



SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



MARCH 2, 2025

“FOR FROM THE
FULLNESS OF THE
HEART
THE MOUTH SPEAKS.”
- LK 6:45

8TH 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.

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



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

Did you know?

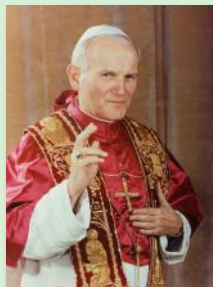
GOSPEL PREVIEW

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke 05:01-11



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.



"The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formed obligations, but to 'soften our heart' so that it may open itself to realities of the spirit to experience the hidden 'thirst' for communion with God."

- St. John Paul II

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 March 2, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **"For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles"** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— *Father John Muir*

Flowers

Altar flowers have been donated in memory of
Laurice Boulos Tomajian.

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.

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

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, Fern Carriere,
Joe Edward Holloway,
Gene Jacobs, Anthony Lewis,
Fr. Bill McGough, 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, March 1

4:00PM †Essie Bourgeois

Sunday, March 2

9:00AM People of Saint James

11:00AM †Betty Bodden

5:30PM †Eva Hinkel

Monday, March 3

7:00AM †Colleen Stritch

8:30AM †Kenny Alston

Tuesday, March 4

6:00PM †Fr. Thomas White

Wednesday, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00AM †Fern Carriere

8:30AM †Mike Creel

12:00PM †Sally James

6:00PM †Billy Hewes, Jr.

Thursday, March 6

7:00AM †Paul Bullard

12:00PM Father's Intention

Friday, March 7

8:30AM †Paul Bullard

Saturday, March 8

4:00PM †Essie Bourgeois

Deceased - † Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🙏

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

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

March 10 - March 15

Monday, March 10

10:00AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House

6:00PM Lenten Study, Philomena House

6:30PM Al-Anon, Raphael Room

Tuesday, March 11

9:00AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House

7:00PM OCIA, Raphael Room

7:00PM XLT Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, March 12

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

6:30PM Sacramental Prep (Confirmation), Church

Saturday, March 15

9:30AM Apologetics Reading Group, Philomena House

3:00PM Legion of Mary, Philomena House

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 1

4:00PM Gaines Cleveland

Sunday, March 2

9:00AM Tom Collins

11:00AM Erik Hosler

5:30PM Edwina Conason

Wednesday, March 2 **Ash Wednesday**

7:00AM Michele Pisciotta

8:30AM Jennifer Villareal

12:00PM Yolanda Edwards

6:00PM Edwina Conason

Saturday, March 8

4:00PM Macky Dominguez

Sunday, March 9

9:00AM Chris Spear

11:00AM Ed Farrell

5:30PM Debby Weeks

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, March 8

4:00PM Beverly Moore, Connie O'Neal and Debbie Bazzone

Sunday, March 9

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

11:00AM Julie & Alan Black, Stephanie Guirola and Roberta Hosler

5:30PM Butch Plitt, Deanne Goulet and Ashlie Herbert

Annual Contribution Statement



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

TREASURE

February 15/16, 2025

First Collection: \$8,513

ACH: \$ —

Online Giving: \$525

Second Collection: \$977

Family Life

SECOND COLLECTION

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

Ash Wednesday's collection will be for Churches in Eastern Europe & Churches in Africa.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the 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)

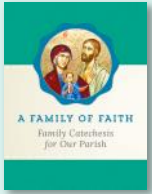
For record-keeping purposes, please consider the following when making monetary contributions to Saint James Catholic Church:

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.

**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



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

Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

**No youth this week.
Enjoy Mardi Gras with your
friends & family!**

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

Save the Dates

**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



*Saint
J*

Lenten Family Night

All parish families are invited to
Saint J's Lenten Family Night
Sunday, March 9
6:45 - 7:45PM
Church



OCIA

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



STEUBENVILLE FLA

June
25th-29th

Orlando, FL

Saint James Youth Steubenville Florida Trip

Total Cost: \$850.00
(includes hotel, transportation, conference ticket, some meals, and tickets to Disney World)
Fundraising Opportunities Will Be Available
Limited spots available.
Diocesan Paperwork & \$100 nonrefundable deposit due by March 21st to hold your spot.
For more information, please contact Ms. Bridgett @ 228-209-9281.



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Summer Trips

PARENT MEETING

Monday | 10 Mar | 6:00 PM

SAINT J YOUTH

Saint James Catholic Church

Come find out all the information for Covecrest, Hidden Lake, and Steubenville!
We will discuss fundraising, payment schedule, paperwork, and more!





Questions? Ask Bridgett
228-209-9281

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



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 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.



If you or a loved one are homebound, or are hospitalized locally and would like to schedule a visit from Fr. Ryan, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, March 3 & 4.

Happy Mardi Gras

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.



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!





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

For donations: Saint J Youth Group youthminister@saintjamescc.com and SVDP 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**



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.



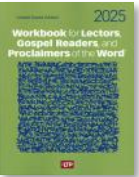
Saint James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now offering enhanced adorer scheduling, substitute requests and more with this user-friendly program!

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



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

- March 9 - Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30AM - 1:30PM Parish Center Gym
Lenten Fish Fries

#11541 Facebook page



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

www.saintjamescc.com/kc11541



Altar Society Meeting Thursday, March 6 | 9:00AM Raphael Room

If not done in February, please remember to pay your dues. We are excited about scheduling our Pilgrimage Passport for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting! Your Officers

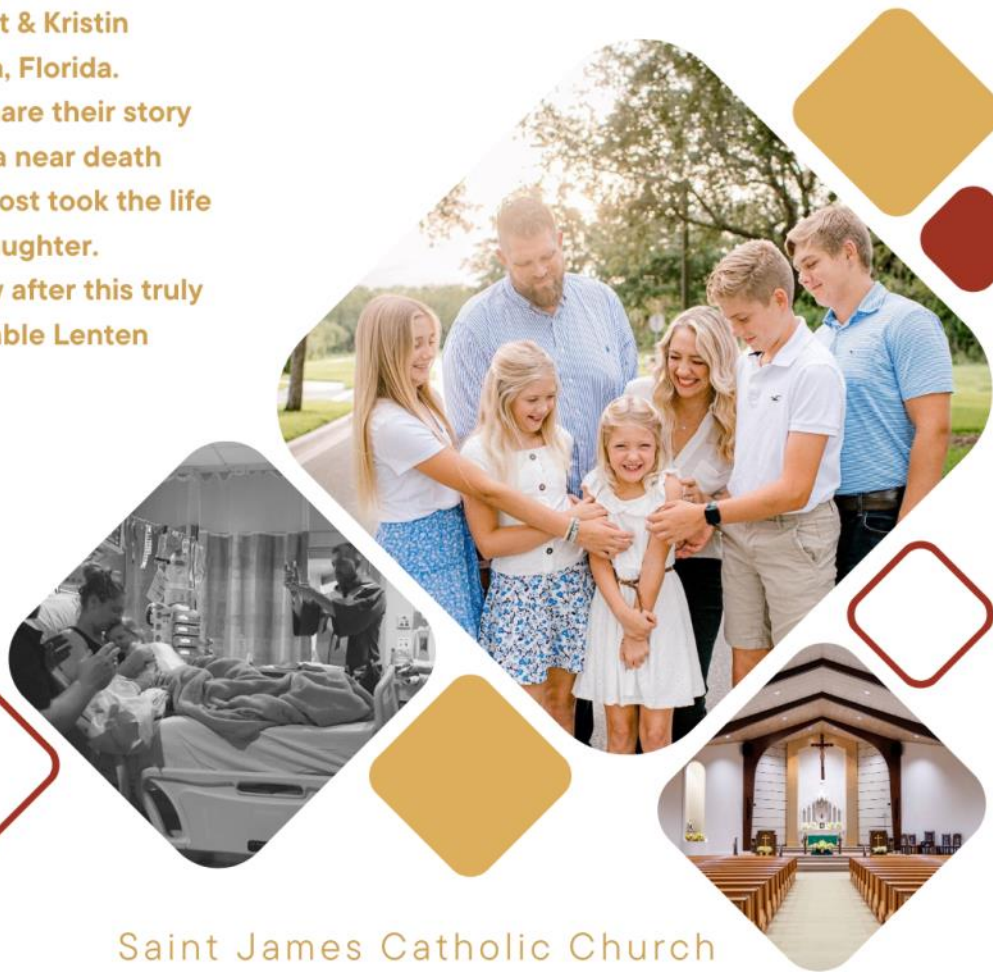


The Pray for a Priest Calendars (March & April 2025) is available on our website.



A SPECIAL EVENING OF XLT THE POWER OF PRAYER

Join us for a special XLT event with guest speakers, Matt & Kristin Loboda of Ava Maria, Florida. Matt & Kristin will share their story of faith, family, and a near death experience that almost took the life of their youngest daughter. Adoration will follow after this truly moving and memorable Lenten encounter.



Saint James Catholic Church
366 Cowan Road | Gulfport, MS 39507

MARCH 18TH | 7:00PM

Learn more about the story of this family here:



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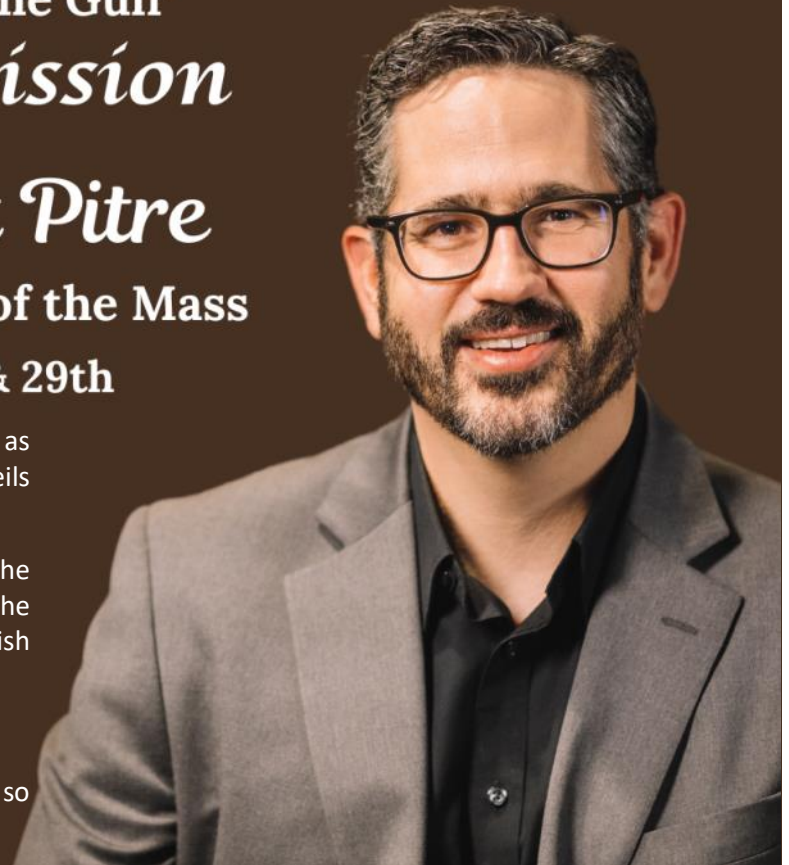
For more information, please visit
<https://olgchurchevents.com/lentenmission/>

Our Lady of the Gulf *Lenten Mission*

Dr. Brant Pitre

The Jewish Roots of the Mass

March 28th & 29th



Join us for a profound and enriching Lenten Mission as Dr. Brant Pitre, renowned biblical scholar and author, unveils the **Jewish Roots of the Mass**.

This two-day event will deepen your understanding of the Eucharist and its biblical foundations, illuminating how the Last Supper and the Mass are rooted in ancient Jewish worship.

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Registration is \$30 for the two days. Seating is limited so secure your place now!

HOST AN *EXCHANGE STUDENT*

Are you looking for a meaningful way to enrich your family's life while fostering global connections? International Cultural Exchange Service is seeking families in South Mississippi to consider hosting an exchange student for the upcoming school year. This wonderful opportunity not only provides a home for a student from another culture, but it also allows your family to experience new traditions, perspectives, and friendships.

Students come with their own health insurance and spending money! Consider hosting for the 2025-26 school year!



For more information
email Emily Aldrich at
ealdrich@icesusa.org

WELCOME!

Lets begin this year celebrating women! You are cordially invited to

"Grace & Grits: Honoring a Woman's Journey"

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

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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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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