

# St. James Catholic Church

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

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December 31, 2017 - Feast of the Holy Family

## *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. - Friday 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

Guadalupeans  
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

### Feast of the Holy Family

#### *Many New Faces in the Church!*

*This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It is very appropriate to reflect on the importance of families today.*

*Family is the basic unit of any society. A family's influence is unfathomable whether people realize and accepted it or not. A family is the source and nourishment of what is most precious in each person. It is said that people do not start to appreciate family until either they have lost it or they are away from it. This is very well substantiated by the words of the prodigal son, "When he came to his senses, he said, how many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death. . . ." (Lk. 15: 17). When he said this there was something more than food and servants in his mind. It was the right formation he was given, and the pleasant experiences he had in his family. To understand this lesson, he had to wait until he was identified himself with pigs!*

*For a healthy society and Church, families must be protected and fostered. A family is the first source of faith, hope, and love. It is the center where we are enabled to trust and be trusted, to forgive and to be forgiven, to share and to be shared with, to know God and to be known to Him. When a family fulfills this role, it becomes the dwelling place of God. Selfishness and infidelity slowly eat up the foundation of families.*

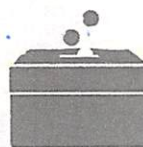
*I was wondering, why there were many new people in the church, participating in different liturgical ceremonies and Christmas related activities last weekend. I talked to some of the visitors, and realized that most of them were joining their families in Beeville from distant places on this Christmas season. Yes, family is still something that pulls humans together. There is no other institution in our society to surpass its influence.*

*Let the Holy Family inspire our families.*

*Have a blessed week.*

*Fr. Paul*

## WEEKLY COLLECTION



December 24, 2017

Envelope collection	\$1,449.83
Loose collection	\$ 803.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,253.45</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS



### 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  
 + Maria Casarez Garcia by David Mendoza

### Sunday, Dec. 31

7:30 AM + Maria C. Espinosa by Servantes Family  
 + Nick Carabajal by Lupe Carabajal  
 + Maria Salinas Ybarra by Lupe Carabajal  
 10:00 AM+ Hector Arrizola by his Wife  
 + Adelita V. Salazar by David Mendoza & Family  
 + Tomasa Benevidez by Teodora Galvan & Family

### Monday, Jan 1

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Tuesday, Jan 2

5:30 PM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Wednesday, Jan 3

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Thursday, Jan 4

5:30 PM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Friday, Jan 5

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

### Saturday, Jan 6

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

6:00 PM + Delia Cuellar & Vicente Vela by Lucille Garcia  
 + Londa Trial by Paul Trial  
 + Ofelia G. Garcia by M/M Joe Gonzales

### Sunday, Jan 7

7:30 AM + M/M Frank B. Maldonado by the Maldonado Family  
 + Mauro & Ricarda Lugo  
 + Josecito Gonzales  
 10:00 AM+ For The People of the Parish

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2018

May God bless us all.

### LECTORS

Saturday, December 30  
 6:00 PM Lisa Blanton

Sunday, December 31  
 7:30 AM Rosario Cruz

10:00 AM Angie Garcia

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 30  
 6:00 PM Salvador Andrade  
 Susana Moron

Sunday, December 31  
 7:30 AM Juanita Cruz  
 Gilbert Gonzales

10:00 AM Adam Duran  
 Juanita Duran

### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 30  
 6:00 PM Charles Elizalde

Sunday, December 31  
 7:30 AM Serena Garza

10:00 AM Brandon Guerrero

## 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, Genevieve 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, Crystal Arciba, Francisco Trevino, Juanita L. Martinez, and to all at Christus Spohn.

Please call the office to add or to remove names from the prayer list.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CHRISTMAS 2017

Fr. Paul the pastor, wants to thank everybody who cooperated to make this year's Christmas celebration very colorful and successful.

### 2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY

Envelopes are at the back of the Church for Parishioners to pick up. Someone in the candle room will help you locate your envelopes. If you do not find your envelopes, please call the office.

### 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.

JANUARY 1, 2018 IS NOT A DAY OF OBLIGATION IN THE USA.

## AUDITORS

### 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

Amy Gonzales, Diana Barrera

### Team III, Sunday, January 28

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita



### ASENATH WIFE OF JOSEPH

Genesis 41: 28- 57

Asenath is mentioned in Genesis as "the daughter of Poti-phaera". She was a non-Israelite and was married to Joseph son of Jacob in Egypt.

Joseph while in Egypt was accused of raping the wife of king Pharaoh, and was imprisoned. It was a false accusation. In prison he had great reputation. He was innately sensitive to the minds of other people, and this made him good at interpreting dreams.

Once, Pharaoh had a frightening dream. Joseph was called in to help the king. Pharaoh listened to Joseph's interpretation of his dream. He brought a fresh perspective to it. It was about the ups and downs that might occur in the economy of Egypt. Having pleased Pharaoh took him to his service; he became increasingly trusted with running the country. The king gave Joseph an Egyptian wife of great reputation.

The young woman chosen was Asenath, an aristocratic Egyptian. She was the daughter of Poti-phaera, a priest of 'On' a religious center. She was literate and well-educated. Though she was an Egyptian Joseph was not influenced by her pagan practices and traditions. He stayed faithful to Yahweh.

Asenath gave birth to two sons called Manasseh and Ephraim. The former means 'God has made me forget all my hardship and my entire father's house', and the latter, 'God has made me fruitful in the land of my misfortunes'. Both these names are Joseph's point of view, not Asenath's. This shows that Joseph was the dominant partner in their marriage. He brought the children up in his traditions and religious practices.

When the children were born to Asenath the Egyptian economy was booming. It was 'a land of plenty'. But eventually things changed. As Joseph predicted, Egypt's economy began to fail. But they were wise enough to store up the country's resources against future trouble. Because of Joseph's foresight, the people did not starve, and as the wife of Joseph Asenath's position in society became stronger than before.

Eventually Joseph brought the whole of his extended family to Egypt. The response of Asenath to this massive immigration is not recorded.

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



A mouse died and went to heaven. God asked it, "How do you like it so far?" The mouse replied, "it's great, but can I get a pair of roller skates?" God said, 'Sure', and it was granted. The next day God saw a cat and asked him, "How do you like it up here so far?" And the cat replied, "Great, I didn't know you had meals on wheels up here!"