

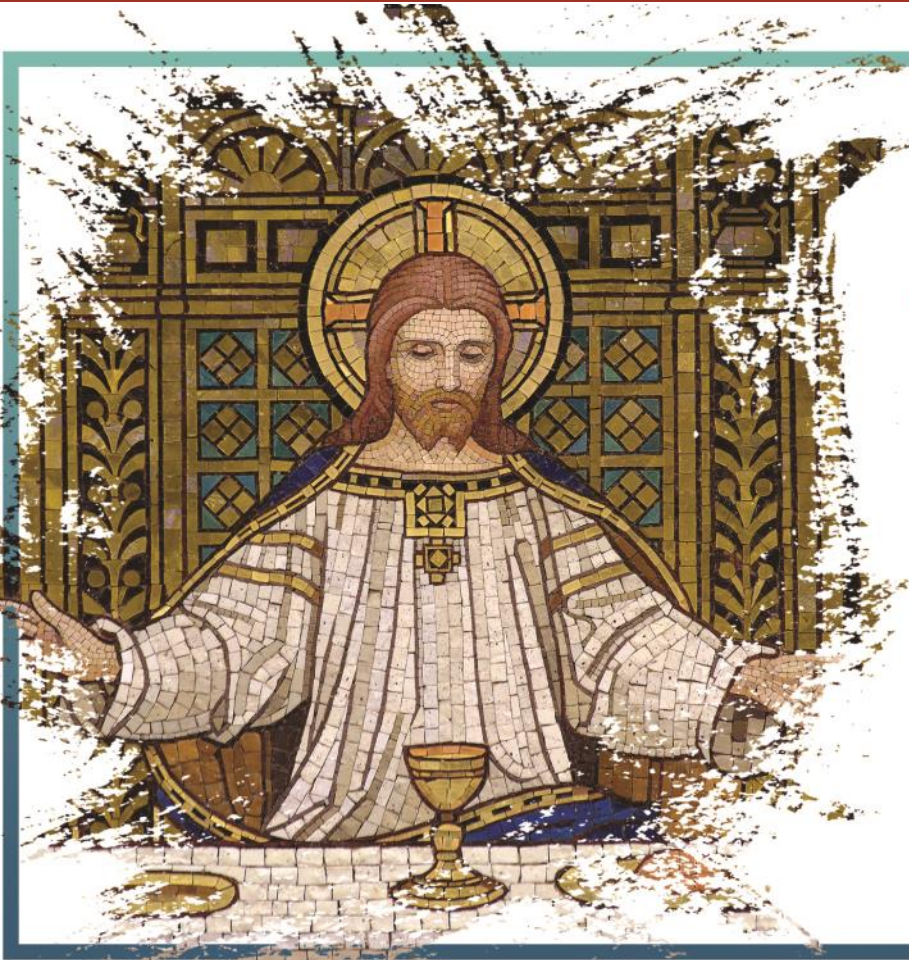


# SAINT JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

"BLESSED ARE YOU  
WHO ARE NOW  
HUNGRY,  
FOR YOU WILL BE  
SATISFIED."  
- LK 6:21

6<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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[pastor@saintjamescc.com](mailto:pastor@saintjamescc.com)

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228-702-0500

[www.stpatrickhighschool.net](http://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.

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

## From The Vaults

As the National Eucharistic Revival enters its final year, it's appropriate to recall a page from the Autumn 1957 edition of Marian Helpers Bulletin, entitled "**When You Miss One Holy Communion.**"

"It is well occasionally to consider what you lose every morning that you pass up Holy Communion, readers were advised. A list followed:

1. You miss a personal visit with Jesus, author of all spiritual energy and of all holiness.
2. You lose a special increase of sanctifying grace, which makes your soul more pleasing to God.
3. You lose a quota of sacramental grace, which entitles you to special help in times of temptation and in the discharge of your daily duties.
4. You lose a precious opportunity of having all your venial sins wiped away.
5. You miss the special preserving influence which each Holy Communion confers against the fires of passion.
6. You miss the opportunity of having remitted a part, or all, of the temporal punishment due to your sins.
7. You lose the spiritual joy, the sweetness, and particular comfort that come from a fervent Holy Communion.
8. You lose part of the glory that your body might enjoy at its resurrection on the Last Day.
9. You lose the greater degree of glory you would possess in Heaven for all eternity.
10. You may lose: a) Complete victory over some fault or passion; b) Some particular grace long prayed for; c) The conversion or salvation of some soul; d) Deliverance of a relative or friend from Purgatory; e) Many graces for others, both the living and the dead.

The article concluded, "Will a few extra minutes of sleep repay you for all these losses?"

Source: Marion Helper. Spring 2025 ([marian.org](http://marian.org))



"Nothing is far from God."

- St. Monica

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 16, 2025

### Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/  
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

### Monday:

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,  
20-21/Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday:

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,  
3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday:

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday:

Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29  
and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

### Friday:

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/  
Mk 8:34—9:1

### Saturday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

### Next Sunday:

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



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Flowers

This weekend, the altar flowers are donated with love for Nicholas, Sarah, Ella and Lenora.

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

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 15

4:00PM ☩ Carl Ladner

### Sunday, February 16

9:00AM ☩ Claude Henderson  
11:00AM People of Saint James  
5:30PM ☩ Rose Guenard

### Monday, February 17

7:00AM ☩ Fr. Thomas White  
8:30AM 🙏 Nadiya Collins

### Tuesday, February 18

6:00PM ☩ Holly Morton

### Wednesday, February 19

8:30AM ☩ Eva Hinkel

### Thursday, February 20

7:00AM Father's Intention  
12:00PM Father's Intention

### Friday, February 21

8:30AM ☩ Theda Lake

### Saturday, February 22

4:00PM ☩ Fred Six

Deceased - ☩ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🙏

## TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

### February 17 - February 22

#### Monday, February 17

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

#### Tuesday, February 18

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

#### Wednesday, February 19

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

#### Thursday, February 20

7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, Raphael Room

### 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), Bosco Room

#### Friday, February 28

10:00AM Cenacle of Divine Mercy, Raphael Room

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 15

4:00PM Maia Dooley

### Sunday, February 16

9:00AM Meggan Gray Stolarski

11:00AM Arthur Jaramillo

5:30PM Edwina Conason

### Saturday, February 22

4:00PM Frank Morton

### Sunday, February 23

9:00AM Joey Beatie

11:00AM Matthew Schloegel

5:30PM Debby Weeks

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 15

4:00PM Barbara Levine, Stephen Eckert and June Bounds

### Sunday, February 16

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

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

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

### 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 Ashley Herbert

## TREASURE

### February 08/09, 2025

First Collection: \$10,366

ACH: \$ —

Online Giving: \$1,835

Second Collection: \$1,188

St. Vincent de Paul  
(Saint James Conference)

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for Black & Indian Missions.

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

### ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - one draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or two drafts to be made on the Monday following the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



Venmo donations may be made at @St\_James\_GPT.

### Annual Contribution Statement



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

### Please Help Us (Help You)

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

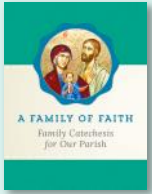
If using Venmo, please specify what the payment is for and notate whose name the contribution should be credited to in our records. Please ensure that you use the name under which you are registered in the parish. An envelope number can also be referenced.

If writing a check on a business account, please notate on the memo line the name under which you are registered or use your envelope number.

Following these requests will make certain that all contributions are captured and allocated to the proper account for accurate contribution statements.

# FAITH FORMATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH  
GRADES K-5



**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

**Edge & LifeTeen**  
Otterbox

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



## Parents Meeting

for students preparing to receive their  
First Holy Eucharist  
(Faith Formation students and SJCS students)

**Monday - February 11, 2025**

**6:00PM @ Saint James Catholic Church**  
More info: Contact Linda Hebert @ 228-291-5126



## 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!

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

Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system.

If you can help or substitute with any hours, please call Ralph at 228-539-2434 or contact the Parish Office.

We Adore Him

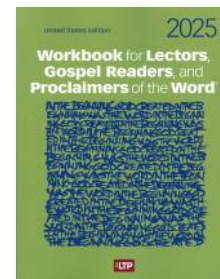
Saint James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now offering enhanced adorer scheduling, substitute requests and more with this user-friendly program!

You can sign in or create your account using this easy QR onboarding code.

Just use your cell phone's camera app to scan the QR Code, then tap the yellow box that appears and follow the prompts!



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 Calendars (February 2025) are 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!


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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.*

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUBSIDY

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.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information, please visit  
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# Our Lady of the Gulf *Lenten Mission*

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### The Jewish Roots of the Mass

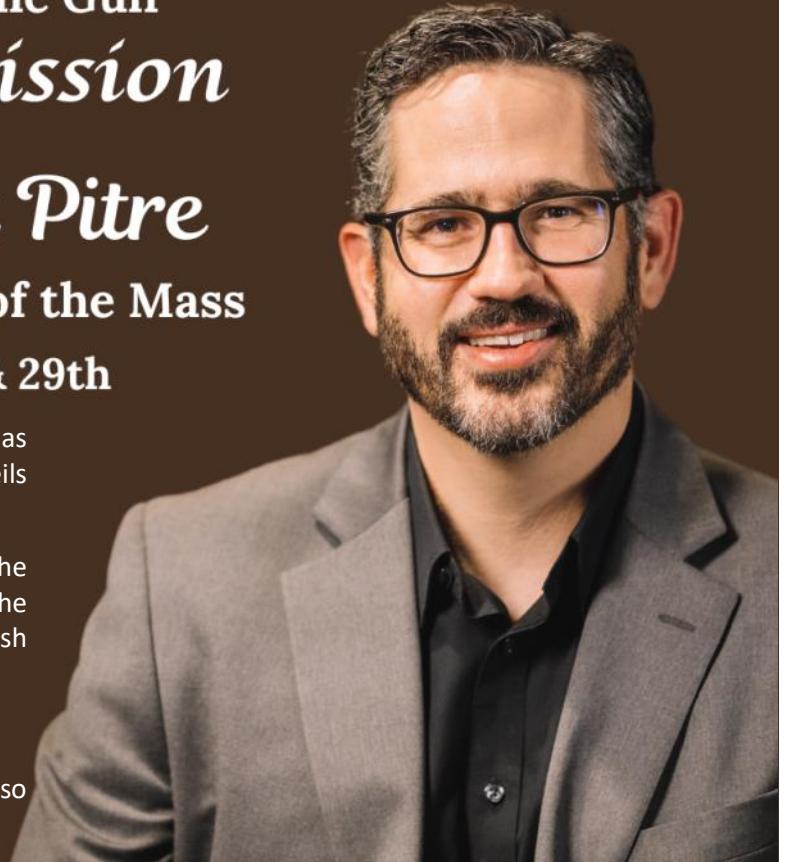
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Join us for a profound and enriching Lenten Mission as Dr. Brant Pitre, renowned biblical scholar and author, unveils the **Jewish Roots of the Mass**.

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.

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# **A SAINT JAMES PARISH TOWN HALL: PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE**

**MANY PARTS, ONE BODY**

**Thank you to all who came to participate at our Town Hall Sessions. All parishioners are encouraged to complete the parish input survey. Use the QR code to access an electronic version or pick up a hard copy, which are on the tables near the church entrances.**

**Please complete the survey and return it to the Parish Office by February 16.**



**Thank you for your participation!**

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

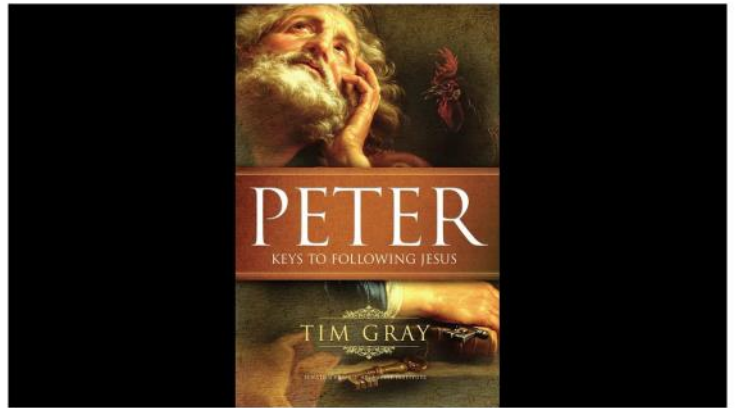
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