

# St. James Catholic Church

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

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February 4, 2018 - Fifth 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

Tues. - Fri. 10:00 AM - 3:00 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

### *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### **Healed to Serve**

Healing is a blessing from God; it may be physical, spiritual, emotional, etc. Any healing is to serve the community and to glorify God.

In his public life Jesus restored the health of many. They were men and women, rich and poor, young and old, powerful and less powerful, gentiles and chosen ones. It was obvious that Jesus always expected a positive response from the sick who received blessings from him. Hence his question to the leper who was cured, and who returned to express his gratitude, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

One evening after having been exhausted with the day's hard work, Jesus and his companions went to the house of Peter's mother-in-law. They wanted to rest for a while, and to eat something. Unfortunately, the hostess was bedridden; she was unable to prepare any food for them, but Jesus healed her and infused full strength into her; enabling her to serve her guests. Generally, after recovering one has the right and the need for a period of rest; but Peter's mother-in-law at once became energetic and full of health. The Gospel says she immediately took her apron and prepared food for Jesus and the other guests. Thus, the healed woman expressed her gratitude for her restored health; she served God and people with a renewed strength.

We never learn this mother-in-law's name; she was an ordinary woman whose faith was not even mentioned in regard to her healing. Yet, this will be the first of many passages in Mark that makes a woman a model of discipleship. The response is the one Jesus is looking for in all of us; the healed got up and served others.

Perhaps influenced by his mother-in-law, Peter exhorted, "If anyone ministers [serves], let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11).

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul

## **Mass Schedule Feb. 3 & 4**

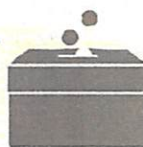
Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass

**7:30 A.M. NO MASS**

**Feb. 4, 2018 at 11 a.m.**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION



January 28, 2017

Envelope collection \$1,034.85

Loose collection \$ 346.24

Second collection 146.05

Total \$1,527.14

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Saturday, February 3

6:00 PM + Enrique Garcia by Paredez Family  
+ Yolanda Trevino Narvaez for Her 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Trevino & Family

### Sunday, February 4

11:00 AM + Delia Arriola by Paul & Debbie Heard  
+ Gilbert T. Cardenas, Sr. in Memory of  
His Birthday by Sons and Daughters  
+ Paul P. Mendoza by David Mendoza  
+ Yolanda T. Narvaez by Mr. & Mrs. Robert  
Trevino and Family

### Saturday, February 10

6:00 PM + Richard Ruiz, Sr. by Family  
+ Merle & Therese Simonson by Family

### Sunday, February 11

7:30 AM + Maruo Lugo Rodriguez by Daughter & Family  
+ Filimon Lugo Rivas by Sisters & Family  
+ Guadalupe Gares on Her 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
By Her Sisters  
10:00 AM + Adelita V. Salazar by David Mendoza & Family  
+ Anna Maria Paradez by Paradez Family

## 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 IV, Sunday, February 4

Juanita Martinez, Teodora Galvan, & Virginia Quintanilla

### Team V, Sunday, February 11

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

### Team I, Sunday, February 18

Janie Maldonado, Sylvia Holmes, & Alice Sanchez

### Team II, Sunday, February 25

Amy Gonzales, Diana Barrera

### Team III, Sunday, January 28

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

### LECTORS

Saturday, February 3

6:00 PM Salvador Andrade

Sunday, February 4

7:30 AM NO MASS

11:00 AM Janie Maldonado

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 3

6:00 PM Adam Duran

Juanita Duran

Sunday, February 4

7:30 AM NO MASS

11:00 AM Martha Cuellar

Luis Hernandez

### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 3

6:00 PM Alizabeth Martinez

Krislynn Cuellar

Sunday, February 4

7:30 AM NO MASS

11:00 AM Brandon Guerrero

Theresa Hernandez



## 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, 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, Patricia Servantes, Raul Maldonado, Sr. and to all at Christus Spohn.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CCE CLASS TIME CHANGE

CCE class time is being changed to 10:00 A.M. for Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. This is only for one Sunday.

### 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 Choir in our Parish. Your cooperation is requested. Please contact Leticia Pena for details.

### SECOND COLLECTION

A Second Collection is scheduled for Sunday, January 28 after all masses. Money collected is for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity is appreciated.

### REPLACE ALTAR VESSELS AND OTHER ITEMS

If any Parishioner is able to donate towards the purchase of any of the Altar Vessels, cost information will be provided soon.

### DISCUSSION ON THE LETTER TO PHILEMON

The discussion on the letter to Philemon will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday February 16, 2018.

### PASTORAL PLAN UPDATE

There will be a Town Hall meeting on the Pastoral Plan at St. Joseph Church on Monday, February 19 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit the website at [www.diocesecc.org/pastoralplan](http://www.diocesecc.org/pastoralplan).

### DRE AND TEACHERS MEETING

A meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. for all the CCE teachers. Please read the handout on "Teachers' Spirituality". It will be discussed in the meeting.



### DEBORAH

A JUDGE AND A PROPHETESS

Judges 4: 3-5

Deborah lived in the time when the Jewish people had not yet become united under one king. The neighboring nations often took advantage of this fact, making trouble for one tribe or the other. It happened whenever people were unfaithful to the Lord. This resulted in the cruel oppression from outside. Then they would cry out to God and return to Him. Then God sent them a great leader who delivered them from the oppression, and who taught them to keep Lord's ways. These leaders are called judges. This cycle continued in their history.

At the time of Deborah the cruel Canaanite King Jabin of Hazor mercilessly oppressed the Jews. He had a brutal general named Sisera. When the Jews could stand it no longer, they cried out to God for a deliverer.

Deborah and Lapidoth a Jewish couple remained loyal and true to Judaism. She had great rapport with the public. She always encouraged and lifted them out of their despair. God told Deborah to free his people from the oppression of Jabin and Sisera. So she sent for Barak the son of Abinoam asking him to head the Jewish army. Barak accepted her plan on condition that she would accompany the army.

Battle started. The enemies were over confident of victory. At the beginning everything was in favor of them. But suddenly Sisera's army was thrown into confusion. Having terrified they fled in all directions. He also took to his heels and fled to a house, where he intended to hide.

This was the home of Heber the Kenite. Heber had been on good terms with Jabin the oppressor. Sisera felt safe there. But Jael, the wife of Heber, decided to punish him for the cruelty Israelites were shown. She tiptoed into the room where Sisera had fallen asleep, and killed him. Barak came in search of Sisera. Then Jael exclaimed, "Come in, and I will show you the man you are seeking!"

Deborah returned to her abode in the mountain of Ephraim, and composed a beautiful poem about the battle. This song is considered second only to the song of Moses. In it she rebukes those who were slow to join in the battle against the enemy. She describes in it the terrible battle, and the wonderful miracles that helped Israel to victory. Also she praised the braveness of Jael who killed Sisera.

For twenty years the Jews lived in peace under the guardianship of Deborah and Barak.

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



A lady while making church announcement: There will be a discussion in May as to how we might raise funds for the new carpet. All who wish to do something on the carpet should come forward and do so now.