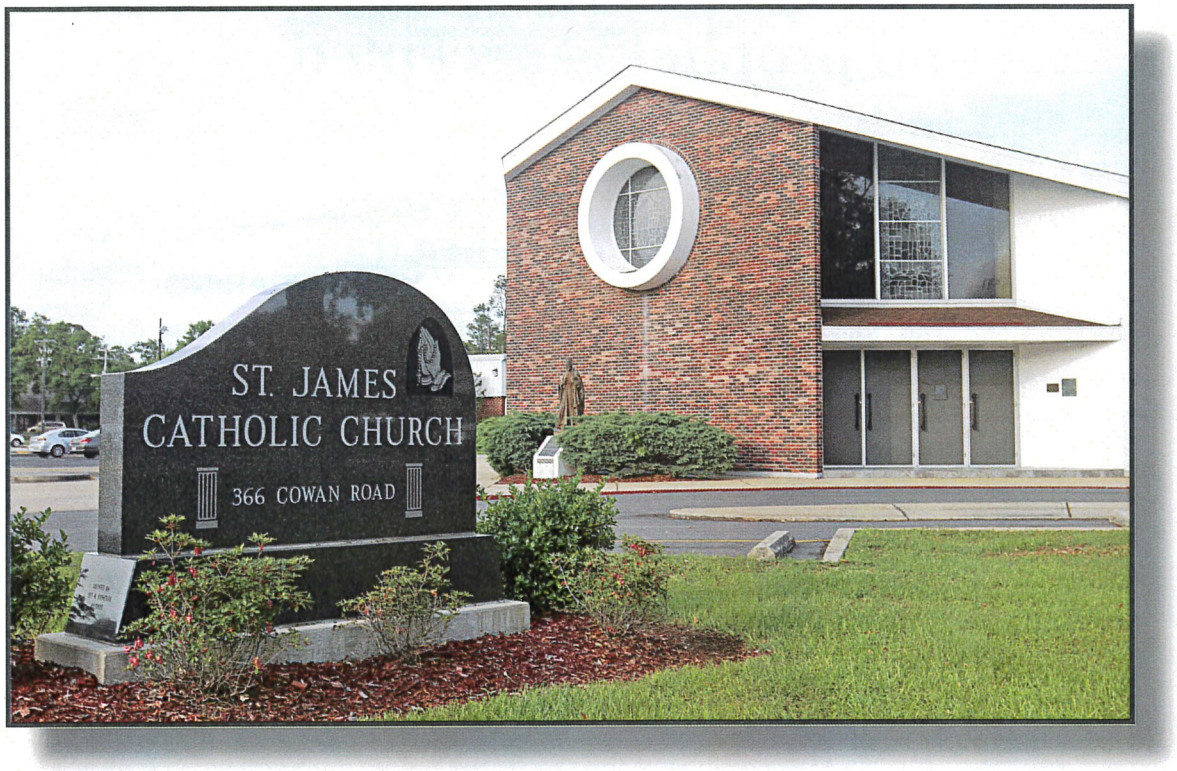
2nd Sunday of Lent — March 13, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (Vigil):	4:00PM
SUNDAY:	9:00 & 11:00AM, 5:30PM
MONDAY:	7:00 & 8:30AM
TUESDAY:	6:00PM
	7:00PM (XLT Praise & Worship)
WEDNESDAY:	8:30AM
THURSDAY:	7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon)
FRIDAY:	8:30AM

Saint James Catholic Church
366 Cowan Road
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CONFESSIONS
SATURDAY: 3:00 PM
CONFESSION BEFORE & AFTER EACH MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT

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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 @ 896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES

K.C.'S - 1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00PM

ST VINCENT de PAUL - Quarterly Meetings

RCIA - Wednesday 7:00PM, in the Church

LEGION OF MARY - Monday 9:30AM

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY - 1st Thursday 1:00PM

USHER SOCIETY - 4 times a year, plus meetings two weeks before Easter & Christmas.

***If you are interested in any of the above, please call the Parish Office for more detail**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:
9:00AM Mass on Sundays
(Must attend rehearsal 8:30AM in Parish Center)
ADULT CHOIR:
4:00PM Saturday (Practice at 3:00PM in Parish Center)
11:00AM Sunday (Practice at 10:30AM in Parish Center)

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Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Convent Chapel

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

PETER SAID TO JESUS,
"MASTER, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE;
LET US MAKE THREE TENTS,
ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES, AND ONE FOR ELIJAH."

LUKE 9:33

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AHA!

We can imagine the splendor of the Transfiguration in our Gospel, and in a manner similar to the Baptism of the Lord, we hear the voice of God booming down announcing Jesus the Son. It is another of the great epiphanies. But if you think about it, each reading this weekend has a sort of "Aha" moment to it. A moment of mutual commitment, of trust. In Genesis, God makes a covenant with Abram, promising him descendants numerous as the stars in the sky. The Psalmist professes his faith and hope: "I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living." Paul's letter to the Philippians lays it out simply in "drop the mic" fashion: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." That's it. Boom.

THE RECAP

When you watch a TV series, they will often provide a quick synopsis of key events from the last couple of shows to set the stage for the current episode. If we do a quick review of the Gospel of Luke, earlier in chapter nine Jesus was sending the disciples out in ministry for the first time, and we had the feeding of the five thousand. Peter realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus gives us the first hint of his own death and tells the disciples to take up their cross and follow him. After all that physical, spiritual, and emotional stress Jesus goes out to pray on the mountain, taking Peter, John, and James with him.

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

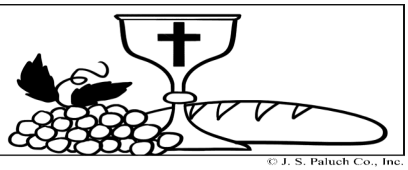
Once they were settled on the mountaintop, Jesus began to pray in earnest and, as usual, his wingmen fell asleep. The disciples did not yet have the strength or insights of the Master. Peter, James, and John did not yet have the stamina or the depth to be able to focus during long periods of silent, contemplative prayer, especially after their long hike. One might see visions simply due to exhaustion! As Jesus was transfigured before them, Peter might have bumbled around it in typical Peter fashion, but he realized the significance of what they saw, and he wanted somehow to capture the sacred, to capture the moment, so he asked to build some tents. If we imagined this today, we'd all be there with our phones and selfie sticks trying to get an amazing picture of it, to capture the moment, and to share with everyone on social media. But all the disciples could do was remember it, capture it in their hearts—and tell no one at the time. They were silenced by the sacred. We too must let our busy worlds and minds and hearts enter into the silence. Start out with a few minutes daily and continue to add a minute or two more each day. Listen for the sacred in the silence, and let the voice of God fill your heart.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18
Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14
Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]
Luke 9:28b–36

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) or Josie Six (301-751-2988). Donations start at $75 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Masses for the Week



Masses: March 12 - March 19

Sat.	**4:00PM**	**Special Intention Kathy Lizana**
Sun.	**9:00AM**	**Rose Guneard**
	11:00AM	**People of Saint James**
	5:30PM	**Margaret Kotellic**
Mon.	**7:00AM**	**Dustin Black**
	8:30AM	**Sandy Usey**
Tue.	**6:00PM**	**Danny Mozingo**
Wed.	**8:30AM**	**Troy Flemming**
Thur.	**7:00AM**	**Patricia Dziennik**
	12:00PM	**Nancy Evans**
Fri.	**8:30AM**	**Deacon Truett Roberts**
Sat.	**4:00PM**	**Bob Olsen**

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend's second collection will be for the Altar Society.
Next weekend's second collection will be a Diocesan Collection for the Ukrainian Bishop Vitaliy Kryvytsky & his people.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Happy Birthday Sarah Ware from Kim Ware for flowers in front of the Saint Joseph statue.

THIS WEEKEND'S LECTORS & MINISTERS

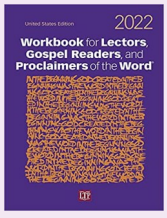
LECTOR/COMMENTATOR - March 12/13

Sat.	**4:00PM**	**Holly Dreger**
Sun.	**9:00AM**	**Joey Beattie**
	11:00AM	**Arthur Jaramillo**
	5:30PM	**Sarah Rhodes**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 12/13

Sat.	**4:00PM**	**Connie O'Neal & June Bounds**
Sun.	**9:00AM**	**Jennifer & Steve Broadus**
	11:00AM	**Bridget & Russell Weatherly and Roberta Hosler**
	5:30PM	**Deanne Goulet, Deedi Lafferty and Yolanda Edwards**

For Lectors and Commentators, the 2022 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word* is available for pickup in the Sacristy.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Anyone, (Catholic, non-Catholic, or unbaptized, high school and up) is cordially invited to RCIA classes. Classes meet on Wednesday in the church at 7:00PM. For more information, or to join, call Deacon Henderson at 228-209-6960. Please continue to pray for **Laken Ely, Ashley Fontenot, Lisa Garcia, John Hightower, Olivia Hightower, Philip Irby, Billy Porter, Christy Richardson, and Jaclyn Simpson,** our RCIA class, as they continue their faith journey.

FAITH FORMATION

Linda Hebert - lindahebert@saintjameschurchms.com

Kindergarten - Fifth graders attend class on Sunday morning from 10:00AM - 10:45AM and **Sixth - Twelfth graders** meet on Sunday evening from 6:30PM- 8:00PM.
Both sessions begin in the **St. James Catholic School Cafeteria.**

Please remember to pray for our children who are receiving Sacraments this year.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Confirmation - 6:00PM March 24, 2022 (St. Joseph Church)**
- **First Reconciliation - 6:00PM March 28, 2022**
- **First Communion - 1:00PM April 24, 2022**

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates:

Gia Alley, Haylie Alvarez, Abby Badurak, Knox Brogdon, Colin Chatman, Braden Cooper, Lauren Croal, Isabella Cruthirds, Caroline Dellenger, Caden DeMers, Mary Ellen Edwards, Makenzi Fontenot, Nevaeh Gilman, Caleb Gonzalez, Abraham Goulet, Gavin Harwell, Ana Hebert, Chad Hilton, Clay Hilton, London Lafferty, Lucy Lee, Cooper Lott, Emerson Morris, John Mullins, Trevor Musgrove, Katherine Oropesa, Thomas Owen, Jacob Palazzo, Andrew Ritter, Thomas Salloum, Lily Schloegel, Mia Sharp, Bryon Shepard, Hayden Taylor, Skylar Tebor, Ainsley Kate Thriffiley, Alexis White & Olivia Williams.

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.

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT SAINT JAMES?

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ!
If you attend Mass here on a regular basis and in order for our parish to better assist you in times of sacramental needs, such as baptism or marriage, and in times of illness or death, you need to be officially registered. Registration forms are on the tables at the back of the church, or you may call our office and we will mail one to you. Completed forms may be dropped in the regular collection.

SUBSIDY /TUITION ASSISTANCE POLICY:
ST. JAMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL
Grades K-12 in order for students to receive subsidized tuition and or tuition assistance:
EACH SCHOOL YEAR parents must bring a subsidy form from St. James/St. Patrick to the parish office for the pastor to sign, in order to receive the subsidized rate. The following requirements apply:
1) The family must be **registered with the parish a minimum of six months.** *Unless your family has just moved to this area, and when registering you filled out an ACH form for church contributions.
2) For Pre-K-6th grade, at St. James School you must turn in a **Catholic Baptismal certificate** to the school and the parents must donate 2 hours, 2 times a year in service to the St. James Elementary School.
3) The family must contribute **identifiably** to the support of the parish through the regular weekly or monthly use of the envelope system, by automatic draft/electronic fund transfer, your personal check to identify you or cash in an envelope with your name on it.
4) The family **must attend** weekend Mass with the parish family at St. James.
5) If you are an active supporting Catholic family from another parish, you may be eligible to receive subsidy through that parish. Contact the school principal for further information.

SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sarah Rhodes - youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com
Saint J Youth Group meets Sunday at 6:30PM in the St. James School Cafeteria.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Saint J Youth Group would greatly appreciate donations of individually wrapped packages of chips, cookies, crackers & fruit snacks. In addition, canned drinks and bottled waters would be most welcome. We could also use Bean Bag Chairs. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Glenn Anglada, Lorna Antenio, Jerry Boudreaux, Joan Boudreaux, Marie Bourg, Tina Bradshaw, Hope Broadus, Ernie Brown, Jerry Brown, Georgia Buckley, Nivia Buchanan, Sonia Bucman, Isabel Bullard, Valerie Buras, Joan Burwell, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard & Dannie Chevalier, Nick Christovich, Andrew Cooper, Michael P. Curtin, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Kelly Englese, Shellie Ely, Fr. Bernie Farrell, W.C. Fore, Gene Gaddy, Mary Kay Gaspeud, Joseph Neil Gilly, Loretta Hahn, Tom Healy, Jessi Hebert, Greg Herbert, Louis Helwick, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Heaven Holliday, Rae Holliday, Taylor Hopwood, Eric Hosler, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Gertrude Johnson, Mary Johnson, Kenise Johnson, Allison Kane, Tony King, Fr. George Kitchin, Marvin Koury, William Joyce, Josie Lindsey, Chuck Loftis, Lily McCabe, Dr. Mike McCabe, Carolyn McClellan, Mary McCusker, Steve McDaniel, Robert McInnis, Mike Mensi, Carolyn Messer, Braleigh Moak, Buddy Moore, LuLu Mount, Ethelyn Mozingo, Albert Necaise, Lois Ann Necaise, Judy Northrop, Uyen Nguyen, Stephen Oberlies, Linda Olsen, Toffie Owen Jr., Debbie Postler, Joe Romano, Claudetta Rosetti, Mara Russo, Dane Shepherd, Jill Simmons, Donnie Skinner, Evelyn Smutzer, Cora Sue Villarreal, James Wetzel Sr.,Wally White, Teresa Whiteside, Jack Williamson, Megan Williams, Ronnie Williams, Mary Ann Young, and D.J. Zigler.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Floy Elaine Cooper, Dorothy Ellis, Neil King, and All of the Holy Souls.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY ARMED FORCES

Protect all military at home and abroad, especially:
Major Ryan Bridley, Lt. Ryan Capdepon, Pat Cook, Robert Bodisch Sr., Robert Bodisch Jr, Kenneth Bodisch, Michael Brooks, Clarke Copponex, Kalvin Daniels, Capt. Graham Ernst, Greg Hammontree, Nicholas Hansen, Peter Hansen, Eric Heitkamp, Morgan Jackson, Gean Johnson, Joel Johnson, Capt. Eddie Langford, Paul Polito, Marc Mallard, Col. Michael McCullough, Jennifer Ross, Edwin Andrew Smith, S/Sgt. Drew Spradley, Claude Shimer, Patrick Taylor, Thomas Buhner, Scott & Stephanie Lanier, S/Sgt. Jeanne Rhoads, Mark Wright, Nicholas Williams, Chuck Wright, Mike Shepard, & Corporal Charles Winsor. Watch over them & their families.

SAINT JAMES PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD INITIATIVE

With our "Choose Life" billboards gaining a larger reach, the St. James Pro-Life Billboard Initiative has become a diocesan –wide effort! Our mission remains the same….to evangelize to the masses to Choose Life and pray fervently. However, our name has changed to **"Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life".** You may still use St. James Pro Life Billboard on our Facebook page to see the latest news. Thank you to the Saint James Parish for being the grassroots and home base of this beautiful ministry. If you would like to support and keep this ministry alive, please donate directly to
Venmo @DioceseofBiloxiProLife or you may mail your checks to:
Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life 1790 Popps Ferry Rd. Biloxi, MS 39532, and mark Pro-Life on the memo line.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.

Director of Pro-Life Ministries & NFP Coordinator:
Michele Pisciotta. M.D.
President, Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life:
Karen Rhodes
Founder:
Penny Sullivan

TREASURE

March 05/06
WEEKEND COLLECTION
Sunday Offertory via mail/collection basket……$14,816
Sunday Offertory via ACH/on-line giving……$12,771
Weekly Total……$27,587
Weekly Budget (amount needed)……$16,620
YTD Actual-Week #36……$629,175
YTD Budget-Week #36……$598,320
YTD % of Budget……105.16%
2nd Collection Black & Indian Missions…….....$1,135

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Time spent in prayer is never wasted, however urgent the duties that press upon us from every side."

ADORERS ARE NEEDED!
SATURDAY: 5:00AM - 6:00AM & 8:00AM - 9:00AM
SUNDAY: 3:00AM - 4:00AM & 4:00AM - 5:00AM

2nd Adorers needed for all hours. Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system. If you can help or substitute with any of these hours, please call or leave a message in the Parish Office at 228-896-6059 or with Ralph at 228-539-2434.

The Adoration Chapel is also in need of divisional leaders.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." - Pope Saint John Paul II.

You have a special hour with the Lord waiting for you.

ADORATION TESTIMONIES WANTED Has God been working in your life? There are sheets in the Adoration Chapel to share answered prayers, graces and miracles that you have received. Share with your parish family how prayers and your time spent in the Adoration Chapel has blessed your life.

Please put my name down as an Adorer in the Adoration Chapel

I would like to commit to one hour per week _____
I would like to commit to alternate week _____
I would like to commit to substitute 1 hour per week _____
Name:_____
Address:_____
Phone#:_____e-mail:_____

HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COUNCIL

We challenge each family to bring at least one of the following non-perishable items to Mass every week, and to place it in the "Food Drop Box" at the back of the church. When you are shopping and select your items for the week, select an item for the poor and thank God for the ability to provide adequately for your own family, and take time to pray for those less fortunate. Choose from these items based on the first letter of your last name;
A-E: BOXED DINNERS: Hamburger, Chicken Helpers, Rice Dishes, instant potatoes (especially mashed potatoes).
F-I :CANNED FOODS: Ravioli, soups, tuna, Spam, fruit, vegetables, etc.
J-N: HEALTH CARE ITEMS: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, cotton balls, etc.
O-S: PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY/ JUICE: Any brand, or type of jelly/ P. B. is appreciated.
T-Z: BOXED CEREAL: Instant oatmeal, grits, crackers, spaghetti rice, macaroni & cheese etc.
BABY ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED: Baby wipes, diapers etc.
MOST NEEDED ITEMS: **Fruit juice, Spaghetti noodles, and cereal, health care items**

IF YOU NEED A TAX STATEMENT FOR 2021 FROM SVDP
Please call the Parish Office, and leave a message, or call Gretchen @ 228-265-1336 and leave a message.

SATURDAY MEALS FOR OUR PRIESTS

If you would like to participate in providing a meal for Fr. Ryan & Fr. Kitchin on a Saturday, please sign up at takethemameal.com
Recipient Last Name: McCoy….Password: 4444

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick Catholic High School faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit their website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact:
Dr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500 or mbuckley@stpatrickhighshool.net.

Knights of Columbus/Adoration Society
Lenten Fish Fry & Fellowship
Pre-Order Form

The Knights of Columbus will host a FISH FRY every Friday in Lent, beginning on Friday, March 11th, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

A portion of the proceeds from Friday, March 18th will benefit The Adoration Society

Tickets are available in the school and parish offices, and at the door.

$10.00 per ticket
(adult and child - there are no discounted tickets this year)

Dinners and takeout orders will be served in the Parish Center.
There will be NO drive-thru orders.

This is a great family event, so come out and help raise money for The Adoration Society

Preorder money is due by noon on Friday, March 18th.

Fish Plate _____ **How many:** _____

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NAME: _____ **Contact #:** _____

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In today's Scripture, we hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Let us pray for God's grace to be transfigured in our own lives to be more of the person that God is calling us to be in the world today.

One way to help in the Mission of the Church is by giving a generous gift to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pew or in the back of the church. Together we can make a difference in our communities and help in that Mission in a real and tangible way.

A message on Ukraine from Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III

By Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III
Bishop of Biloxi

I met Bishop Vitaliy Kryvytsky at the Masters of Spirituality conference for new bishops hosted by Pope Francis in September 2017 in Rome. There were 120 bishops from around the world participating in the conference. Quickly we all got a view of the universality of the Church and the fact that we are united in one faith no matter what language we spoke.

We translated for one another whenever it was needed to enhance our fellowship together. Additionally, all of the presentations were translated into different languages.

When I first met Bishop Vitaliy, I was struck by how young he was (45) and his vibrant smile. The Holy Father had truly chosen a young priest to lead the Church in Western Kyiv, Ukraine, with an eye to the future. Who would have thought that five years later war would come to Ukraine?

I had a chance to meet by video conference with Bishop Vitaliy on March 1, 2022 about how he and his people are doing as the war rages. Once again, I was struck by his smile and deep faith.

He shared that it is a very difficult situation for everyone. The bombing has been relentless and many people have taken shelter in the churches and the church basements and rectories and convents and retreat centers. They running out of food and necessities. They are hoping a truck will arrive from Caritas (Catholic Charities) Poland with food and supplies.

Bishop Vitaliy shared that he is on the Russian list of Ukrainian people who are to be executed. Bishop Vitaliy thought about moving to another city in Ukraine, but he and his 160 priests decided to stay in Western Kyiv with their flock, of approximately 200,000 Catholics. Bishop Vitaliy and his priests all went to confession and took up their posts at all 160 parishes in the diocese. I was deeply moved by such a powerful statement of faith and trust in Christ.

Bishop Vitaliy and I shared our faith together as bishops and as believers that the Crucified and Risen Jesus Christ has already won the victory no matter what happens. Once again, his smile told the story of his deep faith in Christ.

I asked him what he needed most and he said prayer. He asked that we all pray for the conversion of Russia and a Just Peace for the people of Ukraine through the Immaculate Heart of Mary as the Immaculate Conception as she proclaimed at Lourdes on March 25, 1858.

I promised him that I and we would pray for that very intention as a diocese and that I would offer Mass for him and his people that very day. He thanked me and smiled. We then prayed together for all the people of the Ukraine and his diocese and for the conversion of Russia and for all who are wounded or sick and for all who had died that they may rest in the Peace of Christ. We prayed the Hail Mary together in our native tongues asking for the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

Before we closed the conversation, I asked Bishop Vitaliy what we could do materially for him and his people. He said, “Pray, pray, pray.” I told him we would pray but that we would also provide as much financial support as we could being that we are a Mission Diocese. I asked him to keep us informed about what is happening on the ground there and how else we can help him and his people. With a mutual smile and best wishes, we signed off.

If you would like to help Bishop Vitaliy and his people in Western Kyiv, you can donate through our diocesan website (www.biloxidiocese.org) and we will take up a voluntary collection on the weekend of March 19-20, 2022.

Next week's second collection at Saint James will be for Bishop Vitaliy and his people.

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