



# St. James Roman Catholic Parish

**A Faith and Family Community**

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## Mission Statement

St. James Roman Catholic Parish is a warm and welcoming, Christ centered community, dedicated to the service of all.

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 2nd, 2020

† Pastor

† Parochial Vicar

† Deacons

† Sisters in Residence

• **Business Manager**

Finance Assistant

Administrative Assistant

• **Director Liturgy & RE**

Formation Assistant

• **Director of Music**

Assistant Music Director

• **Receptionists**

• **Facilities Coordinator**

Maintenance

**Fr. Ben Onegiu, A.J.**

**Fr. Felix Kauta, A.J.**

**Dcn. Frank Devine**

**Dcn. Marvin Hernandez**

**Dcn. Ron TenBarge**

**Sr. Betty Banja, S.H.S.**

Bob Piotrowski Ext.101

Kristy Hillhouse

Terri Simonetta

Sr. Sophie Lado, S.H.S

Mary Ann Zimmerman

James Poppleton

Mike Giacalone

Gretchen Fenninger

Kristy Hillhouse

Irene Molette

Terri Simonetta

Rene Vera

Martin Sanchez



### Matthew 14:13-21

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

• **CTP Coordinator**

Christina Metelski

• **Funeral Coordinator**

Deacon Frank Devine

• **Bulletin Editor**

Thelia Morris

• **St. Vincent DePaul**

Phone: 623-581-0728

• **Holy Cross Catholic**

Phone: 623-936-1710

**Cemetery & Funeral Home**

(Available 24 hours)

**Weekend Masses** † Saturday - 4:00PM

Sunday - 8:00AM-11:00AM(Spanish)

**Daily Mass** † Wednesday - 7:00PM

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday - 8:00AM

**Holy Days** † Please consult the Parish Office

**Reconciliation** † 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays - 6:00PM-6:45PM

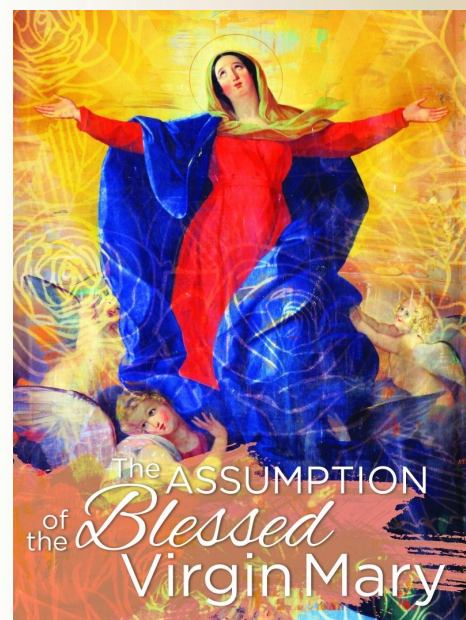
Saturday - 2:00PM - 3:30PM, or by appointment

**Parish Office Hours** † Sunday - 8:00AM-2:00PM / Mon-

day-Thursday - 9:00AM-Noon 12:30PM-4PM / Friday -

9:00AM-Noon /

Saturday - 2:00PM-5:30PM



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass: Saturday August 15th @ 8:00 AM

## Spiritual Communion

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You.

## Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son.

## Options to Celebrate Mass from Home

### St. James Facebook Live Stream:

Saturday @ 4 PM

Sunday @ 8AM & 11 AM (Spanish)

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesromancatholic>

## Holy Communion

If you viewed Mass from home, you are invited to join us for Holy Communion at the following times:

**Saturday: 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

**Sunday: 9:00AM - 10:00AM & 12:00PM - 1:00PM**

## WELCOME...

*We extend our hearts in a warm St. James welcome to you whether long term residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out this form. Place it in the collection basket, drop it off, or mail it to the office.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ # in fam. \_\_\_\_\_

Request Registration Information \_\_\_ New Address \_\_\_ New Phone \_\_\_

Moving, please remove from roster \_\_\_

Interested in learning more about:

\_\_\_ The Catholic Faith \_\_\_ Focus on Faith \_\_\_ Baptism \_\_\_ Marriage

\_\_\_ Youth Group \_\_\_ Other

Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Registration material may be picked up at the Parish Office or mailed to your home.

**Pastoral Council:** PastoralCouncil@stjames-greater.com

Irene Molette, Chair ▪ Marge Beach ▪ Charles Ciarametaro  
Gretchen Fenninger ▪ Carla Gonzales ▪ Jim Jones ▪ Cindy Lancaster ▪ Bobbi Paul ▪ Ken Pritchett, Knights of Columbus Liaison ▪ Vicky Perez ▪ Linda Rios ▪ Isabel Rogel ▪ Florence Zelman Fedde

**Finance Council:** FinanceCouncil@stjames-greater.com

Alvean Soliz, Chair ▪ Lew Lancaster ▪ Scott Frier ▪ Elaine Gress ▪ Michael McManus ▪ Debbie Morrow

## ACH CONTRIBUTIONS

St. James is set up to do automatic payments (ACH) from your checking or savings accounts. The parish will receive your contribution, even if you are out of town or out of state.

If you are interested, please stop by the Parish Office to complete an authorization form.

**Accounts will be debited on or after the 27th of each month.**

**Sunday, July 26, 2020**

**Sunday Offertory: \$ 12, 259.00**

**Children's Giving: \$ 0**

Our goal is for the Plate Income to cover all Parish expenses. At this time, fundraising income is used to supplement the Plate income. **\*2019 Giving Statements are available for pickup in the office.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

# ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



## Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

**Oct 26, 28**

**Nov 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27,**

**Dec 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20,  
22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30**

Those dates above have one or more Masses currently open. We encourage you to request a special day to have your Mass intentions. In an effort to accommodate everyone, we respectfully ask that requests be limited to no more than two Masses within the same week, Mon-Sat or one Sunday Mass. Please stop by the Parish office.

**August 3, 2020 - August 9, 2020**

|      |         |          |                                     |
|------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| MON  | 3 - Aug | 8:00 AM  | CELESTINE WHEELER (DECEASED)        |
| TUE  | 4 - Aug | 8:00 AM  | RITA MELLO (DECEASED)               |
| WED  | 5 - Aug | 7:00 PM  | LOMBARDO FAMILY                     |
| THUR | 6 - Aug | 8:00 AM  | LATIA MOLETTE ( BIRTHDAY)           |
| FRI  | 7 - Aug | 8:00 AM  | RAFFAELA MEDORO (DECEASED)          |
| SAT  | 8 - Aug | 8:00 AM  | MARION & MARY KRAWIEC (DECEASED)    |
|      |         | 4:00PM   | AMPARO JIMENEZ (DECEASED)           |
| SUN  | 9 - Aug | 8:00 AM  | EVAN & ISAIAH MORRIS ( BIRTHDAY)    |
|      |         | 8:00AM   | PATTY MEEHAN (ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH) |
|      |         | HALL     |                                     |
|      |         | 11:00 AM | RAEGAN NORRIS (DECEASED)            |
|      |         | Rectory  | ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS              |
|      |         | Rectory  | PATRICIA LYTLE                      |

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Aug 3 - Aug 8**

Mon: JER 28:1-17; MT 14:22-36

Tue: JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;  
MT 14:22- 36

Wed: JER 31:1-7; MT 15:21-28

Thu: DN 7:9-10, 13-14; MT 17:1-9

Fri: NA 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; MT 16:24-28

Sat: HAB 1:12—2:4; MT 17:14-20



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Friday** beginning at 9:00 AM and concludes at 4:00 PM.

During exposition, Jesus cannot be left unattended. Adoration = ONE hour.

Come visit Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Creator of the Universe, the Merciful Savior, for just one of these Hours.

## Sacrament of Baptism

### Sacramento de Bautismo

Please contact Mary Ann-Ext 104.

Must be a registered parishioner for six months. Preparation classes are required. A brochure is available in the church foyer.

## Sacrament of Marriage

### Sacramento de Matrimonio

Please contact Deacon Ron-Ext 100 (for English), or Deacon Marvin-Ext 100 (for Spanish) nine months in advance. Preparation classes are required.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office when seriously ill.



## NEXT SUNDAY

**Aug 9**

1KGS 19:9A, 11-13A

ROM 9:1-5

MT 14:22-33

## Please pray for the sick in our community, especially those from our Parish.

Fr. Frank Bartel, Laura Conrady Blum, Bob Conrady, Jessica Coy and Family, John Crable, Lucia Dye, Natalie Dye, Brian Ferber, Peggy Hickey, Notty Koot, Bud Lucy, Chris Martell, Jeff Martell, Sean McCarty, Asher Miller, Mary Modler, Gene Montay, Jesusa Orosco, Samuel Paul, Rocky Racanelli, Don Ruff, Barbara Walker, Janet Warnke, Nancy Welton, Pauline Walls

**Please also remember our homebound parishioners and their caregivers in your prayers.**

We welcome your prayer requests for your family members and friends. Direct permission from the person is needed. They will remain on the list for 30 days. If someone is seriously ill, you may request that they remain on the list for 3 months. If after 3 months they wish to remain on the prayer list, please contact the Front office. Thank you.

† Please pray for those who have died. †

## Pray For All of Our Service Men and Women.

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior." AMEN.



♦ **Articles** for the church bulletin need to be submitted and approved by administration no later than **noon on Tuesday**. Send to [bulletin@stjames-greater.com](mailto:bulletin@stjames-greater.com)

♦ **Announcements** must be submitted in writing or by email to James no later than **noon on Tuesday**. Email: [jamespoppleton@gmail.com](mailto:jamespoppleton@gmail.com)

♦ **Flyers** to advertise upcoming parish or diocesan events must be submitted to [jamespoppleton@gmail.com](mailto:jamespoppleton@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday noon to be included in the video loop for the upcoming weekend.

**All articles, announcements and flyers will be included—space permitting.**



## ST. JAMES GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Shop right here at St James and support the parish at the same time. You choose the cards you want to purchase, pay face value of the card, and St. James will receive a percentage of the sale.

Please place your orders in the office by **August 16, 2020 at 2:00pm.**



Plan ahead, budget your spending, and spread your spending over a couple of paydays!

Stop at the Parish Office to pick up an order form.

Questions? Contact Irene Molette at [scrip@stjames-greater.com](mailto:scrip@stjames-greater.com)



**Do you shop Amazon?** Now you can earn money for St. James for most Amazon purchases! Just do your shopping on

[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible items purchased to the charitable organization of your choice...**ST. JAMES!**

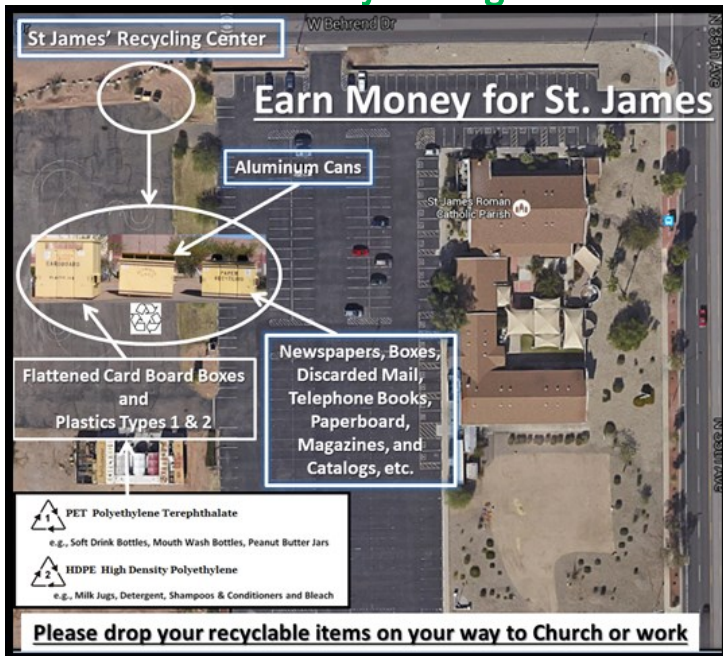
## WHAT IS BENEFIT?



- ✓ It is an App that you can download on your smart phone! Available from iTunes or Google Play Store.
- ✓ Choose St James as your Beneficiary, and a % of your purchases will be paid to the parish.
- ✓ Purchase a gift card from the App and you will immediately receive a passcode to give to the store, restaurant, or even for purchases on-line.

Questions? Contact Irene Molette or the Parish Office.

## St. James Recycle Program



## WHY REGISTER???

Being a registered, active, participating member of a Parish, is important when you need to Baptize, Sponsor a Child for Sacraments, get Married...and Funerals as well.

For parents of children enrolled in Catholic Schools, in order to receive the school reduced Catholic tuition rate, your family needs to meet the criteria set by the Parish for being a registered, active, participating member.

The definition of a registered, active, participating member, includes attending Mass regularly, as well as contributing with an envelope to the Offertory along with supporting the ministry life of the Parish.

## Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop and Café



Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop and Café will continue offering gift items located in reception area cabinets.

Call ahead if you are looking for a specific item.

Featured item: Olivewood Statues of the Holy Family.

**Shutterfly** Every time a parish member goes through our URL

([stjtg.shutterflystorefront.com](http://stjtg.shutterflystorefront.com)) and purchases products from Shutterfly, 8% of their net purchases come back to St. James.

**SvDP News:** In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away, give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.



Know that your gift to SvDP to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call SvDP at (623) 581-0728, we are open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings.

This week our pantry needs jelly, soup, and canned vegetables.

"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch lives." St. Vincent de Paul

## Safe Environment Training

Volunteers who did not complete their Safe Environment training last fiscal year, (7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020), will not appear on the Safe Environment website. Please contact Chris who will reactivate the volunteer records. From there, the application can be completed, and the background check submitted. The volunteers who met the requirements last year will only have the video to view and they will meet the requirements.

Remember, parishioners who are not currently compliant, may not volunteer. Ministry heads are reminded to check with their volunteers to ensure all are compliant.

See the correct web address:

<https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/>

For questions, please contact the Parish office to obtain Chris' contact information.

Chris Metelski

*St. James Safe Environment Coordinator*

## Entrenamiento de Ambiente Seguro

Los voluntarios que no completaron su capacitación del Programa Diocesano sobre Ambiente Seguro el año fiscal pasado (7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020) no aparecerán en el sitio web de Ambiente Seguro.

Póngase en contacto con la Sra. Chris, que reactivará los registros de voluntarios. A partir de ahí, se puede completar la solicitud y enviar la verificación de antecedentes. Los voluntarios que cumplieron los requisitos el año pasado solo tendrán el video para ver y cumplirán con los requisitos.

Recuerde, los feligreses que no cumplen actualmente, no pueden ser voluntarios. Se les recuerda a los líderes de apostolados de servicio que consulten con sus voluntarios para asegurarse de que todos cumplan con este requisito.

Consulte la dirección web correcta:

<https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/>

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para obtener la información de contacto de la Sra. Chris.

Chris Metelski

*St. James Safe Environment Coordinator*

## COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

St. Vincent de Paul has received a grant to help assist those who have lost income due to COVID-19. It is to help with utilities and housing. Please contact SVDP to apply for aid at 623-581-0728.



San Vicente de Paul recibió una subvención o donación, para ayudar a quienes perdieron ingresos debido a COVID-19. Es para ayudar con los servicios públicos y la vivienda.

Comuníquese con SVDP para solicitar ayuda al 623-581-0728.

Like Jesus fed the crowd with 5 fish and 2 loaves, let Him feed your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be a 2 day virtual Zoom format beginning on Aug 22. To apply and for other dates please visit

<http://www.wmearizona.com>

We  love  
having you as part of our *flock*



Keep in touch  
with us via  
email & text

Text **stjamesaz** to 84576 or visit  
[flocknote.com/stjamesgreater](http://flocknote.com/stjamesgreater)

Keep updated with the latest parish announcements.  
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**Family Formation needs volunteers:** 2 kitchen helpers to assist Chef Steffani for meal preparation. CDC guidelines will be followed. All volunteers must be compliant for the Safe Environment Training.

**Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop** is in need of a volunteer to take photos. Please call Mary Ann in the parish office for details.

**Audio Visual Volunteers** are requested to run the audio/visual equipment at the 8 AM Mass. If you have a good ear, are quick with a computer, and want free technical training, you would be perfect! We have 2 volunteers right now and are looking for two more! For questions please email James at [jamespoppleton@gmail.com](mailto:jamespoppleton@gmail.com).

**Parish Office Support:** Do you have some free time in the mornings? We can use your help in the parish office from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Duties would include answering the phone and helping anyone who comes to the front office window. Training will be available. If you are interested, please contact us at the parish office.

### VOTING REMINDER

Arizona primary elections have begun. Following the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Call to Faithful Citizenship, our parish reminds all to send in your mail-in ballot before the July 29th deadline. Otherwise, you may drop them off at any Drop Box or Polling Place location. The number of polling places on August 4th have been greatly reduced, but in person early and even weekend voting is available in some places now. Dates, times and services vary from place to place. For information on Drop Box and Early Voting locations go to:

<https://recorder.maricopa.gov/pollingplace/>

### RECORDATORIO DE VOTAR

Las elecciones primarias de Arizona han comenzado. Luego del llamado de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos a la Ciudadanía Fiel, nuestra parroquia recuerda a todos que enviemos nuestro voto por correo antes de la fecha límite del 29 de julio. De igual manera, podemos dejarlos en cualquier buzón de conteo de votos o en algún lugar de votación. El número de lugares de votación para el 4 de agosto se ha reducido considerablemente, pero en persona, de manera temprana, así como el durante la semana, la votación está disponible en algunos lugares. Las fechas, horarios y servicios varían de un lugar a otro. Para obtener información sobre las ubicaciones de donde ir a depositar su voto o Drop Box, y/o votar antes del día o Early Voting, visite el sitio web:

<https://recorder.maricopa.gov/pollingplace/>

### RUMMAGE UPDATE

In consideration of the health and safety of our volunteers, the St. James Rummage Ministry is requesting that our parishioners please hold off on making donations to rummage temporarily. Once this pandemic reaches a point where we can safely gather and resume our normal activities, we will gladly receive your generous donations once again. Thank you in advance for your future kindness. Your donations help our parish greatly.



# Rising with Christ

**Gradual Restoration of Parish Services**

## Mass Updates

As of Saturday May 16th, we welcome parishioners to attend Mass at St James at the following times:

**Saturday @ 4PM**

**Sunday @ 8AM and 11AM (Spanish)**

NOTE: We are observing physical distancing guidelines and will limit the amount of people in the church. The Parish Hall will serve as an alternative location for Mass overflow.

Vulnerable individuals are encouraged to watch Mass from the comfort of their homes.

**Daily Mass:** 8:00AM (M, T, Th, Fr, Sa)

& 7:00PM (Wed)

**Confession:** Saturdays @ 2:00PM - 3:30PM,  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:00PM -  
6:45PM or by appointment

## Options to Celebrate Mass from Home

**St. James Facebook Live Stream:**

Saturday @ 4 PM

Sunday @ 8AM & 11 AM (Spanish)

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesromancatholic>

## Holy Communion

If you viewed Mass from home, you are invited to join us for Holy Communion at the following times:

**Saturday: 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

**Sunday: 9:00AM - 10:00AM & 12:00PM -  
1:00PM**

# Resucitando con Cristo

**Restauración gradual de Servicios Parroquiales**

## Actualizaciones de Misas

A partir del sábado 16 de mayo, invitamos a los feligreses a asistir a Misa en St. James en los siguientes horarios:

**Sábado a las 4 p.m.**

**Domingo @ 8AM y 11AM (español)**

NOTA IMPORTANTE: Estamos observando el procedimiento de distanciamiento físico, así como también limitaremos la cantidad de personas en la iglesia. El Salón Parroquial servirá como una ubicación alternativa para cuando no halla cupo en la iglesia.

Se alienta a las personas vulnerables a ver la misa desde la comodidad de sus hogares.

**Horarios de Misa diaria:** 8:00AM (Lun, Mar, Jue, Vie, Sab.) & 7:00 PM (solamente los Mié.)

**Horarios de Confesión:** Sábados de 2:00 PM a 3:30 PM, en el 2do y 4to Miércoles de 6:00 PM a 6:45 PM o con cita previa

## Opciones para celebrar misa desde casa

**Ver la transmisión en vivo a través de nuestra pagina Facebook de St. James:**

El Sábado a las 4 PM (Ingles)

Domingo @ 8AM (Ingles) y 11 AM (español)

A través del siguiente enlace en la red:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesromancatholic>

## Si quieres recibir La Sagrada Comunión:

Si viste Misa desde casa, después de ello estás invitado a unirse a nosotros para recibir la Sagrada Comunión en los siguientes horarios:

**El Sábado: de 5:00 PM a 6:00 PM**

**Y el día Domingo: de 9:00 AM a 10:00 AM y de  
12:00 PM a 1:00 PM**



For as little as \$50.00 per month, you can support St. James, and have your business advertised 52 weeks a year.

*Pick up a brochure in the foyer or contact the Parish Office for more information.*

4338 West Bell Road  
Glendale, Arizona 85308



(602) 547-9406

Fax: (602) 547-9361



[www.padremurphys.com](http://www.padremurphys.com)

email: [padremurphys@cox.net](mailto:padremurphys@cox.net)

## GIFT SHOP at St. James



(southwest corner of the Parish Hall)



"Special Gifts for  
Special People"

Rosaries, Bibles, books,  
jewelry, statues, medals...  
and much more.

Special orders and Gift Cards available.

## HERITAGE FUNERAL CHAPEL

Catholic Family Owned & Operated Mortuary  
Stanley S. Stobierski, Funeral Director & Owner  
6830 W. Thunderbird Road, Peoria, Arizona 85381  
623-974-3671

### WHY IS IT?

A man wakes up after sleeping under an  
ADVERTISED blanket on an ADVERTISESED  
mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas,  
bathes in an ADVERTISED shower, shaves with  
an ADVERTISED razor, brushes his teeth with  
ADVERTISED toothpaste, washes with  
ADVERTISED soap, puts on  
ADVERTISED clothes, drinks a cup of ADVER-  
TISED coffee, drives to work in an ADVERTISED  
car and then...refuses to ADVERTISE believing  
it doesn't pay.

Later if business is poor, he ADVERTISES it for  
sale.

### WHY IS IT?

## FRED'S PLUMBING SERVICE

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No 24 Hour Services  
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Monday, Aug 03, 2020

**A port for any storm**

Jesus' mother Mary has many titles—one of them is Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Under this name, she is a protector of seafarers. But Mary is a guiding star for all of us as we seek her son through the storms of life. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux wrote: "If the winds of temptation arise; if you are driven upon the rocks of tribulation look to the star, call on Mary. If you are tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, of envy, of rivalry, look to the star, call on Mary." Don't lose sight of her, and you won't lose your way to Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 28:1-17 (407); Matthew 14:22-36 (408).*  
*"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."*

Tuesday, Aug 04, 2020

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST****Come to the curer of souls**

Most male Catholic saints were priests. Some were priests whose great intellect sparked important theological concepts. Others traveled to exotic places to teach about Christ. Still others died as courageous martyrs. But the French saint John Vianney—commonly known as the Curé of Ars—became a saint simply by being an ordinary, but extraordinarily dedicated, parish priest. In French, the word *curé* means "pastor," or one who is "charged with the care of souls." Vianney cared for thousands of souls who sought spiritual healing in the confessional, where he spent up to 16 hours a day. Seek ordinary ways to be holy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 (408).* "People brought to him all those who were sick."

Wednesday, Aug 05, 2020

**MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR****The Word made flesh set in stone**

How many papal basilicas are there in Rome? St. Peter's gets primary attention, but actually there are three more, each with its own rich history, including St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. John Lateran. The one whose dedication we celebrate today, St. Mary Major (Santa Maria Maggiore) pays homage to Mary our mother and her role in the life of her son. Pope Sixtus III built this basilica after the Council of Ephesus (431) decreed that Mary is the mother of God incarnate (*Theotokas*). The theology is important. Once again, the church makes clear that Jesus was both divine and human. Thus, we believe in the sacredness

of human life, and we look to Mary's unflinching love, as God-bearer and first disciple, for inspiration.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28 (409).*  
*"With age-old love, I have loved you."*

Thursday, Aug 06, 2020

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD****Shining like the sun**

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is important enough to be part of Matthew, Mark, and Luke's gospels, and the Feast of the Transfiguration has been celebrated since the ninth century and officially on the Roman Catholic calendar since the mid-15th century. This emphasis points toward our deep human longing for transcendence, for a glimpse of divine light such as that experienced by Peter, James, and John. What can you do today to open yourself up to Jesus' light? Perhaps pray for the gift of perception, of receptivity to God's presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614).* "And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

Friday, Aug 07, 2020

**MEMORIAL OF CAJETAN, PRIEST****Faith takes courage**

Since the first followers of Jesus, the church has had its struggles, but always, the Holy Spirit keeps the church faithful. Courageous people in every age rise up to lead renewal within the church. In the early 1500s, that person was Cajetan, who felt the pain of the Body of Christ and dedicated himself to doing something about it. With friends, he founded a group of clergy dedicated to trusting in God's providence and claiming no property nor money from the people—the opposite of clergy at the time who were becoming wealthy off the backs of the people. In time, the same church that Cajetan sought to reform recognized him as a saint. Who are the courageous ones in your life who help you stay faithful? Draw strength from them to help institute necessary reforms in our time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28 (411).* "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny [themselves], take up [their] cross, and follow me."

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