St. James Catholic Church

A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi

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March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent



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.

<u>A Hearty Welcome</u>

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 Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PAROCHIAL TEAM

Pastor Rev. Jacob

Office Administrator R. Anthony Hinojosa

Parish Secretary Juanita L. Martinez

Parish Catechetical Leader Anna Castillo

> Bookkeeper Cristina Rea Sanchez

Parish Council Chairman Luis Hernandez

Finance Council Chairman Louis Sanchez

> Altar Society Eugenia Padron

Altar Servers Coordinators Kimberly Cuéllar Beatrice Hernandez

> Guadalupanas Pres. Juanita Cruz

Cursillistas Vocal Maria Louisa Ortiz

English Choir Margaret Smith

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's second collection is for the Religious and Spiritual Formation of the Parishioners. Your generous contributions are appreciated. Next weekend we will have a second collection for The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

HEALING SERVICE & ADORATION

Our next Healing Service and Adoration will be on Thursday, March 16 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm to prepare for Easter, and continues every Thursday during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For more participation we have changed the time for Stations of the Cross to be celebrated on **Fridays** at **6:30 p.m.** followed by Mass and also **before Mass** on **Saturday** and **Sunday**. During Lent there will be no morning Mass on Fridays. Confessions can be made 15 minutes before Mass or after the Mass.

RELIGIOUS SIDEWALK SALE

This **Sunday, March 12th** after the 10:00 am Mass we will be having a Religious Sidewalk Sale, with items from our gift shop as well as tacos and drinks. All are welcome.

GUADALUPANAS BAKE SALE

The Guadalupanas will have a bake sale next **Sunday**, **March 19th** after the 10:00 am Mass, to raise funds for the ramp at the back entrance of the church. Please show your solidarity. All are welcome.

CINCO DE MAYO SUPER BINGO

On Sunday, May 7th, we will be having a Cinco de Mayo Super Bingo from 1 - 5 pm. For more information contact Martha Cuellar at 361-318-4974. All are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph Catholic Church is open for adoration, you can sign up near the entrance for scheduling or call their office. All are welcome.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

A few more 2023 contribution envelopes are still at the back of the church, please pick up your envelopes if you have not done so. If you need envelopes check with Mrs. Martinez or any usher or contact the office. Thank you.

LIFE IS A SONG, SING IT

The *Faith Choir* meet on **Wednesdays at 6pm** for Practice and they sing for the Holy Mass on Sundays at 10am. Rehearsals are held in the church choir loft, enter through the side door. We welcome interested singers of all ages to join us. Hope to see you soon.

REGISTRATION

The registration is still going on and if you have not registered with St. James or are not sure, we have registration forms in the back of the church and the parish office. Please renew your registration if you have not done so within 5 years.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank Ms. K. Cuellar for cleaning our church this week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 11 4:30 PM Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM **†** Aurora Gomez by Patricia Gonzalez Reynaldo P. Muñoz by Cruz Muñoz t Ramona Ortiz by Valentina Salazar t Adela Casarez by Valentina Salazar t Richard Deleon For Healing by Julian Longoria Michelle Shampoe For Spiritual Healing by Julian Longoria Sunday, March 12 9:30 PM Stations of the Cross 10:00 AM + Frank B. & Fermana Maldonado by Maldonado Family **† Robert Hernandez** by Maldonado Family † Julio & Baudelia Salazar, & Geronimo Ortiz For Geronimos's Anniversary by Erlinda Ortiz Nicolas Ryan Aleman by Yolanda Aleman & Family Todd Pritchard by Teodora Galvan & Family Manuel Lorenzo Benavidez by Teodora Galvan & Family t Natalie Bauch For her Health By Randy & Ruth White & Bob Long Bryan White For his Health by Randy & Ruth White & Bob Long Melissa Martinez For her Health By Randy & Ruth White & Bob Long Randy White For his Health by Ruth White & Bob Long Monday, March 13 8:00 AM Wednesday, March 15 8:00 AM Thursday, March 16 8:00 AM Friday, March 17 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

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, 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, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Josefa Aleman, Crystal Arciba, Francisco Trevino, Patricia Servantes, Viola Rangel, Oralia Aleman, Sandy Rios, Nieves Moreno, Dawn Bieber, Cristobal Servantes, Timmy Lopez, Deacon Juan Vasquez, Viola Maldonado, Madison Pena, Ricardo Trevino, Jr., Daniel Loya, Sandra Urquizo, Nell Jamison, 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, Celsa Cisneros, Martha Cuellar, Ruben Cuellar, Mila Benavidez, William (Billy) Ihlanfeldt, Jr., Cindy Joutraw, Connie Zamora, Rogelia Silvas, Jimmy Silvas, David Lee Ramirez, Estela Ochoa, Victor & Maria Ramos, Valire Ramos, David Ramirez, Rosario Cruz, Henry Guerrero, Lucy Garcia, Melba Ponce, Liza Castaneda, Robert Molina, Ruben Contreras, Mary G. Perez, Dora Loya, Martin & Elsa Munoz, Pat Lopez, Alexandria Soto, Joe Guerrero, Janie Muñoz, Michael Rodriguez, Maria Gonzalez Silvas, Quistro Lopez, Rubin Gonzalez, Natalie Bauch, and to all at Christus Spohn.

Please Call The Office To Add Or To Remove Names From The Prayer List.

MASS SCH	IEDULE					AUDITORS
Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	March 12 Juanita Cruz, Elfida Garcia
Sat., March 11	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Jose Valdes	Lisa Blanton	Alizabeth Martinez	March 19 Rosalinda Orozco, Margaret Mesquita
Sun., March 12	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Leticia Musquez	Susana Martinez	Krislynn Cuellar, Rico Flores Mia Flores	March 26 Janie Maldonado, Alice Sanchez
Sat., March 18	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Beatrice Hernandez	Salvador Andrade	Andres Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez	April 2 Kimberly Cuellar, Luis Hernandez April 9 Juanita Cruz, Elfida Garcia
Sun., March 19	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Krystal Bustamante	Susana Moron	Theresa Salazar, Rayleigh Guerra, Krislynn Cuellar	

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

LENT III [A] (March 12) Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God's Holy Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the living water of Divine Grace. We are assembled here in the Church to drink this water of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are challenged by today's Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give.

Scripture: The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95), refers both to the Rock of our salvation and also to our hardened hearts. It reminds us that our hard hearts need to be softened by God through our grace-prompted and -assisted prayer, fasting and works of mercy which enable us to receive the living water of the Holy Spirit, salvation, and eternal life from the Rock of our salvation. In the second reading, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus poured the *living water* of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. In the Gospel, an unclean, ostracized Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the living water. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which he had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about himself as the Source of Living Water and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because he is that lifegiving water.

Life messages: 1) We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the living water of the Holy Spirit. Let us find this living water in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy Bible, especially during this Lenten season. 2) We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for "unwanted" people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

3) We need to leave the "husbands" behind during Lent as the Samaritan woman did. Today's Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits and sinful addictions that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is our time to learn from our mistakes of overindulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that distances us from the Living Water.

Bulletin Deadline

Thursday at 12:00 Noon, please have your announcements and notices to the office for insertion into the bulletin. Thank you.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – April 3, 2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Saturday, April 1: 5:00 PM - Blessing of the Palms followed by the Eucharistic Celebration Palm Sunday, April 2: 10:00 AM - Blessing of the Palms followed by the Eucharistic Celebration Holy Thursday, April 6: 7:00-8:00 PM - The Lord's Supper - Blessing of Bread - Holv Mass & Adoration in the Church Adoration Schedule 8:00-12:00 - Everyone is Welcome 8:00-9:00 PM - Religious Education, Altar Servers, Their parents & family members 9:00-10:00 PM - Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Families 10:00-11:00 PM - Cursillistas & Guadalupanas 11:00-12:00 Midnight - Ushers, Faith Choir, & Families Please come at least one hour to spend time with our Lord during Adoration Good Friday, April 7: 2:00 PM - Stations of the Cross followed by Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Saturday, April 8: 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass Easter Sunday, April 9: 10:00 AM - Mass WEEKLY OFFERING March 5th, 2023 Envelope Collection \$2,101.13 Loose Collection \$389.50 Total \$2,490.63 Second Collection \$595.32 May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice *INSTEAD OF FASTING FROM MEAT IN LENT, POPE FRANCIS PROPOSES 15 SIMPLE ACTS OF CHARIT 9. Select what you don't use and give to the 10. Help when needed for someone else to 11. Correct with love, don't keep quiet out of 12. Have a good word with those who are n 5. Listen to the other person's story, without prejudice, with love. 13. Clean up what I use at home 14. Help others overcome obstacles. 15. Call your parents, if you are lucky enoug

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- Fast from pessimism* and fill yourself with hope and optimism Fast from unforgiveness* and fill yourself wi
- Fast from worry and fill yourself with trust in God
- Fast from complaining* and fill yourself with the simple things in life
- If we all try this fast, daily life will be filled with:

PEACE, CONFIDENCE, JOY, AND LIFE.

1. greeting (always and everywhere)

7. Revive someone's morale.

2. Give thanks * (even if you don't "have to").

3. Remind others how much you love them.

4. Greet with joy to those people you see every day.

6. Stop to help. Be attentive to those who need you.

8. Celebrate the qualities or success of another.

 S PROPOSES 15 SIMPLE ACTS OF CHARITY. Select what you don't use and give to those who need it. Help when needed for someone else to rest. 	ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH 2023 EVENTS OF THE YEAR (Tentative)		
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13. Clean up what I use at home	19: Guadalupanas Bake Sale		
 Help others overcome obstacles. Call your parents, if you are lucky enough to have them. 	May 7: Cinco de Mayo Super Bingo		
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 Fast from pressure* and fill yourself with prayer Fast from sadness* and bitterness and fill your heart with joy 	June 18: Father's Day Bake Sale		
- Fast from selfishness* and fill yourself with compassion for others	July 2: Fourth of July Bingo		
 Fast from unforgiveness* and fill yourself with reconciling attitudes Fast from words and fill yourself with silence and listening to others 	September 3: Bingo		
life	November 4: Fiesta		
	December 10: Christmas Celebration		
	23: Posada		

