

St. James Catholic Church

A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi

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May 6, 2018 - Sixth 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Doctor, When will I Die?"

Johnny, a nine-year old, was the younger brother of Rita, who was struggling with a serious disease. All the members of the family were on their knees praying. The surgeon told the parents, "Only a blood transfusion can help save Rita's life." The blood of every member of the family was tested. Johnny's blood alone was matching. The parents and doctor very carefully told Johnny, "A blood transfusion might save your sister. Are you ready to give her your blood?" Johnny was little shocked, but since he loved his sister, he agreed upon it. His blood was taken, and the transfusion was done. Johnny was resting when the doctor visited him. Then Johnny inquired, "Doctor, when will I die?" Johnny thought that by giving his blood he would die; he was waiting for the moment of his death!

Someone commented that a real love is dangerous. It is true. Only by a sacrificial sharing can we express Christian love which is more in giving than in taking. Now-a-days the word 'love' is used very widely and it is also abused. We are accustomed to say, "I love chocolate, I love dogs, I love my car, I love my girlfriend, I love holidays, I love Jesus, etc." The same word is used with different, and sometimes contradicting meanings. Jesus says, "Love one another, just as I have loved you." This love had a dangerous end, crucifixion. It was a total giving.

Why should we love? Today's second reading tells us, "God is love." The book of Genesis reminds us; we are created in God's image and likeness. (1:6). This is the love that Jesus put into practice; Jesus is God's Son and our elder brother. Jesus has set a model for us in loving which includes everybody, friend and foe. Wherever there is love there is joy. Jesus says, "these things I have spoken (done too) to you that my joy may be in you, ..." Let us go on loving, and make our lives joyful.

Have a blessed week.
Fr. Paul

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.

LECTORS

Saturday, May 5

6:00 PM Lisa Blanton

Sunday, May 6

7:30 AM Angie Garcia

10:00 AM Yolanda Maldonado

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 5

6:00 PM Juanita Cruz
Domingo Castillo

Sunday, May 6

7:30 AM Susana Martinez
Juanita Cruz
10:00 AM Martha Cuellar
Luis Hernandez

ALTAR SERVERS

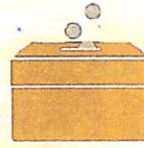
Saturday, May 5

6:00 PM Brandon Guerrero

Sunday, May 6

7:30 AM Daniel Hinojosa
10:00 AM Krislynn Cuellar
Ryan Martinez

WEEKLY COLLECTION



April 29, 2018

Envelope Collection	\$1,641.40
Second Collection	\$ 418.02
Loose collection	\$ 784.78
Total	\$2,844.20

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 5

7:00 AM

+ Londa Trial & Jeff Trial by Paul Trial

6:00 PM

+ Delia Arriola by Paul & Debbie Heard
+ Reynaldo & Beatrice Villareal in Memory of their
Wedding Anniversary by Richard & Rosalinda Espinosa
+ Paul P. Mendoza by David Mendoza
+ Londa Trial & Jeff Trial by Paul Trial

Sunday, May 6

7:30 AM

+ Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Castillo by Family
+ Frank B. & Fernana Maldonado by Maldonado Family
+ Lupita De La Rosa by Tony De La Rosa & Family

10:00 AM

+ Jose Hernandez by Luis Hernandez
+ Lucio Pena & Maria Garcia by Family
+ Rosa Orozco by Family
+ Anita T. Perez by Dora Gonzales
+ Francisco (Tony) Guerrero by Wife & Family

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.



PARISH FIESTA
November 4th, 2018



AUDITORS

Team II, Sunday, May 6

Amy Gonzales, Diana Barrera

Team III, Sunday, May 13

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

Team IV, Sunday, May 20

Juanita Martinez, Teodora Galvan, & Virginia Quintanilla

Team V, Sunday, May 27

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

Team I, Sunday, June 3

Janie Maldonado, Sylvia Holmes, & Alice Sanchez

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, 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, Eno Aleman, Roger Cano, Robert Hernandez, Nieves Cardenas, Laurie Lawrence, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Josefa Aleman, Crystal Arciba, Francisco Trevino, Juanita L. Martinez, Patricia Servantes, Raul Maldonado, Sr., Sylvia Longoria, Mary Guerrero, Alice Perez, Pete Soliz, Raymond Rorick and to all at Christus Spohn.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council at the CCE Building on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 PM.

FAITH MINISTRY MEETING

The Faith Ministry Group will be meeting on Wednesday May 9th at the CCE Building AT 7:00 PM.

MAY 13TH - MOTHER'S DAY

A Mariachi group will provide the music during 10:00 AM Mass in honor of all mothers.

SECOND COLLECTION

We will have a second collection Sunday, May 13th for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Your support of the CCC connects people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds collected remain in our diocese to support local efforts.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Assembly #1123 will be awarding two \$500 scholarships. To be eligible, you must be a graduating senior and active member of St. James Church. Please go by the office and pick up a form. Answer all questions and return the form on or before May 15th.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Faith Ministry will be showing the movie "The Gifted" on Friday, May 18th in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.

CURSILLISTAS

Cursillistas will go in procession at 7:30 AM mass on Sunday, May 20th. Please wear your red shirts.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

Those who are celebrating their birthday or wedding anniversary may come forward for the blessing now.



Jezebel the Queen 1 Kings 21:5-16.

Jezebel was a Phoenician princess in the 9th century BC who married Ahab, the prince of Israel.

At that time the nation of Israel was torn into two nations, Israel to the north and Judah to the south. Israel was racked by internal tribal differences and, subsequently, became susceptible to frequent invasions. However, they followed their faith in Yahweh, the "one and true" God for them. Phoenicia (now known as Lebanon) located to Israel's north was cosmopolitan, populous and religiously diverse.

At the beginning of the 9th century Jezebel was born to the King Ethball of Phoenicia. She grew up a well-educated liberal woman. Her family worshiped many gods, the most important being Baal. While Jezebel was growing Israel crowned a new king. As a political arrangement Ahab the son of the king of Israel married Jezebel. This turned to be a landmark in the history of Israel. After enjoying a life of luxury, Jezebel could not contain a conservative society like that of Israelite.

She had big clout with the prince her husband. She continued to worship the god Baal. This invited the displeasure of the Israelites. She brought 800 Baal prophets to Israel. She ordered the murder of several Yahweh prophets. At this Elijah, a Jewish prophet, appeared. He prophesied that there would be a terrible drought upon Israel. And the prophecy came true.

There was another story that reveals the true character of Jezebel. Her husband wanted to annex the paternal property of Naboth one of the commons of the land. He was unwilling to surrender it. This made the king sad. Jezebel interfered and confiscated it accusing him of treason. At this point, Elijah confronted King Ahab about this brutal transgression, and predicted that Ahab and all of his heirs would be killed, and that dogs will eat Jezebel. (1 Kings 18:17-40). And the prophecy also came true.

Several years later, Ahab died in a battle against the Syrians. A man named Jehu made his way to Jezebel's palace to murder her. (2 Kings 9) She appeared at the balcony of the palace seductively dressed and putting up all kinds of makeup. But in the end, in the confrontation she was thrown out of her bedroom window, trampled by horses and eaten by dogs.

Jezebel's name has been used for thousands of years to describe cunning, ruthless and reprehensible women. But there are some feminists who believe that Jezebel was "a strong, courageous, loyal woman who stands up for what she believes in... no matter what the cost."

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!

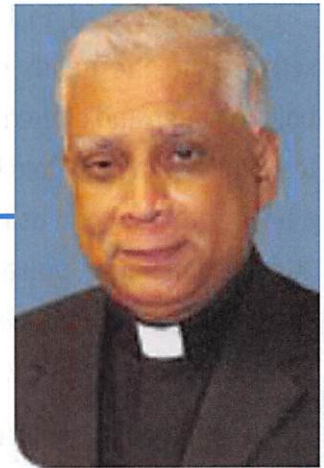


A Miami woman thief snatched a necklace from a tourist and took off. She was arrested when she returned to berate the victim over her "fake" jewelry

AN OMELET BREAKFAST AND A FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

July 22, 2016

by Father Paul Kottackal, Contributor



Father Paul Kottackal is Parochial Vicar
at St. Joseph Parish in Beeville

It has been said that St. Thomas Aquinas taught that God sought in the Eucharist, “not the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into Jesus’ body and blood, but the transformation of ourselves into Jesus’ presence.”

Recently, I was invited by an immigrant family in England to officiate at the First Holy Communion ceremony of their first child. I happily obliged, and stayed with them for three days prior to the function. The couple has two children, Ann-Rose and Albin. Ann-Rose was the communicant.

As an experienced pastor I asked Ann-Rose about the preparations she underwent to receive Holy Communion at her local parish. I asked her some questions, which I regularly ask first-time communicants. She answered them rather well. Still, I would have given her only a pass mark.

Since the moment I met these children they, especially Ann-Rose, appeared very cheerful and welcoming. She was very excited perhaps because she was going to receive Jesus. The ceremony was well-organized. Everybody was happy.

The next day being a school holiday, both kids stayed home while the parents went to work. Assuming that the children were still sleeping, I came down early to the kitchen to make a cup of tea. To my surprise, Ann-Rose was downstairs waiting for me, and she greeted me.

“Good morning uncle. You had a good sleep?” I answered yes. I was wondering, was this not the same girl whose parents struggled to rouse up from bed the previous mornings?

Having seen her mom offer me tea the previous mornings, she asked, “You want tea?”

"Yes. I am going to make a cup of tea," I answered. "No. I will make it for you," she said. "You want black tea, or with cream," she inquired. "Black," I replied. "How many bags? One or two? I know you don't use sugar," she said.

She appeared to be a very mature host sensitive to the needs of a guest. She started boiling water, and offered me a cup of strong black tea. While drinking, I told her that it was very tasty; a half-truth. As soon as I finished tea, she asked, "Uncle shall I make you an omelet?" I asked her if she knew how to make an omelet. "I have seen mom making it. I will try," she said.

In 30 minutes she served me an "omelet?". I asked her jokingly, "What shall I call this, omelet or a scrambled egg or any other name?" I think she grasped the humor, and with a smile she said, "As you like!"

I enjoyed the breakfast as if it was the best one that I had ever eaten. Having finished it, I congratulated her, "Excellent, a good job." I could see a beautiful smile of satisfaction on her face. I later learned from her parents that it was the first time that she ever made a breakfast and tea herself.

Afterwards I asked her if her mom told her to prepare the breakfast for me. She said, "No, I have seen her preparing food for guests." She added, "The teacher who prepared us for Holy

Communion taught us that once we received Jesus, we should act like him; we have to be at the service of others."

I guessed, having received First Holy Communion, Ann-Rose was making use of the first opportunity to act like Jesus, serving someone who was in need of breakfast. Is it not the same thing that Blessed Virgin Mary did as she received "First Holy Communion" at annunciation? Her first and spontaneous response was to rush to Elizabeth who was in need of help.

I regretted having given Ann-Rose only a pass mark after inquiring about her preparation for Holy Communion. I believe Ann-Rose deserved an A+ in her preparation for First Holy Communion. I was mistaken in giving her pass mark only.

This was a learning experience for me; the best preparation for First Holy Communion is not to teach children to memorize a few prayers, but to train them to act like Jesus and to be at the service of others. It is a miracle that after receiving Eucharist the recipients are transformed into Jesus.

I will forever joyfully cherish in my memory the omelet this little girl prepared for me and more importantly the lesson that I learned from her kitchen.

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