

Saint James
THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 10, 2014
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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
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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, August 10, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/PS 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 /Mt 14:22-33
 7:30 a.m. Mass - *Kyle Willis +*
 9:00 a.m. Mass - *Pro Populo*
 11:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Alida MacLean*
 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español - *Luis Mendoza +*

MONDAY, August 11, St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/ PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 /Mt 17:22-27
 8:00 a.m. Rosary
 6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 355 Meeting (*JP II Rm*)
 7:00 p.m. Adoration
 7:00 p.m. PACK MEETING (*Parish Hall*)

TUESDAY, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 2:8-3:4/PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 /Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Val Fallu +*
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Springtimers (*Parish Hall*)
 10:00 a.m. Pray and Live Workshop (*Disciple Rm*)
 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Night (*Parish Hall*)
 6:45 p.m. American Heritage Girls Troop 355 Mtg. (*JP II Rm*)
 7:00 p.m. Pray and Live Workshop (*Disciple Rm*)
 7:00 p.m. Respect Life Meeting (*St. James Rm*)

WEDNESDAY, August 13, Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Mt 18:15-20
 7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Melder & DuBose Family*
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (*St. James Rm*)
 10:00 a.m. Talleres de Oración y Vida (*Disciple Rm*)
 6:30 p.m. Confessions (*South Confessional*)
 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir (*Church*)
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Choir Rehearsal (*Music Rm*)
 7:00 p.m. Talleres de Oración y Vida (*Disciple Rm*)

THURSDAY, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 12:1-12/PS 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 /Mt 18:21-19:1
 7:30 a.m. Rosary
 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Barb*
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 7:00 p.m. Choirs' Rehearsals (*Church, Music Rm*)

FRIDAY, August 15, Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 7:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Karen*
 12:00 p.m. Mass - *Int. Carolyn Schutze*
 7:00 p.m. Mass—*Int. Chicas Family*

SATURDAY, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/ Mt 19:13-15
 10:00 a.m. Children's Music & Chime Class (*Disciple & Music Rms*)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (*South Confessional*)
 5:00 p.m. Mass - *Joaquin Avalos +*

Respect Life Ministry

Respect Life Ministry will be having its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the St. James Room**. Everyone is invited to attend and become a part of this vital Ministry. For information contact: **Robert Cobb at 281-353-7269**.

THE PARISH OFFICES will be closed **Friday, August 15th**. It is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am, 12noon, and 7:00pm that day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**OUR MONTHLY PARISH FOOD DRIVE** is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

On the weekend of **August 16th & 17th**, please bring new non-perishables which have not reached their expiration date. This food drive benefits those most needy in our community.

As Christ reminds us, "What you have done for the least of your brothers and sisters, you have done for Me."

NEW BIBLE STUDY EVENING CLASS ~ Beginning **Thursday, September 11th, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** Join us each Thursday evening in the **St. James Room** as we study the entire Bible as the inspired word of God from a cultural, historical, and geographic perspective. **Call Dana Fayard, 281.382.8379 for more information.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE ON THE PRAYER LIST

Mark New, Heidi Richmond, Mary Anne Grasso, Consuelo Herrera, Lloyd Sherbert, Janell McCormick, Virgil Muncey, Mary Lopez, Donato Rios, Jr., Irene Wilson, Mali Hall, Matthew Wood, Paul Bernard, Ramona Trevino, Malena Trevino, Joe Trevino, Cloid Hall, Jimmy Arnold, Gary Grant, Felipe Cavazos, Mary Consford, Keylee Humphreys, Pierce Counts, Laura Counts, Martha Calvin, Vincent Sanzone, Natalie Martinez, Donna St. Clair, David Henry, 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, Robert Hovanec, Raymond & Michelle Vera Jr., Pat Schultz, Zeny Naguit, Gail Nevlud, 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).

—STEWARDSHIP

DSF 2014 ~
“GO FORTH AND BEAR FRUIT THAT
WILL LAST...”



Parish Goal for 2014: \$85,000.00
 Amount Paid: \$54,871.77
 Amount Pledged: \$73,929.14
 # of participants: 298
 % paid at: 64.56% Report date: 8/04/2014

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Thank you for your generous stewardship

Week ending August 3, 2014

Regular Collection (230 envelopes)	\$11,304.20
Debt Reduction (149 envelopes)	\$ 4,744.98
Mailed in contributions	\$ 5,858.47
Online Giving: 7/28-8/3/2014	\$ 2,697.62
Total:	\$24,605.27
Attendance: 1669	

SCHEDULED SECOND COLLECTIONS:

1st Sunday: Debt Reduction
 5th Sunday: 8/31/2014 Social Ministry

—DID YOU KNOW?

**DURING HOMILY, PARISHIONERS SAY:
 ‘IMPRESS ME’**

One of the most fascinating aspects of the Catholic Mass is the homily. The homily is not the main focus of the Mass; the Eucharist is. But the homily is the one moment during Mass when everyone in the church sits down, looks directly at the priest or deacon standing in the pulpit, and says, “OK, pal, impress me.”

The thing is, not everyone has the same idea of what “impress me” actually means. Some people want the homilist to offer an inspiring analysis of the Scripture readings, teaching the deep theological concepts contained therein.

These people are usually disappointed. If the deacon is giving the homily, he often has a full-time, 40-hour per week job, and so does not have a lot of spare time to prepare his homily. Certainly not enough time to research that week’s Scripture readings in depth and present the multi-faceted teachings on the readings that have been developed by brilliant Church scholars over the centuries.

If the parish priest is giving the homily, the same thing applies, except his full-time job during the week requires 70 hours. So he, too, has little time to develop a profound exegesis of the Scripture readings.

There are other people in church who define the idea of “impress me” as pure entertainment. They want the homilist to do a set of his very best stand-up comedy material, just like they’re used to watching on the Comedy Central network or on the late night talk shows. They expect the homilist to be like Bill Cosby walking through the curtain on “The Tonight Show” stage and delivering seven minutes of hilarious jokes and stories. If the priest or deacon does not have the congregation laughing hysterically within the first 30 seconds, then these folks in the pews roll their eyes and mutter, “Borrrr-ring!”

In a mass media world, where people can watch YouTube videos of their favorite comedians on their smart phones anytime they want, the priest and deacon at Mass just can’t compete.

There is yet another group of people in church who define the idea “impress me” like this: “I don’t care what you say, Pastor—cuz I’m not really listening anyway—just as long as you finish in three minutes.”

To these folks, time is all that matters, and the shorter the better. It’s true that we now live in a fast-paced, short attention span culture. We are inundated with brief sound bites and 140-character tweets. Anything that requires us to concentrate for more than a couple minutes makes our heads hurt.

Recently my parish had Jesus Himself come and spend time as a visiting priest. And just as I suspected, when He gave His homilies, some people thought they were not theologically deep enough. Other people thought they weren’t nearly funny enough. And many in the pews thought Our Lord’s homilies were way too long.

So if we really stop and think about it, if even the Son of God Himself has a tough time impressing us with His homilies, what chance do our priests and deacons have? (Oh, by the way, Jesus didn’t really come to my parish as a visiting priest— instead He sang in the choir.)

Maybe it wouldn’t kill us to lower our standards of what the idea “impress me” really means. Maybe once in a while on the way out of Mass we can tell the priest or deacon that we liked his homily and we’re grateful that he takes the time to try and teach us about the faith. But be ready to catch the man. He hears compliments so infrequently, the surprise might cause him to faint.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes begin: **Wednesday, September 3rd. for Grades 1-3**

For any questions, please call ~

Parish Faith Formation Office:

Faith Formation Secretary:

Coordinator: Grades 1-3 & 9-12:

Coordinator: Grades 4-6 & 7-8:

Please visit our webpage at www.stjta.org/Formation & Sacraments for class schedules, information, and forms.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Northwoods Open House – August 13, 2014 9:00am - 11:00am

Are you looking for the right academic school environment for your children? Look no further, prospective families with interest for **grades PreK3 - 8th grade** are encouraged to attend. Come discover the Northwoods Advantage and learn the benefits of gender-specific education.

Northwoods Catholic School is conveniently located at 5500 FM 2920 RD, Spring, TX near Gosling Road. For more information please contact **Bennie Stewart** in the admissions office at **281-350-0300** or visit our website:

www.NorthwoodsCatholic.org

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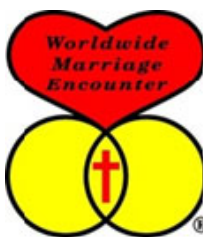


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HOLY DAY MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Join in online Mass if you or someone you love cannot get to church on **August 15 to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Visit www.HeartoftheNation.org for the holy day Mass. (Online Mass does not meet the holy day Mass obligation if you can get to church.)



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Great Marriage!

For the past 25 years, our Marriage, our love and our faith have grown stronger even though the world works unceasingly to pull us apart. We are inviting you to do what we did. We attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend. There is nothing that has had a bigger impact upon our marriage, our faith, or our family! **The next two incredible weekends will be October 10-12, and November 9-11, 2014.** Find out more or sign up online: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.



THE EVERLASTING GIFT RETREAT "A BIRTH MOTHER'S LOVE LASTS FOREVER"

AUGUST 15-17, 2014

Are you interested in joining us for our **2014 The Everlasting Gift Retreat?** If you are a birthmother who has experienced adoption... open, closed, a recent placement, a placement many years ago... we hope you will consider coming to this retreat.

The Retreat will be at the Cenacle Retreat House August 15th-17th. The weekend begins at 6pm on Friday and will conclude on Sunday, at noon. This event will give attendees the opportunity for spiritual renewal and healing and the chance to meet other birthmothers. The contact person is Coleen Kitowski at 713-874-6760.

All interested participants may register online at www.catholiccharities.org. Financial assistance for those who are in need will be available.



CCL Natural Family Planning Teacher Training

Have you attended CCL Natural Family Planning classes? Do you appreciate the positive impact it has on your marriage? Are you looking for a ministry you and your spouse can serve together? The Couple to Couple League is offering **FREE** teacher training for couples interested in becoming CCL Natural Family Planning teachers. **The training will take place September 26-28 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.** Free child care will be provided. Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to this ministry. For further information, please contact Mike and Mary Ellen VanHorn: nfp.vanhorn@gmail.com **281-292-3033**

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



Meta de la parroquia 2014: \$85,000.00

Pagado: \$54,871.77
 Promesa: \$73,929.14
 # de participantes: 298
 % pagado: 64.56% Fecha: 8/04/2014

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CADA SEMANA PARA DARLE EL CRÉDITO APROPIADO

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Fin de Semana del 3 de agosto de 2014

Colecta Regular (230 sobres)	\$11,304.20
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SEGUNDA COLECTA PROGRAMADA:

1er domingo: Reducción de la deuda
 5o domingo: 8/31/14 Ministerio Social

—MINISTERIO HISPANO

LAS OFICINAS DE LA PARROQUIA estarán cerradas el día **Viernes 15 de Agosto** con motivo de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Este día obliga Misa. La Misa se celebrará a las 7am, 12 del mediodía, y a las 7pm.



La colecta de víveres es el próximo fin de semana de **Agosto 16 y 17**. Favor de traer comestibles que aún no hayan caducado (expirado). Esta colecta es para beneficio de los más necesitados de nuestra comunidad.



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CITA DE LA SEMANA

Que en sus corazones reine la paz de Cristo. Sean agradecidos. Enséñense y aconséjense unos a otros lo mejor que sepan.

Colosenses 3:15 - 16



Aprenda a Leer

La Biblia!

...con **Jeff Cavins** un Maestro reconocido de la Biblia y Evangelio!

16 de Agosto 2014 de 8:30am a 4:30pm

Lugar: St. Anthony of Padua (The Woodlands)

Un recorrido Rápido de la Biblia es un estudio de ocho partes que sirve para introducir del Sistema de Estudio Bíblico Católico: La Gran Aventura: Un Recorrido de la historia de la salvación, desde Génesis a través de la resurrección de Cristo y el establecimiento de la Iglesia Católica. Los estudiantes aprenderán acerca de los beneficios espirituales de estudio de la Biblia y cómo participar más en “Su historia” ya que comienzan su estudio de las escrituras.

Si viaja de vacaciones y necesita localizer una

Iglesia Católica visite la página

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