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 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.

OFFICE HOURS
Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Closed Wednesday

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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 we will have a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

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

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA
Mother’s Day Novena will begin on May 9th and continue through May 17th. Please bring your intentions beforehand.

CURSILLISTAS
The Cursillistas will resume their weekly ultreyas beginning Monday, May 3rd in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Covid protocols: masks, distancing, and sanitizing will remain in place. For more information, call Elida Garcia at 361-254-5590.

DEVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR
Devine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on the first Friday of the month on May 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited.

BULLETIN AD PAGE
We have bulletin ad space available for anyone that would like to purchase an ad for “In Memory” of a loved one or as an advertisement for $15 a month per space or $30 a month for a large space.

ALTAR FLOWERS
Anyone who would like to donate altar flowers for a loved one “in memory” of contact the parish office.

THANK YOU
We would like to say thank you for the anonymous donation of the altar flowers.

Please Pray for our First Communion Candidates:
Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Katalina Arrisola
Luka Arrisola
Jose Luis Lopez III
Liberty Rose Gonzales
Joseph Jeremiah Barrera

MASS SCHEDULE

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LECTORS

Eucharistic Ministers

ALTAR SERVERS

Eucharistic Ministers as a special assignment due to the coronavirus

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – May 3, 2021

Must wear a mask to attend class

All applications MUST be submitted to the church office before that date. Parents must be registered at St. James and have already registered the child to be baptized before taking the class. Items needed are: Copy of the child’s Birth Certificate and sponsor’s proof of baptism, communion, and confirmation if single and, if married, plus copy of the marriage license by a Catholic Church. Baptisms will take place 3rd Sunday of month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

April 18, 2021

| Envelope Collection | $2028.50 |
| Loose Collection    | $673.13  |
| Total               | $2701.63 |

Second Collection $296.55

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 24

5:00 PM  Elumina Elizalde In Memory by Sue Schwab
† Aurora Gomez In Memory by Patricia Gonzalez & family
† Reynaldo & Beatrice Villarreal In Memory of his Birthday
    By Richard & Rosalinda Espinosa
† Ysabel Y Garza & Elena P Garza In Memory of their Anniversary
    By Yolanda G Aleman
† Israel, Ylario, & Ysmael Garza In Memory
    By Yolanda G Aleman
† In Memory for Pete Soliz, Jr.
† Catarino & Lucinda Flores In Memory by Mary & Azalea Ortiz

Sunday, April 25

10:00 AM  Margaret Caballero In Memory by Ernest & Rosalinda Orozco
† Fidela Garza In Memory of Birthday by Cristina Rea Sanchez
† Jesus N. Contreras In Memory of Birthday by Wife & Children
† Juventino & Dominga Ponce In Memory by Melba K. Ponce
† Eloy Garcia In Memory by J.P. & Dora Fuentes

Monday, April 26

8:00 AM
Wednesday, April 28
8:00 AM
Thursday, April 29
8:00 AM
Friday, April 30
8:00 AM
EASTER IV SUNDAY (April 25):
Acts 4:8-12; I Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Once a man had gone for his weekly market fair and was returning home happy with the purchases he had made. It was pretty dark and the path was very narrow. My mistake he slipped and fell in the pond filled with muck and it was extremely cold. However much he tried to come out he could not and worse still he went on sinking in the muck. He though his end was near yet kept on shouting. To his good fortune a man was passing that way in a cart and when he heard the cries he stopped. He threw a rope to the man and tied it to his horse and with delicacy and difficulty he pulled out the man. Then he took the near unconscious man to his home, washed him of the muck and wrapped him in the blanket. The man recovered in couple of days and wished to go home. The man who had fallen thanked his benefactor for the favor done and asked what his name was. The man replied that he had no need of it and he should relax and go. When the person still insisted the good man asked him a question, whether he knew the story of the Good Samaritan in the Bible. The man responded positively. Then the Benefactor responded that if he could tell him the name of the Good Samaritan then he would reveal his name. The man thought a while and said it is not recorded in the Bible. Nor will I tell you mine, the man replied. Kindly go and pray for me and be a Good Samaritan.

Today is the Good Shepherd Sunday and the Vocation Sunday and the word of God presents us with two images, the Children of God and the Good Shepherd. In today’s gospel passage Jesus emphasizes the self-sacrificing element in his own life that he is the good shepherd who is laying down his life for his sheep. He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them. The scriptures tell us of the extraordinary love of God for us has taken in Jesus the form of the good shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd was perhaps the favourite early Christian image of our Saviour and has a long tradition in the history of God’s people. It is one that would be immediately understood by the people of the time. We have the popular images of Jesus the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders, or we have a smiling Jesus sitting under a tree, with a little lamb on his lap. This image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion. The second reading places before us the image of the Children of God telling us how closely we are linked to the Father in Jesus Christ. Considering these images, in recent times this day has been known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which we are called upon to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Jesus came to earth to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Now he elicits human help to proclaim the Good News to the World and fulfill his mission by calling young people who can exercise their human and personal abilities to carry on the work of God.

In today’s Gospel passage, we have the parable of the Good Shepherd, which is the only parable in the entire Gospel of John. In this parable Jesus the Good Shepherd stresses the intimate relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. This passage unfolds around two references wherein Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd. More important is the phrase “I am,” which precedes the title good shepherd. These so called I am sayings in John are the characteristic formula of the self-revelation of Jesus. It also indicates the intimate connection between Jesus and the Father and at the same time designates how this revelation meets the basic needs and desires of those to whom he was sent. Such is the case with the good shepherd whose concern is the people. In this passage Jesus emphasizes the self-sacrificing element in his own life, namely, as a good shepherd he is ready to lay down his life for his sheep. He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after the sheep.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

With care and compassion, we pray for:

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD OR TO REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

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The fundamental difference is that the hired person has no investment in the sheep. He is paid to watch after them but because they are not his, he is unwilling to endure any danger to protect and care for them. He thinks primarily of his own welfare and, if he sees a wolf coming, he takes off, leaving the sheep to be attacked and scattered in fear and terror. Many commentators understand this hired person to represent the Jewish leaders who had rejected Jesus as being the revelation of God and thereby misled the people. Jesus, on the other hand, will not be like a hired person but is the good shepherd because he chooses to lay down his life for his sheep. This is to be understood from the background of Ezekiel Chapter 34, which describes God as the good shepherd. An image of Jesus as a Good Shepherd is reassuring us that he is always our support on our journey through life.

messages: 1) Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

2) Let us be good shepherds in the fold of Jesus, Our Good Shepherd: a) by hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; b) by taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions; c) by cooperating with our pastors, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence, by offering them praise and thanks for all they are doing for us, and occasionally by making constructive suggestions for changes; d) by cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations.

3) Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because He is the one mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the unique priesthood of Jesus. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God’s call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.
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By Domingo Castillo and family

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Manuel Villareal
by Mary Elvia Villareal

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by his wife Laura
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Carlos, Jr & Eddie
and his grand children

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In Loving Memory of
Carlos “Chale” Salazar Sr
by his wife, Valentina E. Salazar
his children: Diego, Edison, Jesus,
Carlos, Jr. & Eddie
and his grand children

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The Longoria Family
by Valentina Salazar

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