

# St. James Catholic Church

*A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi*

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July 30, 2023 – Seventeenth 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

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Anna Castillo

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Cristina Rea Sanchez

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Guadalupanas

Pres. Juanita Cruz

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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. **Next weekend** we will have a **second collection for the Building, Repair, & Maintenance Fund**.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

St. James Catholic Church will be having **Vacation Bible School** this coming **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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 10<sup>th</sup>**, registration forms are available in the back of the church, the parish office, and our website at <https://stjamesbeeville.org/cce>

### YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS CAMP ARRIVES SOON

The young people in our diocese will have the unique opportunity to celebrate their Catholic faith through art, drama, and music at a 5-day performing arts camp October 11-15 (during fall break). This **FREE** camp is open to all high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors ages 14 to 18. For more information contact the parish office or <https://diocesecc.org/vpa>

### FIESTA QUEEN

St. James will have a Fiesta Queen this November. Any interested candidates can pick up an application in the back of the church. For more information contact **Casey Ponce** at **361-318-0888**.

### 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

Thank you to the Guadalupeans for sponsoring the rug at the back of the church, it looks beautiful. May God Bless you.

### 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

### DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS THANK YOU

Last weekend at our parish hall we had a very good two-day workshop on **Developing Leadership Skills**. We thank Fr. Binoy and Fr. Jacob for speaking at the workshop, and also all the participants that attended and the volunteers that helped. Thank you.

### ST. JAMES BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023 REPORT

St. James Bishop's Stewardship Appeal 2023 report as of July 28<sup>th</sup> is as follows: Our Goal is \$9,500, our Pledged Amount is \$7,126, our Amount Received is \$5,541, and our Balance is \$3,959. Please generously donate to fulfill our goal.

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank the **Youth** for cleaning our church this week.

### CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the family of **Santiago A. "Jimmy" Rios**, and to the family of **Raquel (Trevino) Camacho**. May their souls rest in peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Saturday, July 29

- 5:00 PM † **Eddie Gomez** by Patricia Gonzalez  
 † **Clarissa Cantu** For her 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 By her grandparents Monico & Lupita Cantu  
 † **Federico G. Ruiz, Sr.** For his Anniversary  
 By Elida R. Garcia & Mary Ramon  
 † **David Sanchez** For his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Alice Sanchez  
 † **Anita T. Perez** For her Birthday by her Children  
 † **Aurelio G. Treviño** by J.P. & Dora Fuentes  
**Javier Muñoz** In honor of his Birthday by Cruz Muñoz

### Sunday, July 30

- 10:00 AM † **Charles & Carolina Trlica** by Gerald & Margaret Trlica  
 † **Ricardo Coronado** For Happy Heavenly Birthday  
 By Esther Coronado  
 † **Delfina Salinas Huerta** by Nogelia "Noe" Bradt  
 † **Isaac Paredez** by Blanca Paredez  
**For all soldiers suffering from PTSD**

### Monday, July 31

8:00 AM

### Wednesday, August 2

8:00 AM

### Thursday, August 3

8:00 AM

### Friday, August 4

- 8:00 AM † **Connie Markwick**  
 † **Muñoz, Ewart, & Guerrero Families**

## 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 Paredez, Jonathan Paredez, Henry Guerrero, Maria Elena Guerrero, Senaida Hernandez, Minnie Arredondo, Martha Puerto, Alfredo Maldonado, Cruz Guerrero Sr., Cruz Guerrero Jr., Avry Garcia, Chris Baldillez, Maria G. Perez, Sally Garza Tovar, Lelano Waf, Semonea Garcia, Rosalinda Salazar, Gloria Maldonado, Stella Riojas, 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.



**NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – August 7, 2023**



MASS SCHEDULE						AUDITORS
Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	
Sat., July 29	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Juanita Cruz	Lisa Blanton	Andres Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez, Adam Garcia	<b>July 30</b> Kimberly Cuellar, Anna Castillo
Sun., July 30	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Rosie Ortega	Janie Maldonado	Theresa Salazar, Rayleigh Guerra	<b>August 6</b> Kimberly Cuellar, Anna Castillo
Sat., August 5	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Cristina Sanchez	Salvador Andrade	Andres Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez, Catalina Sanchez	<b>August 13</b> Juanita Cruz, Elida Garcia
Sun., August 6	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Mary Ortiz	Susana Martinez	Daniel Hinojosa, Rico Flores, Mia Flores	<b>August 20</b> Rosalinda Orozco, Margaret Mesquita
						<b>July 23</b> Janie Maldonado, Alice Sanchez



## OT XVII [A] (July 30)

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Today's **readings** teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Jesus, remaining in a state of grace, and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful and the most precious things in the world.

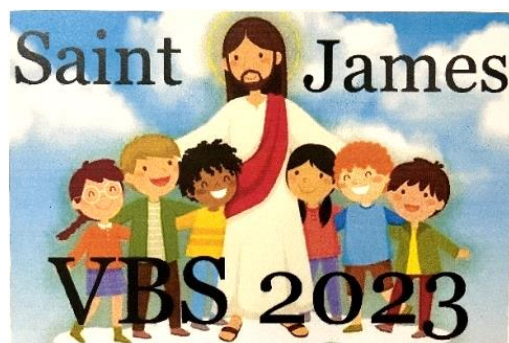
**Scripture:** The first reading tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing His will. That is why he requested of God the gift of prudence, "*an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong*," so that he might govern God's people properly. The Lord God was pleased with Solomon's request and granted him "*a wise and discerning heart*" which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. **In the second reading**, Paul teaches that "*all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose*." This is true of all who accept a close relationship with God as their greatest treasure. **In the Gospel**, using three mini parables and one concluding simile, Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom, is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl. Possessing that treasure demands from us a total commitment if we are to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded. Through the first and second parables of the treasure and pearl, Jesus teaches us that identifying God's will and living according to the Gospel (both with His grace), are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. Through Jesus and his Gospel, we come to know and understand the real meaning of life, the will of God for us each day, and the most important things we must do to secure our eternal salvation.

**Life messages:** 1) We should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status, or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable "pearl" of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven, is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. When we do this, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth.

2) We need to take all precautions to keep our greatest treasure safe: We will be able to keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by accepting him every day as our God and Savior, by allowing God to have total control over our lives through our loving obedience to His will, by asking Him daily for the strengthening and guidance of His Holy Spirit, by talking to Him daily in prayer, by listening to Him in our meditative reading of the Bible, by getting reconciled to Him and others every day, asking pardon and forgiveness for our sins, by offering Him our lives on the altar during the Holy Mass, and by allowing Him to nourish our souls frequently, by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion

Anecdote:

**God is in charge:** Henry Ford (1863-1947) was the famous American motor manufacturer who pioneered large-scale motor production. He was the founder of the Ford Motor Company. A man, who went to interview Mr. Ford when he was very old, was surprised to find him calm and serene. The interviewer asked him, "Sir, are you not worried in your life? You have to face so many problems every day and deal with so many workers. Don't you feel the strain on yourself?" Henry Ford replied, "No! I am not worried. I believe that God is managing the affairs and He doesn't need my advice. With God in charge, I believe that everything will work for the best in the end." – "All things work for good for those who love God," assures St. Paul in today's second reading.



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

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

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

**WEEKLY OFFERING**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$1,901.35
Loose Collection	\$311.38
Total	<b>\$2,212.73</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$373.31

*May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice*

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

August	4,5,6: Vacation Bible School
	13: Guadalupanas Bake Sale
September	3: Bingo
November	4: <b>Fiesta</b>
December	10: Christmas Celebration
	23: Posada



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