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July 23, 2023 – Sixteenth 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

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 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 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 **Newman Center**.

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS

St. James Church two-day workshop on **DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS: For Social Change** continues. Those who are still interested can still attend the workshop this **Sunday** afternoon from **4pm – 6:30pm**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

St. James Catholic Church will be having **Vacation Bible School** on **August 4th, 5th, & 6th**. registration forms are available in the back of the church, the parish office, and our website at <https://stjamesbeeville.org/cce> For additional information see the bulletin or contact **Eugenia Padron** at **361-354-0040**.

CCE REGISTRATION

CCE classes will begin on **Sunday, September 10th**, registration forms are available in the back of the church, the parish office, and our website at <https://stjamesbeeville.org/cce>

FIESTA SPONSORSHIP

Anyone who would like to be a sponsor for our Fiesta Bingo on November 4, please contact **Martha Cuellar** at **361-318-4974**.

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 back of the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.

GUADALUPANAS

The Guadalupanas want to thank all parishioners and donors for a successful bake sale last Sunday. We thank **Martha Cuellar** and **Jimmy Cardenas** for their help and assistance. We appreciate your support and generosity in helping us accomplish our projects for St. James Church.

A BIG THANK YOU

By the grace of God and your generous cooperation, we could accomplish another long-awaited dream, i.e. replacing the roof of the **parish hall**. It looks beautiful. Thank you to all who donated generously for this project especially who organized the fundraising and all those who participated in the Cinco de Mayo Super Bingo.

Awaiting projects of the Parish Hall

1. facelift for the kitchen counter. 2. Replacement of the ceiling. 3. Remodeling the stage and restrooms for more space. 4. Painting. 5. New floor.

I am confident that by the grace of God and your continued and generous support we can accomplish these projects in the near future. Once again thank you so much for your continued support. May God Bless you, Fr. Jacob

ST. JAMES BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023 REPORT

St. James Bishop's Stewardship Appeal 2023 report as of July 14th is as follows: Our Goal is \$9,500, our Pledged Amount is \$7,106, our Amount Received is \$5,436, and our Balance is \$4,064. Please generously donate to fulfill our goal.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank the *Faith Choir* **Blanca Paredes, Olga Gutierrez, Margaret Smith, & Herlinda Ortiz** for cleaning our church this week.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 22

5:00 PM † **Richard V. Espinosa** For his Birthday by Rosalinda V. Espinosa
 † **Benny Gomez** by Patricia Gonzalez
 † **Domingo G. Garcia** For his Birthday by Elfida R. Garcia
 † **Luz Garza** For his Birthday by Family
 † **Ninfa & Luis Muñoz** In honor of their Birthdays by Cruz Muñoz
 † **Natalie Duran** For a speedy recovery by Julian Longoria

Sunday, July 23

10:00 AM † **Anita Paredes** For her Birthday by Margaret Smith
 † **Manuela Y. Ortiz** For her Birthday by Family
 † **Delfina Salinas Huerta** by Nogelia "Noe" Bradt
 † **Juan Antonio Felipe Gutierrez** For his Birthday by Family
 † **Richard V. Espinosa** For his Birthday by Kimberly Cuellar
 † **Andrea Suniga** For her Birthday by Angie Garcia
 † **Rebecca Orosco** For her Birthday by Angie Garcia
 † **Armando B. Perez** For his 3rd Anniversary
 By Maria G. Perez, wife, and daughter & sons
 † **Maximino Hurtado**
 † **Alfonso Martinez**

Monday, July 24

8:00 AM † **Domingo G. Garcia** For his Birthday by Elfida R. Garcia
 † **Federico G. Ruiz, Sr.** For his Anniversary
 By Elfida R. Garcia & Mary Ramon
 † **Juan Antonio Felipe Gutierrez**
 By his grandparents Robert & Olga Gutierrez

Wednesday, July 26

8:00 AM

Thursday, July 27

8:00 AM

Friday, July 28

8:00 AM

PRAY FOR THE SICK



With care and compassion, we pray for:

Mary & Juan Antonio Gutierrez, Stella Sanchez, Danny & Dora Loya, Leon & Hilda Pharma, Rosario Cruz, Ruth White, Carolina Lopez, Adrian Musquez, Leticia Musquez, Rosa Perez Ortiz, Lupita Mata, Ralph Estrella, Licha Puga, Rachel Espinoza, Luiz A. Munoz, Manuel R. Martinez, Nieves & Olga Cardenas, Petra Rodriguez, Rogelia Silvas, Rosa Arredondo, Ruben Cuellar, Rene Paredes, Jonathan Paredes, Henry Guerrero, Maria Elena Guerrero, Senaida Hernandez, Minnie Arredondo, Martha Puerto, Alfredo Maldonado, April Galvan, Cruz Guerrero Sr., Cruz Guerrero Jr., Avry Garcia, Chris Baldillez, Maria G. Perez, Sally Garza Tovar, 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.

MASS SCHEDULE



Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat., July 22	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Lisa Blanton	Salvador Andrade	Andres Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez, Catalina Sanchez
Sun., July 23	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Casey Ponce	Susana Morón	Rico Flores & Mia Flores
Sat., July 29	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Juanita Cruz	Lisa Blanton	Andres Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez, Adam Garcia
Sun., July 30	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Rosie Ortega	Janie Maldonado	Theresa Salazar, Rayleigh Guerra, Arturo Martinez IV

AUDITORS

July 23
 Janie Maldonado,
 Alice Sanchez
July 30
 Kimberly Cuellar,
 Anna Castillo
August 6
 Kimberly Cuellar,
 Anna Castillo
August 13
 Rosalinda Orozco,
 Margaret Mesquita
August 20
 Janie Maldonado,
 Alice Sanchez

OT XVI [A] (July 23)

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family based on unwarranted and hasty judgment.

Scripture: The first reading from the Book of Wisdom shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, reminds us that the Spirit of God constantly empowers us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others.

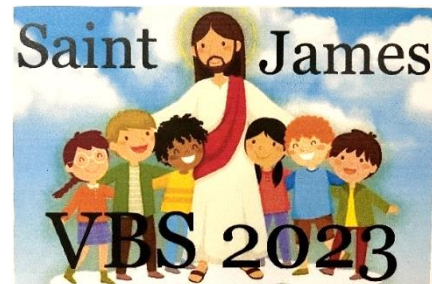
Finally, in the Gospel *parable of the wheat and the weeds*, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world until the harvest, and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that they may come to conversion before their time ends: "*Let the wheat and the weeds [darnel] grow together till the harvest time.*" In other words, God is "delaying" the end of the world for repentant sinners, giving them more time, and offering them the graces of strength and good will so that they may get reconciled with Him. God calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who seem to us to fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

Life messages: 1) We need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been "weeds" in God's field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace, God's favor, and to share His Word and love with others.

2) We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God's field, leaving the "weeds" for God to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction, and selfless service can prompt the "weeds" in our society to reassess their lives, modify them, and grow into useful members of society.

Anecdote:

"Weed" control: Journalist Bob Garfield specializes in reporting on the quirky and unique aspects of human nature. When Garfield traveled through Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1992, he thought that he'd hit the mother lode of quirkiness. He met people from all walks of life who were trying to find healing or wholeness through such things as aura-balancing, drum-beating ceremonies, ancient mystical therapies, crystals, astrology, spiritual channeling, and the like. Even in a Santa Fe health food store, Garfield found some highly unusual approaches to medicine. Rather than containing the average mix of vitamins and herbs, this store offered vitamin and herb mixes called, "Luminous Spirit, Positive Attitude, Women's Courage, Emotional Rescue, Clearing Hate, Clearing Greed, Humiliation, (and) Children of Divorce. . . ." [Bob Garfield, *Wake Up Screaming from the American*. . . (New York: Scribner's, 1997), p. 94] — If only we could find emotional rescue or spiritual growth in a pill! But it's not that easy. Where do we turn for help?



Vacation Bible School (VBS) registration forms are now available for grades 1-6.

VBS will be on **Friday, August 4th, 5:30 – 8:30pm,**
Saturday, August 5th, 10:00am – 3:30pm,
Sunday, August 6th, 8:00am – 12:00pm

There will be water games, crafts, Bible Stories, food, prizes, and much much more.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**July 16th, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$1,801.00
Loose Collection	\$356.00
Total	\$2,157.00
Second Collection	\$249.86

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
2023 EVENTS OF THE YEAR
 (Tentative)

July	22, 23:	Developing Leadership Skills Workshop Phase II
August	4,5,6:	Vacation Bible School
	13:	Guadalupanas Bake Sale
September	3:	Bingo
November	4:	Fiesta
December	10:	Christmas Celebration
	23:	Posada



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