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.**

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR  
**DBYC 2025  
MADE NEW**

MARCH 14TH-16TH  
9TH-12TH GRADE

\$250

(INCLUDES 2 TSHIRTS, HOTEL, FOOD,  
CONFERENCE, AND SUPPLIES)



SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 18TH TO  
GUARANTEE YOUR TSHIRT

Questions? Contact Ms. Bridgett 228-209-9281

*made*NEW

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY**  
*diocese of biloxi youth conference*

"The one who sat on the  
throne said, Behold, I make  
all things new."  
REV 21:5

Sunday

**16 MAR**

MS Coast Coliseum  
Convention Center

Join us for an afternoon of prayer, fun,  
and meeting new friends. Ask your youth  
minister about our annual Middle School  
Rally!

**2-5  
pm**



*with speaker...*



JACKIE FRANCOIS ANGEL

## 2025 LENTEN STUDY

**March 10, 17 & 24 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM | Philomena House**

March 10 & 17 will be on the  
fall of Adam and the three  
temptations of Christ.

March 24 will be on  
purgatory and why we  
need it.

A study guide will be provided.

Please RSVP through the QR Code below or  
email Chris Molino at [evangelization@saintjamescc.com](mailto:evangelization@saintjamescc.com)



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ADORERS NEEDED!

Sunday 8:00AM - 9:00AM; Monday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00AM - 2:00AM; Tuesday 7:00AM - 8:00AM; Wednesday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 4:00AM - 5:00AM; and Saturday 12:00AM - 1:00AM, 1:00 AM - 2:00AM, 9:00AM - 10:00AM , 5:00PM - 6:00PM

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

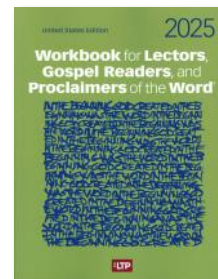
Saint James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now offering enhanced adorer scheduling, substitute requests and more with this user-friendly program!

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!



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



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

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



The Pray for a Priest Calendar (February 2025) is available on our website.





# LENT 2025 SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 - THURSDAY, APRIL 17

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, March 5

## FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

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

March 14, 21 & 28 and April 4 & 11  
@ 5:00PM - 6:30PM

## LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Good Friday, April 18 @ 3:00PM

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Journey on the sorrowful  
Way of the Cross each week.

Fridays @ 2:00PM

## PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, April 2 @ 12:00PM

During the week of April 7, other Reconciliation opportunities will be available at neighboring parishes.

## COUPLE PRAYER SERIES

A 5-week Couple Prayer Series for engaged and married couples starting March 6 and continuing throughout Lent will be held in the Church.

Scan the QR code to register today!

Thursdays 6:00PM - 8:00PM





# LENTEN FASTING + ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

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

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

## TIME, TALENT + TREASURE

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

### TIME

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

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

### TALENT

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

### TREASURE

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

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

Spiritual Gift Inventory - [disciple@saintjamescc.com](mailto:disciple@saintjamescc.com)

For donations: Saint J Youth Group [youthminister@saintjamescc.com](mailto:youthminister@saintjamescc.com) and SVDP [stjamesvdp07@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesvdp07@gmail.com)

## MASS SCHEDULE + OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRACE

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

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

**Monday:** 7:00AM & 8:30AM

**Tuesday:** 6:00PM

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

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

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

**Friday:** 7:00AM & 8:30AM

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

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



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FLC@saintjamescc.com) or 228-896-6059.






Childcare is full, but we have a wait list.

## Couples Date Night

*Thursday, February 27, 2025*  
*6PM*  
*Saint James Parish Center Gym*

\*All engaged and married couples are invited to join us for good food, beer & wine, and fellowship!

\*There is no cost to attend, but you **MUST** pre-register!


*Lent 2025*

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## *Couple Prayer Series*

A five-week series for engaged and married couples  
Thursday, March 6 - April 3.

*Sessions will be held in the church.*  
*6:00 - 8:00pm*  
*Childcare will be available at no cost.*

**MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND**




# Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Jason & Terra McHugh and Children

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Jake & Katherine Rae and Son

G. Laithan & Katherine Simmerman and Son

Charles & Roxanne Stanich and Children

Mari Tamanaha

Mary Vierling and Son



## BAPTISMS

We joyfully welcome the newest members of our parish family:

Claire Chamberlin, daughter of Ryan & Brittany Chamberlin

Blair Stafford Haden, daughter of Kyle & Morgan Stafford

Beatrice Marshall, daughter of Jonathan & Leigh Ann Marshall

Jude Alexander Simpson, son of Joseph & Carol-Ann Simpson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

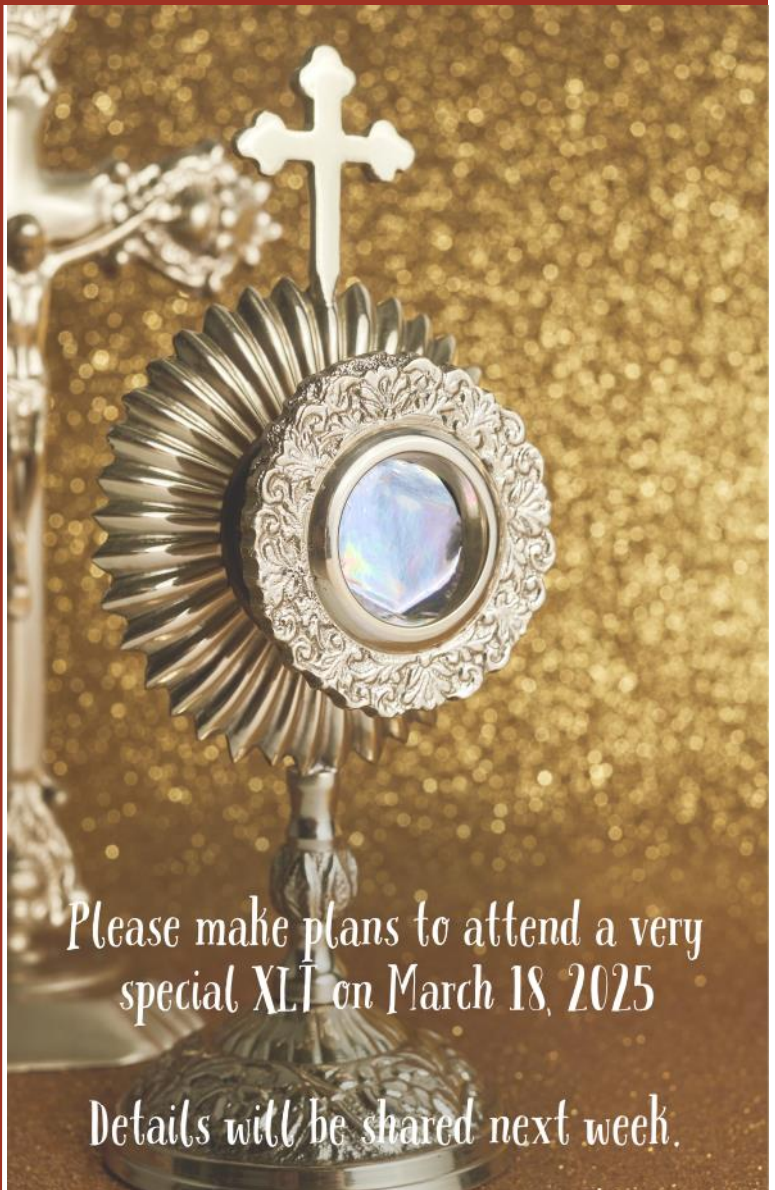
### The Little Black Books are Returning

*The Little Black Book*, which contains Lenten reflections, will be available next week.

Please take one per family.



Lent is approaching.  
What are your plans?  
Now is the time to prepare.



Please make plans to attend a very special XLI on March 18, 2025

Details will be shared next week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

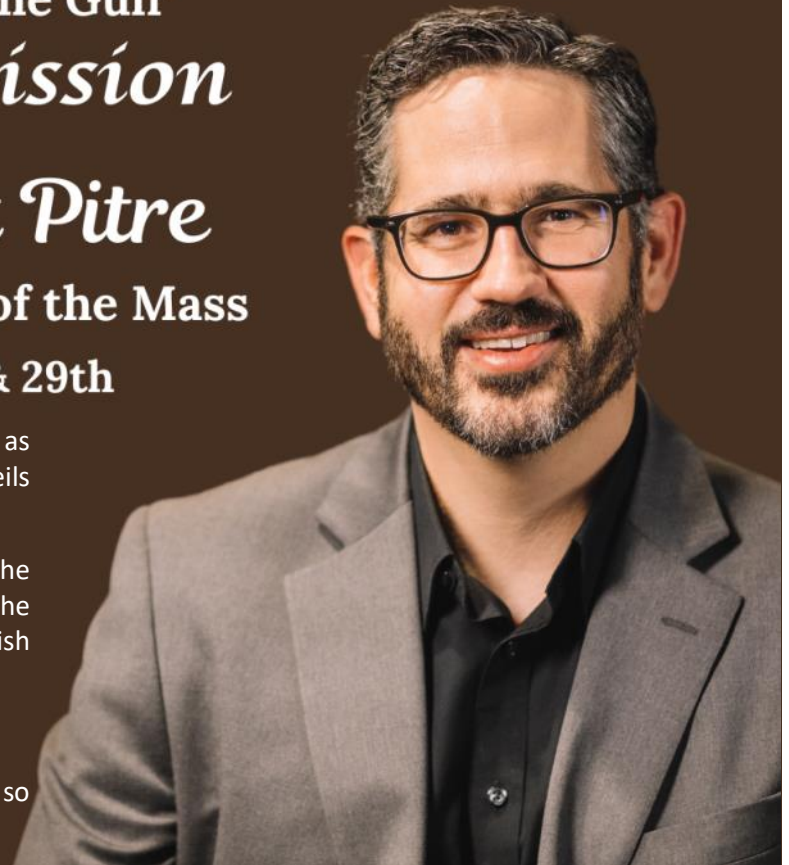
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*Proverbs 31:25 "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future"*

### TOPICS



**Self Care-De'Lise McKay**

(Tips to boost your mental health)



**Power of a Praying Woman-Denise Hopkins**

(Helps you to develop a closer relationship with God)



**Balancing Act-Shannon Crockett**

(Simple ways to keep the little things from taking over your life)

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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 2025/2026 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.

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**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.**

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## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL & ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Applications for aid can be found on the **FACTS** website.

**April 15, 2025 - SPCHS deadline** for applications.

**April 17, 2025 - SJCS deadline** for applications.

**[www.factsmgmt.com](http://www.factsmgmt.com)**

VOCATION PRAYER



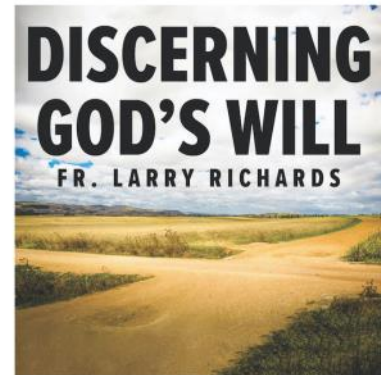
Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest, has told us that the harvest is great but the laborers are few. We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, 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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