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September 9, 2018 - Twenty-Third 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

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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

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Ephphatha!**

One of my uncles, Mr. Peter, passed away last week. He was eighty years old. Mr. Peter was very healthy until his last days. He was involved in all the pastoral and social activities of his neighborhood. Everyone in the village respected him, but for the last few years he withdrew himself from the community. This change happened when he lost totally his hearing ability. His deafness was complete, and no mechanical devices could restore it. Since he was unable to hear, it was very hard for others to communicate with him. He felt alienated from the people. Eventually he imprisoned himself in his own residence with a painful feeling of rejection.

Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf-dumb, considered deafness to be a more miserable handicap than blindness. Understandably, people are sympathetic with visible handicaps like blindness, lameness, etc. But, deaf and dumb people look perfectly normal and hardly receive support and sympathy.

In today's Gospel Jesus meets with a deaf and mute. This man was brought to Jesus by the people in the neighborhood. Unlike in some other situations, his neighbors were supportive. Moved by the enthusiasm of the people, Jesus responded to their request positively. Once introduced to Jesus the relationship between the deaf and Jesus became very personal. Jesus communicated with him in a language that made meaning for the deaf: "And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue." After having made a prayer to God the Father, Jesus uttered, "Ephphatha" (Be opened). Immediately the deaf man's impediment was removed and he began to speak plainly.

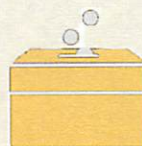
First, let us thank God that we are capable of hearing and speaking. Have we ever thought about the people having no ability to hear and to speak? We can either avoid them or patiently try to help them, perhaps with signs and some other creative means, as the neighbors of the deaf in the Gospel did. Let us be supportive of those who are disabled, especially the deaf and mute.

Have a blessed week.  
Fr. Paul

## Next Class September 11 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



September 2, 2018

Envelope Collection	\$1,559.00
Loose Collection	489.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,048.00</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Saturday, September 8

- 6:00 PM + Londa Trial and Jeff Trial for His Health  
By Paul Trial  
+ Delia Arriola by Paul & Debbie Heard

### Sunday, September 9

- 7:30 AM + Guadalupe G. Alaniz by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Castillo  
And Family  
+ Elida P. Ramirez by Castillo & Cruz Families  
+ Fermana & Frank B. Maldonado in Memory of  
His Birthday by Maldonado Family  
+ Ricardo Coronado by Wife Esther Coronado  
10:00 AM + Anita T. Perez by Rosa Munoz  
+ Francisco (Tony) Guerrero in Memory of His Birthday  
By His Wife and Children  
+ Antonia Cano by Lupita Cano and Brothers



Pope Francis: "The Lord reserves a special place in His heart for whoever has a disability, and so does the Successor of Peter."

## CCE CLASSES

*Classes will begin at 8:45 A.M. on  
September 9, 2018.*

## AUDITORS

### Team V, Sunday, September 9

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

### Team I, Sunday, September 16

Janie Maldonado, Sylvia Holmes, & Alice Sanchez

### Team II, Sunday, September 23

Amy Gonzales & Diana Barrera

### Team III, Sunday, September 30

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

### Team IV, Sunday, October 7

Teodora Galvan & Virginia Quintanilla

### LECTORS

Saturday, September 8  
6:00 PM Lisa Blanton  
  
Sunday, September 9  
7:30 AM Angie Garcia  
  
10:00 AM Juan Jimenez

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 8  
6:00 PM Yolanda Maldonado  
Juanita Cruz  
  
Sunday, September 9  
7:30 AM Adam Duran  
Juanita Duran  
10:00 AM Albert Garces  
Joe Gomez

### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 8  
6:00 PM Krislynn Cuellar  
  
Sunday, September 9  
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, 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, Jose Salazar, Anacleto Vidauri, Elisa Vidauri, Margaret, Joshua and Aaliyah Brook, Maria Serrano, David Dennis, Jose H. Guerrero, Genevieve S. Trevino and to all at Christus Spohn.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit all announcements for the bulletin to the office by Wednesday at noon.

### FATHER PAUL'S VACATION SCHEDULE

Fr. Paul will be on vacation beginning Thursday, September 20 through October 9, 2018. There will be no weekday mass during this time.

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

We have a Second Collection this weekend for the Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

### COASTAL BEND COLLEGE NEWMAN CENTER

See the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for Mass Schedules and other information at the Center.

### CCE REGISTRATION

CCE Registration applications for the school year 2018-2019 are now available on the table at the back of the Church and at the Parish Office. Please pick an application for each child and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. There is a donation of \$20 for the first child, \$15 for second child and \$10 for additional child. Please attach a copy of the child's baptismal certificate to the application. **Classes will begin today at 8:45 a.m.**

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

On September 16 we will have a second collection for the Disaster Relief Fund. Your support is appreciated.

### LIVING LOVE IN TRUTH DIOCESE DAY OF REFLECTION

Living Love in Truth Diocese Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Richard Borchard Area in Robstown. Please see the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for more information.

### DIOCESAN VOCATION AWARENESS RETREAT

Pax Christi Retreat Center will be hosting a Diocesan Vocation Awareness Retreat Discernment Weekend on November 9-11. Please see the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for more information.



### **Peninnah**

Second wife of Elkanah (1 Samuel 1:2)

Peninnah was one of Elkanah's two wives. The other one was Hannah. Elkanah and Hannah were married for ten years but without children. Why did he go for a second marriage? There are various explanations. One tradition says he took Peninnah as a wife because of Hannah's barrenness. This explains his preference for Hannah, his first wife, too. Another explanation is that, the initiative to marry again came from Hannah; she compared herself to Sarah and Hagar, and Rachel and Bilhah. In each story the beloved wife, who is barren, initiates the taking of another wife to produce offspring.

It is true that Peninnah bore him more children, but also brought grief and disharmony to the household because she always mocked Hannah of infertility. Every year, when Elkanah offered up a sacrifice, he would share a portion of the meat with Hannah and Peninnah. But the former enjoyed double the quantity. Things like this incited the jealousy of Peninnah. Then she would taunt Hannah more and more for being childless. Sometimes it broke the boundaries. This reached the point that Hannah would be "reduced to tears and would not even eat". (1 Samuel 1:7)

One opinion is that Peninnah's actions were in fact noble; she "mocked" the barren Hannah in order to further drive her to pray even harder to God to give her children. She turned to God praying. Eventually, her womb was opened, and she bore Samuel, and later another three sons and two daughters. After the birth of Samuel, Peninnah is not mentioned in the Bible. In 1 Samuel 2:20 we read that Eli the priest "would bless Elkanah and his wife", referring to Hannah.

As Hannah had, we may have a "Peninnah problem" in our life, too. Hannah addressed it wisely. First, she prayed (1 Samuel 1:9). She went to the Tabernacle and poured out her heart to the Lord. She laid her load of heaviness down and returned to her family a different woman. She was "no longer sad". (1 Samuel 1:18)

Prayer, trust, and worship will help us deal with our 'Peninnah problem', no matter how hard it is for us. Let us give our burden to the Lord.

Someone wrote: "It is not the arithmetic of our prayers, how many they are; nor the rhetoric of our prayers, how eloquent they may be; nor the geometry of our prayers, how long they be; nor the logic of our prayers, how argumentative they may be; nor the method of our prayers, how orderly they may be: it is fervency of spirit which availeth much!"

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



I was unwrapping the book I ordered. Then my 21-year-old daughter Maria was at the other end of the table watching. She gestured as if she wanted to see the book. I started to hand it over to her. "No, I will take the trash," Maria said. "What would I do with a book?"



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# The Kids Are All Right

How you can help parents struggling in the pews

By Colleen Duggan



One recent Sunday, my 4-year-old discovered an already-chewed piece of gum underneath the pew just as our pastor stood to deliver his homily. Before Edward popped the wad into his mouth, I leaned over and hissed, “Do *not* eat that.”

He glared at me, and I asked Mary, my 11-year-old, to throw the gum in the trash. Then, I turned my scattered attention back to father’s homily. After a minute or two, my 13-year-old daughter tapped me on the shoulder to let me know Edward had escaped from the pew, hot on the trail of Mary and the A.B.C. gum.

I slipped from my seat to find him.

One man sitting a few rows behind me, having witnessed the entire scene, whispered, “Go get him, mom!”

Another parishioner pointed over his shoulder and said, “He went that way.”

I endured the long walk of shame as several more on-lookers informed me of my little escapee’s whereabouts.

When I finally spotted him, Edward was standing in front of his sister pleading his case about the gum and his unreasonable mother.

I overheard him say, “I’m *not* sitting in the pew with *her*.”

If someone had warned me before marriage about the difficulties I would face in bringing my small children to Mass, I am not sure I would have believed them. There is no way to anticipate the rabble-rousing behavior kids produce during a 60-minute Sunday Mass. For a long time, most of my church experience included silencing squabbles between warring siblings and discouraging at least one child from scaling the kneelers while I half listened to the readings.

My husband and I struggled for years to manage our posse of small people until one random Sunday something happened that revolutionized the years of theatrical religious drama we had endured. One morning at the

10 a.m. Mass at our new parish, some longtime friends, Janet and Danny Hoover, professional parents of a large brood of children, sought us out and sat down in the pew with us and our five children, ages 8 and under.

I wanted to lean over and tell Janet and Danny to get up and run. I wanted to inform them that sitting with our kids was like sharing a pew with a traveling circus, but before I had a chance to plead my case, Janet grabbed a toddler, Danny grabbed another toddler and a few of Janet's older kids sat between my other little ones. For the entire 60 minutes, our children were quiet and entertained by the person with whom they sat.

The next weekend, Janet met us in the parking lot and invited us to do the same thing. It was hard to accept help, but it was impossible to deny how efficacious it was to sit with the Hoover family. The stress of managing our children was gone, as was the worry we were annoying and distracting other parishioners. Janet and Danny weren't shocked by anything the kids did (they'd seen it all by then), and they helped teach my children the appropriate responses to the prayers. When we moved out of state several months later, we were sad to leave the Hoovers, and Mass was never again as manageable as it was during those months when we had backup in the pew.

I was reminded of the help from our friends those many years ago last weekend when my husband and I filed into a pew with our six children, right behind a young mom and friend of mine, who just had her third baby under 3. When her 2-year-old began to get antsy, we invited her into the pew with us. It was our turn now to help the other younger parents in the church who needed help surviving Mass.

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Catholic families want to feel wanted in church. Unfortunately, instead of receiving a warm welcome, many of us are met with criticism, judgment and a general intolerance of the behavior of our little people. There is a general attitude that these families should come back to Mass when their children know how to sit quietly and "behave."

As someone active in parish ministry, I work with a devoted team of people dedicated to spreading the Gospel. We are constantly brainstorming ways to communicate God's love to those sitting in the pews and beyond. We strive to create programs and events that nourish the hearts and minds of our parishioners.

But perhaps we should redirect our energies.

What if we quit trying to develop the perfect pastoral

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program and instead tried to make those people we see every Sunday in the pews feel welcomed and loved?

What if we embraced those families who show up at the back of the church, self-conscious and starving for the body of Christ?

What if we asked ourselves, "How can I serve the people struggling in my pew?" instead of sitting silently and judging them.

We do not need perfectly designed programs to smile at newcomers or to invite someone to sit with us. We just need an open heart and a willingness to serve.

So, if you are a young mom or dad struggling with your kids at church and feeling embarrassed or discouraged, take heart. You are not alone.

And if you need help managing your brood, look for me at St. John's Catholic Church. We sit on the right side, fourth pew back. We have extra hands, open hearts and room for you to join us.

I can hold the baby while you receive Communion.

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