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*Saint James Church is  
staffed by the priests  
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the Most Holy Trinity*



## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

## 1<sup>er</sup> DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Luego lo llevó el diablo a un monte muy alto y desde ahí le hizo ver la grandeza de todos los reinos del mundo y le dijo: "Te daré todo esto, si te postras y me adoras". - Mt 4, 8-9

### SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.  
\*1:00 p.m.  
\*Español/Spanish  
(Church & On-line)

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Chapel & On-line)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

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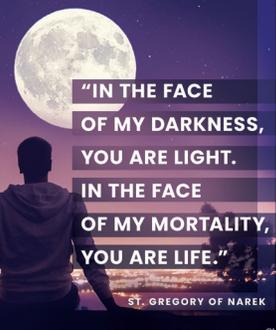
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the  
Month  
8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
(Chapel)

### CONFESSION

Every Sunday before &  
after 9:30 a.m. Mass



# ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

Servant of God Thea Bowman's canonization cause moved ahead, with a Mass and ceremony marking the closure of the cause's diocesan phase held Feb. 9 at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, Mississippi. The bishop sealed the boxes containing the diocesan phase's documents and findings. Those boxes were shipped to the apostolic nunciature in Washington for transfer to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican, which will further investigate the cause.

Sister Thea, a Mississippi native and the only African American member of her religious community, the Wisconsin-based Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, died of cancer in 1990 at age 52. She was a widely known speaker, evangelizer and singer. Born in 1937 as Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi, she was the daughter of a doctor and a teacher. Nicknamed "Birdie," she attended Canton Holy Child Jesus School, and at age 8 decided she wanted to become a Catholic, inspired by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration teaching at her school. She knew by her early teenage years that she was called to consecrated life.

She took first vows in 1958 and perpetual vows in 1963. She studied at Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wisconsin — which was founded by her religious community — and later earned a doctorate at The Catholic University of America in Washington. She returned to Canton to teach, care for her aging parents and inspire the people in her community. Sister Bowman led the Jackson Diocese's Office of Intercultural Awareness, taught at several Catholic high schools and colleges, and was a faculty member of the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. Renowned for her preaching, she took her message across the nation, speaking at Church gatherings and conventions, making 100 speaking engagements a year until her spreading cancer slowed her. Music was especially important to her. She would gather a choir with her and often burst into song during her presentations.

When Sister Bowman spoke at the U.S. bishops' meeting in June 1989, less than a year before her death from bone cancer and confined to a wheelchair, she was blunt. She told the bishops that people had told her black expressions of music and worship were "unCatholic." Sister Bowman challenged that notion, pointing out that the Church universal included people of all races and cultures, and she challenged the bishops to find ways to consult those of other cultures when making decisions. She told them they were obligated to better understand and integrate not just black Catholics, but people of all cultural backgrounds. Catholic News Service reported that her remarks "brought tears to the eyes of many bishops and observers." She also sang to them and, at the end, had them all link hands and join her in singing "We Shall Overcome."

At her funeral Mass in Jackson, Father John Ford, a member of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity and a longtime friend of the nun who served as homilist, told the 1,000 mourners who packed the church: "We must find ways to imitate this woman. No other one is coming. We need to find ways to imitate Thea."

In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 02/22	1st Sunday Of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <b>Frank Farnan by Jack and Mary Ann Farnan, Jackie Patch by Phyllis Barker</b>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 02/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <b>Eileen and Jerry McDonough by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</b>
Tue 02/24	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 02/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <b>Margie Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</b>
Thurs 02/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 02/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 03/01	2nd Sunday Of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <b>Debra and Shirley Barker and Darren Haley by Phyllis Barker</b>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)

*"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you yourselves were foreigners in the land of Egypt."*  
— Exodus 22:21

Recursos





Resources

*Merciful God, you sent your Son to reveal the depth of your compassion and to draw every stranger into your embrace.*

*We confess our sin when we fail to welcome the immigrant and forget that we are all sojourners on this earth.*

*We turn from you when we condemn the undocumented within a broken and unjust system. We wound your heart when immigrants are criminalized, families are torn apart, and lives are treated as disposable.*

*Loving God, soften the hearts hardened by fear. Open the eyes of those who seek exclusion over mercy. Give us the courage to stand with the immigrant, to protect families, and to live as one human family- bound not by borders, but by your love.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



## Help Shape the Future of Our Parish



Dear Parishioners,

We invite you to take part in the Disciple Maker Index Survey – a parish survey that helps us better understand our community and how we can grow together in faith.

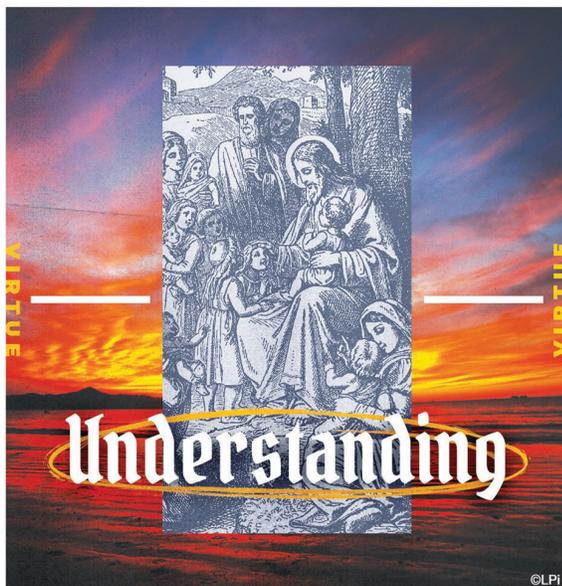
Your feedback will provide valuable insight on participation, beliefs, relationships, and parish life, and will guide us in planning for the future. The survey results also allow us to compare with other parishes and national trends so we can continue strengthening our ministries. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your voice matters, and your input will help shape the future of our parish.

Thank you for your time and support!



## Observances for the week of February 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent



### ***Virtues, Explained!***

Understanding is the “food” of faith. “I believe, in order to understand,” said St. Augustine. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith.

### **Lenten Blessing**

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.



# St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



# In Our Prayers



### Our Home Bound:

Margie Bass  
Paul Freeman  
Orean Perry  
Juanita James  
Barbara Southhall

**Our Sick:**  
Aayliah Cooper  
Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss  
Claude Fisher  
Paul Kanzer  
Linda Griffin Kennard  
Mel Keys  
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