

St. James Catholic Church

A living cell of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi

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March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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
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 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

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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 Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Next weekend is for the **Religious and Spiritual Formation of the Parishioners**. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Fridays at 6:30 p.m.** and also before Mass on **Saturday and Sunday**. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be a mandatory Altar Servers meeting on **Sunday, March 17th** after the 10:00am Mass in the Church.

ADORATION HOUR

Come **Monday, March 18th** 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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The **Newman Catholic Student Center** will have Lenten Bible Study on **Tuesdays** from **6:30 – 8:00pm** through **March 19th**. All are invited to attend!

GUADALUPANAS BAKE SALE

The Guadalupeños will have a Bake Sale on **Sunday, March 24th** after the 10:00am Mass. All are welcome.

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.

SPANISH MARRIAGE RETREATS

The Diocese of Corpus Christi Office of Family Life is hosting two Marriage Formation Retreats in Spanish this year. The dates for the retreats are April 6 & 7 and October 26 & 27. The retreat is an overnight retreat. For more information contact the parish office.

THANK YOU

Last Sunday, March 3rd we had our first Bingo of the Year at our St. James Parish Hall. Thank you to everyone who came and participated. Congratulations to the many winners we had. A special thank you to all who contributed and the volunteers that gave their time, effort, and talents to make this a fun and successful event. May God bless you.

BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Today, Laetare Sunday, the Church reminds us of the joy we have because of Jesus. Our faith is not in vain! We want to help people find the same hope and through your gifts, you help our parish succeed and provide hope and light to others. Drink deeply of his joy today, taking strength for tomorrow! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 **Eliasar P. "Chare" Garza**. May his soul rest in peace.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9

4:30 PM Stations of the Cross

- 5:00 PM † **Schla Ann McLain & Cantu Family** by Gloria Topwith
 † **Lucio Peña** For his Birthday by Family
 † **Hector Peña** For his Anniversary by Family
 † **Reynaldo P. Muñoz** by his wife Cruz Muñoz & Family
Salvador Andrade for healing
Amelia Garcia In honor of her Birthday by her siblings

Sunday, March 10

9:30 PM Stations of the Cross

- 10:00 AM † **Adrian Moreno** by Family
 † **Perfecto Saenz** For his Birthday by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Contreras
 † **Rudy Saenz** by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Contreras
 † **Romeo Saenz** by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Contreras
 † **Rogelio Saenz** by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Contreras
 † **Ricardo Saenz** by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Contreras
 † **Rodney Saenz** by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Contreras
 † **Delfina Huerta** by her Daughters

Monday, March 11

8:00 AM

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 AM

Thursday, March 14

8:00 AM

Friday, March 15

8:00 AM

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, Rocky Mann, Lupe Carabajal, 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.

ST. JAMES BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024 REPORT

Goal - \$10,480 Amount Received - \$917

Pledged Amount - \$1,707 Balance - **\$9,563**

Please help us to fulfill our goal by your generous sacrifice.

MASS SCHEDULE					
Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat., March 9	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Cristina Sanchez	Lisa Blanton	Liloney Gomez, Catalina Sanchez Anayeli Hernandez, Andres Hernandez
Sun., March 10	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Susana Martinez	Susana Moron	Mia Flores, Daniel Hinojosa, Roman Flores
Sat., March 16	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Lisa Blanton	Salvador Andrade	Adam Garcia, Adrian Hernandez, Anayeli Hernandez
Sun., March 17	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Casey Ponce	Susana Martinez	Liloney Gomez, Araceli Hernandez, Mia Flores, Rayleigh Guerra

AUDITORS

March 10

Juanita Cruz,
Elfida Garcia

March 17

Rosalinda Orozco,
Margaret Mesquita

March 24

Luis Hernandez,
Alice Sanchez

March 31

Kimberly Cuellar,
Anna Castillo

April 7

Juanita Cruz,
Elfida Garcia

LENT IV [B] (March 10)**2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21**

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy. As on *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ.

The Scripture: In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we see the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 137), the Psalmist voices the pain of exile the captives of Judah suffered. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. Today's Gospel provides a theme that parallels the Gospel, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His Only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God. Then, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9), Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.

Life messages: 1) **We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love:** As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses.

2) **We need to reciprocate God's love by loving Him in others.** God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent. 3) **Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process.** That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, adoration, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Jesus says in today's Gospel that *"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God"* (John 3:21).

Our parish wants to do everything in the light, so hungry souls can see Jesus living through us. Without His light, souls who need Jesus can't see that He lives in our parish, in our tabernacle.

Already more than halfway through Lent, the Church bids us rejoice! *Laetare* Sunday is a day of light. Jesus gave purpose and power to human suffering. *"In the Lord your labor is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). When you support our Bishop's Stewardship Appeal, you help your neighbors find His light in the darkness and hope when it's needed most. May God be with you.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**Saturday, March 23:**

5:00 PM - Blessing of the Palms followed by the Eucharistic Celebration

**Palm Sunday, March 24:**

10:00 AM - Blessing of the Palms followed by the Eucharistic Celebration

Holy Thursday, March 28:

7:00-8:00 PM - The Lord's Supper - Blessing of Bread - Holy Mass & Adoration in the Church

Adoration Schedule

8:00-12:00 PM - Everyone is Welcome

8:00-9:00 PM - Religious Education, Altar Servers, Their parents & family members

9:00-10:00 PM - Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Families

10:00-11:00 PM - Cursillistas & Guadalupanas

11:00-12:00 Midnight - Ushers, Faith Choir, & Families

Please come at least one hour to spend time with our Lord during Adoration

**Good Friday, March 29:**

2:00 PM - Altar Servers Drama Club reenacting of the Stations of the Cross - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, March 30:**

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, March 31:**

10:00 AM - Mass

**NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – April 1, 2024****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS**

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

April 2024 Class Dates: 7th, 14th, 21st

21st - Confessions with Fr. Jacob

Last Day of class this school year

22nd - Adoration Hour 7:00-8:00pm in the church

WEEKLY OFFERING March 3rd, 2024

Envelope Collection \$1,702.61

Loose Collection \$415.25

Total **\$2,117.86**

Second Collection \$260.00

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

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

[Tentative]

March	24:	Guadalupanas Bake Sale
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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