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February 23, 2020 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass

WEEKENDS
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM - Spanish
10:00 AM - English

WEEKDAYS
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri
7:30 AM

**Major Feast Days
(Holy Days):**
As announced

CONFESSION
Half hour before every
Mass or by appointment.

A Hearty Welcome

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your past or present religious situation, No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., No matter what your own self-image or esteem, You are INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, LOVED and RESPECTED AT St. James. Contact the Office for any assistance.



OFFICE HOURS
Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Closed Wednesday

PAROCHIAL TEAM

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Tony De La Rosa

English Choir
Margaret Smith

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on **Wednesday, February 26**. Masses will be held in the morning in the church at 7:30 a.m. and in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

COLLECTION

We will have a collection on **Ash Wednesday**. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend we will have a **second collection** for the **Black and Indian Missions**. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions for the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. If you want to pledge, there are envelopes at the back of the church.

CYO

We want to thank everyone who helped, donated and supported our Menudo/Bake sale held on Sunday, February 16th after the 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses. We raised \$603 for the sale. We appreciate your generosity and ongoing support of our parish youth.

CCE STUDENTS

The CCE students will be attending **Ash Wednesday Mass** at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020**. Please send your children to class properly dressed.

SECOND YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

The 2ND year confirmation students will be attending a confirmation retreat on **Saturday, February 29, 2020** starting at 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory. We ask that you keep them in your prayers: Karina Castaneda, Pablo Castaneda, Robert Cisneros III and Kaylee Cuellar.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

Dear Friends, as per the diocesan guidelines we have to update our parish records periodically. Our last renewal of parish registration was done in 2004. So please fill out the form kept at the back of the church and hand it over to an usher or put it in the collection basket or turn it in to the parish office **by February 29th Sunday**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. So far only 115 have registered, please register as early as possible. NB: Every married couple is considered as a family. They should fill out separate forms.

YOUTH MASS

A friendly reminder, **all our parish youth** are welcome to join us **every 3rd Sunday of each month for Youth Sunday Mass**. Next Mass is on **Sunday, March 15th**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The nearly 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus form the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As Knights, we serve our parish and community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, our Knights of Columbus of St. James Council welcomes you to join them. The Knights will be holding a **"Recruitment Drive"** after the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on **Sunday, February 23rd** and after the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, February 29th** and after the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on **Sunday, March 1st**. If you are a Catholic man, at least 18 years of age, we would like you to join our Council.

CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the families of Gerardo "Jerry" Posada and Sulema G. Montoya.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 22

- 5:00 PM **Pete V. Soliz and Angie Soliz**
 † **Londa Trial** by Paul Trial
 † **Lydia Martinez Castillo** in Memory of Birthday
 By Charles and Carolina Trlica
 † **Beatrice and Reynaldo Villarreal** in Memory of her Birthday
 By Richard and Rosalinda Espinosa
 † **Isidro Cruz** in Memory of Anniversary by Family
 † **Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Loya** by Family
 † **Eliza Elva G. Vidaurri** by Anacleto Vidaurri and Family

Sunday, February 23

- 7:30 AM † **Dionicio and Herminia** in Memory of Wedding Anniversary
 By their Daughters
 10:00 AM † **Jesus S. and Anita T. Perez** for their Anniversary by their Children
 † **All deceased members of Daniel Rojas, Sr. Family**
 In Remembrance of their Life by Rosie D. Camacho

Monday, February 24

- 7:30 AM † **Londa Trial** by Paul Trial
 † **Antonio Vasquez**

Wednesday, February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 AM † **Londa Trial** by Paul Trial

7:00 PM

Thursday, February 27

- 7:30 AM † **Londa Trial** by Paul Trial

Friday, February 28

- 7:30 PM † **Londa Trial** by Paul Trial

WEEKLY OFFERING

February 16, 2020

Envelope Collection	\$1,446.40
Loose Collection	569.16
Children's Fund	5.00
Total	\$2,020.56

Second Collection

Reli & Spirit Form Prshs \$693.58

*May God bless you for your
selfless sacrifice*

AUDITORS

Team I, Sunday, February 23

Janie Maldonado, Alice Sanchez & Kimberly Cuéllar

Team II, Sunday, March 1

Amy Gonzales, Diana Barrera, & Teodora Galvan

Team III, Sunday, March 8

Rosalinda Orozco, Maria Servantes, & Margaret R. Mesquita

Team IV, Sunday, March 15

Adam Duran, San Juanita Duran, & Juanita Cruz

Team V, Sunday, March 22

Elfida Garcia, Juanita Cruz, & Angie Garcia

MASS SCHEDULE



Date	Time	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, February 22	5:00 PM	Lisa Blanton	Salvador Andrade & Joe Gomez	Brandon Guerrero
Sunday, February 23	7:30 AM	Rosario Cruz	Manuel Martinez & Shirley Martinez	Daniel Hinojosa
	10:00 AM	Gilbert Gonzales	Janie Maldonado & Yolanda Maldonado	Natalie Rodriguez & Autumn Rodriguez & Rico Flores
Wednesday, February 26	7:30 AM	Salvador Andrade	Juanita Cruz & Juanita Martinez	
	7:00 PM	Albert Garces	Janie Maldonado & Martha Cuéllar	Brandon Guerrero & Krislynn Cuéllar

OT VII [A] (Feb 23)**Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; I Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48**

Forgiving others: The pastor's Sunday homily on today's Gospel was about forgiving our enemies. Toward the end of the homily, he asked his congregation, "How many of you have forgiven their enemies"? About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. As it was past lunchtime, this time about 80 percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question again. All responded, except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones?" inquired the pastor, are you not willing to forgive your enemies? "I don't have any," she replied, smiling sweetly. "Mrs. Jones, That is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-three," she replied. "Oh Mrs. Jones, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please come down in front of this congregation and tell us all how a person can live ninety-three years and not have an enemy in the world?" The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said "I outlived the old hags."

The universal call to holiness goes all the way back to the Old Testament. God's people have always been called to be holy. Often holiness is identified with the manifestation of closeness to God and at the same time with suffering and pain accepted as the divine will. But holiness is a special call where we commit ourselves to live a life according to the divine plan or living a life as God would like us to live. In the first reading Moses calls his people to holiness manifested through their actions. The Book of Leviticus gives us some specifics about God's expectations: not to be angry, not to hate, not to make false judgment, not to seek revenge and not to hold grudges. Moses tells them that the ways to holiness are summed up in the command: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord. "In his letter to the Corinthians Paul reminds us that we have received the Holy Spirit and if the Holy Spirit dwells in us, then we are his temples and God dwells within us. Paul says that worldly wisdom can destroy the Temple of the Lord. In the Gospel of today Jesus continues his teaching on law. He tells us how the law must be understood in today's context. He tells us that our attitudes and actions lead to imitate God who is merciful, kind and loving. He tells us that the law must lead us to live a life of holiness where we discover God in people, both our friends and enemies. It is easy to love those who love us, but Jesus asks us to do much more, to love our enemies. When he says to be perfect like the heavenly Father he sets a high standard for us and he himself becomes the shining example of such holiness.

The passage concludes with Jesus saying, "Be perfect, then, as your heavenly Father is perfect." On the face of it that sounds like a commandment which cannot possibly have anything to do with us. Indeed no one of us can even faintly connect ourselves with perfection. This obviously is an ideal, a goal to be aimed at. The perfection intended is not total perfection but rather to aim at that total impartiality of a God who extends his providential care and love equally to all. In the dry, scorching heat of the Middle East, all, good and bad, have to endure the burning sun and enjoy the gentle, cooling rain. God stretches out his caring love to all, good and bad, and he does not love the bad less than the good people. So, if we want to identify with Him, we have no right whatever to withdraw our love, that is, our desire for wholeness, from a single person. Whether a person returns our love or God's love is not important. If we reflect on it, we will begin to see that this is the only reasonable way for us to deal with people both for our own personal growth and fulfillment and as contributing also to that of others. Jesus is not asking us to do something impossible and unreasonable.

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He tells us to open our eyes and see the reality and discover the most sensible way of relating ourselves with the people around us. He tells us to realize the purpose for which we have been created, namely to be the children of God.

"**What does *agápe* love mean?**" asked the teacher. "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's *agápe* love." (Rebecca- age 8).



The Lord has graced us with many gifts, and by sharing those gifts we demonstrate our love for our brothers and sisters.

We ask you to share your financial gifts and 'love one another' by giving to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. When we put our gifts together, we make a powerful difference.

Donations to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal are distributed across the various ministries of our diocese. Your gift will support:

**Catholic Schools
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...and more!**

Please pray that our generosity allows us to do more for all our brothers and sisters. For more information, visit: www.diocesecc.org.

BAPTISM CLASS – March 10, 2020

All applications **MUST** be submitted to the church office before that date. Items needed are: You need to be a registered member of St. James. **Copy of the child's Birth Certificate** and **sponsor's proof of all Sacraments** if single and, if married, a copy of the **marriage license by a Catholic Church**. Baptisms will take place **3rd Sunday of month** after the **10:00 a.m. Mass**.

Baptism classes for parents and sponsors are held **second Tuesday** of every Month at 7:00 p.m. in the CCE Building.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

With care 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, Jessie Riojas, Joe Anthony Martinez, Armando B. Perez, Lino Garcia, Katy Rendon, Denise Hadwin, Patty Stone, Lulu Martinez Watson, Tabitha Rendon, Mary Longoria, Jessie Martinez, Jr., Roman Flores, Santos Lopez, Caroline James Ries, 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, Robert Hernandez, Nieves Cardenas, Laurie Lawrence, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Josefa Aleman, Crystal Arciba, Francisco Trevino, Patricia Servantes, Jose Salazar, Genevieve S. Trevino, Viola Rangel, Oralia Aleman, Ricardo Trevino, Sandy Rios, Nieves Moreno, Dawn Bieber, Lori Baldillez, Cristobal Servantes, Jose Nahum Lugo, Timmy Lopez, Juanita Alvarado, Deacon Juan Vasquez, Viola Maldonado, Madison Pena, Ricardo Trevino, Jr., Daniel Loya, Sandra Urquiza, Jesse Contreras, Nell Jamison, Charles Cartwright, Stella Riojas, Ben Wilson, Mary Kay, Eloy Garcia, Tony Coronado, Sr., Irma Estela Rodriguez, Owen Rodriguez, Adan Martinez, Timothy Gene Lopez, Aurora V. Gomez, Fr. Paul Kottackal, Joshua Brock, Aaliyah Brock, Brendan Brock, Cruz Guerrero, Sr., Deffy Garcia, Elsa Ochoa, Enoe Garcia, Jesus A. Guerrero, Sr., Manuel Ramon, Melissa Keller, Cerise Garcia, Johnny Ramirez, Jr., Delaney Martinez, Jaime Perez, Waylon James, Roe Garcia and to all at Christus Spohn.

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