# St. James Catholic Church

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# May 16, 2021 – The Ascension of the Lord

# 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.
Please do not join St. James until you know what you are
getting into, but please don't walk away from
St. James until you know what you are
walking away from.

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.

The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.

- Mother Teresa



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### SECOND COLLECTION

Today we will have a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Religious and Spiritual Formation of the Parishioners.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Mother's Day Novena will end **Monday, May 17**th. Please bring your intentions beforehand.

#### **CURSILLISTAS**

The Cursillistas next weekly ultreya will be on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Covid protocols: masks, distancing, and sanitizing will remain in place. For more information, call Elfida Garcia at 361-254-5590.

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAYER WARRIORS**

Our Lady of Fatima prayer warriors will gather every 13th of the month from May 13th – October 13th rain or shine 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church.

#### **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 for \$15 a month per space or \$30 a month for a large space.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Anyone who would like to donate altar flowers for a loved one "in memory of" contact the parish office.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to Charles and Carolina Trlica for the donation of the Mother's Day Altar flowers.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

St. James expresses condolences to the family of Cecilia S. Adamez.

#### Please Pray for our First Communion Candidates:

Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Katalina Arrisola Luka Arrisola Jose Luis Lopez III Liberty Rose Gonzales Joseph Jeremiah Barrera

# **MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, May 15 Mother's Day Novena 7th Day

5:00 PM † Aurora Gomez In Memory by Patricia Gonzalez & family

† David P. Mendoza In Memory by Joe Henry & Elsa Alaniz

† Ascension "Chon" Carrizales In Memory by David Mendoza

† Federico & Francisca Ruiz For the Gift of life by Elfida R. Garcia

† In Memory of Pete M. Soliz, Sr.

Sunday, May 16
10:00 AM † Mother's Day Novena 8th Day
10:00 AM † Johnny Ramirez, Jr. & Sr. In Memory
By Gracie, Gino, & Ruben Garcia

Monday, May 17 Mother's Day Novena 9th Day

8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 19

8:00 AM † Genevieve S. Treviño by Family

Thursday, May 20

8:00 AM

Friday, May 21

8:00 AM † **Isidro Cruz** In Memory by Wife & Children

# NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – June 7, 2021



Must wear a mask to attend class

All applications <u>MUST</u> be submitted to the church office before the last day of the previous month. Parents <u>must</u> be registered members at St. James. Items needed are:

#### Copy of the child's Birth Certificate

For sponsors - certificates of baptism, communion, and confirmation, if married certificate of the sacrament of marriage from the respective Church

Baptisms will take place 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

May 9, 2021

 Envelope Collection
 \$1682.51

 Loose Collection
 \$329.42

 Total
 \$2011.93

Second Collection \$280.15

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

MASS SCHEDULE			(g)	
Date	Time	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, May 15	5:00 PM	Eucharistic Ministers as a special assignment due to the coronavirus		
Sunday, May 16	10:00 AM			

#### THE FEAST OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Word spread across the countryside about the wise Holy Man who lived in a small house atop the mountain. A man from the village decided to make the long and difficult journey to visit him. When he arrived at the house, he saw an old servant inside the house that came forward to greet him at the door. "I would like to see the wise Holy Man," he said to the servant. The servant smiled and led him inside. As they walked through the house, the man from the village looked eagerly around the house, anticipating his encounter with the Holy Man. Before he knew it, he had been led to the back door and escorted outside. He stopped and turned to the servant, "But I want to see the Holy Man!" "You already have," said the old man. "Everyone you may meet in life, even if they appear plain and insignificant… see each of them as a wise Holy Man. If you do this, then whatever problem you brought here today will be solved."

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast commemorates the elevation of Christ into Heaven by his own power in the presence of his disciples on the fortieth day after his glorious Resurrection. Jesus after his resurrection spent forty days with his disciples instructing them and encouraging them as they prepared for the mission. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven completed his earthly work of our redemption. Through his numerous apparitions to hundreds of people between the day of his glorious Resurrection and the day of his Ascension, Jesus proved two things. First of all, he proved that he was the promised Messiah. Secondly, he proved that through him who overcame death, persons who persevere in their living faith in Jesus shall also overcome death and inherit the Kingdom of God. In the first reading Jesus after his resurrection prepares his Apostles to preach the Gospel. Their message will reach the ends of the earth. The two strangers came to tell them that Jesus will come again as he is assumed into heaven and they will meet him for sure. In the second reading we are reminded of the gifts the ascended Jesus will bestow on the church. Here Paul reminds them of their special calling asking them to maintain the unity in the Spirit and build a bond of peace. In the Gospel Jesus commissions the disciples to go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News. He gives them the power to teach, preach and do the healing miracles in his name. He gives them the command to preach his kingdom to all nations.

This Feast of the Ascension is the completion of the earthly work of Jesus and his elevation into Heaven by his own power. This took place in the presence of his disciples on the fortieth day of his Resurrection. Through his numerous apparitions between the day of his Resurrection and his Ascension, Jesus showed them his messianic dignity and the assurance that they too having fulfilled the task given to them will also be raised to glory by the Father. He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit who will be with them and guide them and they will be his witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The Spirit will teach them the wisdom of God and open them to the errors of the world. The Gospel of Mark tells us of the great commission that was given to the Apostles by Jesus as he was assumed into heaven. He had already explained to them of the power and authority given to him by his Father which would be theirs from now on. They had a mission to fulfil and he would be with them till the end of times.

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The Ascension of our Lord took place a long time ago but his parting words are still vibrant to us and must be carried out courageously to be his witnesses in the world of today like the first Apostles. Hence the feast of the Ascension is not to commemorate a departure but the celebration of the living and lasting presence of Jesus in the church. Jesus tells the disciples of the present situation as he gives the command to "make disciples" of people everywhere. He now introduces them to his mission as he passes on his own authority to his disciples. Pentecost will be the confirmation of this. They are asked to do what he himself did. They now have the power to reconcile the sinful persons with God and with the community and to decide who are not yet ready for reconciliation and full participation in the community's life. Hence there are four aspects to this mission which Jesus gives in today's Gospel: to evangelize, that is, to communicate the life and vision of Jesus, to continue the healing mission of Jesus both physical and spiritual, to experience the power of the Holy Spirit, and experience the presence of Jesus. He will be with us till the end of times. Then Jesus promises us that like him we all will be raised and ascend to the Father. During the coming week, let us remember that Jesus, who has ascended into Heaven, is here with us, is present in our hearts, in his apostolic Church and in a special way present in the Holy Eucharist. As we live this Ascension of our Lord, let us look forward to experience him in our lives and be his messengers in the world of today.

messages: 1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

- 2) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation by his life and preaching and gave us the mission to teach these to others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings by our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, reception of the Sacraments and works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we have experienced with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches -- that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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, 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, Emo Aleman, Robert Hernandez, Nieves Cardenas, Laurie Lawrence, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Josefa Aleman, Crystal Arciba, Francisco Trevino, Patricia Servantes, Viola Rangel, Oralia Aleman, Sandy Rios, Nieves Moreno, Dawn Bieber, Lori Baldillez, Cristobal Servantes, Timmy Lopez, Juanita Alvarado, Deacon Juan Vasquez, Viola Maldonado, Madison Pena, Ricardo Trevino, Jr., Daniel Loya, Sandra Urquizo, Nell Jamison, Charles Cartwright, Stella Riojas, Ben Wilson, Mary Kay, Tony Coronado, Sr., Irma Estela Rodriguez, Owen Rodriguez, Timothy Gene Lopez, Fr. Paul Kottackal, Cruz Guerrero, Sr., Elsa Ochoa, Enoe Garcia, Jesus A. Guerrero, Sr., Manuel Ramon, Melissa Keller, Cerise Garcia, Delaney Martinez, Jaime Perez, Waylon James, Roe Garcia, Benita Salazar Garcia, Louis Calzada, Abel Salazar, Frank Maldonado, Domingo Puga, Celsa Cisneros, Martha Cuellar, Ruben Cuellar, Mila Benavidez, William (Billy) Ihlanfeldt, Jr., Charles Trlica, Cindy Joutraw, Connie Zamora, Rogelia Silvas, Jimmy Silvas, Martha Chavarria and to all at Christus Spohn.

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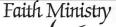
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