

St. James Catholic Church

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April 16, 2023 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

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

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Luis Hernandez

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Altar Society

Eugenia Padron

Altar Servers Coordinators

Kimberly Cuéllar

Beatrice Hernandez

Guadalupanas

Pres. Juanita Cruz

Cursillistas Vocal

Maria Luisa 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 special second collection is for **The Newman Center**. This is to support and run the Newman Center, a venture of the Diocese of Corpus Christi for college students. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is a Feast Day you don't want to miss! Jesus promised to "pour out a whole ocean of Graces upon these souls who approach the Fount of His Mercy on this day. Please Join the CCE students right after Mass as they pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet. Thank you

MEETING OF ORGANIZATIONS

There will be a meeting of Parish Council, Finance Committee, and all the organizations on **Thursday, April 20th** at **7:00 pm**.

CINCO DE MAYO SUPER BINGO

On **Sunday, May 7th**, we will be having a Cinco de Mayo Super Bingo from **1 – 5 pm** at the **Bee County Expo Auditorium**. For more information or to contribute contact **Martha Cuellar** at **361-318-4974** or the parish office at 361-358-4825. All are welcome.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

The Mother's Day Novena will start on May 13th and continue through May 21st. Please bring your intentions before.

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK LIST

To add names to The Pray For The Sick list, please fill in names to be prayed for on the list in the folder in the back of the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make Holy Week special, especially the Altar Servers Drama Club guided by catechist Eugenia Padron for their performance of Stations of the Cross and also the Catechist, Faith Choir, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and parishioners. And to all those who donated for the Easter lily flowers for the altar. May God Bless You All.

CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the family of **Mary H. Campos**, and to the family of **David Lopez**. May their souls rest in peace.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank **all our volunteers** for cleaning our church this week.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 15

8:00 PM † **Ascencion "Chon" Carrizales** by Carrizales Family
 † **Juan & Sophie Longoria** by Dora Ortiz
 † **Kay Cantu Loya** by Dora Ortiz
 † **Ruben G. Gonzales** by Mr. & Mrs. Wally Garcia
 † **Jesus N. Contreras** For his Birthday by Aurora Contreras & Family
 † **Lucia Garza** by Jan & Longie Berdan
 † **George Gomez** by Cruz Muñoz
 † **Richard De Leon for his health** by Julian Longoria
 † **Michele Shampoe for spiritual guidance** by Julian Longoria

Sunday, April 16

Sunday of Divine Mercy

10:00 AM † **Margaret Cabellero** by Ernest & Rosalinda Orozco
 † **Jesus N. Contreras** For his Birthday by Aurora Contreras & Family
 † **Ramon Elias Rodriguez**
 † **Augustin Paredez** For his Anniversary by Blanca Paredez
 † **Antonio Paredez** For his Anniversary by Blanca Paredez
 † **Maria De Jesus P. Arredondo** For her Anniversary
 By Blanca Paredez
 † **Maximino Hurtado**
 † **Maria Silvas** For her Birthday by her son Jimmy Silvas
 † **Sophie Espinosa** For her Anniversary by Kimberly Cuellar
 † **For his health Jorge Andres Garza** by Yolanda Aleman

Monday, April 17

8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 19

8:00 AM † **Genevieve S. Trevino** For her Anniversary of Death by the Family

Thursday, April 20

8:00 AM

Friday, April 21

8:00 AM

PRAY FOR THE SICK



With care and compassion, we pray for:

Rene Diaz, and to all at Christus Spohn.

Please fill in names to be prayed for on the list in the folder in the back of the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.

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 – May 1, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE					
Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat., April 15	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Juanita Cruz	Salvador Andrade	Andres Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez
Sun., April 16	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Manuel Garnica Sebastian Galvan	Janie Maldonado	Krislynn Cuellar, Rico Flores Mia Flores
Sat., April 22	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Elifida Garcia	Lisa Blanton	Andres Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez
Sun., April 23	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Susana Martinez	Susana Martinez	Daniel Hinojosa, Theresa Salazar, Rayleigh Guerra

AUDITORS

April 16
 Rosalinda Orozco,
 Margaret Mesquita
April 23
 Janie Maldonado,
 Alice Sanchez
April 30
 Kimberly Cuellar,
 Luis Hernandez
May 7
 Kimberly Cuellar,
 Luis Hernandez
May 14
 Juanita Cruz,
 Elifida Garcia

Sunday of Divine Mercy [A] (April 16)

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, where we recall the absolute mercy and love that Jesus has for all humanity.

Speaking of God's divine mercy. God's mercy is more profound than any human mercy or compassion could imagine. We cannot downplay the significance of how different Jesus' reunion with his disciples is after he rose from the dead, from how the expectations of the world might be... After all, Jesus had been betrayed and abandoned by most of his followers and almost all of his disciples. Only a few loyal women stayed with him through it all... his chosen disciples mostly scattered in fear. The one Jesus chose to be the rock on which he would build his church denied him three times. Now he is risen and he returns to meet them... would not one expect (if this were merely an earthly drama), that there would be revenge, retribution, or at least an extended session of guilt trips and finger pointing... But no.... there is not a hint of judgement in our Lord's return.... He does not even punish Thomas for his doubt and his demands before he would believe the news that Our Lord had indeed risen.

Christ meets Thomas where he is. And shows Thomas what he needed to be assured... he shows him his hands and side... That is mercy. That is compassion. It is also service and love. These are God's ways, which are so very different from many of the ways of the world....

In the Easter narratives.... "The risen Jesus is encountered by different disciples in different situations and ways....

- Mary Magdalene recognized the risen Jesus only when he called her by name.
- The two disciples travelling along the road towards Emmaus did not realize WHO this stranger was who walked along with them.... until they saw him break bread and then they realized that their hearts had already been burning with fervor as they had walked along the road..... but they had not recognized the signs of Christ's presence But the disciples would get better and better at recognizing Christ in the Eucharist... and in the word of God and in the stranger... and in the burning energy of God's good news...
- And then again today; some people do not recognize Jesus until they touch the wounds of the suffering one.....

May we continue to recognize Christ's presence whenever we touch the woundedness of those around us and offer support and strength....

The common interpretation of this scene of St Thomas doubting ... is that he doubts that Jesus had been raised from the dead.But if we look at this incident very carefully, it could be argued that, in fact, it is not Jesus whom Thomas doubts, but rather, Thomas is expressing doubt in his fellow disciples. In fact, when Jesus appears to them seven days later, Thomas has the opportunity to share in the experience of the Risen Lord and, like the others, immediately confesses Easter faith.

So, this passage can also be saying..... do not be tempted to doubt the proclamation of the Disciples.... This is the church's constant message throughout its two thousand and more years of history.... that Jesus is truly risen.... Even if we have not seen it for ourselves and touched the very wounds of the risen Christ, ... we trust in the testimony of those apostles who did see him and who did touch his hand and side and took broken bread from his hands.... and whose words are written in scripture so that we now share in their message and believe, and also share fully in the life of the risen Lord, that Jesus offers us to us all....

The first reading gives a picture of the early Christian church community as it grows in numbers and strength, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The apostles are doing what Jesus did. Jesus is working in and through them. The first reading mentions that they all met by common agreement, and it illustrates in the first reading some ways in which this Christian community was a powerful source of Christ's healing to those in need.

We need the community.... And we need that important gathering together to unite our hearts and minds to that of Christ and his gospel.... We know implicitly that coming together as the Body of Christ, the church is never an added extra... there is no such thing as a solo Christian... even when we work individually....we are united in a common bond with Christ and one another. The community of disciples, the church, ensures that we are always one in Christ.... And not merely walking to the beat of our own drum..... nor making up our faith as we go.

In a world where individualism is strong and a deeply valued quality..... the idea of being united and focusing on unity (in Christ) whilst at the same time not denying the value of unity in diversity is a careful balancing act, not to be taken lightly...

Jesus wants us to be ONE IN HIM.... he wants to unite us in the communion of his loving relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to be united in his belief and experience as the Risen Son of God... who invites us to share in his life and participate in his Kingdom forever.

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We pray for the grace to be people of unity and healing.... who constantly act and work in ways that build up unity, and protect against fragmentation.....

We pray for the ability to see and act in ways that put the needs of others up there with our needs..... so that we might see the whole picture of our participation in one big family..... and not just a lifelong 'solo act'.

Thomas, in the gospel, is so inspiring.... he doubted....but he did not leave.... he was still with the disciples the next week.... he struggled....but the others did not reject him..... and Jesus strengthened him in his struggle and doubts..... at times in life... we will have doubts and fears..... Jesus shows us all that we are right to trust in his promises, even when we do not always experience the confirmation of the truth of these promises with our own eyes, hands and ears..... Thomas is a gift to us in another way. He shows us that the apostles were not gullible or foolish. What they experienced in the Risen Jesus was the experience of sensible people, just like you and me. Thinking people, who do not easily swallow everything they are told. Still, nevertheless, they truly did experience Jesus risen body and soul, and this is what they have steadfastly passed on to all future generations. This is the testimony of sensible, deep-thinking people who know what they mean and mean what they say.

Today we know that Our Lord is certainly worth trusting in, and all his promises are true..... we can thank Thomas for Jesus confirming that for all future generations.... including us here and now....

We are asking for prayers for our Confirmation and First Communion candidates, may our Lord prepare them to receive their precious sacrament:

Confirmation Candidates:

Jayse Ty Arredondo	Brandi Kaleigh Cash
Sebastian Raul Galvan	Selene Paola Galvan
Aaron Garnica	Michaela Rae Gomez

First Communion Candidates:

Braxton Cash	Alexander Castaneda
Manuel Garnica	Alix Guajardo
Rayann Guerra	Adrian Hernandez
Anayeli Hernandez	Arturo Martinez IV
Adrian Musquez	Alicia Musquez
David Portillo	Luis Portillo
Rovert Portillo	Nicholas Rodriguez
Rodrigo Sanchez Guzman	Julian Uribe
Alivia Villarreal	



WEEKLY OFFERING

April 9th, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$2,328.61
Loose Collection	\$636.80
Total	\$2,965.41
Second Collection	\$310.01

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH 2023 EVENTS OF THE YEAR

(Tentative)

May	7: Cinco de Mayo Super Bingo
	14: Mother's Day Bake Sale
June	18: Father's Day Bake Sale
July	2: Fourth of July Bingo
September	3: Bingo
November	4: Fiesta
December	10: Christmas Celebration
	23: Posada

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