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September 27, 2020 – Twenty-Sixth 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 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

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed Wednesday

PAROCHIAL TEAM

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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.

Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself.
- Mother Teresa



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 **Respect Life Collection**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), adults over the age of 18 years become members of the Church over a period of time. This conversion process, through a prayerful discernment of God's will, culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), or in the case of Baptized Christians the Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. For RCIA registration information contact the parish office.

BULLETIN AD PAGE

We have bulletin ad space available for anyone that would like to purchase an ad for "In Memory" of a loved one or as an advertisement.

PARISH OFFICE DROPBOX

Thank you to all those who send/bring your envelopes to the office even though you are not able to come to the church, your commitment to St James is greatly appreciated even in this time of trial. May the Loving Lord bless you and your dear ones abundantly for your selfless sacrifice.

A special drop box is available at the **main entrance of the CCE building** (not the regular P.O. Box) for offering envelopes, mass intentions, and any other correspondence. Candles are available for purchase after Mass in the back of the church.

COVID-19 DISPENSATION

The dispensation for attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation has been extended to **October 31, 2020**.

RAFFLE

We are going to have a raffle on **November 1, 2020** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There will be three prizes to be raffled off: first prize a vacuum cleaner, second prize a set of Pioneer Woman pans, and third prize a 14-quart roaster oven. We will start selling raffle tickets on October 4th. The price per ticket is 2 dollars or 6 for 10 dollars; you need not be present to win. For more information contact Martha Cuellar 361-318-4974 or the parish office.

CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the family of Enrique Vasquez, Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 26

- 5:00 PM † **Ascension "Chon" Carrizales** For Gift of Life
By Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Rodriguez
- † **Aurora Gomez** For Gift of Life By Patricia Gonzalez & Family
- † **Baudelia Orozco Salazar** In Memory of her 19th Anniversary
By Family

Sunday, September 27

- 10:00 AM **For the President of the United States of America**
- † **Gilbert T. Cardenas, Sr.** In Memory of Anniversary
By Sons & Daughters
- † **Frank Gabriel Riojas** by Angelita Garcia

Monday, September 28

8:00 AM

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 AM

Thursday, October 1

8:00 AM

Friday, October 2

8:00 AM

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – October 5, 2020

Must wear a mask to attend class

All applications **MUST** be submitted to the church office before that date. Parents **must** be registered at St. James and have already registered the child to be baptized before taking the class. Items needed are: **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 on the **first Monday** of every Month at 7:00 p.m. in the CCE Building.

WEEKLY OFFERING

September 20, 2020

Envelope Collection	\$930.50
Loose Collection	\$292.75
Children's Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$1223.25

Second Collection

Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund \$329.69

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

MASS SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, September 26	5:00 PM			
Sunday, September 27	10:00 AM			

Eucharistic Ministers as a special assignment due to the coronavirus

OT XXVI [A] (Sept 27)

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the pay check, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a favour. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "My gift to you!" The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back. Build wisely!

There are many factors that influence our perception of things and our response of the will. These factors must be taken into account when we consider our responsibility for what we do and how we act. But there is always a place deep within us, that responds favorably to do something good and just. This response opens us to God and makes us responsible to the truth, goodness and beauty. It makes us believe in the ultimate one who directs our life and our destiny. Today's Readings emphasize that what we do is the real measure of our belief in God. Prophet Ezekiel in the first reading stresses individual responsibility for one's own actions. There is only one way to "life": by living a virtuous life here and now. This way is open to anyone who, by his own actions, does what is right. When the sinner renounces his evil ways, he deserves to live.

This parable of the Two Sons is unique to Matthew and many scholars feel that he might have composed it himself to present the situation of the early church. However, we are presented with the actual situation during the time of Jesus regarding the response of the religious groups. It is a straight forward parable and the issue proposed presents clear choices. It opens the mind of the listener and reader to judge what is right: whether it is good to say something you will do and later not do it or to promise someone that you will not do something and later regret the action and do it. In fact both of them seem to be no good sons in their response to their father. Both of them were imperfect. But it is far nobler to change the mind and do good than to remain set in the direction of evil. We are not saved by belonging but by becoming. In our relationship with God actions speak louder than words. Thus in the context of the parable the son who actually did what his father requested fulfilled his father's will. This supports a strong point that Matthew makes throughout the gospel that doing the will of God is far superior to just talking about it.

Therefore, we need to lead a responsible Christian life, saying "yes" to God. Each one of us is responsible to God for every one of our actions, and the just God will punish or reward each of us according to our actions. As we do not know at what moment death will take us, our only guarantee of dying in God's friendship is to live in that friendship always, saying "Yes" to God in our deeds. We should become men and women who profess our Faith in word and deed, remembering that,

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"Not all those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but those who do the will of my Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 7:21). God is ever with us to strengthen us, to pardon us, and to lift us up again when, through human weakness, we stumble on the road. God is calling us right now, inviting us to work in His vineyard, inviting us to say "Yes" to Him with our words and actions. Let us accept God's invitation by purifying our hearts in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; by resolving to act upon our promises each morning before we get out of bed; and by declaring interiorly that people will be able to identify us as followers of Christ, not by empty words or pious gestures but simply by our Christian actions. In this way, we shall live a life filled with the joy that doing the will of the Father brings.

Instead of trusting in lame excuses, we need to seek God's mercy. We often use flimsy excuses to silence our conscience. They run like this: "I didn't realize how sinful I was"; "I was just too busy with work, family and a decent social life to have time for Sunday Mass"; "That's what all my family does - it's got to be OK!"; "The devil made me do it - it wasn't my fault!"; "I couldn't be different from everyone else - I'd look stupid!"; "I meant to straighten things out - I just didn't get to it." These are not valid excuses at the judgment seat of God. Hence, if we have been disobedient to God in our past life, we need to knock at the door of God's mercy. We need to remember that what God in his mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthews, the Augustines, the Margarets of Cortona, and the millions of unknown penitents who are now Saints in Heaven, He can, and will, do for us, if we repent of our past sins and renew our lives as the first-asked son in the parable did. It is never too late for us to be transformed.

A Non-Catholic Minister recently quit the ministry after more than 20 years of faithful, dedicated service and became a funeral director. When asked why he had changed vocations, he said: "I spent 10 years trying to straighten out John and he's still an alcoholic. Then I spent three and one-half years trying to straighten out Harold and Susan's marriage problems and they ended up getting a divorce. Later I tried for two years to help Bob kick his drug habit and he is still an addict. Now, at the funeral home, when I straighten them out, they stay straight! Perfect obedience!"

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, Jessie Riojas, Joe Anthony Martinez, Lino Garcia, Katy Rendon, Denice Hadwin, Patty Stone, 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, Sr., Daniel Loya, Sandra Urquizo, Jesse Contreras, 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, Domingo Puga, Celsa Cisneros, and to all at Christus Spohn.

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