

St. James Catholic Church

A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi

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April 8, 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter

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 Easter

A Heart Willing to Suffer for Others

Jean Valjean is the central character of the French novel "Les Miserables". Jean was arrested and sentenced to nineteen years in prison for stealing a loaf of bread, and for attempting to escape from the prison. Having completed his term, he was released. He arrived at his hometown with great expectation, but nobody welcomed him. Desperate, Jean knocked at the door of Monsignor Myriel, the local bishop. The bishop treated him with great kindness. Surprisingly, Jean returned this kindness stealing the Bishop's costly silverware. Police arrested Jean again, and he was brought to the Bishop's residence for identification. With a smile on his face the Monsignor told the officers that the silverware was a gift to Valjean. Turning to Jean the Bishop said, "You took the silverware that I gave you; why did you leave behind the candle sticks?" The police had to go back without arresting Jean.

Bishop Myriel persuaded Jean to promise that he would become an honest man. He tried to keep the promise. Jean invented an ingenious manufacturing process which made the town prosperous. Eventually, he became the mayor of the town, too. Imprisonment failed to change Jean, but an undeserved act of mercy transformed him into an honest and respectable person. This is the power of mercy.

The word mercy originates from the Latin word, *misericordia*, meaning suffering and heart. It signifies a heart willing to suffer for others. Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This was a favorite devotion of St. Sr. Faustina. Pope John Paul II was also an ardent advocate of this devotion. While canonizing Sr. Faustina the Pope said that he encouraged this devotion so that people would know better the true face of God and the true face of their neighbors.

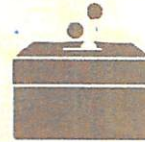
The purpose of the Divine Mercy devotion is to make people trust Jesus more, and to be more merciful to their fellow beings. Unfortunately, today this special devotion is understood as a means to obtain some personal favors. Let us restore the true spirit of Divine Mercy by being more merciful, and by trying to transform the world into a place of love and peace.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul

St. James Knights of Columbus are hosting a Spring Raffle on Sunday, April 15th after 10:00 AM mass. The prizes are: 1st Prize, a homemade wood BBQ/Bar and Grill; 2nd Prize, 8ft. Wood Picnic Table and 3rd Prize, a 6 ft. Wood Picnic Table. Tickets will be available outside the Church after 10:00 AM mass or see a member of the Knights. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY COLLECTION



April 1, 2018

Envelope collection	\$1,575.43
Loose collection	\$ 446.05
Total	\$2,021.48

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 7

- 7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial
- 6:00 PM + Delia Arriola by Paul & Debbie Heard
- + Paul P. Mendoza by David Mendoza
- + Jesusa Andrade by Family
- + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

Sunday, April 8

- 7:30 AM + Frank B. & Fermana Maldonado by Maldonado Family
- + Pioquinto & Maria Martinez by Manuel & Shirley Martinez
- + Alcario Gonzales by Juan Gonzales
- + Asuncion Rodriguez in Memory of her 1st Anniversary By Juan Gonzales
- + Gerterdus Garza in Memory of her 16th Anniversary By Daniel & Dora Loya
- 10:00 AM + Jose Hernandez by Luis Hernandez
- + Pedro Espinosa by Family
- + Lucio, Ray & Hector Pena by Family
- + Norma Alaniz in Memory of her 3rd Anniversary By Family
- + Rosa Orozco by Family

Saturday, April 14

- 7:00 AM + Londa Trial by Paul Trial
- 6:00 PM + Sophie G. Espinosa by Family
- + Daniel Baltazar by Eugenia Carrizales
- + Mary Ann Soliz by Family
- + Londa Trial by Paul Trial

Sunday, April 15

- 7:30 AM + Abundio & Sofia Lopez by Manuel & Shirley Martinez
- + Armando & Rudy Martinez By Manuel & Shirley Martinez
- 10:00 AM + Jose Hernandez by Luis Hernandez
- + Jesusa Gutierrez by Garces & Gutierrez Family
- + Matilde Reyes in Memory of her Anniversary By Son Charlie Rodriguez
- + Anita T. Perez by Dora Gonzales

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.

CHURCH SIGN

We will be putting a sign with St. James Church information at the corner of Hwy 59 and Alta Vista. If anyone would like to make a donation toward the expense, please go to the office.

LECTORS

Saturday, April 7
6:00 PM Salvador Andrade

Sunday, April 8
7:30 AM Angie Garcia

10:00 AM Albert Garces

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 7
6:00 PM Adam & Juanita Duran

Sunday, April 8
7:30 AM Susana Martinez
Juanita Cruz

10:00 AM Joe Gomez
Domingo Castillo

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 7
6:00 PM Brandon Guerrero
Krislynn Cuellar

Sunday, April 8
7:30 AM Daniel Hinojosa

10:00 AM Brandon Guerrero
Theresa Hernandez

PRAY FOR THE SICK



With caring and compassion, we pray for:

Jewelina Beth Gonzalez, 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, Domingo Garcia, Laurie Lawrence, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Josefa Aleman, Crystal Arciba, Francisco Trevino, Juanita L. Martinez, Patricia Servantes, Raul Maldonado, Sr., Sylvia Longoria and to all at Christus Spohn.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY

The Diocese wants to hear everyone's voice as it creates a plan for our collective future. Could you take 5 minutes to complete the short online planning survey? The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DioCC-Plan> for English and <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DioCC-Plan/Sp> for Spanish. Please share the survey link with 5 Catholics you know.

YOUTH IN CHRIST FOCUS GROUP

Youth and young adults ages 16-29 years old are invited to meet with Bishop Mulvey to talk about the upcoming Synod on Youth and to hear their thoughts and concerns about the Church and young adults on Monday, April 9th from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Newman Center. The Newman Center is located at 3905 Charco Road, across from Coastal Bend College. Food and drinks will be provided.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled in the CCE Building at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT FOR MEN

A retreat for men will be held on April 12-15. Please see Bulletin insert for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting is scheduled of the Parish Council in the CCE Building at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

DISCUSSION ON THE BOOK OF AMOS

There will be a discussion on the Book of Prophet Amos on Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 PM in the CCE Building. Anybody can participate in it. Please read the book of Amos beforehand, and bring the Bible when you go to participate in the sharing session.

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

We encourage that altar candles are lighted 15 minutes before mass unless there is a special occasion.

QUINCINERA RETREATS

Quincinera Retreats are scheduled for 2018-2019. Please check the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for information.

AUDITORS

Team III, Sunday, April 8

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

Team IV, Sunday, April 15

Juanita Martinez, Teodora Galvan, & Virginia Quintanilla

Team V, Sunday, April 22

Elida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

Team I, Sunday, April 29

Janie Maldonado, Sylvia Holmes, & Alice Sanchez

Team II, Sunday, May 6

Amy Gonzales, Diana Barrera



Hagar the Handmaid of Sarah

The story of Hagar (Genesis) took place between 2000 and 1550 B.C. When Abraham married Sarah, Pharaoh gave him Hagar an Egyptian slave girl as a bride-price. (12:10-20) Being a foreigner Hagar was always a disadvantaged woman among the slaves though she hailed from a sophisticated society.

Since Sarah was barren, and it was socially acceptable she decided to offer Abraham Hagar as a surrogate. The child born to her would belong to Sarah. (16:1-6). Hagar conceived a baby. But since pregnancy something went wrong in their relationship.

Sarah insisted that Hagar should be sent to the wilderness. Abraham was helpless, and obliged. Hagar fled to the desert. Pregnant, she headed south to get back to her family in Egypt. (16:7-16) Alone it was a failed attempt. Exhausted, as she stopped at a spring of water an 'angel' appeared asking her to return to Sarah, and have her baby among the Hebrews. The angel promised that the baby would be a child of great future. So she returned to the tribe thinking, she had a purpose in life.

Isaac was born to Abraham after fourteen years. Until then Hagar's son Ishmael was Abraham's son and heir. (21:1-7) But the new baby upset the balance of power, and the problem resurfaced.

The question was who would be Abraham's heir, Isaac or Ishmael? Sarah considered Ishmael a threat to Isaac. The old enmity between the two reappeared. Hagar lost in the power struggle. Sarah insisted that Hagar and Ishmael be sent away from the tribe, and unwillingly Abraham had to do it. The mother with the boy was sent into the desert with a gift of bread, the food staple, and a skin of water, a symbol of life, and a warning to the servants not touch them.

Hagar and Ishmael set out the deadly journey; soon they used up the supply of water. Hagar searched desperately for more water but found none, and saw her son begin to die of thirst. She had nothing to do except place him in the shade of a bush, and wait. (21:15-21)

Having lifted up her voice God responded. Immediately she saw a well of fresh water. She gently coaxed water through the boy's lips. They continued on their journey relying on God. In the wilderness of Paran the boy grew up to marriageable age, and Hagar found a wife from her own people, not from the people of his father.

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



Three girls at interval: First one: "My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a song and they pay him 50 bucks." Second one: "Oh, yah. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a poem and they pay him 100 bucks." Third one: "That's nothing, my dad scribbles a few words, calls it a sermon, and it takes six people to collect all the money!"

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

RETREAT for MEN

April 12-15, 2018

Thursday 5:30pm - Sunday 1:30pm



What to expect...

- ◆ *Quiet time with God*
- ◆ *Prayer, rest and relaxation*
- ◆ *Inspiring Talks by OLCC retreat master*
- ◆ *Private Room & Home cooked meals*

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES of St. Ignatius

ENCOUNTER JESUS -- LISTEN

GOD'S GRACE AND THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES:

1. FOCUS ON JESUS KNOW, LOVE, & SERVE HIM
2. GOD IS MERCY AND WE ARE SINNERS
3. JESUS CAME TO SAVE US FROM SIN
4. FEEL COMPASSION FOR JESUS -- THE PASSION
5. REJOICE WITH JESUS -- THE RESURRECTION
6. SEE GOD IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE

PRAY WITH JESUS DAILY - MY RELATIONSHIP

questions? Contact Brendan O'Connor at 361-813-8177
REGISTER AT WWW.DEEPPrAYER.ORG



Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat Center

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