

St. James Catholic Church

A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi

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June 10, 2018 - Tenth 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

Parish Secretary
Juanita Cruz

Director of
Religious Education
Anna Castillo

Bookkeeper
Veda Lisa Blanton

Parish Council Chairman
Luis Hernandez

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 #14064
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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith is Thicker Than Blood

My first appointment after ordination was as an associate pastor in a parish which was located in a very remote village in India. From there it was not easy to visit my family. I went to my mother to tell her about the assignment, and to receive her blessing. She promised me her prayers. Her prayer, (She is no more) I believe, gives strength in my priestly life.

My mam was an excellent cook. While saying goodbye, I told her, "Mam, I may not be able to visit you as I used to do, and I am going to miss you, and especially your cooking!" She replied, "Don't worry son, you will find many mams in your new family (parish); perhaps, they will be better cooks!" She was reminding me of what Jesus said in today's gospel, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will, is my brother and sister and mother."

Jesus was addressing a crowd when his mother and other family members visited him. They sent a message that they wanted to see him. His response was apparently negative. He reminded them that he had a larger family and he was a member of that family, too; he had to attend them now. Then, Jesus called his disciples and followers his new family, not as a replacement for his biological family. This happened in a culture in which family was regarded as the highest of all institutions. Jesus was not trying to reject his natural family, but he was telling his own family members and his listeners that there was an extended family that went beyond blood relation. Those who follow him by word and deed would be the members of the new family.

In the new Christian community, the bond of spiritual relationship was more important than that of blood relationship. So, Christians are not confined to a particular biological family, but they belong to a larger 'faith family', too.

*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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION



June 3, 2018

Envelope Collection	\$1,731.40
Loose collection	\$ 562.15
Total	\$2,293.55

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 9

- 7:00 AM + Londa Trial and Jeff Trial for His Health
By Paul Trial
- 6:00 PM + Domingo Garcia by Annette and Emy Sanchez
+ Londa Trial and Jeff Trial for His Health
By Paul Trial
+ Sofia Longoria by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Garcia

Sunday, June 10

- 7:30 AM + Frank B. & Fermana Maldonado
By Maldonado Family
To Sacred Heart of Jesus in Thanksgiving for
Successful Surgery by Garces Sisters
+ Martin Villarreal by Estella Sanchez
+ Lucy Delgado by Estella Sanchez
- 10:00 AM + Jose Hernandez by Luis Hernandez
+ Sofia Longoria by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Garcia
+ Anita T. Perez by Her Sister Beatrice T. Sandoval

FREE MATERIAL

Various items and reading material are in the magazine rack located behind the double doors.

AUDITORS

Team II, Sunday, June 10

Amy Gonzales, Diana Barrera

Team III, Sunday, June 17

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

Team IV, Sunday, June 24

Juanita Martinez, Teodora Galvan, & Virginia Quintanilla

Team V, Sunday, July 1

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

Team I, Sunday, July 8

Janie Maldonado, Sylvia Holmes, & Alice Sanchez

LECTORS

Saturday, June 9

6:00 PM Lisa Blanton

Sunday, June 10

7:30 AM Rosario Cruz

10:00 AM Yolanda Maldonado

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, June 9

6:00 PM Gilbert Gonzales
Susana Moron

Sunday, June 10

7:30 AM Manuel & Shirley Martinez
10:00 AM Janie Maldonado
Martha Cuellar

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, June 9

6:00 PM Krislyn Cuellar

Sunday, June 10

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, Christopher Cardenas, Anthony Angel Cardenas, Guadalupe Benavides, Isabel Garcia, Albert Cardenas, Jr., Jim Nelson, Joe Adrian Moya, Catherine McKeown, 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, 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, Emo 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, Juanita Guerrero, Daniel Serrano, Sr., Mary Rita Serrano and to all at Christus Spohn.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING/TRAINING

A meeting is schedule for all Eucharistic Ministers and anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 14th in the CCE Building Room 6.

CYO BAKE SALE

The CYO of St. James Church will be having a bake sale after 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM masses on Sunday, June 17th outside the Church. The funds collected are going towards the cost of the Retreat to Steubenville, Louisiana.

MARIACHI MASS FOR FATHER'S DAY

Mariachi Mass for Father's Day at 10:00 AM on June 17th is sponsored by Joseph Bernal and Family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS TOWN HALL MEETING

Bishop Mulvey is inviting all religious education coordinators to a town hall meeting on Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 PM at St. Anthony Parish Hall Robstown.

NOVEMBER 4 FIESTA

A meeting is set for 7:00 PM Thursday, June 20, 2018 for all the committee members of the Fiesta Fundraiser at the CCE Building, Room 6.

CAMP ARANZAZU RETREAT IN ROCKPORT, TX. ON JUNE 25-29

A retreat at Camp Aranzazu is for young men who are enrolled in high school or who will be enrolling this fall, as well as recent graduates who want to understand their faith better, know themselves better and make new friends from all over the Diocese. For more information call (361) 882-6191.

CURSILLO RUMMAGE SALE

The Cursillistas will be accepting items (household, toys, etc.) for a rummage sale scheduled at 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 7th at the Parish Hall. For more information, please call Angie Garcia at 354-8893.

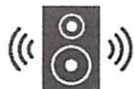
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FAITH MINISTRY

Knight of Columbus and Faith Ministry will be having a 50/50 raffle. Anyone interested in buying a ticket, please see a member of the Knights or Faith Ministry. The raffle will take place on July 1st. Please see the Bulletin Board in the back of the church for prize information.



SUPPORT NEEDED

The English Choir will be renovating the sound system. They are asking your support to purchase new equipment.



BOOK REVIEW

Name of the Book:

St. Therese of The Child Jesus

Author: J. Beevers

Publisher: St. Paul, England



Therese was born in Normantown, France on January 2, 1873. Her father was a watch and jewelry maker and her mother was a lace maker. She made the famous lace for Alencon. Therese was the ninth child of the Martin family. She By Lincoln Fernandez only had 4 sisters because the other 4 died of illness. For the first two weeks she was very sick and not expected to survive. In the early spring she was sent with a farmer's wife in the country until she was 15 months old. Therese's mother died when she was only 4 years old. After her death Mr. Martin made a decision to retire and to move to Lisieux. His brother-in-law lived there. He wanted his daughters to go [live] under his sister-in-law's influence since their mother died. In November 1877 the Martin family moved to Lisieux. Her room was her whole world. She had little statues of saints, little baskets of shells and little pets like birds. When she was 13 she goes to private lessons. Therese had a great love for God. At the age of 14, she had a concern for the great centers. She wanted to help. There was a criminal named Pranzini. He murdered 3 people already. When he was caught, he was tried and [put] to death. Therese heard of this man. She was determined to save him from hell. She prayed to God and offered him infinite merits of the Lord and treasure of our church. Therese entered the convent at the age of 15 with the permission of the Pope. She dedicated her life to the Lord and worked very hard in the convent. At the age of 23 she was very ill with tuberculosis. It lasted for a year and died at the age of 24. Therese was declared a saint by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925.

Pope Francis and St. Therese: During the press conference in the flight from Sri Lanka to the Philippines, Pope was given a framed picture of St Thérèse. Having received the picture Pope said that he had been praying to St Thérèse for his trip, "I asked also for this trip that, she'd take it in hand and that she would send me a rose. But instead of a rose she came herself to greet me."

SHE IS FUNNY!

Teacher to little Maria: "Why are you so late?"

Maria to teacher: "Well, I was crossing the road and suddenly it says 'School ahead, go slowly!'"



Following the Footsteps

Inspiration in Prison Ministry

By Columban lay missionary Haiti Muller

As we celebrate the Columban Mission Society's centennial, Columban lay missionary Haiti Muller reflects on her journey in the prison ministry where she gets inspiration from the work of Columban Fr. Francis Chapman.

Where there is heart there is love; where there is love there is joy; where there is joy there is God.

Coming back home from prison visitation, I felt the beauty of nature, trees so green with a cool breeze, birds singing loudly and the heaven starts to open with its blessing of rain making my tiredness go away, hoping that my brothers in jail would feel the same experiences that I have; my heart melts, and my tears fell. I miss

them. My mind and heart are restless but how can I help them? What can I offer them? Or is it enough just to give them hope? I failed to find answers to my own questions so I kept quiet and said, "Lord, I need you. I can't do this alone. Please be with me." Then slowly some answers came to mind. Matthew 25:36 said, "I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." This verse in the Bible touches my heart to love and give my time fully for the inmates.


As I reflect on my journey into prison ministry, I remember that on my first week, I was so nervous knowing that my Visayan language is not good, but I was challenged by my coordinator to speak it. One day, we went to jail to follow up on the profiles of the inmates. My coordinator told me to interview some of them. At the thought of hearing their stories, I was excited to meet them, but at the same time I was nervous. When the first inmate came and sat beside me, I was confident enough to greet him with, "maayong buntag, kuya" (good morning, big brother). He responded, and I again said, "kumusta?" (how are you?). He started to talk in the Visayan language, but I only. I didn't introduce myself because my Visayan language is limited. When he heard me talk, he knew that I was still struggling with my language so he started to talk to me in English. I was so happy that he

could speak English, but when my coordinator found out that we talked in English she told the inmate not to talk to me in English saying further, "speak Visaya to her so that she can practice too." I laughed and tried to talk in Visaya again. It made my day.

Day after day and week after week, I see in myself the joy every time I encountered them even with my limited language. Laughing and smiling together through the pain they face in jail makes them feel light. Some of their stories are really sad. Some are neglected and abandoned by their own families, but they still have faith in themselves. After hearing their stories, I came to realize how difficult it is to cope inside the jail which is so crowded with 2,900 inmates, and the space for them is very small. But they always find space in the chapel to rest and sleep. The chapel is a place for them to have space and have activities like Mass, spiritual workshops, counselling and also a place where I can give them my time. However, the joy I encountered since my first time in prison slowly faded away because of the heat. I respected the law of the prison not to take anything inside. When we started to talk with the inmates I could feel the heat and I started to fan myself with my hand without knowing that one of the inmates excused himself and went looking for fan. When he handed me the fan, I started to be ashamed of myself and tears started to fall from



Columban lay missionary Haiti with her friends at the prison



my eyes. I realized that I shouldn't do that in front of them and realizing too that I was just there not even a month but I already started to show signs of giving up just because of the heat and here they are struggling for many years already but they still manage to smile. They taught me a lesson.

Every time I come home, I always go to the chapel and offer my day of joy and pain in front of the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the inmates and also for me to be strong because this helps me to be relieved. I take as a blessing every experience.

In the jail chapel, there is a painting of a priest. Every time I visit the jail, I always pass by it. So one day I asked one of the inmates who the man in the painting is and the inmate answered, "You said you are a Columban Missionary but you don't know him? He is Fr. Chapman, a Columban priest. He loved us so much. He used to hear our confession, provided us food, and he built this chapel." I was so amazed upon hearing Fr. Chapman's story. His story gave me courage to give the inmates more space in my heart. From that time on, I didn't want to live a day without visiting the jail. However there are times I have to attend to other duties so I am unable to visit them which makes me very sad.

After eight months of being a jail volunteer, I started to reflect and think of what I can do to lessen the heat in the chapel. Through the

help of my coordinator, we were able to come up with a renovation plan which is partly to put an insulator on the roof. So I started to save a bit of my own money although I know it's not enough to start the work. Through our prayers and trusting God that He will do the rest, we were able to find some benefactors who helped secure materials for the renovation. Likewise, my ministry coordinator also helped financially so our dream could happen. The inmates helped with the labor, and the renovation went well. Every day, I visited the construction and I can't help but admire the inmates for helping one another in order to complete the work. The renovation work started in September and finished in October. It is beautiful, and the heat is less. I fell silent and thank God for what He has done for the sake of the inmates through the generosity of the benefactors. On Sunday, October 29, 2017, which was prison awareness Sunday, the chapel was blessed, to God be the glory.

It's truly a blessing. Words are not enough to express my gratitude. I thank God for making things possible through the generous support of our benefactors, families and friends. I also would like to thank the life of Fr. Chapman who inspired me to give my life fully on mission. I salute my ministry coordinator for mentoring and

challenging me each day to do my best and give God the glory and put my trust in Him. To the inmates, thank you for giving me joy and helping me grow each day to be a good missionary and being patient with my limitation to speak the language. To my Columban family, especially my fellow lay missionaries in Mindanao, thank you for being with me here always especially when I feel that life is difficult. Last but not the least, I would like to thank my dad for always listening to me, to my mom who is now in heaven for praying for me, and to my siblings for always providing for me when I needed something on my mission. To my nieces and my nephews thank you for always making me smile and happy when I am down. To those who are part of my life journey and those who pray for me, thank you for everything. Without you all I know know I wouldn't be who I am today.

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