

# St. James Catholic Church

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

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February 18, 2024 – First Sunday of Lent

## *Holy Mass*

### WEEKENDS

Saturday

5:00 PM – Bilingual

Sunday

10:00 AM – English

### WEEKDAYS

None until  
further notice

### Major Feast Days

(Holy Days):  
As announced

### CONFESSION

15 minutes before Mass  
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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Altar Society

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Esperanza Gomez

Beatrice Hernandez

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Pres. Juanita Cruz

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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 **Black and Indian Missions**. Next weekend is for the **Newman Center**. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

### ADORATION HOUR

Come this **Monday** at **7:00 pm** in the church and spend an hour in the Presence of our Lord. Holy Hour will include prayer, silent reflection and music for a Lenten Spiritual encounter with Christ.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Fridays** at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The **Newman Catholic Student Center** will have Lenten Bible Study on **Tuesdays** from **6:30 – 8:00pm** beginning **February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to attend!

### YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Night will be held on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** at the **Newman Center** from **6:30-8:00pm**. All Highschool students are welcomed!!!

### ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be a mandatory Altar Servers meeting on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:00am Mass in the Church.

### GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Please contact **Anna Castillo** at **361-542-3562** for any seniors graduating this year from high school wishing to participate in the Senior Mass service.

### PRIZE BINGO

On **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **1 – 4 pm** we will have our first Bingo of the Year at our St. James Parish Hall. Our big prize is a 55-inch TV, also other prizes and gift cards. If anyone would like to donate gift cards or new prizes, please bring them to the parish office or contact **Martha Cuellar** at **361-318-4974**.

### BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The Holy Spirit asked Jesus to go into the desert to pray for forty days. The Church asks us to be with him this Lent. Please remember us in your almsgiving this Lent and generously support our Bishop's Stewardship Appeal.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend. **Our goal is \$10,480**, and to increase our participation to 100%. With increased participation, even if it is a small amount, the number of participants is important, we could accomplish our goal or the diocese could absolve any remaining of our goal at the end of the year.

### VALENTINES RAFFLE

Congratulations to our Valentine's Raffle winners and thank you to all who participated.

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

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

## Congratulations to our Valentine's Raffle Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Susana Moron  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Elsa Gonzales  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Louis Sanchez

Thank you to all who participated!

## MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 17

- 5:00 PM † **Aurora Gomez** by Patricia Gonzalez  
† **Ascension "Chon" Carrizales** by Carrizales Family  
† **Beatrice & Reynaldo Villarreal** For her Anniversary  
By Rosalinda V. Espinosa  
† **Jose Domingez** For his Birthday by Cruz Muñoz  
† **Estella Gonzales** by Blanca Paredez  
† **Richard & Irma DeLeon** by Julian Longoria  
† **Sara Ochoa** For a speedy recovery by Amelia & Julian Longoria

Sunday, February 18

- 10:00 AM † **Nicolas Ryan Aleman** by Yolanda Aleman  
† **Adrian Moreno** by Family  
† **Delfina Huerta** by her daughters Rogelia Silvas & Nogelia Bradt  
† **Charles & Carolina Trlica** by Silvano Jr., Dora & Kimberly Silva  
† **Silvano Silva, Sr.** by Silvano Jr., Dora & Kimberly Silva  
† **Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Loya** For their Anniversary by Family  
† **Josie Loya Posada** by Family  
† **Jose H. Guerrero, Sr. & Jr.**

Monday, February 19

8:00 AM **No Mass**

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 AM **No Mass**

Thursday, February 22

8:00 AM **No Mass**

Friday, February 23

8:00 AM **No Mass**

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



With care and compassion, we pray for:

Mary Gutierrez, Stella Sanchez, Daniel & Dora Loya,  
Leon & Hilda Pharma, Rosario Cruz, Carolina Lopez, Rene Paredes,  
Jonathan Paredes, Henry Guerrero, Maria G. Perez, Ray Muñoz,  
Eloise Paredes, Steven M. Gonzales, Rudolfo (Lito) Montez,  
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Shirley Martinez, Teodora Cueana,  
Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Trey Garces, Kelly Thomas, Anita David Parma,  
Clemente Hinojosa, Jeremy Matthew Hinojosa, Mary Harrison,  
Angie Garza, Cruz Guerrero, Sr., Sally Garza Tovar, Cruz Muñoz,  
Olga & Nieves Cardenas, Victor Resendez, Terri David, Rogelia Silvas,  
Violet Posada, Abel Cepeda, Michael Anthony Rodriguez,  
Rachel Espinoza, Oscar Resendez, Donny Resendez, Ricky Resendez,  
Jessie Arredondo, Chris Ulmer, Pancho Cardenas,  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Schubert, Luis Alanzo Munoz,  
and to all at Christus Spohn.

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

MASS SCHEDULE					
Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat., February 17	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Beatrice Hernandez	Salvador Andrade	Adam Garcia, Anayeli Hernandez, Andres Hernandez
Sun., February 18	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Casey Ponce	Susana Martinez	Mia Flores, Araceli Hernandez, Arturo Martinez IV
Sat., February 24	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Cristina Sanchez	Lisa Blanton	Catalina Sanchez, Adrian Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez
Sun., February 25	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Mary Ortiz	Susana Moron	Roman Flores, Rico Flores, Daniel Flores

## AUDITORS

**February 18**  
Rosalinda Orozco,  
Margaret Mesquita  
**February 25**  
Luis Hernandez,  
Alice Sanchez  
**March 3**  
Kimberly Cuellar,  
Anna Castillo  
**March 10**  
Juanita Cruz,  
Elfida Garcia  
**March 17**  
Rosalinda Orozco,  
Margaret Mesquita

## LENT I [B] (February 18)

### Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives. Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to a *metanoia* or true "repentance," and by renewal of life through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. During Lent, we talk to God through personal, family, and liturgical prayers; we listen to Him by meditative Bible reading. We serve the Lord by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting. Since by Baptism we share the death and Resurrection of Jesus, today's readings refer to Baptism directly or indirectly.

**The Scripture:** The **first reading** tells us that, although man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve, the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew that covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood waters symbolizes our being saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ. Today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 25) is an exquisite penitential prayer, humbly acknowledging our human insufficiency and radical dependence upon God, His mercy, and His forgiveness. The psalmist lists some of God's Own characteristics that will shape the life of the forgiven penitent: Truth, Compassion, Love, Kindness, Goodness, Uprightness, Humility, and Justice. In the **second reading**, St. Peter shows us how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism. He reminds us that, as Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the deluge, so we are saved through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of the New Covenant that God has made with His people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. **In the Gospel**, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: "*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.*"

**Life messages:** 1) Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed: prayer, self-denial, and timely use of the word of God. During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies. 2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e) abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and h) doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent. 3) Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS

February 2024 Class Dates: 4th, 18th, 25th

4th - Youth Sunday - Ms. Kimberly's class

19th - Adoration Hour 7:00-8:00pm in the church

March 2024 Class Dates: 3rd, 17th, 24th

3rd - Youth Sunday with Ms. Gomez's class

18th - Adoration Hour 7:00-8:00pm in the church

30th - RCIA service during Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm

## BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



Today's Gospel said that Jesus "*remained* in the desert for forty days" (Mark 1:13, emphasis added). Remaining with Jesus in the desert is not easy. (Welcome to Lent.)

Further driving home how difficult it is to follow him, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns, "*If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily*" (Luke 9:23). Yet on another note, in John's Gospel, Jesus commands us, "*Remain in my love*" (John 15:9). Remaining in Jesus' love isn't easy, either—especially when it involves the desert.

Feeling like it's too difficult to do this by ourselves is okay. It's often exactly where God wants us—because it pushes us to rely on him. *That* can be a place of profound growth. Our parish, and those we serve, relies on you to help us meet our many needs and the needs of our community. As you lift the cross Jesus asks of you this Lent, please remember our Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. We are counting on you. This Lent, count on us, and count on God! We'll walk in the desert with you.

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## NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – March 4, 2023



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.**

The next Baptisms will take place 3<sup>rd</sup> **Sunday of March 17<sup>th</sup>** after the **10:00 a.m. Mass.**

**Baptism classes** for parents and sponsors are held on the **first Monday** of this Month at 7:00 p.m. in the CCE Building.

## WEEKLY OFFERING February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Envelope Collection	\$1,892.67
Loose Collection	\$422.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,315.47</b>

**Second Collection** \$454.45

*May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice*

## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH 2024 EVENTS OF THE YEAR

[Tentative]

March	3:	First Bingo Of The Year
May	5:	Guadalupean Bake Sale
	5:	Cinco de Mayo Super Bingo
	12:	Mother's Day Bake Sale
June	16:	Father's Day Bake Sale
November	2:	Fiesta
December	8:	Christmas Celebration
	24:	Posada



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by his wife **Valentina L. Salazar**  
his children **Viola, Connie, Susanna,**  
**Carlos, Jr. & Eddie**  
and his grand children

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