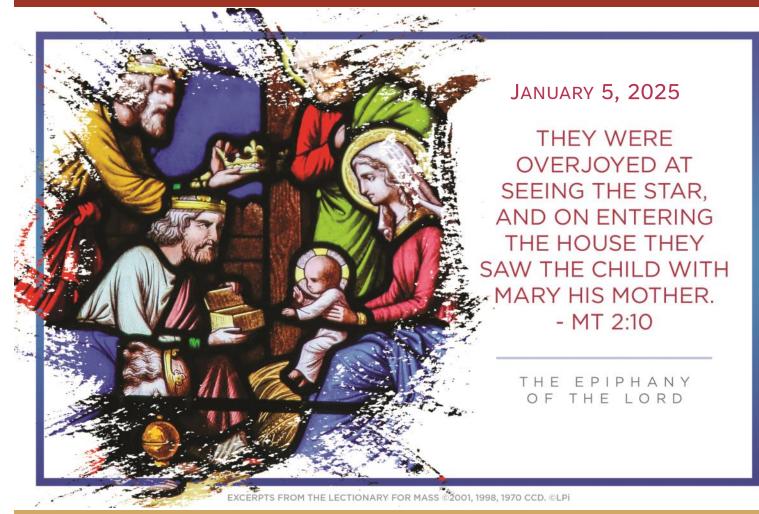
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SAINT JAMES

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PASTOR - Father Ryan McCoy MASS SCHEDULE

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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 3:00Pм - 4:00Pм 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.





The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive

his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

Source: morningoffering.com



For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

- St John Chrysostom

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.

PRAYER & MEDITATION

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/ Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/ Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11).** Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

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- Father John Muir

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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 George Barlow **Terry Barnes Hoshall Barrett** Faith Black Thomas Blankenbaker Asher Bonura Jerry Boudreaux Susan Bourgeois Debra Boyd Hope Broadus Jennifer Brown Teresa Buckman Isabel Bullard Charlotte Jean Buras Valerie Buras Martha Chapin **Bernard Chevalier** Dannie Chevalier Rhonda Clark Rose Mary Collins Susan Cooper Paul Corley

Jean Crawford Erik Hosler Fr. Joseph Dang Terry Joffrion Mimi Davis William Jordan Nicholas James Davis Pete Jurich Rose Dellenger Elaine Kennedy Elinor Donivan Analyse Khalifeh Brenda Dubuisson Sheena Khalifeh Anna Dugas Sophia Khalifeh Susan Dunne Doug Kirk Craig Elliott Roger Labit W.C. Fore Jeff Lawson Ashley Hage James Lav Loretta Hahn Danny Lechner Denise Hancock Kathy Letaw David Harris Josie Lindsey Keleal Hassin Clark Lizana, Jr. Jim Haupt Chris Logan Jessi Hebert Melissa Bailey Logan Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp Amy Longo Louis Helwick Gayle Rivet Martinez Tom Hicks Carolyn McClellan Shannon Holliday Tanya McClellan Timmy Holliday Karen McCoy

Beverly Moore Pete Moran Jennifer Morgan Fr. George Murphy Kristina Myers Lois Ann Necaise Butch Oustalet Libby Owen Brian Pellegrin Kage Pickett Jean Piltz Melissa Robbins Steve Rocha Jim Roos Barbara Russo Doris Seymour Kathy Shankweiler Ralph Shankweiler Jaclyn Simpson Amanda Smith Josh Sniffen Julia Sterling Jennifer Stolarski

April Styczenski Vince Tester Fr. Doan Tran Fr. Joseph Trinh Fr. Joseph Uko Bob Usey Brittany Varney Alyssa Vega Cathy Crane Vick Michael Vu Ferdie Walker Kim Casano-Ware Damon Wesfaul Teresa Whiteside

SYMPATHY

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



David Hathcock, Fr. John Kelly and David McGuffe

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

A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

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

Amen.

If you or anyone in your family is ill, at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit, please contact the parish office at 228-896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4		
4:00PM	骨Tony Strnad	
Sunday, January 5		
9:00AM	令Carl Ladner	
11:00AM	People of Saint James	
5:30PM	令Carl Ladner	
Monday, January 6		
7:00AM	骨Jackie Smith	
8:30AM	William Carrisaley	
Tuesday, January 7		
6:00PM	⊕Avery Johnson	
Wednesday, January 8		
7:00AM	骨Hannah Elizabeth Rewis	
Thursday, January 9		
7:00AM	⊕Elise Harris	
12:00PM	Father's Intention	
Friday, January 10		
8:30AM	骨Marilee Lasserre	
Saturday, January 11		
4:00PM	骨Mary Lobring	
Deceased - 🕆	Healing - Special Intention - 🕻	

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

January 6 - January 11

<u>Monday, January 6</u>				
10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House			
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room			
<u>Tuesday, January 7</u>				
7:00PM	OCIA, Raphael Room			
7:00PM	XLT Adoration with Confessions, Church			
Wednesday, January 8				
5:45PM	Family of Faith Catechetical Session, Raphael Room			

January 13 - January 18

Monday, January 13				
10:00AM	Legion of Mary, Philomena House			
6:30PM	Al-Anon, Raphael Room			
Tuesday, January 14				
9:00AM	H&F Card Game, Philomena House			
7:00PM	OCIA, Raphel Room			
7:00PM	XLT Adoration with Confessions, Church			
Wednesday, January 15				
5:30PM	Sacramental Prep First Communion, Raphael Room			
Thursday, January 16				
7:00PM	Knights of Columbus, Raphael Room			
Saturday, January 18				
9:30AM	Apologetics Reading Group, Philomena House			

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4				
4:00PM	Gaines Cleveland			
Sunday, January 5				
9:00AM	Tom Collins			
11:00AM	Arthur Jaramillo			
5:30PM	Sarah Rhodes			
Saturday, January 11				
4:00PM	Holly Dreger			
Sunday, January 12				
9:00AM	Chris Spear			
11:00AM	Matthew Schloegel			
5:30PM	Edwina Conason			

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4			
4:00PM	Debby Weeks, Barbara Levine and		
	Connie O'Neal		
Sunday, January 5			
9:00AM	Bonnie Jacobs, Shirley Henderson and		
	Gretchen Ellis		
11:00AM	John Mozingo, III & Mary Mozingo		
	and John Mozingo, IV		
5:30PM	Beverly Moore, Ashley Herbert and		
	Butch Plitt		
Saturday, January 11			
4:00PM	Debbie Bazzone, June Bounds and		
	Beverly Moore		
Sunday, January 12			
9:00AM	Jennifer & Steve Broadus and		
	Don & Sherry Alfonso		
11:00AM	Roberta Hosler, Becky Graves and		
	Julie & Alan Black		
5:30PM	Deanne Goulet, Debby Weeks and		
	Diane Holder		

TREASURE

December 28/29, 2024

First Collection:	\$33,714
ACH:	\$
Online Giving:	\$5,260
Second Collection: Family Life Ministry	\$728
Christmas Collection:	\$16,352
SECOND COLLECTION	

This weekend's second collection will be for Aged and Infirmed Priest.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Youth Ministry.

ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - <u>one</u> draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or <u>two</u> 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.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT Goal: \$350,000 Total Donations: \$328,700

Annual Contribution Statement



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

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

Please Help Us (Help You)

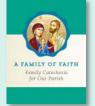
If using Venmo, please specify what the payment is for and notate whose name the contribution should be credited to in our records. Please ensure that you use the name under which you are registered in the parish. An envelope number can also be referenced.

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



Catechetical Session January 8 | 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



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

CONFIRMATION 2025

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.



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12 Sunday 6:30-8:00PM

Spring Kick-off "Break the Ice" Parish Center Gym

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



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 den Lake: June 9th-14t

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

OCA

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.

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 Ad-o-re 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!



Bereavement

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

Calling All 21-35 Year Olds!

SAINT JAMES IS STARTING A SOCIAL/MINISTRY GROUP FOR 21-35 YEAR OLDS.

Please scan the QR code or use this link to join!

https://forms.gle/L8CUQmKrPsxDAKAt7



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 entryway of the Parish Center**. 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



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



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

www.saintjamescc.com/kc11541



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

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

MARRIAGE

<u>Please note:</u> 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 <u>FLC@saintjamescc.com</u> 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 <u>FLC@saintjamescc.com</u> or 228-896-6059.

EVANGELIZATION NEWS



Saint James' Women's Group WOMEN OF ALL AGES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR QUARTERLY WOMEN'S NIGHT!

JANUARY 16TH AT 6:00 PM AT SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE WILL HEAR ABOUT EMBRACING OUR INDIVIDUAL CALLINGS AND HOW AS WOMEN OF GOD, WE ARE

Made for Mone

WE'LL ALSO ENJOY TIME IN ADORATION, SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, AND END THE EVENING WITH A DELICIOUS

WINE AND CHEESE.

Please sign up using the QR code.



SAVE THE DATES OF OUR FUTURE EVENTS:

6:00 PM April 10th 6:00 PM July 10th 6:00 PM October 16th

BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month. The next class will be January 18.

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

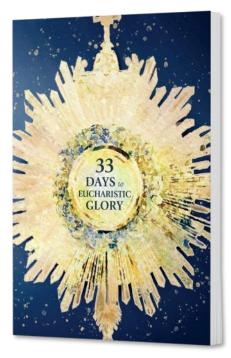
Congratulations

to Laurie Pisciotta and Matthew Sweeney, who were married on December 28. May God's blessings be upon their marriage all the days of their lives.

33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

Please take a copy of "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory," the first ever guide to Eucharistic Consecration, and join Saint James Parish on our consecration journey.

Our pilgrimage has begun; but it's not too late to join us. We will make our Eucharistic Consecration on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (or Candlemas) on Sunday, February 2, 2025.



The books are located at the entrances to the church.



AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

written somewhere inside the home.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless this house)

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2025 the year.

Here is a suggested format for the blessing:

All Start with the Sign of the Cross

Leader: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king,

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at guest in our home, our comings and goings, our seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures +20 C M B 25+ above the home's entrance. It can also be and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

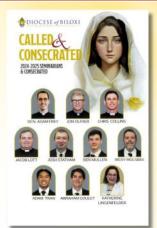
Leader: Using chalk, write the following on the outside of the house or inside above the main entrance:

+20 Christus Mansionem Benedicat 25+ or +20 C M B 25+

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All End with the Sign of the Cross

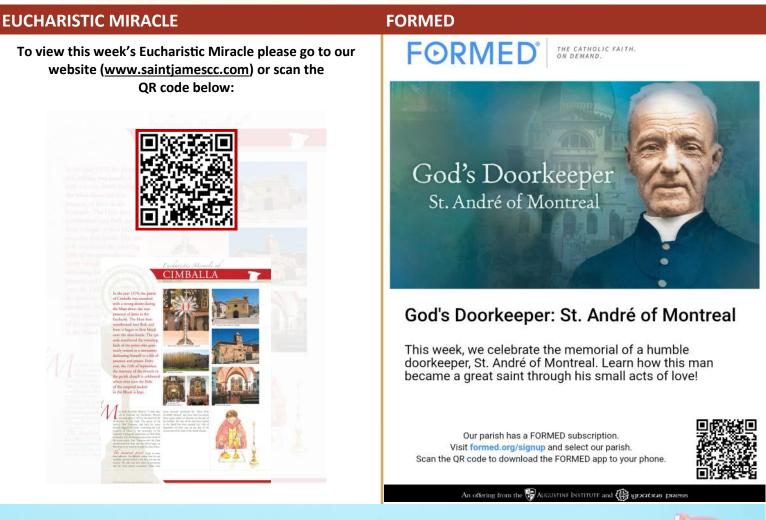
VOCATION PRAYER



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

MOST REVEREND LOUIS F. KIHNEMAN, III BISHOP OF BILOXI





BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Letters, regarding ad renewals, will soon be sent to all current advertisers. Ad renewal payments not received by January 31, 2025 will result in the ad space becoming available for other advertisers.

For info, call the parish office - 228-896-6059.



