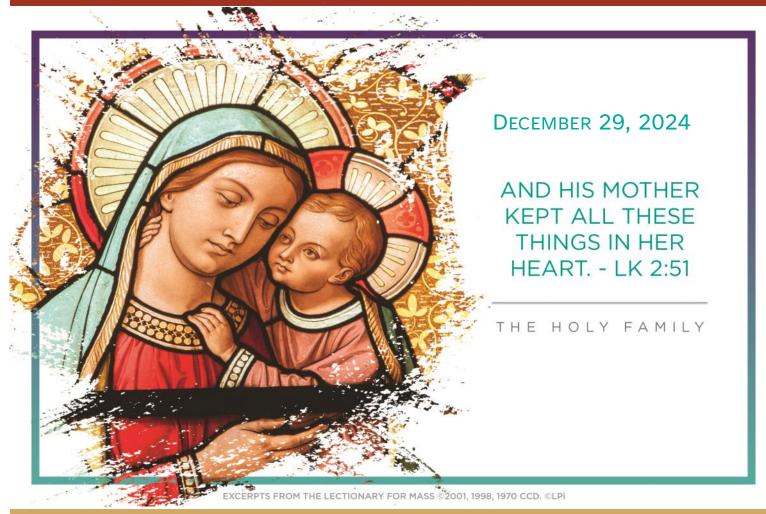
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SAINT JAMES

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## PASTOR - Father Ryan McCoy MASS SCHEDULE Saturday: 4:00рм Vigil Mass

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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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## **Catholic Education**

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603 West Avenue Gulfport, MS 39507 228-896-6631 www.stjamesgulfport.com

## St. Patrick Catholic High School



18300 St. Patrick Road Biloxi, MS 39533 228-702-0500 www.stpatrickhighschool.net

## 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





"The child is the beauty of God in the world, that greatest gift to a family." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

Text SJCC to 57838



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#### **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 December 29, 2024

#### Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

#### Friday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34

Saturday:

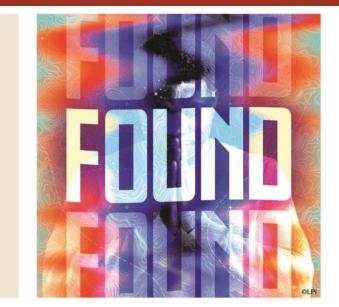
1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

#### Next 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



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## **Gospel Meditation** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: **"Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."** The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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## 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 Analyse Khalifeh Elinor Donivan Brenda Dubuisson Sheena Khalifeh Anna Dugas Sophia Khalifeh Doug Kirk Susan Dunne 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 Melissa Bailey Logan Jessi Hebert Amy Longo Sgt. Eric J. Heitkamp Gayle Rivet Martinez Louis Helwick Carolyn McClellan Tom Hicks Tanva McClellan Shannon Holliday Karen McCoy Timmy Holliday **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 lim 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 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, Carl Ladner, Jackie Smith and Abram Williams

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, December 28		
4:00PM	⊕Fred Six	
Sunday, December 29		
9:00AM	✤Tony Strnad	
11:00AM	People of Saint James	
5:30PM	ተCarl Ladner	
Monday, December 30		
7:00AM		
8:30AM	骨Jackie Smith	
Tuesday, December 31		
6:00PM	<b>骨Rose Guenard</b>	
Wednesday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
7:00AM	People of Saint James	
8:30AM	🖏 Steve Johnson & Family	
6:00PM	骨Fred Six	
Thursday, January 2		
7:00AM	<sup>⊕</sup> Myra Sandidge	
12:00PM	Father's Intentions	
Friday, January 3		
8:30AM	✤Jackie Smith	
Saturday, January 4		
4:00PM	令Tony Strnad	
Deceased - 윤	Healing - Special Intention - 🕻	

## **TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS**

## December 30 - January 4

# Monday, December 3010:00AMLegion of Mary, Philomena House6:30PMAl-Anon, Raphael RoomTuesday, December 317:00PMXLT Adoration with Confessions, ChurchThursday, January 27:00PMKnights of Columbus, Raphael RoomJanuary 6 - January 11Monday, January 4

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

#### Tuesday, January 5

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

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28			
4:00PM	Frank Morton		
Sunday, December 29			
9:00AM	Joey Beattie		
11:00AM	Ron Bruni		
5:30PM	Michele Pisciotta		
Tuesday, December 31			
6:00PM	Joey Beattie		
Wednesday, January 1			
7:00AM	Yolanda Edwards		
8:30AM	Eric Hosler		
6:00PM	Doug Hill		
Saturday, January 4			
4:00PM	Gaines Cleveland		
Sunday, January 5			
9:00AM	Tom Collins		
11:00AM	Athur Jaramillo		
5:30PM	Sarah Rhodes		

# EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 28

4:00PM	Stephen Eckert, Debby Weeks
	and Barbara Levine
Sunday, December 29	
9:00AM	Don & Sherry Alfonso, Gretchen Ellis
	and Shirley Henderson
11:00AM	John Mozingo, III, John Mozingo, IV
	and Julie & Alan Black
5:30PM	Joseph Herbert, Diane Holder
	and Yolanda Edwards
Saturday, January 4	
4:00PM	Debby Weeks, Connie O'Neal and
	Barbara Levine
Sunday, January 5	
9:00AM	Bonnie Jacobs, Gretchen Ellis and
	Shirley Henderson
11:00AM	John Mozingo, III & Mary Mozingo
	and John Mozingo, IV
5:30PM	Beverly Moore, Butch Plitt and
	Ashley Herbert

## TREASURE

#### December 21/22, 2024

First Collection:	\$7,887
ACH:	\$ ——
Venmo:	\$2,595
Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul	\$979

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

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

Next weekend's second collection will be for Aged and Infirmed Priests.

## 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: \$151,437

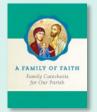
## **Annual Contribution Statement**



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

## FAITH FORMATION

## A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5



## Catechetical Session January 8 | 5:45PM - 7:15PM Raphael Room

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



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. This year, there are several retreat opportunities:

> SEARCH Retreat - January 3-5 SEARCH Retreat - January 31-February 2 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

## No Youth during the Christmas holiday. We return with our Spring Kick-off on January 5 when we "Break the Ice."

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

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. Forms will be accepted starting Wednesday, November 6th @ 9:30 AM in the Parish Office.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month
- Planning Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month

## **Upcoming Events**

- 1/2 General Council Meeting
- 1/4 State Council Mid-Winter Meeting @ OLF
- TBD Red Cross Blood Drive

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



#11541 Facebook page

www.saintjamescc.com/kc11541



The Pray for a Priest Calendars (November/December 2024) 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.



## **BAPTISMS**



We joyfully welcome the newest member of our parish family:

Vivian Maxine Holcomb, daughter of Damian & Addie Holcomb

### **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.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Brandon & Marion Bailey and daughter David & Ginger Carney Jarrod & Tiffany Leckich and daughter Seth & Taylor Mattina and daughter Selina McLeod and son James O'Neal Darrin & Cathy Villavaso Charles & Theresa Whiteside

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Catholic Extension Calendars

The 2025 Catholic Extension Calendars are here and are available for pickup on the tables at the church entrances.





Fr. Ryan, Fr. James, Deacon Henderson, Deacon Conason and the Office Staff wish you peace & many blessing in the new year.



## **Little Blue Books**

Copies of *The Little Blue Book,* which contains Advent & Christmas reflections, are available on the tables at the church entrances.



The office will be closed on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31 & January 1, in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

# Saint James Catholic Church Christmas Schedule

# 2024 - 2025

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** 

• 6:00PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

- 7:00AM
  8:30AM
- 6:00PM

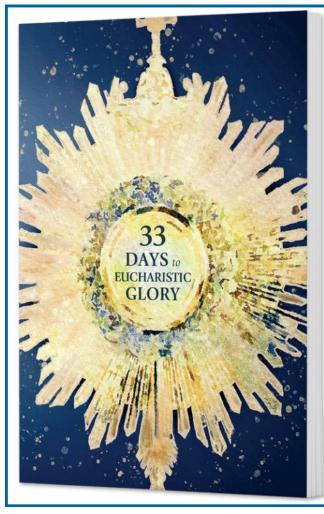
## The Epiphany of the Lord Masses

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

• 4:00PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- 9:00AM
- 11:00AM
- 5:30PM



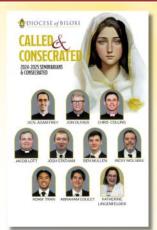
## A Christmas Gift for Your Family

As Catholics, we've consecrated ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to numerous titles of Our Lady, to the Holy Trinity, and to various saints, but we have never consecrated ourselves to Jesus in the Eucharist. In this final year of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Year of Mission (July 2024-June 2025), now is a good time to make this consecration a priority; and "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" will provide an easy path toward that end. Filled with profound truths, astonishing historical facts, powerful practical examples, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories – all in an easy-to-follow format – the book will guide us to dedicate ourselves to God and make us 100 percent available to carry out His will on this earth.

Please take a copy of "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory," the first ever guide to Eucharistic Consecration, and plan to join Saint James Parish as we begin our consecration journey on January 1, 2025, the first day of the new year and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We will conclude 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 of the church. Please take one copy per family.

## **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

## **EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE**

To view this week's Eucharistic Miracle please go to our website (<u>www.saintjamescc.com</u>) or scan the QR code below:





## Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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# **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.



