# God Bless America



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

#### **DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

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#### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Pete Elizardo, *Pastor*Rev. Fernando Gamez, *Parochial Vicar*Deacon Emede Gonzalez
Celina S. Martinez, *Admin. Asst./Office Manager*Norma R. Acuña, *Secretary*Violet Loney, *Accounting*Susana Garza, *Office/Rectory Housekeeper* 

#### MASS SCHEDULE

 Saturday
 Vigil 5:00 p.m.
 Español

 Sunday
 7:00 a.m.
 Español

 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. Español, 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

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



"The Church is a mother with an open heart, ready to help all people, especially those who try the hardest."

Pope Francis

#### From: Fr. Pete Elizardo

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples. The Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully. They wondered where all this wisdom had come from. What they saw was very different from what others had seen. This man was one of them, in the deepest sense; they knew him and his family. The people of the town would not accept him; even though they had heard of his outstanding accomplishments in other places, they could not see what made him so special.

Because they are "sated with contempt," they rule out the possibility of experiencing the "mighty deeds" of the Lord. How much better are those who, like Saint Paul, approach reality from the perspective of the thorn in their flesh, even boasting gladly of their weakness. For "power is made perfect in weakness." The embrace of our weakness quells the rebellion of original sin and opens us to the wonder of the Prophet among us. God's grace is sufficient for us.

The story of what happened to Jesus when he decided to return to his town is a familiar story, one that happens to all of us: we achieve wonderful things far away from home – in another city, or perhaps in some other part of the world, where we are not well known; then the time comes when we know we must return to our own country and teach there, and we find that people at home do not see us in the same way.

As you reflect on this passage, you may find yourself identifying with the people who rejected Jesus because he was so well known to them. Or you may prefer to identify with Jesus, remembering times when you or others had an experience like his. Let us recall his presence, and pray that he may find us a community of faith and may you have a blessed week!

#### Congratulations

Fr. Pete Elizardo

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Fr. Fernando Gamez On their 2nd Anniversary at St. Joseph Church

Thank you for your love and devotion

#### From: Fr. Fernando Gamez

#### Nadie es profeta en su tierra

Hermanos y hermanas en el Señor.

En esta oportunidad iniciemos nuestra breve reflexión preguntándonos: ¿Por qué un profeta no puede ser admitido en su propia tierra? Y miremos que Cristo nos da la respuesta. Por falta de fe de la gente, en este caso de sus parientes. Nos cuesta creer en una persona que ha convivido mucho tiempo con nosotros y ahora viene a darnos lecciones de vida. "¿Pero no es este el hijo del carpintero, cómo es que salen tantos milagros de sus manos?"

Necesitamos pedir insistentemente la gracia de la fe. Porque la fe es un inmenso don de Dios y vale más que la vida misma, pues sólo con ella puede el hombre caminar en su existencia hacia el destino eterno, aunque a veces no vea, aunque le rodeen espesas tinieblas, aunque le azote la duda, aunque le domine el miedo, aunque le invada el desaliento, ya que "el justo vive de la fe".

La fe fue la fuerza en su peregrinar par este mundo de todos aquellos hombres de Dios y lo seguirá siendo para todos aquellos que deseen y quieran ir tras las huellas de Cristo.

La fe no es un mero sentimiento de la presencia de Dios. Es caminar, sufrir, caer y levantarse tratando de ser fiel a Dios a quien no vemos con nuestros ojos materiales, pero sí con los ojos de la fe. Pues si vemos las cosas como nosotros queremos, entonces dejaría de ser fe y sería certeza de lo que queremos ver. En definitiva la fe es fiarse de Dios y confiar en Él. Por ello, digamos a Cristo con humildad: "Creo Señor, pero aumenta mi poca fe".

Que tengan todos una feliz semana.

#### **SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**

First Reading: Ez 2:2-5 Ps: 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6a

#### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Am I discouraged when I meet rejection in my work for the gospel? Am I aware of times when God works through me to touch the lives of others?

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

June 27 & 28, 2015

Envelope Collections \$4,828.47 Loose Collections \$3,076.35 \$7,904.82

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Thank you for your generosity

#### **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 has started on June 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Please contact Nora Gonzalez at (361)562-6609 for more information.

#### 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.

Mary Sandoval & Dio Gonzalez will be back to school office on August 3, 2015.

School Office (361) 664-4642

#### **CHURCH RENOVATIONS**

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

As per now, unless noted differently.

Daily Mass & Weekend Masses: will be held in the Church



**Summer Time** 

Enjoy! Relax!

Be Safe!

#### IN THE DIOCESE:

# EXPLORE DISCERNMENT RETREAT \$7,785.00 JULY 27- July 31, 2015 At Camp Zephyr, at Lake Corpus Christi

Explore is a summer experience for a young man to understand the faith better, know himself better and make new friends from all over the diocese. Explore is for Catholic young men who are enrolled in high school or who will be enrolling this fall, as well as recent high school graduates.

For more information, contact the Office of Vocations (361)882-6191/www.CCPRIEST.ORG



#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In Loving Memory of

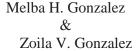
Arnoldo G. Chapa

By Wife, Minnie &

Families of Magallanes, Rubio, Barrios & Valerio

## MAIN ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

Are in Loving Memory of





By Family & Friends

#### Care for the earth

"We need to care for the earth so that it may continue, as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family."- *Pope Francis* 

July 5, 2015

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 6, 2015

7:00 am †MR. & †MRS. CANDELARIO MARTINEZ By Frances M. Hinojosa & Daughter

12:05 pm †PAULA & †EDUARDO GONZALEZ

By St. Joseph Friends

**†LINDA LEE JOHNSON** 

By Gloria Martinez

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

7:00 am †ELOY VALADEZ

†EDNA ALANIZ

By St. Joseph Friends

12:05 pm †ANTONIO "TONY" BOTELLO

By Leila & Mando Narvaez

**†ROSA GUERRA** 

**†FERNANDO GOMEZ** 

By Maria Sandroussi

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

7:00 am †ALONZO VILLARREAL

By Mr. & Mrs. Roman Rodriguez

12:05 pm †MELBA H. GONZALEZ

By Mr. & Mrs. Carlos F. Garcia

†ZOILA V. GONZALEZ

By Mr. & Mrs. Ascension Guerrero

†IGNACIA & †EMILIANO REA

†MERCEDE, †ALEJANDO &†LEANDRO

REA By Mr. & Mrs. Salomon Rea

Thursday, July 9, 2015

7:00 am OPEN MASS

12:05 pm †RAMIRO RAMIREZ, JR.

By St. Joseph Friends

**†RAUL GUERRA** 

By Mr. & Mrs. Tiburcio "Yogi" Ybarra

Friday, July 10, 2015

7:00 am †SEFERINA & †DAVID ALVIAR

By Frances M. Hinojosa & Daughter

12:05 pm †ABEL MONSEVAIS

**†MANUEL RODRIGUEZ** 

By St. Joseph Friends

**OPEN MASS** -- Thursday, July 9, 2015 - 7:00 a.m.

†PAULA C. CANALES

†WILMA JUNE G. PADILLA

**†MINERVA PEREZ** 

†BELBINA RAMIREZ

†EVA T. RANGEL

Saturday, July 11, 2015 (St. Benedict)

8:00 am †ADOLIO ESPARZA

By Odilia V. Esparza

5:00pm OPEN MASS

Sunday, July 12, 2015 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 am †ALONZO VILLARREAL

By Mary Vidaurri

†ELMA & †ROSE TREVINO

By Maria & Ramiro Ramirez

9:00 am †ROSA T. GUERRA

By Belia S. Garza

†CARLOS CHAPA (4<sup>TH</sup> ANNI.)

By Dalia Chapa & Family

**†PRISCILLA PEREZ** 

By Rosauro G. Canales

†AGAPITA GONZALEZ

By Family

†JUAN J. LOPEZ

By Jesus Lopez, Jr.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS UPON OVIDIO M.

*GONZALEZ* 

By Idolina Gonzalez & Family

11:00 am †TONY MORRIS

By Nicole Morris & Family

**†ENEDINA GARCIA** 

By Tina Estrada & Family

**†ZOILA V. GONZALEZ** 

By Mr. & Mrs. Israel Cantu

†MELBA H. GONZALEZ

By Ludy Gonzalez

†APOLONIO "Polo" BARRERA

By Wife, Alicia Barrera & Family

6:00 pm †SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ

By Georgia & Henry Uribe

#### **OPEN MASS --Saturday, July 11, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.**

†FRANCISCO & †LUCINDA CHAVARRIA

†SAN JUANITA CHAVARRIA

†ELODIA & †RENE HINOJOSA

**†LUCIA HINOJOSA** 

†RICARDO HINOJOSA

†ORALIA ALBIAR OLIVAREZ

†ANGELICA M. & †MANUEL G. RAMOS

†STEPHANIE C. RIED

†AMERICA & †JOSE SALINAS

†ODILIA C. SANCHEZ

**†VICENTA SOZA** 

†ALONZO VILLARREAL

†RENE VILLARREAL (1<sup>ST</sup> ANNI.)

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### **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 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.

#### 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, Maria Brock, Jose Buentello, Tomas Cadena, Adan Canales, Francisca Canales, Jesus Cantu, Jessica Cantu, Ryan Carrillo, Corando Castillo, Maria Del Carmen Cazares, Alejandro Chapa, Christian 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), 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, Emmanuel Garcia, 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, Carlos 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, Teodoro 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, 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), 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, 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, Cindy F. Ruiz, Santos 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, Estella Sanchez, John Sandroussi, Jr., Samuel Sandroussi, Jose Angel Silva, Jose Roberto Soliz, Samantha Soliz, Chris Soza, Jr., 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, 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