

# St. James Catholic Church

*A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi*

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December 24, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

## *Holy Mass*

### WEEKENDS

Saturday 6:00 PM (Vigil)  
Sunday 7:30 AM - Spanish  
10:00 AM - English

### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday, Saturday  
- 7:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday  
- 5:30 PM

Major Feast Days  
(Holy Days): As  
announced

### CONFESSION

Saturday - 5:00 to 6:00 PM  
and by appointment.

### Warm welcome NEW PARISHIONERS

St. James parish welcomes all newcomers.  
Please contact the parish office to register.

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 10:00 AM-6:00 PM  
Closed 1:00 - 2:00 PM

### PAROCHIAL TEAM

Administrator  
Rev. PAUL KOTTACKAL

Deacon  
Juan Vasquez

Secretary/Director of  
Religious Education  
Juanita Martinez

Bookkeeper  
Veda Lisa Blanton

Parish Council Chairman  
Juan Jimenez

Finance Council Chairman  
Carlos Salazar Jr.

Eucharist Ministry  
Coordinator  
Janie Maldonado

Altar Servers Coordinator  
Roxanne Salazar

Lector Coordinator  
Salvador Andrade

Knights of Columbus  
Grand Knight 4th Degree  
Albert Garces

Guadalupanas  
Pres. Juanita Martinez

Cursillistas Vocal  
Angelita Garcia

Faith Ministry  
Pres. Yolanda Maldonado

Spanish Choir  
Tony De La Rosa

English Choir  
Margaret Smith

Bulletin  
R. Anthony Hinojosa

Website  
Bonnie Salazar, Irene Moreno



### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Catholic community of St. James Church is made up of loving and sensitive members seeking to meet their spiritual needs, strengthen their faith, and affirm their continued existence as the church of Jesus Christ today and tomorrow. In their quest to evangelize, it is their mission to assist everyone toward a more abundant experience of the riches of their liturgy and sacraments, and to convince all of Christ's sheep that the Lord's Day is indeed for all.





## Pastor's reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

### *A Mother Prophetess' Wisdom*

Many people are involved in the story of redemption. Among them Mary played a pivotal role. Who is this Mary? The answers will vary. Some revere her as the Mother of God, and for some others she is only a peasant woman chosen to facilitate the arrival of the Son of God into the world. For Catholics she is the most favored woman who deserves unique respect and honor. We have many things to learn from Mary as a person of faith struggling with the daily demands of her life and mission. A closer look at Mary's life will help us prepare spiritually for Christmas.

In Luke we read, that the angel Gabriel said to her, "Greetings, favored woman!" The Lord is with you! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus." Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you. The word of God will never fail." Mary responded, "May everything you have said about me come true."

Here the actions and reactions of Mary are like that of a traditional prophet. Perhaps we never thought about this. As any other prophet she was called by God for a particular mission for which she placed an objection first, but God ignored it and promised her assistance. Her response was typical of a prophet. Mary accepted the mission and cooperated as God wanted her to do. It demanded lot of trials and rejections; but she was faithful to the last moment. Luke reports, "...Mary the Mother of Jesus, joined with his (Jesus) brothers (in the upper room)" (Acts 1:12-14)

We are all called to prepare for the birth of the Baby and then, as he grows and becomes strong (Lk. 1:80), to follow him all the days of our lives. For that journey, we need the wisdom of the Mother Prophetess.

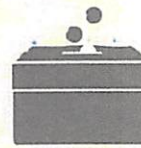
Merry Christmas.  
Have a blessed week.  
Fr. Paul

## BAPTISMAL REQUIREMENTS

Parents - need to be registered members of St. James.  
Godparents - need to have received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation and, if married, need to have been married in the Catholic Church.  
To register for the Baptismal Class, please bring the birth certificate of the person being baptized.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 17, 2017



Envelope collection	\$1,612.73
Loose collection	\$ 527.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,139.78</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Saturday, Dec. 23

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial  
6:00 PM + Carlos (Chale) Salazar, Sr. by Valentina Salazar and Family  
+ A1C John Adam Salinas by Family  
+ Sophie Espinosa by Family  
+ Antonio Loya in memory of his Birthday by Family  
+ Londa Trial by Paul Trial  
+ Maria Casaraz Garcia by David Mendoza

### Sunday, Dec. 24

7:30 AM + Fidela Garza by Garza Family  
+ Nick Carabajal by Lupe Carabajal  
10:00 AM+ Estella C. Cardenas by F. Cardenas and Barrera Family  
+ Delia Arriola by Paul and Debbie Heard  
+ Hector Arrisola by his Wife

### Mid-night

11:45 PM + Maria Louisa Pulmarejo by Family  
+ Jesusa A. Trevino by her son Robert Trevino and Family  
+ Reynaldo and Beatrice Villarreal  
By Richard and Rosalinda Espinosa and Family  
+ Martin and Jesusa Garcia by Domingo Garcia

### Monday, Dec. 25

10:00 AM+ Federico and Francisca Ruiz by Family  
+ Julio L. Sanchez, Jr. by Julio's and Stella's Sanchez Families  
+ Valentina Garza, by Julio's and Stella's Sanchez Families  
+ Londa Trial by Paul Trial  
+ Felix A. Hernandez by Elizabeth M. Hernandez and children

### Tuesday, Dec. 26

5:30 PM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Wednesday Dec. 27

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Thursday, Dec. 28

5:30 PM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Friday, Dec. 29

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Saturday, Dec. 30

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial  
6:00 PM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial  
+ Amelia G. Garcia by Amelia Hernandez  
+ Londa Trial by Paul Trial  
+ Belia Garza by Family  
+ In Memory of Lupe, Concha and Arturo Garcia by Lucille Garcia

## LECTORS

Saturday, December 23

6:00 PM Lisa Blanton

Sunday, December 24

7:30 AM Teodora Galvan

10:00 AM Gilbert Gonzales

11:45 PM English - Lisa Blanton

Spanish - Juanita L. Martinez

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Janie Maldonado

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23

6:00 PM Juanita L. Martinez

Joe Gomez

Sunday, December 24

7:30 AM Manuel & Shirley Martinez

10:00 AM Luis Hernandez

Susana Moron

11:45 PM Juan Jimenez

Susana Martinez

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Yolanda Maldonado

Martha Cuellar

## ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 23

6:00 PM Natalie Rodriguez  
Autumn Rodriguez

Sunday, December 24

7:30 AM Mariana Garza

10:00 AM Brandon Guerrero

11:45 PM Ryan Martinez

Alizabeth Martinez

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Ryan Martinez



## PRAY FOR THE SICK



With caring and compassion, we pray for:

Jewelina Beth Gonzalez, Rosa Orozco, Christopher Cardenas, Anthony Angel Cardenas, Guadalupe Benavides, Isabel Garcia, Albert Cardenas, Jr., Jim Nelson, Joe Adrian Moya, Catherine McKeown, Johnny Lee Lopez Sr., Mickey Wilson, Kristina Elena Garcia, Eva Dominguez, Chris Ulmer, Roxann Gleason, Frank Riojas, Delfina Huerta, Jessie Riojas, Joe Anthony Martinez, Armando B. Perez, Lino Garcia, Katy Rendon, Denice Hadwin, Geneive S. Trevino, Patty Stone, Ascension Carrizales, Lupe Abrigo, Lulu Martinez Watson, Tabitha Rendon, Mary Longoria, Jessie Martinez Jr., Jaime Salinas, Roman Flores, Santos Lopez, Caroline James Ries, Edward Silva, Dalia A. Salazar, Nene Trevino, Julia Ramos, Adrian Sampayo, Aurelio Guajardo, Tonya Sciba, Kenneth Sciba, Nieves Moreno Jr., Jessica Arrisola, Mary Carrizales, Norma Delgado, Juanita Maldonado, Dora Lopez Bernal, Richard Espinosa, Emo Aleman, Roger Cano, Robert Hernandez, Nieves Cardenas, Elena Garza, Domingo Garcia, Laurie Lawrence, Angie Garza, Mary Jane Lowry, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Josefa Aleman and to all at Christus Spohn. Please call the office to add or to remove names from the prayer list.  
Thank you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY

Envelopes are at the back of the Church for Parishioners to pick up. Mrs. Martinez will help you find your envelopes. If you do not find your envelopes, please let her know and she will get them to you the following week.

### JANUARY SCHEDULES FOR CCE CLASSES

Classes will resume for Sundays on January 7, 2018 and on Wednesdays January 10, 2018.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

For adults who need the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to sign up to receive either one of these sacraments.

### CHURCH CALENDARS

Year 2018 Calendar is also available.

## AUDITORS

### Team III, Sunday, December 24

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

### Team IV, Sunday, December 31

Juanita Martinez, Teodora Galvan, & Virginia Quintanilla

### Team V, Sunday, January 7

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

### Team I, Sunday, January 14

Janie Maldonado, Sylvia Holmes, & Alice Sanchez

### Team II, Sunday, January 21

Amv Gonzales, Diana Barrera



### ATHALIAH

A notorious murderess

2 Kings 8:26; 11; 2 Chronicles 22; 23:13-21; 24:7

Athaliah was the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel; she personified all the evils of her ill-famed parents, and transferred the poison of idolatry into Jerusalem. Athaliah married Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat. Jehoram murdered all her brothers since they were loyal to Jehovah. A son was born to them who was named Ahaziah. As a mother she had never developed the finer qualities of the boy.

After eight years as king Jehoram died. While king he was dominated by Athaliah who had a fanatical devotion to the pagan god Baal, and Judah was made idolatrous. After his father died though Ahaziah ascended the throne his term was as short as a year. Athaliah, since the sons of Ahaziah stood in her idolatrous way, massacred all of them. After having killed them, Athaliah grabbed power and ruled for six years; she was the only woman to reign as a queen of Judah. The daughter of a king, wife of a king, mother of a king, she is now the queen. While her husband on throne she exercised power from behind. Once in power she became an absolute dictator, and ordered to pull down a part of the Temple of Jehovah, and the material was used to build a temple of Baal.

But God had a mysterious plan. Unknown to Athaliah the youngest grandson, Joash, was hidden from her. Jehosheba the sister of Ahaziah, and wife of Jehoiada the high priest, hid the boy until he was seven. When seven, the priest conspired, and had the boy crowned in the temple as king. When Queen Athaliah heard this, she rushed to the temple and found the new king surrounded by army officers and people from all over the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets.

Athaliah ripped her clothes in distress and yelled, "Treason! Treason!". At the order of the priest she was taken out, and killed. The pagan temple was destroyed, too.

Thus God defeated the plan to exterminate the last vestiges of the House of David through which the promised Messiah was to come.

No one can thwart God's purposes of grace.

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



A pastor to a lady working in the garden: "Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?" "Eh, what's that?" said she. He repeated loudly, "Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?" "I'm afraid you'll have to speak a little louder!" she said. Still louder, "CAN'T YOU HEAR THOSE BELLS CALLING YOU TO CHURCH?!" "I'm sorry," said she, "I can't hear you because of those damned BELLS!"