

# St. James Catholic Church

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July 4, 2021 – Fourteenth 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.*

*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

Pastor

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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.

**Independence Day Prayer**

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for us through Jesus Christ. On this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that a very high price was paid for our freedom.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America.

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone's life, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing you more dearly.

We ask these through Christ our Lord

Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****SECOND COLLECTION**

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

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

**PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Independence Day.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Altar Society will have a meeting at the CCE Building on **Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome to come.

**ARDEN PLACE OF BEEVILLE**

Arden Place of Beeville will have a representative speaking about their care services on **Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 p.m. Mass**.

**FAITH MINISTRY**

Faith Ministry will hold a meeting at the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAYER WARRIORS**

Our Lady of Fatima prayer warriors will gather **every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month** from **May 13<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>** rain or shine **7 p.m. – 8 p.m.** at St. James Catholic Church. The next gathering is **Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**GUADALUPANAS**

The Guadalupanas of St. James Church will have a membership drive today after Mass. Information about the Guadalupanas will be available. For any questions, call Juanita Cruz at 361-542-1763.

**CONDOLENCES**

St. James expresses condolences to the family of Carolina Trlica.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, July 3**

- 5:00 PM † **Richard V. Espinosa** In Memory by Dolores V. Muniz  
 † **Julio Salazar** In Memory of by Family  
 † **Aurora Gomez** In Memory by Patricia Gonzalez & Family  
 † **Frank Garza, Sr.** In Memory of by Julio & Stella Sanchez Family  
 † **Juan (Johnny) Garza** In Memory of  
 By Julio & Stella Sanchez Family  
 † **Louis C. Sanchez, Sr.** In Memory of 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 By Annette Puga

**Sunday, July 4****INDEPENDENCE DAY**

- 10:00 AM † **Carolina Trlica** In Memory of by Mr. & Mrs. Randy White  
 † **Reyes Garcia** In Memory by Raul Garcia Family  
 † **Gerardo Galvan** In Memory of Birthday by his sister Bertha Garcia

**Monday, July 5**

8:00 AM

**Wednesday, July 7**

8:00 AM

**Thursday, July 8**

8:00 AM † **Eloy Garcia** In Memory of his Birthday by Sandra & Gil Villanueva

**Friday, July 9**

8:00 AM

**NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – July 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.****Must wear a mask to attend class**

All applications MUST be submitted to the church office before the last day of the previous month. Parents must 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**

June 27, 2021

Envelope Collection	\$1491.51
Loose Collection	\$600.15
Total	<b>\$2091.66</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$402.25</b>

*May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice*

**HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**



## OT XIV [B] (July 4)

### Ez 2:2-5; II Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

There is a story told that soon after Mother Teresa took over the house beside a Hindu temple in Calcutta where she cared for the destitute and dying, some people complained, accusing her of proselytism. They wanted her evicted and appealed to the police. When a senior police inspector went to the house to see the situation he was both overwhelmed and appalled. The Officer was overwhelmed by the loving care that was being given to the most wretched of people and appalled by the terrible stench of disease and death. He went back to the critics and said he would evict Mother Teresa if they would be willing to take over her work. No more criticisms were heard. They were not prepared to empty themselves as she was.

One of the most common failures of our human condition is that we tend to take things and people for granted especially if they have become very familiar to us. We underestimate people and situations and finally experience things as not conducive to happy living. This also happens when we deal with something holy and sacred. Hence considering the situation in today's world, we can say that presently our world is in constant turmoil and looks towards healing. We fail to see the presence of the divine that is in the universe and around us. Nature opens itself with the presence of God and invites us to search for inner meaning. Prophet Ezekiel in his times heard the heavenly voice to go among the nation that has rebelled against God. The Prophet heard this voice and obeyed. The people knew then that there was a prophet of God among them and they had to listen to him. This was the time of the rebellion of the people of Israel against God and God punished them by sending them into exile. Ezekiel the prophet offers them hope. He tells them that if they are faithful in witnessing to their beliefs even as strangers in the strange land, Israel would be restored. In the New Testament Jesus gives us a similar hope indicating the divine presence and those who trust in him and see the presence of God would get fulfilment for the hope. In today's gospel, Jesus himself comes as a sign of hope. Even when rejected by his people and despised as they knew him too well, he works miracles and heals people. In the second reading, Paul tells us that weakness can be a very precious gift. When we are weak before God we remain strong.

Familiarity breeds contempt is the term that accurately summarizes the return of Jesus to his home town Nazareth. His ministry was in fact a very successful one. He was accepted as a preacher, teacher, and healer and people flocked around him all the time. His popularity had spread all over the place and gospels tell us that he did not even have time to eat or sleep. Yet when he taught in the synagogue of Nazareth, the reaction was very hostile towards him. The issue was not the content of his teaching. The real issue was that Jesus taught with his own authority. This was clearly interpreted by his hometown people as rank arrogance. After all, he was well known to all the village people there. He was nothing but an ordinary person, one like them. Jesus seems to be aware of their quick negative response and attempts to head it off by quoting a well-known Hellenistic proverb about a prophet not being well accepted in his native place and by the prophet's own people. While the passage gives us details of the family of Jesus by mentioning his mother brothers and sisters, the author intends to focus on two things. First, Jesus is rejected by his home town and second, his authority is denied him. This is the second time he is rejected by those he feels ought to accept him and support him.

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Earlier, Mark tells us of their accusation that he casts out devils by the prince of devils and now they reject him and think his authority cannot be accepted as he is according to them a fraud.

Today's readings call us to awaken our hearts so we may see the divine truth beyond the human appearance of those we know. It is hard to understand the irrational opposition of the people of Nazareth during the visit of Jesus to his village and of the Pharisees and scribes later. The people of Nazareth had all wonderful reports about Jesus and on reflection could have seen in him the true messiah. Instead, they turned against him in bitter hatred and then decided to put an end to his career. Luke tells us that they wanted to throw him down the cliff of the mountain. There was the tinge of pride and envy that made them refuse to accept him. Their hatred towards him made them close their eyes against all goodness he possessed. This is a typical human situation that is repeated later and led him to the cross. He was obedient to his Father and was humble before him. This experience exists even today when the church is challenged grossly by the powers of the world for the good work it is doing. The challenge that Jesus faced two thousand years ago is alive even today to all his followers as we stand for values of truth, justice, and love. We need our faith to grow as the readings of today tell us. When we will have attained that elevation of spiritual knowledge and understanding, our faith will bring us to the realization that God is manifesting Himself all around us, in ways that we have never seen before.

**message:** Today's Scriptures challenge us to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love, and encouragement that we offer to them because they are so familiar with us that they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace. But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing Jesus' prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to "speak the truth in love," and to oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones. Let us also acknowledge, appreciate, and encourage the prophets of our time who stand for Truth and Justice in our society with the wisdom of God in their heads, the power and love of the Holy Spirit in their words, and the courage of God in their actions.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

With care and compassion, we pray for:

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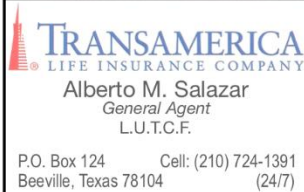
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