

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



**THE MUSTARD  
SEED, THE  
SMALLEST OF  
ALL SEEDS,  
GROWS INTO  
THE BIGGEST  
SHRUB OF ALL.**



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Pete Elizardo, *Pastor*

Rev. Fernando Gamez, *Parochial Vicar*

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Norma R. Acuña, *Secretary*

Violet Loney, *Accounting*

Susana Garza, *Office/Rectory Housekeeper*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Vigil 5:00 p.m. <i>Español</i>
Sunday	7:00 a.m. <i>Español</i>
	9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm
Monday-Friday	7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.
During Lent	Same as Daily Mass
Holy Days	Vigil 6:00 p.m.
	7:00 a.m. <i>Español</i> , 12:05 & 6:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:00-4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment  
Please call the parish office.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every First Friday 7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. or by appointment.

### DAILY ROSARY IN CHURCH

Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.

### DAILY CHAPEL AVAILABLE

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Closed for Mass and lunch from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

David Guerrero 1st-6th grades  
Paula (Polly) Gonzalez 7th-12th grades

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

(361) 664-4642 • Fax: (361) 664-4642

311 DEWEY ST.

[school@sjcatholicchurch.org](mailto:school@sjcatholicchurch.org)

Mary Sandoval, *Principal*  
Dio Gonzalez, *Secretary*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office.

### MARRIAGE

Please call the parish office.

### NEWCOMERS

Please register at the parish office or call for a registration form to be mailed or faxed to you.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 1:30 p.m.



**Our Holy Father: In his own words**



*"We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us.*

*Pope Francis*

**From: Fr. Pete Elizardo**

My Dear Friends,

The "Fortnight for Freedom" takes place in Dioceses across the United States of America. The initiative, launched by the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops, takes place every year. This year's Fortnight begins on June 21st and continues until July 4th, when the nation celebrates its "Independence Day."

This fortnight is particularly significant for the Catholic Church, as it incorporates the feast day of figures such as Saints Peter and Paul, as well as Saints John Fisher and Thomas More. These two English Saints were martyred for the faith in the face of tremendous political pressure and persecution during the English Reformation. Saint Thomas More's last words, "I die the King's loyal servant, but God's first," have continued to resonate, for Catholics throughout the centuries.

The theme for this year is "The Freedom to Bear Witness," to the truth of the Gospel. The following are two events that will take place in our Diocese, which I encourage us to participate in.

The *Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness* will take place from June 21 to July 4, 2015, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.

The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel.

**Religious Liberty,  
HUMAN DIGNITY,  
AND THE  
Freedom  
to Bear Witness**

Presented by:  
**DR. BEN NGUYEN**  
Canonial Counsel &  
Theological Advisor  
Diocese of Corpus Christi

Hosted by:  
**Saints Cyril and Methodius Church**  
3210 South Padre Island Dr • Corpus Christi, TX 78415  
361-853-7371

Wednesday  
**July 1, 2015 • 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Sponsored by: **OFFICE OF LIFE, JUSTICE & HUMAN DIGNITY**

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - The Most Cherished of American Freedom**  
*If we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, all other freedoms are fragile.*

**From: Fr. Fernando Gamez**

**La presencia de Dios en tu vida interior crece como una pequeña semilla.**

Hermanos y hermanas en el Señor,

Las dos parábolas que leemos en el texto de hoy provienen del discurso del capítulo 4 de Marcos. Jesús expone diversas parábolas a la gente y las explica a sus discípulos. La parábola de la semilla que crece por sí sola tiene la habilidad de mezclar la acción del ser humano y la de Dios. Nuestra vida es muy parecida a esta parábola. También nosotros somos como el labrador que ha de esforzarse para preparar la tierra, sembrar, arrancar las malas hierbas, cuidar la cosecha y segar, pero que no ha de preocuparse de «hacer crecer» la semilla, porque eso no le toca hacerlo a él. Dios nos encarga una vida, o mejor dicho, nos la regala para que la hagamos fructificar. Nosotros la podemos desarrollar, si queremos; trabajamos, estudiamos, amamos, nos esforzamos, nos dedicamos a aquello que más nos interesa y, sobre todo, a aquellos que más queremos. Podemos decidir algunas cosas, pero no otras, podemos tener grandes proyectos, podemos esforzarnos por desarrollarlos..., o bien podemos optar por una vida de mínimos, de cumplir y descansar; podemos, también, entregarnos totalmente, en cuerpo y alma, a aquello que deseamos...

Y, después de todo eso, en nuestra vida siempre hay algo que se nos escapa, circunstancias que no podemos controlar, que no podemos decidir, la historia, las decisiones de los demás, los imprevistos. Algunos dicen que, si deseamos algo de verdad, el universo entero conspira para que se haga realidad, otros piensan que existen las casualidades, otros dicen que no las hay, otros son directamente pesimistas y muchos otros ni piensan estas cosas.

Los cristianos ya hace muchos años que tenemos una palabra para esto: la providencia. Es tan sencillo como reconocer que hay un Dios que es amor y que nos cuida de la mejor manera que sabe hacer: dejar que crezcamos por nosotros mismos sin sustituirnos y, al mismo tiempo, estar siempre a nuestro lado, apoyándonos de forma invisible en todas nuestras dificultades.

Cuando más necesitamos de Dios, cuando las cosas nos van mal, muchas veces le echamos de menos diciendo que nos ha abandonado, pero en el fondo del corazón sabemos que no es verdad, que es él quien está haciendo que «la semilla crezca» y pidiendo que «hagamos nuestra parte».

El misterio de la vida se compone de momentos en los que Dios y nosotros estamos trabajando juntos, al mismo tiempo, haciendo realidad su Reino de justicia, paz y solidaridad.

**Una feliz semana para todos.**

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**

**First Reading: Ez 17:22-24**

**Ps: 92:2-3,13-14,15-16**

**Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10**

**Gospel: Mk 4:26-34**

**REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK**

In what ways have I experienced the growth of faith in my own life? How can I help the church become more like the trees of Isaiah and the mustard plant?

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:**

Juan Alva, SFC Joe Richard Benavides, Adrian Canas, Thomas Gabriel Cantu, Zackary Cantu, Jose Luis Cardenas, Juan Cortez, Sgt. Dante Carreno Davis, Luis Ambrosio De Leon, Jr., John Dye, Andrew Edelen, Marcus Ruben Garcia, Stephen Dunne Garcia, Jose Luis Garza, Ruben Garza, Jr., Johnny Godines, Allan Hanson, Isais Noe Hernandez, Shawn Lake, John B. Lopez, Wilburt Ray Mitchell, Manuel Muniz, Neila, Jesse Ochoa, Jr., Barbara Ann Ortiz, Justin Ortiz, Antonio Ramon Perez, Matthew Ramirez, Anthony Riddle, Natividad Rios, III, Arnold Ryan Rodriguez, Daniel Sanchez, Michael Lee Sanchez, Robert Uribe, Orlando Villegas.



**FAITH FORMATION**

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Non-Catholics (non-baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic.

RCIA class started on Monday, June 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Please contact Nora Gonzalez at (361)562-6609.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**June 6 & 7, 2015**

Envelope Collections	\$5,920.00
Loose Collections	<u>\$3,329.00</u>
	\$9,249.00

**“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”  
Thank you for your generosity**

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

**St. Joseph School** is happy to announce that an Eighth Grade has been approved for the upcoming school year. Please come by the School Office, to register for next school year, Grades K-3 to Eighth Grades. School Office (361) 664-4642

Mary Sandoval & Dio Gonzalez  
will work through the end of the month of June  
Office hours 9:00 am -3:00 pm

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS**

The Church renovations continue in the Church, thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Daily Mass:** Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. & Saturday 8:00 a.m. will be held in the parish hall.

**Weekend Masses** will be held in the Church

**CONGRATULATIONS**



**GUADALUPE  
“LUPITA” GONZALEZ**

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Evangelii  
Gaudium Award  
For  
St. Joseph Church**



**Father’s Day Spiritual  
Remembrance—9 day Novena  
begins on Sunday, June 21**

Please submit the names of living and deceased fathers on your special Father’s Day envelope.

They can be drop off with Sunday’s collection or come by the parish office. We also have some available if you need an envelope.

**Catholic Daughters -- Court #1770 -- Scholarships**

The Catholic Daughters are offering three scholarships of \$200.00 each to St. Joseph Church graduates. Please pick up your application at the parish office. The completed application is **due back on June 30, 2015**. If any questions, please call Rachel Pineda at (361)396-4593.

**IN THE DIOCESE:**



**Fullness of Truth – June 27<sup>th</sup> & June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Adult tickets \$45, Family & youth passes are available  
Tickets and more information call 877-21-Truth

This is an event that the whole family can attend and it will be filled with entertaining and inspiring speakers, such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Brandt Pitre, Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. John Bergsma.

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, June 15, 2015**

7:00 am *IN THANKSGIVING TO SAN MARTIN  
CABALLERO*

By Frances Hinojosa & Daughter

12:05 pm †OLIVIA CARDONA

By Nelda & Mario Serna

†MARCIAL SAENZ

By Adelina & Lucy Palacios

**Tuesday, June 16, 2015**

7:00 am †NIEVES SALAZAR

By Susana Garza

†SAN JUANITA GODINES

†RUDY ANDRADE

By St. Joseph Friends

12:05 pm †MELBA H. GONZALEZ

By Elda & Alfonso Chapa

†ZOILA V. GONZALEZ

By Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Omar Garcia

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

7:00 am †HECTOR GONZALEZ

†ADELITA G. GONZALEZ

By St. Joseph Friends

12:05 pm †ARMENGOL FARIAS

By Andrea Farias

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

7:00 am OPEN MASS

12:05 pm †VICTORIA & †LEOPOLDO ZAMORA

†JUAN N. LOZANO

†OSCAR SILVA

By St. Joseph Friends

**Friday, June 19, 2015**

7:00 am *IN THANKSGIVING TO SANTO NINO DE  
ATOCHA*

By Frances Hinojosa & Daughter

12:05 pm †JUANITA SANCHEZ

†ALICIA SANCHEZ

†ESTELLA JIMENEZ

By St. Joseph Friends

†GILBERTO GUERRA

By Leslie Guerra

†GRACIELA GARCIA

By Granddaughter, Kirstyn Garza

**OPEN MASS -- Thursday, June 18, 2015 -- 7:00am**

†MARIO LONGORIA

†HORTENCIA MARTINEZ

†REYMUNDO MARTINEZ

†CONSUELO MONSEVAIS

†DEACON MARIO O. RIVERA

†BENNIE RUIZ

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

8:00 am †HORTENCIA & †REYMUNDO MARTINEZ

†LYDIA & †ENRIQUE GONZALEZ

†MARIA DELIA CARRENO

By St. Joseph Friends

5:00pm †VICENTA SOZA

By Ludy C. Gonzalez

†AMANDO MONTEMAYOR

By Wife, Thelma Montemayor

†MANUEL G. & †ANGELICA M. RAMOS

By Gloria Ramos & Family

†ESTELA RODRIGUEZ

By Maria Vidaurri

†MARGARITA & †ALFREDO PERALES

By Connie & Israel Cantu

**Sunday, June 21, 2015 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
(Father's Day)**

7:00 am OPEN MASS

9:00 am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

11:00 am †ROMEO TREJO, SR.

By Kina Trejo & Family

†JOSE R. TORRES, JR.

By Wife, Adelina Torres

†MANUEL RUIZ, SR.

By Family

†UVALDO NARANJO, JR.

By Irma Naranjo & Family

†GILBRANDO RESENDEZ

By Family

†ANTONIO BELTRAN

By Family

6:00 pm †ALFREDO B. GARZA & †RENE G. GARZA

By Family

†MARIO MANUEL GARCIA

By Family

†ROMANA V. & †MANUEL P. GONZALAEZ

By Family

†JESUS & †FRED ROJAS

By Eva & Ruben Rojas

**OPEN MASS -- Sunday, June 21, 2015 -- 7:00 am**

†APOLONIO "POLO" BARRERA

†ELUTERIO BARRERA, SR.

†GILBERT GUERRA

†RAUL C. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

†RAUL RODRIGUEZ, SR.

†AGAPITA SALINAS

†SAN JUANITA SALINAS

†JOSE SOLIZ

†AMALIA SOTO

†REYMUNDO A. VASQUEZ

†ALONZO VILLARREAL

†PETRA VASQUEZ (4<sup>TH</sup> ANNI)

**SACRAMENTAL CARE**

**Baptism for Infants & Young Children(ages 7 & under):**

We welcome the great blessing of having your child(ren) baptized. In preparation to do so, all parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation process prior to the baptism of each child. All baptisms are scheduled through the parish office.

**Baptism for Older Children (8 + yrs):**

Please contact the Children Faith Formation Office and speak with David Guerrero for further information.

**Marriage:**

Engaged couples desiring to marry in the Church need to make an appointment to see either Fr. Pete or Fr. Fernando for marriage preparation. No weddings can be scheduled prior to the first initial meeting with either Fr. Pete or Fr. Fernando.

**Confirmation:**

High School youth who are at the age to receive Confirmation must contact the Youth Faith Formation office and speak with Polly Gonzalez for further information.

Adults who have not been confirmed are to contact the parish office for further information.

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Non-Catholics (non-baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic should contact Nora Gonzalez (361)562-6609.

**Holy Communion to the Sick and the Homebound:**

If you or any one you know is in need of receiving Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office so that we may schedule a regular visit to you.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Parishioners who are scheduled for surgery are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to their hospitalization. If you know of anyone who is seriously ill or old age who is in need of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the office.

**YOUTH**

**DEER CREEK CAMP -- For Ages 7-16 years**

**JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> -24<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Registration forms are available at the parish office.

Camp fee: \$580.00 per person

Cost includes: Theme t-shirt, group picture, DVD of week, all meals, lodging, transportation and activities for the week.

**IN THE DIOCESE**

**A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – 11 days**

**“Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus”**

**Sept. 14-24, 2015**

Spiritual Director: Rev. Monsignor Leonard Pivonka

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Alice

\$2,999.00 per person -- Round trip from Houston, TX

For more information, please call St. Elizabeth Church 664-6481.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Irma Abrigo, Arturo Aguilar, Erica Alfaro, Ramona Alvarado, Aree Arrendondo, Genaro Arismendez, Tencha Arriola, Lorie Ayala, Tommie Barrios, Jesse Bazan, Cristal Benavidez Hilda Berlanga, Diana Bill, Maria Brock, Jose Buentello, Tomas Cadena, Francisca Canales, Jesus Cantu, Jessica Cantu, Ryan Carrillo, Corando Castillo, Maria Del Carmen Cazares, Alejandro Chapa, Christian Chapa, David Chapa, Esmeralda Chapa, Gabe Chapa, Jr., Gabriel B. Chapa, Rene Daniel Chapa, Angie Chavera, Lina Chavez, Steven Chavez, Jacob Marcus Chavez, Jodie Lee Claes Sr., Bill Clark, Victor Cruz (infant), Benny DeLeon, Celeste Deleon, Teresa Herrera Diaz, Marissa Dominguez, Paula Duarte, Frances Elizardo, Maggie Escamilla, Rosa Escamilla, Aurora Flores, Belinda I. Flores, Carlos Miguel Flores, Corban Ty Flores (Infant), Eva Flores, Mitch Forbes, Eva Cavazos Garcia, Felma Garcia, Francisco Garcia Jr., Lesbia Garcia, Linda Garcia, Marina Garcia, Perla B. Garcia, Rachel Garcia, Rafael Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, III, Roberto Garcia, Ruben B. Garcia, Debra Garza, Emma Garza, Esmeralda M. Garza, Irene Estrada Garza, Rosaena Garza, Sally Garza, Federico Gomez, Arnulfo Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez, Danielle Gonzalez, Dominga Gonzalez, Jesse Gonzalez, Johnny Gonzalez, Leticia G. Gonzalez, Linda Gonzalez, Maria B. Gonzalez, Olinda Gonzalez, Ovidio Gonzalez, Roberto O. Gonzalez, Rosemary D. Gonzalez, Solida Gonzalez, Brandon Guerra, Norma Guerra, Alicia F. Gutierrez, Elizardo Gutierrez, Jeanette Gutierrez, Joe O. Gutierrez, Priscilla Torres Hegna, Dante Hernandez, Mario Hernandez, Janie Herrera, Gloria Hinojosa, Tracy Ann Hughes, Joseph Jasso, Rita Jasso, Eustolia & Justo Jimenez, Mary Alice Joslin, Kendal (child), Issac Lara, Leticia Lazo, Lupita Lazo, R.J. Longoria, Elias Lopez, Jr., Jason Lopez, Michael A. Lopez, Sara Lopez, Veronica Lopez, Yvonne Lopez, Angie Lozano, Oscar Lozano, Elena Martinez, Gloria E. Martinez, Jesus Martinez, Johnny Martinez, Liam Martinez, Trinidad Martinez, Brittany Medina, Israel Medina, Deacon Henry Mejia, Dalia Mendez, Jose Guadalupe Mendoza, Leandra Mendoza, Maria R. Mendoza, John Paul Mera, Joyce Meza, Joe Monsevais, Elida Morales, Maria Isabel Rios Moreno, Lee Roy Morgan, Francisco Munoz, Rachel Munoz, Ryan Murphy, Paulita Najar, Dr. Alan Nisbett, Cristela Olivares, Elsa Olivares, Irma Olivares, Filomena Paez, Adelina Palacios, Ana Pastrano, Cecilia Pena, Ester Pena, Nora Grace Pena, Alfredo Perales, Jr., Nathaniel Pereida, Amalia Perez, Ashton Perez (Infant), Diana & Baldemar Perez & Family, Esmeralda Perez, Gilbert Moreno Perez, Irma Perez, Jose Luis Perez, Jr, Monique Perez, Amanda Marie Placencio, Margie Placencio, Robert Placencio, Jr., Beto Quesada, Marisela Ramirez, Sylvanna & Esmeregildo Ramirez, Diana Ramos, Stephanie Celia Reed, Lynsey Reyna, Rey Reyna, Ainsley Rife, Justa Rios, Sal Rios, Sr., Sal Rios, Jr., Amador Rivera, Florentino Rivera, Sr., Nora Grace Rivera, Susie Rivera, Armando & Yolanda Rodriguez, David Michael Rodriguez, Janie Rodriguez, Linda Rodriguez, Maria Elena Rodriguez, Roy Rodriguez, Carmen Ruiz, Guadalupe Trejo Saenz, Jeffery Saenz, Stephen Saenz, Alejo Salas, Alma Guerra Salas, Daniel Salinas, Graciano Salinas, Eva C. Salinas, Raymond Salinas, III, Brenda Sanchez, Carmen Sanchez, Elvira Sanchez, Estella Sanchez, John Sandroussi, Jr., Samuel Sandroussi, Jose Angel Silva, Jose Roberto Soliz, Samantha Soliz, Chris Soza, Jr., Betsy Sullivan, Lauren Tabares, C.W. Todd, III, Viola Saenz, Octavio Salinas, III, Ellie Torres (child), Kina Trejo, Crystal Trevino, Nelda Trevino, Liz Trevino, John Vasquez, Jose Noe Vasquez, Rachael Vasquez, Sara Marie Vasquez, Maria Eliza Velasquez, Elena Villarreal, Rudy Villarreal, Antonio Villegas, Sr., Corina Robles Villegas, Mike Villegas, John Walker, Cornelia Willie, Ciro Zamora, Jr., Flor Zapata