



# VIP Report

(Very Important Parishioner)  
April 17, 2026



Matthew 6:21 For wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Rhonda Swita  
Director of Parish Development

Hello to my St. James family,

I wish you all the blessings of this Easter season. I would like to continue to inform you about the many opportunities for you to *connect* to St. James, specifically through the pathway to **Christ**. You can encounter Him in His true presence, in a way like no other religion or church can. This intimacy is found in the Mass, the Sacraments, through worship, and by growing more deeply in your own faith formation. Just as Christ came to serve, we welcome and invite you to participate and/or serve in the following ministries. If you are interested, call the contact person listed for more information. Come and be a disciple. Together at the top of the hill, we can be a beacon of light to others!

## Christ in The Mass, the Sacraments, and in Worship

Ministry Name	Contact Person	Phone #
<b>Adoration:</b> Every Sunday 6pm – Monday 6pm	Tanya Britton	601-672-7010
<b>Altar Servers:</b> Open to boys and girls who have made their First Communion.	Corrie Weatherford	662-419-1322
<b>Baptism Prep</b> for Infants: English	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
<b>Baptism Prep</b> for Infants: Spanish	Raquel Thompson	662-402-9599
<b>Choir:</b> Adult English	Lailah Valentine	662-401-3584
<b>Choir:</b> Adult Spanish	Erika Acosta	662-397-2671
<b>Choir:</b> Corpus Christi (Youth)	Erin Bristow	662-610-1151
<b>Lectors:</b> Proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass.	Anne Haire	662-871-3066
<b>Marriage Enrichment:</b> Strengthen the bonds of marriage.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b> Distribute Holy Communion.	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
<b>Sacristan Team</b> – Help with seasonal decorating, cleaning the church, doing the laundry, preparing for liturgies, etc.	Tanya Britton	601-672-7010
<b>Ushers:</b> Greet and seat people and collect the offertory.	Robin Haire	662-871-3237

## Christ in Faith Formation

Ministry Name	Contact Person	Phone #
<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:</b> 3 - 12 years	Karen Mayfield	karen@stjamestupelo.com
<b>Sunday Mornings:</b> Grades 2 - 6	Veronica Lopez	785-817-2503
<b>Wednesday Nights:</b> Grades 7 -12	Erin Bristow	662-610-1151
<b>Young Adult Ministry:</b> 18 – 35 Years (singles)	Luz Elena Acosta	662-322-7882
<b>Adult Education:</b> English	Michelle Harkins	662-231-1055
<b>Adult Education:</b> Spanish	Gricelda Martinez	662-372-7497
<b>OCIA:</b> Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (English)	Alex Emplaincourt	662-312-0464
<b>OCIA:</b> Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (Spanish)	Yolanda Aguilar	662-231-4109

Note, the Student Faith Formation program has a variety of volunteer opportunities for Catechists, classroom assistants, small group leaders, chaperones, security monitors, etc.