

# St. James Catholic Church

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

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February 25, 2024 – Second 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

Parish Catechetical Leader

Anna Castillo

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Esperanza Gomez

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Guadalupanas

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 **Newman Center**. This is to support and run the Newman Center, a venture of the Diocese of Corpus Christi for college students. **Next weekend** is for the **Building, Repair, & Maintenance Fund**. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

### ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### FIESTA PLANNING MEETING

There will be a Fiesta planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the CCE Building.

### 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!

### 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**.

### LIFE IS A SONG, SING IT

The **Faith Choir** meet on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm** 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.

### ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. George Catholic Church is having a Parish Lenten Mission during weekend Masses on March 2 & 3 with talks at 6:00 pm on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, March 3-5. For more information see the flyer in the back of the church.

### BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Thank you to all those who responded generously last week by making a pledge to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal, helping our parish work toward its goal and joining with all other parishes in our Diocese to provide resources for vital ministries. If you were not with us last week, did not participate, or took your envelope home with you, please take a moment to find a Pledge Envelope in your pew, complete it and place it in the collection basket or hand it to an usher after Mass. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others!

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

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

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Saturday, February 24

5:00 PM † **Jesus Gomez, Jr.** by Patricia Gonzalez  
 † **Faustino Bernal, Jr.** For his 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Elva Bernal  
 † **Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Isabel Muñoz** by Cruz Muñoz  
 † **Margarito Ochoa** For his Anniversary by Nieces & Nephews  
**Cruz Muñoz** For healing by Mr. & Mrs. Salvador Andrade  
**Kris De Leon** For healing by Mr. & Mrs. Salvador Andrade

### Sunday, February 25

10:00 AM † **Melba Kay Ponce** by Family  
 † **Baudelia & Julio Salazar & Geronimo Ortiz** by Erlinda Ortiz  
 † **Roland Cantu** by his parents Monico & Lupita Cantu  
 † **Clarissa Cantu** by her grandparents Monico & Lupita Cantu  
 † **Roland Michael Cantu**  
 By his grandparents Monico & Lupita Cantu  
 † **Nicolas Ryan Aleman** by Yolanda Aleman  
 † **Adrian Moreno** by Family  
 † **Paula Saenz** for her Anniversary of death  
 By Mr. & Mrs. Randy Contreras  
 † **Josie Loya Posada** by Family  
 † **Juan Antonio Felipe Guetierrez** For his 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 By Guetierrez Family  
 † **Johnny Ramirez, Sr. & Jr.** by Mary Ramirez & Family

### Monday, February 26

8:00 AM

### Wednesday, February 28

8:00 AM

### Thursday, February 29

8:00 AM † **Eduardo R. Silva** For his Birthday by Elfida R. Garcia

### Friday, March 1

8:00 AM † **Connie Martwick**  
 † **Munoz, Ewart, & Guerrero Families**

## 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, Martin Cardenas, Rosa Salazar Camacho, 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 24	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Angie Garcia	Lisa Blanton	Adrian Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez
Sun., February 25	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Mary Ortiz	Susana Moron	Roman Flores, Rico Flores, Daniel Hinojosa
Sat., March 2	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Elfida Garcia	Salvador Andrade	Adam Garcia, Andres Hernandez, Adrian Hernandez
Sun., March 3	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Youth Sunday	Susana Martinez	Daniel Hinojosa, Araceli Hernandez, Arturo Martinez IV

## AUDITORS

**February 25**  
 Luis Hernandez,  
 Alice Sanchez  
**March 3**  
 Kimberly Cuellar,  
 Anna Castillo  
**March 10**  
 Juanita Cruz,  
 Elfida Garcia  
**March 17**  
 Rosalinda Orozco,  
 Margaret Mesquita  
**March 24**  
 Luis Hernandez,  
 Alice Sanchez

## LENT II [B] (February 25)

**Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34;  
Mk 9:2-10**

The common theme of today's readings is challenge for metamorphosis or transformation, especially during this Lent season. How? We have to transform our dull and sleepy spiritual life into dynamic Christian life during Lent. Again, how? By cooperating with the grace of God and the strengthening of the Holy Spirit through prayer, fasting, and sharing our blessings with those in need. Result expected? A renewal of our spiritual life during Lent, as our Spirit-filled lives begin radiating Christ's love and mercy around us.

**Scripture:** The three readings refer to transfiguration on three mountains. The first reading explains how Abraham's obedience and faith were transformed to blind obedience and trusting faith in his God, when Yahweh saved Isaac from being sacrificed on Mount Moriah, making Abraham the Father of Faith. In the second reading, St. Paul speaks about the Mount Calvary transfiguration of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God when instead of saving him from death as He spared Isaac, God the Father permitted Jesus to die a shameful death by crucifixion, suffering horrible pain and humiliation. In other words, God showed His love for us by allowing the transformation of the glorious preaching and healing ministry of His Son to a tragic end – proving that God's love has no limits. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116) speaks of God's distress at the death of anyone. *"Too costly in the eyes of the LORD is the death of His faithful."* In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His Heavenly glory, superior to Moses and Elijah on the Mountain of Transfiguration, Tabor or Hermon. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. A third aim was to give Jesus the conviction that he will continue to be the Son of God, his loving Father, even during his suffering and death. Finally, by describing the theophany of Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

**Life messages: (1) Every sacrament we receive transforms our lives:** Baptism, for example, transforms us into children of God and heirs of heaven while Confirmation transforms us into brave witnesses of and warriors for Christ and Reconciliation transforms sinners into saints.

**(2) The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the Source of our strength:** In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are transformed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our Source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the Source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

## 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



As the second week of Lent begins, the Church invites us to contemplate the transfigured Jesus with Peter, James, and John: *"His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them"* (Mark 9:3).

Before he suffered his Passion, Jesus gave his three closest friends a glimpse into his glorified nature—a glimpse of where he could take them. God loves us where we are and loves us too much to leave us where we are.

We can radiate divine light like Jesus. When we receive Jesus into our hearts, he transfigures us. We can shine with his joy, love, and serenity. He wants to transfigure our whole parish! Please support our Bishop's Stewardship Appeal so we can have all the resources we need to shine the way He wishes us to, so we can reach all those He longs for in our community. *"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth"* (Isaiah 49:6).

For the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal **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.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Envelope Collection	\$1,965.61
Loose Collection	\$605.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,571.01</b>

**Second Collection** \$287.00

*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:	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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