

Hope Guevara

St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Monday, 03/17

No Mass

Tuesday, 03/18

6:30 A.M. August Petras by M/M Leroy Polasek (SJ)
 9:30 AM For Rain (TN&R)
 6:00 P.M. David Ibarra III by Family (SP)

Wednesday, 03/19

10:00 A.M. Communion Service (HN&R)
 5:30 P.M. Frank Sestak by James E. Sestak (SJ)
 Joe Kapavik by Leonard/Kathy Frederick and Family

Holy Thursday, 03/20

5:30 P.M. Catarino Guevara by Family (SH)
 Adoration Till Midnight
 7:30 P.M. Edna Rindon by Friend (SP)

Good Friday, 03/21

12:00 A.M. Service (SJ)
 4:00 P.M. Outdoor Stations @ Museum/Service (SH)
 7:00 P.M. Service (SP)

Holy Saturday, 03/22

5:30 P.M. Inoc/James Kocian by Tracy Kocian (SJ)
 Erlinda Molina by Daughters/Sons
 8:30 P.M. For The People Of The Parish (SP)

Easter Sunday, 03/23

8:00 A.M. Rudy Guevara by Family (SH)
 Living/Deceased Members of Rudolfo/Sara Perez Family by Family
 9:30 A.M. Colby Brown by M/M Mike Darilek (SJ)
 I.A./Josie Rodriguez by Family
 11:30 A.M. Ricardo Saenz by Family (SP)
 5:15 P.M. No Mass (SH)

Blood Drive is on Sunday, March 30th at St. James Parking lot from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Spurs T-Shirts for all donors. Please bring photo ID for the donation process.

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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ACTS NEWS

Songfest will be held every first Saturday at the 5:30 p.m. mass at St James Church and then every 3rd month, February, May, August, and November there will be a potluck after the mass.

Teen ACTS Retreat will be held on March 13-16, 2008.

Gonzales Women's ACTS Faith Sharing will not be held in March as the 3rd Thursday falls on Holy Thursday.

Gonzales Men's ACTS Faith Sharing will be held April, July and October 2008 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. They will be the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Sacrificial Giving: Thank You!

St. James	\$ 3,517.25
Sacred Heart	\$ 1,157.98
St. Patrick	\$ 601.67

Week-At-A-Glance:

Sun Mar 16, 9:30 am, SJ Teen ACTS Return
 Sun Mar 16, 10 am, SP No CCD
 Sun Mar 16, 10:45 am, SJ No CCD
 Sun Mar 16, 10:45 am, SH Scripture Study
 Mon Mar 17, 6:30 pm eng./7:45 pm Span. SH .. Parish Mission
 Tues Mar 18, 6:30 pm eng./7:45 pm Span. SH .. Parish Mission
 Tues Mar 18, 7 pm, ACTS Core
 Wed Mar 19, 6:30 pm eng./7:45 pm Span. SH Parish Mission
 Wed Mar 19, 6:30 pm, SJ CCD 6-12
 Thurs Mar 20, HOLY THURSDAY See mass schedule
 Fri Mar 21, 4 pm, Outdoor Stations Start @ Museum
 Fri Mar 21, GOOD FRIDAY See mass schedule
 Fri Mar 21, Parish Office Closed
 Sat Mar 22, HOLY SATURDAY See mass schedule
 Sun Mar 23, 10 am, SP No CCD
 Sun Mar 23, 10:45 am, SJ No CCD

Ministers for Next Sunday

Thank You for Serving

5:30 PM	Lector: Cecilia Williamson Min. of Comm.: Deacon Terry Lupe Saldana/Marvin Siegel Ushers: Butch Jackson/Ina Schurig Pat Schurig/Tommy Schurig
8:00 AM	Lector: Joe Gomez/Emma Irle Min. of Comm.: Deacon Alfonso Teresa/Rosalio DeLeon Ushers: Volunteers
9:30 AM	Lector: Jackie Mikesch Min. of Comm.: Deacon Terry Leon Netradus/Mark Yackel Ushers: Charles Pavliska/Jerome Pavliska Ron Pekar/B.J. Philips
11:30 AM	Lector: Anita Torres Min. of Comm.: Deacon Alfonso John Kelly/Rosalba Villegas Ushers: Volunteers
5:15 PM	Lector: Barbara Stefinsky Min. of Comm.: Berny/John Klapuch Ushers: Volunteers

GOD'S WEEK: THIS IS THE WEEK! We have spent the past five weeks of Lent together, observing our Lenten practices, naming and facing our sin and asking forgiveness, and hearing powerful scriptures calling us to conversion and to a deeper faith. Now, our journey reaches its climax. As this week unfolds, we will hear the wisdom and challenge of gifted speakers, and experience some of the most beautiful liturgies of our Church's year. There is nothing more important this week, than to lay aside all that distracts us and give this week entirely to God. Please read the Holy Week Schedule you will find in this bulletin. Come and drink deeply of the special graces of this holiest of weeks.

No 5:15 Mass next Sunday. 5:15 masses will resume as usual on March 30.

Welcome back, High Schoolers who have attended our Teen ACTS Retreat this weekend! We hope the experience has been a profound and moving one for each of you. Your challenge will be to live your renewed faith in the time ahead, with the help and support of your community. Continue to say *yes* to God. And join us in our Holy Week celebrations!

Youth News: More than thirty high school youth from our parish have signed up for the weekend-long "Steubenville South" Conference, June 20-22 in Alexandria, La. Our youth will be asking for your help and support in their upcoming fundraisers to raise the necessary funds for the conference. When they approach you, please be generous!

Lock-In for Jr. High Students: Attention all 7th & 8th graders - an overnight Lock-In will be held at St. James Hall April 11-12. There is no cost, but you will be required to have your parents' permission. More information will soon be forthcoming; right now, circle the date!

Special Mass of Divine Mercy: will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, March 30 at Sacred Heart Church. All are invited!

Cemetery Cleanup: Our hard-working Cemetery committee invites you to join them in the monthly cleanup of our Catholic Cemetery, this Saturday beginning at 8 am. Any time you can spend with them, even a little, will be helpful. Just come, and help get our cemetery ready for Easter!

St. James Church - our project is a step closer to completion. The construction company came last week to finish most of the detailed work that was still outstanding. A couple of small items remain yet to be completed; then we will make our final payment of about \$50,000.00.

St. Patrick's 2nd Collection This Sunday: Jeremiah Fund - to help the needy in the Waelder area.

Special Collection this Friday (Good Friday): Shrines of the Holy Land. The Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Pope Paul VI, is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

SEMANA DEDICADA A DIOS - ¡ESTA ES! Hemos pasado juntos cinco semanas de Cuaresma, observando nuestras prácticas cuaresmales, nombrando y enfrentando nuestro pecado y pidiendo perdón, escuchando escrituras poderosas que nos llamaron a la conversión y a una fe mas profunda. Ahora, este tiempo llega a su culminación. Al desarrollarse esta semana, escucharemos la sabiduría y el reto de presentadores poderosos, y experimentar algunas de las liturgias mas ricas de nuestro año litúrgico. No hay nada mas importante en esta semana, que poner al lado todo lo que nos distrae, para dar esta semana enteramente a Dios. Lee el horario de Semana Santa que se incluye en esta boletín. Venga, y saboree las gracias especiales de esta, la semana mas santa de todo el año.

No habrá misa de 5:15 el próximo domingo. Misas de 5:15 resumen como siempre el 30 de marzo.

Bienvenidos, estudiantes de high school que asistieron en el retiro de ACTS este fin de semana! Esperamos que esta experiencia ha sido muy profundo para cada uno. Su reto será vivir su fe renovada en los años que siguen, con la ayuda y el apoyo de su comunidad. Siguen diciendo que *si* al Señor, y vengan para las fiestas de la Semana Santa!

Noticias de Jóvenes: Mas de treinta jovenes de nuestra parroquia quieren ir al fin de semana que se llama "Steubenville South", junio 20-22 en Alexandria, La. Nuestros jóvenes pedirán su ayuda y su apoyo en ganar fondos para la conferencia. ¡Que sean generosos!

"Lock-In" para Estudiantes del 7o y 8o grados: Atención todos los de grados 7 y 8 - habrá un retiro de toda la noche en el Salón de St. James Abril 11-12. No hay cobra, pero necesitan el permiso de sus papás. Habrá mas información muy pronto; marquen sus calendarios.

Misa Especial de Divina Misericordia: El domingo Marzo 30 a las 3 pm en Sagrado Corazón. Todos están invitados.

Limpieza del Cementerio: Nuestro Comité del Cementerio les pide su ayuda en la limpieza mensual de nuestro Cementerio Católico, este sábado a las 8 am. Vengan a ayudar, aunque sea no mas para un tiempcito.

Iglesia de St. James - nuestro proyecta ya está casi completo. La compañía de construcción vino la semana pasada para completar casi todos los detalles. Quedan algunos detalles pequeños todavía; y luego haremos nuestro pago final de acerca de \$50,000.00.

Segunda Colecta Ahora en Waelder: Fundo de Jeremias - para ayudar a los necesitados en la vecindad de Waelder.

Colecta Especial este Viernes (Viernes Santo): Santuarios de la Tierra Santa. La Colecta para la Tierra Santa, en las palabras del Papa Pablo Sexto, es "no solo para los lugares santos, sino sobretodo para las obras pastorales, caritativos, educacionales, y sociales que la Iglesia apoya en la Tierra Santa para el bienestar de los hermanos y hermanas Cristianos, y las comunidades locales.



The Holy Rosary will be recited before the 9:30 A.M. mass by the following: 1st Sunday-Youth, 2nd Sunday-St. James Altar Society, 3rd Sunday-Catholic Daughters of America, 4th Sunday-Knights of Columbus, and 5th Sunday-Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

El Santo Rosario se reza cada Domingo antes de la misa de 8:00 A.M.

Divine Mercy Monday-Friday @ 3 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Scriptural Rosary: every Monday @ 5:00 P.M. in the St. James Church.

The Holy Rosary will be recited every Monday @ 6:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church.

Bible Study every Monday @ 7:30 P.M. in the Sacred Heart Hall.

Estudio Bíblico Lunes a las 7:30 P.M. en el Salón de Sacred Heart.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. James Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Sacred Heart Guadalupanas will meet every first Sunday of the month and participate in the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

St. Patrick's Guadalupanas will meet every first Sunday of the month and participate in the 6:30 P.M. Mass every Tuesday.

The Santo Nombre will meet every second Sunday of the month and participate in the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

Knights of Columbus participate in the 9:30 A.M. Mass every fourth Sunday of the month and meet at 7 P.M. every second Wednesday of the month at the K.C. Hall. Officer/Business meeting held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

St. James Choir practice will be on Monday evenings at 6 P.M. at St. James Church.

The Altar Society will meet every second Tuesday of the month in the conference room at 9 A.M.

ACTS Core Committee will meet every third Tuesday of the month in the CCD Center at 6:30 P.M.

Catholic Daughters of America will meet every fourth Tuesday of the month in the St. James Hall at 6 P.M.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:30—12:00 PM
1:00 PM—5:30 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism Interview with Parents

Second Tuesday of Each Month
anytime between 7:00 and 8:30 PM at office
or second Tuesday of Each Month
anytime between 5:00 and 6:00 PM at St. Patrick
or by special appointment with Deacon.

Class for Parents and Godparents 4th Sunday of Each Month

6:15 PM at Sacred Heart
*Baptism celebrated at the end of any Sunday Mass
Preparation may be done before child is born.*

Sacrament of Marriage

Please Call Office
At least Six Months Prior to wedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession)
Saturday 4:30-5:15 PM (St. James)
Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM (St. Patrick)
Immediately before or after Masses (on request)
or by special appointment

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Call office or join our RCIA group

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM—St. James

Sunday

8:00 AM—Sacred Heart (Spanish)
9:30 AM—St. James
11:30 AM—St. Patrick (Spanish/English)
5:15 PM—Sacred Heart

Monday

no services

Tuesday

6:30 AM—St. James
9:30 AM—Care Inn (every other week)
6:00 PM—St. Patrick (Spanish/English)

Wednesday

9:30 AM—Cartwheel Lodge (every other week)
5:30 PM—St. James

Thursday

12:00 PM—Sacred Heart

Friday

6:30 AM—St. James (on First Fridays —
Sacred Heart)