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September 5, 2021 – Twenty-Third 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, Wed, Thu

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed Friday

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.

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 Catholic University of America**.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office hours are **Monday through Thursday** from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and will be **closed on Fridays**.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS

A rosary will be held before the Saturday Mass at 4:25 p.m. and the Sunday Mass at 9:25 a.m.

BAKE SALE

St. James will have a Bake Sale this **Sunday** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

FALL FIESTA QUEEN

St. James will have a Fall Fiesta Queen this November. The registration deadline is September 13, 2021. Any interested candidates can contact the parish office.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Those who have not completed Safe Environment training for volunteering it is mandatory from the diocese, please contact Anna Castillo 361-542-3562

CCE CLASSES

Registrations forms for CCE classes are available in the back of the church.

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. The next gathering is **Monday, September 13th**.

FR. JACOB

Fr. Jacob is on his vacation from August 16th to September 16th. There will be no weekday morning Masses until Fr. Jacob returns. For any emergency, please contact Fr. Isaias at Our Lady of Victory Church or Fr. Richard at St. Joseph Church. Please keep Fr. Jacob in your prayers.

CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the family of Irene "Nene" F. Camacho and the family of Genoveva Vega.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 4

- 5:00 PM † **Richard V. Espinosa** In Memory of by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Vega
 † **John Edward Lopez** In Memory of
 By Julio & Stella Sanchez Family
 † **Consuelo Sanchez** In Memory of Anniversary and her Birthday
 By Annette Puga
 † **Carolina Trlica** In Memory of by Ed & Betty Rotter
 † **Luz G. Garza** In Memory of by Mary Elva Villarreal
For Fr. Jacob May he be safe on his vacation

Sunday, September 5

- 10:00 AM † **Frank B. & Fermana Maldonado** In Memory of his Birthday
 By The Maldonado Family
 † **Ysaías Guerrero** In Memory of by The Maldonado Family
 † **Louis C. Sanchez, Sr. & Consuelo Sanchez**
 By Louis Sanchez, Jr. & Family
 † **Anita P. Rodriguez** In Memory of by Stella & Ruby Sanchez
 † **Mary Maxene Long** In Memory of
 By Randy & Ruth White, & Bob Long
 † **Armando & Rudy Martinez** In Memory of
 By Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Martinez
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What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family. - Mother Teresa



WEEKLY OFFERING

August 29, 2021

Envelope Collection	\$1508.51
Loose Collection	\$392.00
Total	\$1900.51
Second Collection	\$162.75

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – September 6, 2021



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 **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.

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, 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, Angie 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 Urquiza, 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, Crystal Patino, David Lee Ramirez, Estela Ochoa, Victor & Maria Ramos, Valire Ramos, and to all at Christus Spohn.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD OR TO REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

OT XXIII [B] (Sept5)**Isiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37**

The new hearing aid: An elderly gentleman had had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor, and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Introduction: Today's readings offer **two challenges**: 1) Become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless and caring love to the needy and the marginalized in our society. 2) Open your ears to hear the word of God, open your eyes to see God's presence in everyone and loosen your tongue to praise and worship God loudly and to convey the Good News of God's love and salvation to others. (Anecdote of the "little monk" who opened blind eyes & deaf years).

In the **first reading** (Is 35:4-7), prophet Isiah reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. *"He comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing."*

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 146) sings of a God who gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down and welcomes strangers. That is why, in today's **second reading** (James 2:1-5), the apostle gives us some basic and challenging principles of social justice. He exhorts Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's "preferential option" for the poor. He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich. **Today's Gospel** describes how Jesus, by healing a deaf man with speech impediment fulfilled Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, *"The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped."* The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbor, unwillingness to hear God's voice and the inability to speak words of praise and gratitude. Through this miracle story, Mark also reminds us that no one can be a follower of the Lord without reaching out to the helpless ("preferential option for the poor").

Life messages: 1) **We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual deafness and muteness & blindness.** We may find it hard to speak to God in prayer and harder still to hear Him speaking to us through the Bible and through the Church. Let us ask God's help to open our ears so that we may hear Him while reading the Bible, and praise and worship Him loudly in our family prayer and in our public worship by actively participating in the Holy Mass, singing with the choir and praying with the congregation. Jesus' compassionate touch will help us to hear the cries of the poor and the sick. It will teach us to show kindness, mercy and consideration to others. His healing touch will also help us convey peace and hope to those around us.

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2) **We need to help Jesus to heal the deaf and the mute today.** Let us lend Jesus our hands to give his healing touch to the sick. Let us lend Jesus our tongues so that he may speak to the spiritually hungry through us. Let us lend Jesus our hearts so that he may touch the lives of people in our day through us, just as he touched the lives of millions through saintly souls like Francis of Assisi, Damien of Molokai, Vincent de Paul and St. Jeanne Jugan, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa).

"Being cheerful keeps you healthy. It is slow death to be gloomy all the time" {**Proverbs 17: 22**}. 1) **Who is deaf?** An old man is talking to the family doctor. "Doctor, I think my wife's going deaf." The doctor answers, "Well, here's something you can try on her to test her hearing. Stand some distance away from her without facing her and ask her a question. If she doesn't answer, move a little closer and ask again. Keep repeating this until she answers. Then you'll be able to tell just how hard of hearing she really is." The man goes home and tries it out. He walks in the door and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He doesn't hear an answer, so he moves closer to her. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still he gets no answer. He repeats this several times, until he's standing just one foot away from her. Finally, she answers, "For the eleventh time, I said we're having meat loaf!"

"I cannot lift my arms or bend my knees." Once upon a time there was a squire who longed to be a knight. He wanted to serve his king and be the most honorable and noble knight who ever lived. At his knighting he was so overcome by dedication that he made a special oath. He vowed to bow his knees and lift his arms in homage to his king and him alone. This knight was given the task of guarding a city on the frontier of the kingdom. Every day he stood at attention by the gate of the city in full armor. Years passed. One day as he was standing at attention guarding his post, a peasant woman passed by with goods for the market. Her cart turned over spilling potatoes and carrots and onions everywhere. The woman hurried to get them all back in her cart. But the knight wouldn't help the poor woman. He just stood at attention lest he break his vow by bending his knees to help pick up the woman's goods. Time passed and one day a man with one leg was passing by and his crutch broke. "Please help me noble knight," he requested. **"Reach down and help me up."** But the knight would not stoop or lift a hand to help lest he break his vow. Years and decades passed, the knight was getting old. One day his grandson came by and said, "Grandpa pick me up and take me to the fair." But he would not stoop lest he break his vow to the king. Finally, after years the king came to visit and inspect the knight. As the king approached the knight stood there at attention. The king inspected him but noticed that the knight was crying. "You are one of the noblest knights I have ever seen why you are crying?" "Your majesty, I took a vow that I would bow and lift my arms in homage to you, but I am unable to keep my vow. These years have done their work and the joints of my armor are rusted. I cannot lift my arms or bend my knees." With the loving voice of a parent the King replied, "Perhaps if you had knelt to help all those who passed by and lifted your arms to embrace all those who came to you, you would have been able to keep your vow to pay me homage today." Do you want to be God's number one? Then practice stooping. Practice the art of humility. Reach down to give a hand to someone in need. Sacrifice your wants for the needs of another.




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