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## July 12, 2020 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Holy Mass

WEEKENDS Saturday 5:00 PM – Bilingual Sunday 10:00 AM – English

WEEKDAYS Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 8:00 AM

Major Feast Days (Holy Days): As announced

CONFESSION 15 minutes before Mass outside of church 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 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 Call for information Closed Wednesday

#### **PAROCHIAL TEAM**

Pastor Rev. Jacob

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**Spanish Choir** 

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**

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Today we will have a second collection for the Building, Repair, and Maintenance Fund (BRM). Your generous contributions are appreciated.

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Solidarity Fund for the

### Church in Africa.

PARISH OFFICE DROPBOX

A drop box is available at the main entrance of the CCE building for offering envelopes, mass intentions, and any other correspondence. Candles are available for purchase after Mass in the back of the church.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

Parish registration forms are available at the back of the church, please fill out and hand it over to an usher or put it in the collection basket or put in drop box at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please register as early as possible.

NB: Every married couple is considered as a family. They should fill out separate forms

#### **COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

Parishioners attending Mass are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks, keeping six feet social distancing, and sanitizing their hands as they enter the church

Parishioners should stay home, if they have COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have had direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. If a person has had a secondary contact – not directly exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, but in contact with someone who was in direct contact, they should stay home.

As stated in last week's encyclical, the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation is extended until August 31, 2020. Those who are at risk or who are not comfortable attending Mass should stay home.

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK (8)**

Why can't I "I just follow my conscience?" We often hear people saying "I don't need any guidance from anyone because I just follow my conscience." They claim that their conscience will tell them what is true or false, right or wrong. But what they are really doing is just following their feelings or personal preferences, regardless of what may be the right or moral thing to do. Conscience is a unique faculty or power given to us by God to guide us to what is good, right, true and just. The purpose of conscience is to lead a person to the truth. It is a person's "most secret core and sanctuary" where a person can sense the inner voice of God calling them "to love and to do what is good and avoid evil" (CCC#1776). First, we should have an informed conscience by learning right and wrong in the light of the Sacred Scriptures as interpreted by the teaching authority given to the Church. If we do not inform our conscience, then it won't be dependable and trustworthy. The Catechism reminds us that "the education of the conscience is a lifelong task." We do this by studying Sacred Scripture, by knowing the moral teachings of the Church and our Christian tradition, and through prayer.



## **MASS INTENTIONS**



5:00 PM † Pioquinto Martinez In Memory of Birthday By Charles & Carolina Trlica

- † Ascension "Chon" Carrizales For Gift of Life By Mr. & Mrs Lee Yaklen
- † Aurora V. Gomez by Mr. & Mrs. Pete Valdez
- † Isabel Garcia In Memory of her 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by her Children

#### Sunday, July 12

10:00 AM † Frank B. & Fermana Maldonado by the Maldonado Family

- † Antonio De La Rosa, Sr. by Monica Varon and Family
- † Enrique R. Ramirez by Jo Ethel, & Pete Valdez

Monday, July 13

8:00 AM

Wednesday, July 15 8:00 AM

Thursday, July 16

8:00 AM

Friday, July 17

8:00 AM

## **WEEKLY OFFERING**

July 5, 2020

 Envelope Collection
 \$1,167.50

 Loose Collection
 128.75

 Children's Fund
 0.00

 Total
 \$1,296.25

#### **Second Collection**

Religious & Spiritual Formation of Parishioners \$294.40

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

MASS SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, July 11	5:00 PM	Eucharistic Ministers as a special assignment due to the coronavirus		
Sunday, July 12	10:00 PM			

## OT XV [A] Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

God reveals to us and communicates with us continuously through persons, works and situations. The word of God comes gently and is never intended to remain suspended like clouds in midair, but to soak the earth and to be drawn back toward God after completing its purpose. The Word of God is eternal Word without beginning or end. Today the Word of God is compared to seed that sprouts and brings forth new life. All of our life, entire creation is groaning in anticipation of being all we can become. God's spirit is infused within human beings where it brings forth divine fruits. The farmer is aware that he has to prepare the ground, weed it and water it to produce good fruit. We are invited to sow the seed of the Gospel with our lives. In the Gospel of today we have the parable of the sower. The farmer goes out to sow the seed and it is placed in varying types of soil. A person who hears the word of God and understands it reaps a rich and fruitful harvest. In the first reading Prophet Isaiah speaks of the power of the word of God. It is like the rain that comes to the earth to make it fertile and fruitful by germinating the seed for the sower and bread for the ones who eat, so also the word of God is meant to bear plentiful fruit in men's heart. It brings life and joy where there was only death and sorrow. In the second reading Paul refers to the fact that all humans and all creation suffer because of sin and he assures us that the present sufferings are nothing compared to future glory. Material creation though subject to corruption, will eventually share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Let us take home with us today the fact that the conditions of the soil encountered by the sower are not necessarily in four different fields. Agricultural conditions in the Holy Land show that all four conditions may be found in one field. It is the same with each one of us. Sometimes we cannot take the word of God because our hearts are just too hard. Sometimes we are enslaved by the attractiveness of the world. Sometimes when the word of God is given to us we crushed by the situations which take us away from God. Sometimes when conditions are just right we permit the rain of God's word to bring forth the blossoms of our love. If the results have been less than satisfactory, it is because we have not matured fully enough to produce the supernatural yield of which Jesus spoke.

There is clearly, of course, for us one place in particular where God's word is more clearly experienced and that is in Jesus Christ. For Jesus is the Word of God. Everything that Jesus said, everything that Jesus did was God communicating to us through him. We notice that in the life of Jesus many people refused to hear or to see the word of God placed before them. Even Jesus' closest disciples did not provide, at first, very promising soil. Jesus' life and mission seemed to end in tragic and dismal failure. It was precisely at that moment that the Word of God began to take root in people's hearts. Beginning, like the tiny mustard seed, like the small amount of yeast in a large batch of dough, the seed, the Word of God, began to grow and flourish in the hearts of people. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the ongoing visible growth of the Catholic Church is a reflection of the ongoing invisible growth of the Kingdom of God.

A little Chinese girl about eight years old was a close observer of the Missionary priest of their village church. She used to watch him at his prayers in the church, listened closely to his teaching and preaching, and watched him as he went about visiting the sick or consoling those in sorrow and pain. She stopped with him and cheered people as he greeted them in the street. He always had a kind word, a smile, a little advice for the young and sometimes a sweet for the children. One day the girl went to the neighbouring village.

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They were having catechism that day and the Sister was telling them of the man who was always kind, who helped the sick, cheered up those discouraged and sad, who always went about doing good. Noticing the strange girl the Sister asked her if she knew who this Person was. The girl quickly replied: "He is the Missionary Father from our Village."

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked. "Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

#### Life messages:

1) We need to assess our use of the word of God. We need to read the word of God every day, starting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of attentive reading and the ability and willingness to apply the message we receive to our daily living. When we listen to the word of God as read and preached in the Church during the Holy Mass, we need to pay full attention to the message given by God Who uses the priest as His instrument. We also need to ask God's special grace to remove all types of blocks, like laziness, anxiety, worries, and the burden of unrepented sins, any of which can prevent the word of God from influencing and transforming our lives. When we receive Jesus, the Word of God and the Source of the word of God, in Holy Communion we need to ask him to transform our lives so that we may see Jesus in all of us (for we are all brothers and sisters in Him), and share with each of them Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

2) We need to keep our spiritual soil fertile and prepared for the word of God: We need to keep our hearts open to the word of God instead of closing it with pride, prejudice, fear, or laziness. We have to remove from our hearts the weeds like evil habits and addictions, evil tendencies, hatred, jealousy, fear, and greed. We should not allow the trials and tribulations of this world, the cares of this world, our ambitions, or our desires for worldly success and happiness to choke out the messages that God gives through His word.

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

With care and compassion, we pray for:

Jewelia Beth Gonzalez, Christopher Cardenas, Anthony Angel Cardenas, Guadalupe Benavides, Albert Cardenas, Jr., Jim Nelson, Joe Adrian Moya, Catherine McKeowm, Kristina Elena Garcia, Eva Dominguez, Chris Ulmer, Roxann Gleason, Frank Riojas, Jessie Riojas, Joe Anthony Martinez, Armando B. Perez, Lino Garcia, Katy Rendon, Denice 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, 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 Urquizo, Jesse Contrerras, Nell Jamison, Charles Cartwright, Stella Riojas, Ben Wilson, Mary Kay, Eloy Garcia, Tony Coronado, Sr., Irma Estela Rodriguez, Owen Rodriguez, Timothy Gene Lopez, Fr. Paul Kottackal, Joshua Brock, Aaliyah Brock, Brendan Brock, Cruz Guerrero, Sr., 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, Benita Salazar Garcia, Louis Calzada, Abel Salazar, Frank Maldonado and to all at Christus Spohn.

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