

St. James Catholic Church

A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi

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February 25, 2018 - Second Sunday of Lent

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

Parish Secretary
Juanita Cruz

Director of
Religious Education
Maggie Garces

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 of Lent

"I don't believe in that God!"

Once a seminarian announced to the professor, "I don't believe in God!" The professor, unraveled, replied, "Describe this God you don't believe in." The seminarian portrayed the unloving and vengeful God of his understanding. The young man narrated some of the tragedies of his personal life and that of his friends. Having listened to his student, the professor confessed, "I don't believe in that God either. My God is a God of love."

After three years of public ministry Jesus had a lot of followers. They were attracted by the miracles he wrought and the great preaching he did. Christ's disciples were always with him: they did everything together; eating, praying, sharing jokes, fishing, visiting neighbors, attending parties and funerals and etc. The disciples' responses to Jesus' teaching varied, but their response to Jesus as a suffering Messiah was the same. No one wanted to accept that Jesus was going to be crucified. Peter vehemently opposed to it (Mark 8:31-38); Jesus had no choice but to undergo persecution as part of his redemptive act.

The disciples were humans, too. So, Jesus decided to give them a personal experience to reassure them of his persecution and Messiahship. Hence, Jesus' transfiguration in the presence of the core group of the disciples-Peter, James and John. They witnessed Jesus' glory for a fraction of a second, and there was a voice from God the Father: "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!" This experience convinced the trio of Jesus' Messiahship.

As a human, Jesus also needed an assurance from his Father that the suffering he had to undergo had His approval. The assurance for Jesus was that he was loved by his Father. The feeling of being loved by God the Father is the biggest encouragement for us also to follow Jesus. So, it was for the disciples, too.

We are called to give this feeling of love to others. Through the radiance of this love we can transfigure the whole world starting with the people around us.

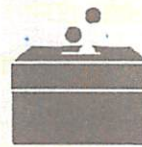
"I understood that to become a saint one had to suffer much, seek out always the most perfect thing to do, and forget self." St. Therese of Lisieux

Have a blessed week.
Fr. Paul

LENTEN MISSION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

Preacher: Fr. Pedro T. Elizardo, Jr.
Mass at 6:00 P.M.; followed by Mission
Reconciliation: 7:30 PM
Refreshments served

WEEKLY COLLECTION



February 18, 2017

Envelope collection	\$1,612.73
Loose collection	\$ 527.05
Total	\$2,139.78

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 24

6:00 PM + Cristobal Salazar, Sr. by Eva Salazar
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Sunday, February 25

7:30 AM + Dionicio & Herminia Garces on Their Wedding Anniversary by Daughters
+ Isidro Cruz by Family
10:00 AM + Raymond Vasquez
By St. James Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 2

6:00 PM + Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 3

6:00 PM + Paul P. Mendoza by David Mendoza

Sunday, March 4

7:30 AM + Federico Ruiz by Family
+ Raymond Vasquez by St. James Cursillistas
+ Herlinda Castaneda Hernandez by son Ivan Garza
10:00 AM + Delia Arriola in Memory of 1st Anniversary by Paul & Debbie Heard
+ Lucio Pena by Pena Family
+ Herlinda Castaneda Hernandez by son Ivan Garza
+ Emiliano Gonzales on his 23rd Anniversary by Dominga Gonzales & Children

AUDITORS

Team II, Sunday, February 25

Amy Gonzales, Diana Barrera

Team III, Sunday, March 4

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

Team IV, Sunday, March 11

Juanita Martinez, Teodora Galvan, & Virginia Quintanilla

Team V, Sunday, March 18

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

Team I, Sunday, March 25

Janie Maldonado, Sylvia Holmes, & Alice Sanchez

LECTORS

Saturday, February 24
6:00 PM Lisa Blanton

Sunday, February 25
7:30 AM Elfida Garcia

10:00 AM Juan Jimenez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 24
6:00 PM Luis Hernandez
Domingo Castillo

Sunday, February 25
7:30 AM Manuel Martinez
Shirley Martinez

10:00 AM Yolanda Maldonado
Susana Moron

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 24
6:00 PM Alizabeth Martinez
Krislynn Cuellar

Sunday, February 25
7:30 AM Ryan Martinez

10:00 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, 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, 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



BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

A video will be shown about the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. Envelopes will be distributed. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this year's Appeal.

ROSARY AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Rosary is scheduled every Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM.

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.

FULLNESS OF TRUTH

You are invited to an Event entitled "Destination Heaven Reaching from Daily Crosses for His Saving Hand" at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi on February 24-25. See the insert for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th for the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity is appreciated.

LENTEN MISSION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Fr. Pedro T. Elizardo, Jr. will celebrate Mass at 6:00 P.M. then will preach at 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Priests will be available for reconciliation.

FAITH MINISTRY MEETING

Faith Ministry will meet Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Every Friday — Rosary at 6:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross 6:30 P.M.**



Elisheba Wife of Aaron

"Aaron married Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar." (Ex. 6:23)

Elisheba lived in the approximate time period of 1500 B.C. It was when Moses was about to lead the nation of Israel out of Egypt. Like many women of the bible, she also is known by her family ties only.

Elisheba came from a prominent family; her brother Naashon was a prince of the tribe of Judah. By marrying Aaron she united the tribe of Judah with the tribe of Levi, because Aaron belonged to the tribe of Levi. The Lord said to Moses, "Bring the tribe of Levi and present them to Aaron the priest to assist him. They are to perform duties for him and for the whole community at the Tent of Meeting by doing the work of the tabernacle." Num. (3: 5-7)

Through her sons Eleazar and Ithamar she became the ancestress of the entire Levitical priesthood. While the Temple was active the wives and mothers of High Priests were very wealthy and socially influential.

Besides, Elisheba had an added advantage. She was the wife of Aaron the spokesperson of Moses who was a timid speaker. Aaron was well loved by the Israelite community. But the sons Nadab and Abihu were tragically lost when they attempted to make an offering to the Lord in an unauthorized manner. They did not properly follow the instructions for the offering of incense. They might have attempted to incorporate pagan rituals into their worship. They could also be drunk. It is possible that they might have been ambitious, such as promoting themselves over their father, the High Priest. Any way, when they offered the unauthorized fire before the Lord, the fire flamed out and consumed them. (Levi. 10:1-2)

The other two Eleazar and Ithamar made their mother proud. They served as priests during their father's lifetime. When Aaron died, Eleazar became High Priest in his place. (Num. 20:28-29) Ithamar was in charge of all the Levites who were descendants of Levi. They took care of the religious duties of Israel and the care of the tabernacle.

Elisheba was one of the numerous women who honored their husbands, raised their children and triumphed over unimaginable heartaches.

The meaning of the Hebrew word Elisheba: "my God has sworn" or "God is an oath" or "my God is my oath."

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



'May I ask a question?' Ben asked. Of course, go ahead, ask your question,' replied the Rabbi. 'Well, the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea,' continued Ben, 'also that the children of Israel built the temple, the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?'