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December 30, 2018 – The Holy Family

Holy Mass

WEEKENDS

Saturday 7:00 AM
6:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 7:30 AM - Spanish
10:00 AM - English

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday
- 7:00 AM

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

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Rev. PAUL KOTTACKAL

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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

The Holy Family

I don't tell them, they see me!

Once I met two families with their children. We shared the same compartment, during a two-day train trip in India. I befriended both families. The first day morning, when I got up, I was surprised to see the members of one of the families, including children, reading from each one's Bible. Whereas the children of the other family were busy with electronic gadgets. Later, I asked the mother of the former family, "How did you tell your children of these ages to read the Bible early in the morning?" She replied, "I did not tell them to read the Bible, but they see me reading the Bible every day!"

A family is the basic unit of any society. The quality of the society depends upon the stability of the families and their value system. Their practices are carried from one generation to the other. In this process parents and other adult members play a pivotal role.

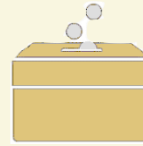
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Family. Mary, Joseph and Jesus are the members of the Holy Family. Jesus was only twelve years old when something happened in his family. Though not obligated, Mary and Joseph used to take him to the temple in Jerusalem for worship. Once, while returning from the temple, Mary and Joseph were interacting with their friends and other family members. There was a little confusion between Mary and Joseph regarding the Child. On the third day, they realized that Jesus was not with either of them. They hurriedly returned to the temple and found Jesus listening to the priests and trying to enlighten himself in knowledge. Of course, as a boy, he had many other places to go; but he behaved very responsibly. When he saw his parents, he asked them, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" In other words, he was telling them that with the training they gave him, they could feel assured that he would not go to any unwanted places.

Let us train our children properly and also pray and hope that they will not go astray.

Have a pleasant week.
Fr. Paul

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 23, 2018



Envelope Collection	\$1,320.40
Loose Collection	424.78
Total	\$1,745.18

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, December 29

- 7:00 AM + Londa Trial and Jeff Trial for His Health
By Paul Trial
- 6:00 PM + Domingo Garcia by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Valdez
+ Londa Trial and Jeff Trial for His Health
By Paul Trial
+ Todd Pritchard by Theodora Galvan & Family

Sunday, December 30

- 7:30 AM For the Parishioners of St. James Church
- 10:00 AM + Elida P. Ramirez by Oscar and Alma Lopez And Family
+ Delfina Huerta by Jan and Longie Berdan

Monday, December 31

- 7:00 AM + Londa Trial and Jeff Trial for His Health
By Paul Trial

Tuesday, January 1

- 10:00 AM + Delia Arriola by Mallory Heath and Family
+ Elida P. Ramirez by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Valdez
+ Londa Trial and Jeff Trial for His Health
By Paul Trial



Goodbye with Profound Gratitude!

Though the period that I worked in St. James was rather short, I feel deeply connected to all of you and to Beeville. This makes me very difficult to say goodbye to you; but I have to. Thank you very much for your support, and for the love and concern that you showed me. I acknowledge all of you with profound gratitude and great appreciation. I will always cherish in my memory all the beautiful experiences that I had in Beeville. I do promise my prayers for you. Please pray for me and for my ministry.

Cordial welcome to India, especially to the parish where I am going to work.

Happy New Year!
With affection and prayerful best wishes,
Fr. Paul Kottackal

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PRAY FOR THE SICK



With caring and compassion, we pray for:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PARISHIONERS' ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes. Envelopes will not be mailed. If you do not find your envelopes, please call the office.

CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2019 church calendars are now available. Please take one per family from the Ushers.

THANK YOU, FR. PAUL

On behalf of the Parishioners of St. James Church we thank you for your spiritual guidance, support and leadership this past year and a half. We pray for you in your new ministry and know you will be missed and will be in our prayers.



Pope Francis talking on Holy Family: "In a family when you are not intrusive however say "excuse me," when you are not self-centered however say "thank you," and when you understand that you have done glitch and you state "I'm sorry," in that family there is peace and pleasure. Let us remember these 3 phrases. But we can say them entirely: excuse me, thank you, I'm sorry."

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

TO BE ANNOUNCED



The Samaritan woman at the well

The Samaritan woman in the Gospel of John (4:4-42) met Jesus at the well of Jacob in Samaria at the zenith of the heat of the day. Jesus was on a journey with his disciples, and was taking rest at the well. The disciples who accompanied him were off the scene in search of food. As the evangelist reports the Samaritan woman was living a sinful life, and she came to the well at noon alone since she was ostracized by her own community. It was the custom that women went in group to fetch water. For Jews, she being a Samaritan was an untouchable, and they were archrivals too. Though aware of the taboos Jesus took courage to request from her a cup of water to quench his thirst. No "decent" Jews would have done it.

This was the beginning of a serious conversation between herself and Jesus. Why did he enter into a dialogue with a sinful woman risking his own good name? He intuitively figured out something positive and valuable in her though society had branded her sinful. Perhaps the negative attitude of the society might have been one of the reasons of her unholy life. Her own people failed to recognize, appreciate and encourage her. But Jesus did.

There was something common between this woman and Jesus: both were outcasts in their own communities. This commonness might have helped them enter into a productive conversation. In the interaction the woman proved herself to be a worthy student. She was well aware of her own traditions and that of the Jews. (4: 19-25) She knew that Jews awaited a Messiah who would restore the hopes of the kingdom of David. She appeared to be very open, and was humble enough to accept herself as she was. When Jesus told her that she was living with an unlawful husband she did not try to defend herself. When Jesus said, salvation would come from the Jews she remained open-minded and attentive. This openness and humility made Jesus lead her to a deeper level of understanding of the nature of God and of his mission. There was progression in her understanding of Jesus too. First she addressed Jesus a "Jew"; then "sir". Further she moved on to recognize him as a prophet, and finally The Messiah. (4:25) This awareness made her a passionate missionary, and she ran to the very people who disowned her, and shared with them the revelation she had. They noticed a radical change in her, and the entire community believed in her testimony, and accepted Jesus as The Messiah.

Our acceptance and encouragement can bring about changes in the people around us.

Fr. Paul Kottackal

She is funny!



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