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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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# PARISH INFORMATION

## WELCOME TO ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**  
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### CLERGY

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**NEWCOMERS:** Welcome! If you would like to become a registered member of the parish, please pick up a registration form located on either side of the exit doors or stop by the parish office.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** We baptize in English on the 2nd Saturday of the month, and in Spanish on the 4th Saturday of the month. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the parish office or see the priest before Sunday or daily Mass.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples must contact the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date. No reception hall rentals should be made until the date is placed in the church calendar.

**RCIA** Anyone interested in becoming Catholic and learning about our faith, should speak to a Priest or Deacon.



### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
 First Friday of each month: 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



### MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Society: *(Theresa Avila)* .....tavila@stjta.com  
 Boy Scouts Troop #355, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls:  
*(Paul Hall)* .....ezproducts@sbcglobal.net  
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas:  
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*(Joel Santa Cruz)* .....joel\_winnie@sbcglobal.net  
 El Shaddai DWXI Prayer Group:  
*(Paul Pinon)*.....paulpinon@sbcglobal.net  
 Family Fun Night: *(Kim Oden)*.....oden4@swbell.net  
 Grupo de Oración: *(Maria Esther Alvarez)*  
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 Rosary Makers: *(Karen Ringholz)*.....kringholz@yahoo.com  
 Springtimers: *(Betty Frey)*.....bobet1426@yahoo.com

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.  
 1:00 p.m. (Misa en español)

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Wednesday: 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY BY 12:00 P.M.**



## ACTIVITIES & READINGS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, May 11, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30 a.m. Mass - *Pro Populo*
- 9:00 a.m. Mass - *Adelina Ramirez +*
- 11:00 a.m. Mass - *Julia Garcia +*
- 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español - *Rosa Mendoza +*

### MONDAY, May 12, St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, St. Pancras

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 355 Meeting (*JP II Rm*)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings (*Parish Hall*)
- 7:00 p.m. Adoration

### TUESDAY, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Gladys Samperi +*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. Springtimers (*Parish Hall*)
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (*Parish Hall*)
- 6:45 p.m. American Heritage Girls Troop 355 Meeting (*JP II Rm*)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation (*St. James Rm.*)
- 7:00 p.m. Respect Life Meeting (*Apostle Rm*)

### WEDNESDAY, May 14, St. Matthias, Apostle

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Betty Frey*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (*St. James Rm*)
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Class, Grades: 7-8 & 9-12 (*P. Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m. Confessions (*South Confessional*)
- 7:00 p.m. MFCC Group Meetings (*St. James Rm*)

### THURSDAY, May 15, St. Isidore

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Gladys Samperi +*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation/RCIA Year 1 (*St. James Rm*)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meetings (*JP II Rm*)

### FRIDAY, May 16,

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Juanita Basaldua*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración (*Parish Hall*)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Night (*Baseball Field*)
- 7:00 p.m. MFCC Coordination Team Meeting (*St. James*)

### SATURDAY, May 17

- 8:00 a.m. Talleres de Oracion Retreat (*Disciple Rm*)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (*South Confessional*)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass - *James Gregg +*

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

**PLAN TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE**

We will have a blood drive here at **St. James on Sunday, June 1st, from 8am to 12:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Howdy Partners**  
**Calling all**  
**Actors/Actresses**

We will be having a **Western Themed Mystery Theatre Dinner in October 2014**

We are looking for actors to play the parts  
If you're interested, please contact  
Eric at [epactheactor@yahoo.com](mailto:epactheactor@yahoo.com) or Amber at  
[alemanita1719@yahoo.com](mailto:alemanita1719@yahoo.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**The Knights of Columbus Council #6557** will award \$1,000.00 Educational Scholarships to graduating High School seniors. Two scholarships will be awarded to relatives of council members and one will be awarded to a St. James graduating parishioner. Contact Bill Moeller at 832-594-4980 or Robert Cobb at 281-353-7269 for an application and details. Applications must be received at the council no later than June 7, 2014.

**AN HOUR WITH JESUS:** Jesus asks, "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Today we are beginning to see a renewal of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is urgently needed. The Graces are immeasurable! **ADORATION, EVERY MONDAY 7-8:30 P.M.**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Who is a Christian disciple? One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ's. Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

#### **DSF 2014 ~**

**"GO FORTH AND BEAR FRUIT THAT WILL LAST..."**



<b>Parish Goal for 2014:</b>	<b>\$85,000.00</b>
Amount Paid:	\$32,675.85
Amount Pledged:	\$63,164.13
# of participants:	257
% paid at: 38.44%	Report date: 5/05/2014

### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*Thank you for your generous stewardship*

#### **Week ending May 3-4, 2014**

Regular Collection (249 envelopes)	\$13,978.23
Debt Reduction Collection (159 envelopes)	\$ 2,430.47
Mailed in contributions	\$ 2,713.30
Online Giving: 5/1-5/4/2014	\$ 2,039.62
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$21,161.62</b>

Attendance: 1531

#### **SCHEDULED SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

1st Sunday: Debt Reduction  
5th Sunday: Social Ministry

**ATTENTION ~ THOSE WHO GIVE ONLINE:**  
**We will automatically suspend envelopes for those parishioners who regularly use *Online Giving*.**

### **Stewardship Reflection: May 11, 2014**

#### ***Fourth Sunday of Easter ~***

Although this Fourth Sunday of Easter is officially exactly that, because of our many traditions we celebrate a whole lot more on this day. It is also designated as Good Shepherd Sunday. As if that was not enough, in 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this Sunday as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. And because of when Easter fell this year, this year it is our traditional U. S. Mother's Day as well. Throughout the various observances and commemorations, the theme of the Good Shepherd holds true, however. The readings for this Fourth Sunday of Easter ring true to the idea that Jesus is our shepherd. Is there a more beautiful psalm than Psalm 23? "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Being a good shepherd to others is the epitome of stewardship. Jesus demonstrated His love for us, to the extent that He gave His life so we might live, "By His wounds you are healed." This image of a good shepherd who watches over the flock is paralleled by our priests, those who give their lives through vocations so that we might have the Eucharist and our faith. It is equally matched by the image of a mother, a person who lives out stewardship in part by watching over and caring for her children. Even President George Washington understood the splendor of motherhood: "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother."



### **Eric McArdle: Why Do You Give?**

Giving back of our time, sharing our talents, and donating our treasure are hallmarks of stewardship. However, why we give of these resources is essential to understanding where we are on our personal stewardship journey.

Do we give because there is a need – maybe the parish needs a new roof? Or, do we give because we just got a raise and we now have a few extra dollars to spare?

While these are both examples of generous responses to filling the needs of our parish and to share of our newfound cash flow, they don't exactly fit the key description of being a steward.

Stewardship doesn't call us to act when we can – when we have extra money or extra time or when we feel guilty. We are called to give back at all times, in spite of our circumstances.

In fact, creating stewardship habits – returning our gifts of time, talent, and treasure out of gratitude – is linked to greater involvement, deeper prayer life, and higher offertory gifts.

The University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life's recent study titled "Steps in the Journey to Becoming a More Generous Person," found that Catholics who decide on a monthly or annual dollar amount give almost double than those who give whenever they can afford it or whenever they feel there is a specific need and give spontaneously. I have found that changing the culture in our congregations is key to creating more purity of intention in living a life as a steward and increasing all areas of giving.

*Visit our newly re-designed website – [www.stjta.org](http://www.stjta.org)  
and join our Facebook forum.*

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**  
(May 14th, Grades 7-8 & 9-12)



**VBS**  
**(Vacation Bible School)**

We are now registering for VBS which will be held **June 23rd through June 27th**.

Forms are available in the Narthex. Volunteer forms are also available if you would like to help in one or more of these areas:

*Decorating, crafts, games, snacks or music.*

~ **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS** ~

- High School Youth Nights are Fridays!  
Youth Nights will be held from 7-9pm in the JP2 Room, next to the Baseball Field.

All high school youth are welcome!

- AYC registration is here! **The 2014 Archdiocesan Youth Conference will be held on July 25-27th, at the Hilton Americas Hotel in Downtown Houston.** All youth in 8th grade through graduating seniors are invited to come! Registration costs \$150, and we are now offering a monthly payment plan for the registration costs. Please contact AJ Bituin for more information.

For more information about these events, or any questions regarding our Youth Ministry, please contact our Youth Minister, A.J. Bituin, at [aibituin@stjta.com](mailto:aibituin@stjta.com).



**BIBLE STUDY**  
**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM**  
**10:00-11:30AM IN THE St. James**

**Rm.** Join us as we study

1 & 2 Thessalonians and Lamentations

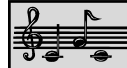
as the inspired word of God from a cultural, geographical, and historical perspective.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE**  
**ON THE PRAYER LIST**

Sarah Calzada, Hai Nguyen, Gerard Mokry, Luis Lopez, Josie Travlos, John Bowden, Evelyn Callery, Teresa Ozog, Rick Loudon, Edna Ford, Jamie Ford, Suzanne Williams, Sheryl Payne, Kathy Woods, Donna Steen, Akasha, Alan Ames, John Lyke, Michael Moran, Ken Bacon, Thelma Istre, Joal Jones, Andrew, Gloria Melgar, Brunilda Salinas, Muncey Family, Joseph Gallagher, Felix Gomez, Debbie Borders, Moises Woods, Andrea Duran, Hannah Henry, Ayanna Williams, Perla Rodriguez, Matthew Noonan, Andrew Flores, Katherine Miller, George Hawkins, Marissa Ramirez, Taylor Sitton, Rosie Whorton, Wayne Isaacs, Helen McAuliffe, Brian Shaw, Trey Spikes, Robert Hovanec, Raymond & Michelle Vera Jr., Florida Chicas, Pat Schultz, Zeny Naguit, Gail Nevlud, Arlene Stuhlfreyer, Mary Ahr, Erin Musick, Angela Ganucci, Rose Marie, Joseph Moore.

**ALSO FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**  
**AND THOSE WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS**

If you or a member of your family experiences illness or injury call the parish office and we will add that name to the prayer list. We post the name in the bulletin for 4 weeks, and pray every day for those on the prayer list (present and past).



**Music Ministry News**



We are in need of more cantors, singers, and instrumentalists for all Masses. We especially need you for the Traditional Choir on Sundays at 9am and the Contemporary Choir on Sundays at 11am. "When the darkness falls on my final days, take the very breath that sang your praise. Give me nothing more than your love and grace, these alone, O God, are enough for me" - St. Ignatius. Come and give back to God what He has given you. Do not bury your talents in the ground. Our rehearsal is every Thursday night from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Church.

If you are interested in joining our Music Ministry, please contact: Don Nguyen @ 281-353-5053 Ext. 123

Or email at [dnguyen@stjta.com](mailto:dnguyen@stjta.com)

Or just show up on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Read the Catechism in a Year**

We have two amazing options for you this year...

**Read the Catechism in a Year**

(starting from the beginning)

Go to [flocknote.com/catechism](http://flocknote.com/catechism) to sign up!

**NEW: Study the Gospels in a Year**

(w/ Ignatius Study Bible commentary)

Go to [flocknote.com/gospel](http://flocknote.com/gospel) to sign up!

Join 100k+ people (the largest group in history!) studying either the Gospels or the Catechism. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH OTHERS:

Both are free and life-changing. And also great to do with a group of friends. Although, if you're doing it as a community, you may want to just pick ONE of them to do together so it's more manageable and focused for you.

**Have you ever wondered?**

**What Is the Church?**

What is the church? The church is the people of God. The church building is the house of the people of God. We have called the church building the house of God. It has become that because it is the place that has been made sacred through Eucharistic worship. The work of the people, *liturgy*, sanctifies the space as it makes Christ present through the word, through the Eucharist, through the ministers, and through the Body of Christ assembled. The church is a who, not a what.

**SERVICIO DEL FONDO DIOCESANO 2014**  
**“VAYAN Y DEN FRUTO ABUNDANTE Y DURADERO...”**



**Meta de la parroquia 2014: \$85,000.00**

Pagado: \$32,675.85  
 Promesa: \$63,164.13  
 # de participantes: 257  
 % pagado: 38.44% Fecha: 5/05/2014

**NO SE OLVIDE DE ANOTAR LA CANTIDAD DE SU DONACION EN SUS**  
**SOBRES DOMINICALES**  
 CADA SEMANA PARA DARLE EL CRÉDITO APROPIADO

**NUESTROS DONES A DIOS**

*Gracias por su ayuda Cristiana De Los Dones*

**Fin de Semana del 3-4 de mayo de 2014**

Colecta Regular (249 sobres)	\$13,978.23
Segunda Colecta (159 sobres)	\$ 2,430.47
Contribuciones enviadas por correo	\$ 2,713.30
Contribuciones Vía línea: 5/1-5/4/2014	\$ 2,039.62
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$21,161.62</b>

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**SEGUNDA COLECTA PROGRAMADA:**

1er domingo: Reducción de la deuda  
 5o domingo: Ministerio Social

***Fortaleciendo la Iglesia Domestica!***

**Caridades Católicas**

Servicios de consejería familiar, adopción, alojamiento temporal, asistencia legal de inmigración, ayuda a refugiados, ancianos, voluntariado, etc.

**Para mayor información:**

713-526-4611 [people\\_of\\_faith@catholiccharities.org](mailto:people_of_faith@catholiccharities.org)

**Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul**

Servicios básicos para personas necesitadas de comida, ropa, gastos de utilidades, etc.

**Para mayor información:**

713-741-8234 [wgaraghty@archgh.org](mailto:wgaraghty@archgh.org)

**Casa Juan Diego**

Casas de alojamiento temporal y ayuda a hombres, mujeres y familias inmigrantes.

**Para mayor información:**

713-869-7376 [info@cjd.org](mailto:info@cjd.org)

**Casa de Esperanza de los Niños**

Casa de alojamiento para niños en crisis debido a abuso, negligencia o el virus del VIH/SIDA.

**Para mayor información:**

713-529-0639 [casa@casahope.org](mailto:casa@casahope.org)

***El amor maternal se hace perfecto en el amor incondicional de María, Madre de Dios y madre nuestra.***

Muchos poetas, filósofos y psicólogos afirman que el amor de una madre es el ejemplo más incondicional del amor humano. También se dice que este amor corresponde al amor incondicional que espera un recién nacido y del cual se alimenta durante sus primeros años en este mundo. Este amor incondicional de nuestras madres nos lleva a celebrarlas en su día con profunda gratitud, expresada con flores, cantos, salidas a comer, regalos y tantas otras muestras de cariño.

El amor maternal se hace perfecto en el amor incondicional de María, Madre de Dios y madre nuestra. Este amor está muy presente en los pueblos latinoamericanos y por lo tanto en el pueblo hispano/latino en Estados Unidos, el cual celebra el mes de mayo como el Mes de María. Las parroquias donde hay hispanos/latinos llevarán flores a La Guadalupeana, a La Caridad del Cobre, a La Providencia y a cada una de las avocaciones marianas que venera nuestro pueblo. También se escuchará el canto “*Mientras recorres la vida tú nunca sólo estás. Contigo por el camino Santa María va*”, y se verá en procesión a nuestras niñas vestidas de blanco y a todo el pueblo honrado a la Madre de la Iglesia.

En este mes de mayo, escuchemos pues de nuevo las palabras que María de Guadalupe le dirigió a Juan Diego “Que ya nada te apene ni te de amarguras... ¿Acaso no soy yo aquí tu madre?” y celebremos agradecidos por todas las bendiciones que recibimos de nuestras madres, todos los días de nuestra vida.

**CONSEJO  
DE LA  
SEMANA!**

**Madres y abuelas: Pilares de amor y fe**

Demos gracias a Dios por el regalo de nuestras madres, que con entrega y desvelos se olvidan de sus propias necesidades para suplir las nuestras.

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