

St. James Catholic Church

A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi

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January 14, 2018 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Expert PR!

Once, while walking through the streets in Beeville, two college girls greeted me. They introduced themselves as the members of a particular Pentecostal Christian Church. They were polite and gentle; and were commissioned by their community to spread the Good News by visiting the neighborhood. I used to see them going around on bicycles, and knocking at the doors, and chatting with the families. I asked them, "Aren't you afraid that the families will not welcome you if you tried to visit them without a prior appointment? Don't your peers discourage you from doing this?" They answered, "We are proud of doing this. On the whole, people welcome us, and they listen to us, even if they may not accept what we share with them. After two or three visits we succeed in establishing some kind of relationship with the family, and eventually they get interested in what we tell them." At the end, I said, "As a Catholic priest, I am challenged by you. God bless you."

As they went away, these verses came to my mind, "And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14)

In today's Gospel, John introduces us to Andrew, who is an expert in establishing relationships and bringing people to Jesus. John mentions Andrew three times in his Gospel. It was Andrew who introduced Peter to Jesus. Jesus looked at Peter and proclaimed him as the rock of the Church and afterwards as the leader of the Apostles (1:40). Then, he brought to Jesus the boy with five loaves (6:8). This led to a miracle of great significance. Finally, he brought some Greeks, and Jesus used this occasion to teach the people how he was going to fulfill his mission (12:20 - 22).

We are all missionaries. Let us try to bring others to Jesus through our personal relationships. For this, we have to first 'go and see' Jesus (John 1:39-41), and establish a warm and true relationship with Him.

Have a blessed week.
Fr. Paul

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M. Friday
January 19, 2018



LECTORS

Saturday, January 13
6:00 PM Lisa Banton

Sunday, January 14
7:30 AM Rosario Cruz
10:00 AM Yolanda Maldonado

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 13
6:00 PM Joe Gomez
Albert Garces

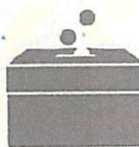
Sunday, January 14
7:30 AM Manuel & Shirley Martinez
10:00 AM Martha Cuellar
Janie Maldonado

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 13
6:00 PM Charles Elizalde

Sunday, January 14
7:30 AM Ryan Martinez
10:00 AM Alizabeth Martinez
Theresa Hernandez

WEEKLY COLLECTION



January 7, 2017

Envelope collection \$1,742.03
Loose collection \$ 405.52
Total \$2,147.55

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 13

7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial
+ John and Nancy Simonson
By Elizabeth Simonson
6:00 PM + Delia Arriola by Paul and Debbie Heard
+ Ofelia G. Garcia by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gonzales
+ Londa Trial by Paul Trial

Sunday, January 14

7:30 AM + Jimmy Castillo by Family
+ Dionicio Garces in Memory of his Anniversary
10:00 AM + Hector Arrisola in Memory of his 1st
Anniversary by Norma Arrisola and Children

Monday, January 15

7:00 AM + Jesusa Trevino by Mr & Mrs. Robert Trevino
& Family

Saturday, January 20

6:00 PM + Ofelia G. Garcia by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gonzales
+ Belia Garza by Family
+ Emilia Silvas by Elida Martinez

Sunday, January 21

7:30 AM + Isidro Cruz by Family
10:00 AM + Adelita V. Salazar by David Mendoza
& Family

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Jose & Elida Hernandez
By Luis Hernandez

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.

AUDITORS

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

Team IV, Sunday, February 4

Juanita Martinez, Teodora Galvan, & Virginia Quintanilla

Team V, Sunday, February 11

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

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, Denise 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, 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



CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

As Juanita Martinez is not working in the office anymore, we are forced to make some changes in the office hours. The office will be closed on Mondays beginning on Monday January 15. Office hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday and 1:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. will be lunch hour.

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 27, 28, FEBRUARY 3 AND 4

Fr. Paul, our Pastor, will be away for two weeks. We were not able to find a priest to celebrate the weekend masses. In his absence, mass schedule will be as follows: there will not be any weekday masses from January 28th to February 9th. There will not be a 7:30 a.m. Mass on February 4th. On January 28th and February 4th, the 10:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Sorry for the inconvenience.

PROJECT ANDREW DINNER

Please see the Bulletin Insert for more information.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There is a suggestion that a Children's Choir will facilitate the participation and involvement of parishioners, especially that of youth and children, in parish activities primarily in liturgy. So, there is a plan to form a Children's Choir in our Parish. Your cooperation is requested. Please see the bulletin insert for details.



COZBI A MIDIANITE TEMPTRESS

Israelites were on the way to Canaan the Promised Land. They approached the territory of Midian, and on their arrival Balak the king was frightened. He sought the advice of the chief priest Balaam who cursed Israelites. But God intervened for them. The more Balaam cursed Israelites the more God blessed them. The priest was not willing to yield. He suggested another heinous plan. It was to send some Midianite beautiful women to the outskirts of Israelites' camp so that they would seduce their men, and induce them to worship their idols. (Num. 31: 15, 16). The reasoning of Balaam was that a displeased God would revoke the threat to Midian, and punish the unfaithfulness among the chosen ones. The King gave orders to carry out the plot.

Many young women were sent to the border of the camp. Israelite men were attracted to those pagan women and committed harlotry with them. They disowned their God. "They ate and bowed down to their (pagan) gods." (Num. 25:1,2) Consequently God sent a plague into the camp of Israel, killing a total of twenty-four thousand offenders.

Cozbi, the daughter of an influential chieftain of Midianites was one of the women sent to seduce Israelite men. She cast a spell over Zimri, who was the son of Salu, a leader in the tribe of Simeon. He brought Cozbi the pagan temptress into the Israelite camp and cohabited. He couldn't have chosen a worse time to bring her home. The Israelites were in deep mourning for their dead, and vehement about pleasing God.

They saw Zimri bringing Cozbi into camp, and it was a sign of contempt for God and defiance of Moses' leadership. The judges were hesitant to pass sentence on Zimri and Cozbi because both of them hailed from very influential families. But, God commanded that all the guilty leaders should be hanged in the sun. The sentence was not executed.

The Bible says, "When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand, and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through the body. So the plague on the sons of Israel was checked...." (Num. 25:6-9, 1 Cor. 10:8.)

God does not want us to fall into the role of Cozbi, and cause others to sin.

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



Once a husband said to his wife; "How can you be so stupid and so beautiful at the same time?"
The wife replied, "God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; He made me stupid so I'd be attracted to you!"

LET US FORM A CHILDREN'S CHOIR



St. James Catholic parish is excited to announce that we are planning to form a Children's Choir. All children are requested to participate in it.

A choir is a team with a common goal; the qualities of promptness, self-control, cooperation, and commitment must be developed in choir members if the group is to accomplish its purpose of praising the Lord.

This choir, we hope, will be an integral part of the congregational worship of St. James parish. It needs commitment from parents and children, as well as the willingness to practice regularly.

Those who want to be a part of this ministry are welcome. Please register below.

- **Rehearsals will be held at 10 am every Saturday in the parish hall beginning February 3, 2018.**
- **Registration deadline is SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORM

By completing this form, the parent/guardian is agreeing to support this effort, and to send their child/children for practice regularly.

Child's Name : _____ Child's Grade : _____

Parent/Guardian's Name : _____ Signature : _____

Parent's Phone Numbers: Cell: _____ Land: _____

PROJECT ANDREW



Project Andrew is a great opportunity to learn more about the life Christ desires each one of us to live. This evening is for **men ages 16 and over**—those in college or working are encouraged to attend. During this "no pressure" setting you will be with other young men who are curious about how Our Lord calls ordinary men to live an extraordinary life. The evening is not about pressuring you to become a priest, but discovering how God calls everyone to a vocation. Even if you are dating, you will better understand how to listen to what Christ is asking you to do with your life.

A participant said this about Project Andrew: "In high school our modern culture tells us not to even look at the priesthood as an option. But in reality God wants us to discern our vocation between many possibilities, not just marriage. This is where Project Andrew helped open my heart, and begin looking at a possible vocation to the priesthood. I saw there were many other guys my age that were open to looking into this. It also provided a great time to ask the bishop questions. It mostly inspired me to continue to grow in my prayer life, because through prayer, God can let us know if we are called.

You will get to meet, eat, and pray with Bishop Mulvey as well as other priests. Project Andrew includes a dinner and time for questions. The event is free and will be held at

Saint Pius X Catholic Church – Youth Hall
(5620 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78412)
Jan. 26, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Please RSVP by Jan. 22, 2018.

Email EBalderas@diocesecc.org or call (361) 882-6191, ext. 657.



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"God does not call the equipped, he equips the called."