



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 16th, 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

• CTP Coordinator

• Funeral Coordinator

• Bulletin Editor

• St. Vincent DePaul

• Holy Cross Catholic

Cemetery & Funeral Home

Fr. Ben Onegiu, A.J.

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Dcn. Marvin Hernandez

Dcn. Ron TenBarge

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Martin Sanchez

Christina Metelski

Deacon Frank Devine

Thelia Morris

Phone: 623-581-0728

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(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 † 2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 6:00PM-6:45PM

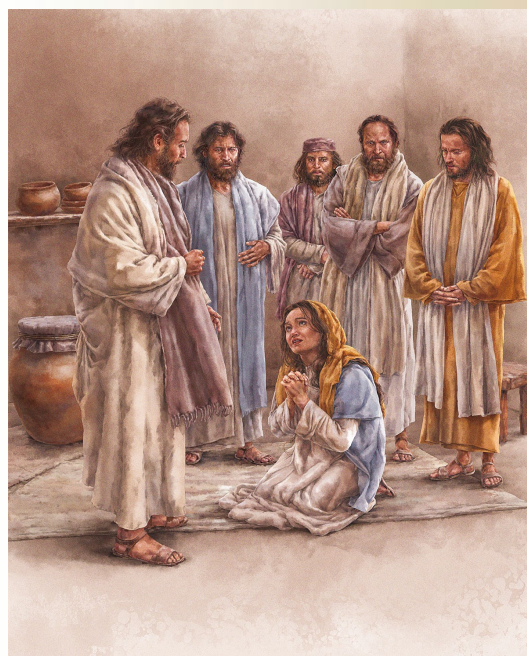
Saturday - 2:00PM - 3:30PM, or by appointment

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



Matthew 15:21-28

“O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish.”



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, August 9, 2020

Sunday Offertory: \$ 11,469.41

Our goal is for the Plate Income to cover all Parish expenses. At this time, fundraising income is used to supplement the Plate income.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

Nov 12, 22, 23, 25

Dec 2, 4, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24, 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 17, 2020 - August 23, 2020

MON	17 - Aug	8:00 AM	CYNTHIA MELLO (DECEASED)
TUE	18 - Aug	8:00 AM	MICHAEL LUPO (DECEASED)
WED	19 - Aug	7:00 PM	ALLISON SINRAM (DECEASED-BIRTHDAY)
THUR	20 - Aug	8:00 AM	BOB & JOY BIANCA (SPECIAL INTENTION)
FRI	21 - Aug	8:00 AM	GRACE MILLER (BIRTHDAY)
SAT	22 - Aug	8:00 AM	MARY RUSSO (DECEASED)
		4:00PM	GEORGE HUNT (DECEASED)
SUN	23 - Aug	8:00 AM	LENA STALLONE (DECEASED)
		8:00AM	NATHAN & JOEL MILLER
		HALL	
		11:00 AM	JOSEPHINE & PETER ABED (DECEASED)
		Rectory	ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS
		Rectory	GREG HALL (DECEASED)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 17 - Aug 22

Mon: EZ 24:15-23; MT 19:16-22

Tue: EZ 28:1-10; MT 19:23-30

Wed: EZ 34:1-11; MT 20:1-16

Thu: EZ 36:23-28; MT 22:1-14

Fri: EZ 37:1-14; MT 22:34-40

Sat: EZ 43:1-7ab; MT 23:1-12



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 23

IS 22:19-23

ROM 11:33-36

MT 16:13-20

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

Rosie Alvarez, Fr. Frank Bartel, Laura Conrady Blum, Bob Conrady, John Crable, Brian Ferber, Peggy Hickey, Jim Hodson, Notty Koot, Joe Lopez, Bud Lucy, Chris Martell, Jeff Martell, Mary Modler, Ruben Malicedem, Gene Montay, Beck Nugui, Jesusa Orosco, Samuel Paul, Scott Pawlowski, 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 - George Alvarez †

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

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

♦ **Flyers** to advertise upcoming parish or diocesan events must be submitted to 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 **Sunday September 20, 2020**



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



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

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!**

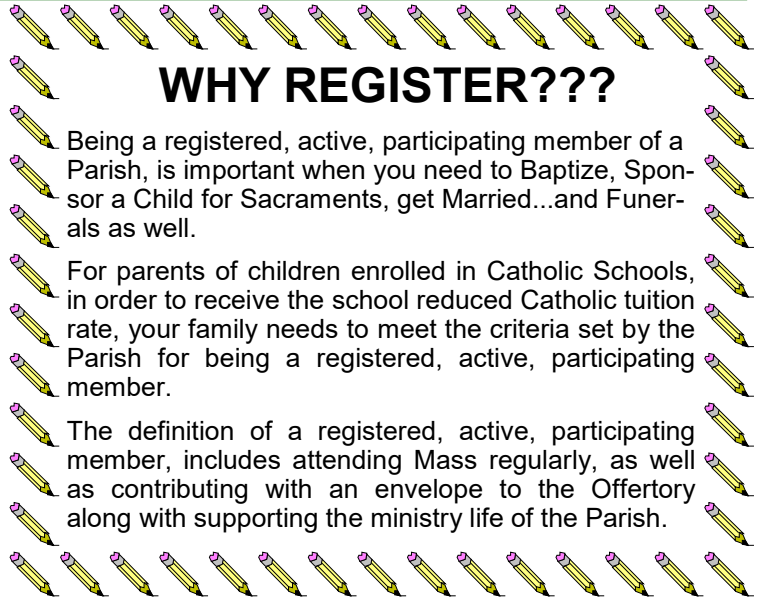
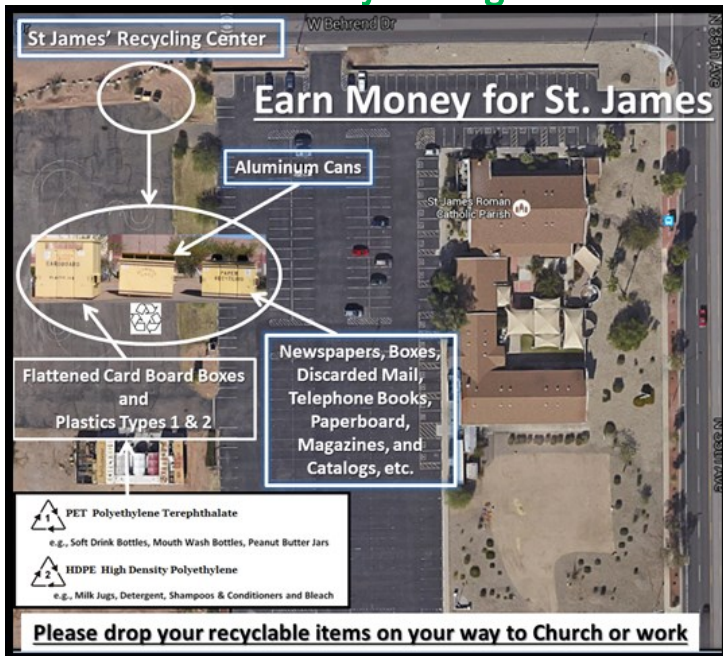
WHAT IS BENEFIT?



- ✓ 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 display cases.

Call ahead if you are looking for a specific item.

Featured item: Ladder Rosaries

Shutterfly Every time a parish member goes through our URL (stjtg.shutterflystorefront.com) and purchases products from Shutterfly, 8% of their net purchases come back to St. James.

SvDP News: The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.



Please help SvDP bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!"

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, tuna, and mac and cheese.

"The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it."
St. Vincent de Paul

The Liturgy: Our Gift and Our Peace

By: James Poppleton

We have entered a time of extreme uncertainty in the world. This uncertain time for the world can give us a renewed dependence on God and a renewed vigor for the Mass. This uncertain time is not a new experience for the world. The very first Catholic Masses were celebrated in a time and place where humans were slaughtered for entertainment, criminals were publicly executed, new born babies were left unwanted in the streets, Christians were martyred, and **evangelization was a wildfire that could not be extinguished**. Our Catholic faith took root with an eschatological, or apocalyptic, perspective on the world. There was a clear divide between the pagan Roman world and the newly emerging Christian world. Though our time today is different in many ways, it is the same in many ways as we clearly see the culture around us becoming more pagan and barbaric.

It is easy to feel the swelling eschatological tension, the apocalyptic current that is rising in today's day to day life. And by God's design the Liturgy is a treasured gift to strengthen us so that we **face the challenges before us free from fear!** Vatican II has given us a very important tool for receiving grace from the Mass to become fearless believers. It is the reminder to engage the liturgy with a **fully conscious and active participation**. What does fully conscious and active participation look like?

An easy start is to **avoid mindlessly reciting the prayers at Mass**. Revelation 3:16 states, "So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." And from Isaiah 29:13, "...this people draw near with words only and honors me with their lips alone, though their hearts are far from me..."

We strive to pray from the depths of our human frailty, from the depths of our dependence on God. The response to the prayers of the faithful is not just to say mindlessly, "Lord, hear our prayer." **Our aim is to truly pray, to sincerely ask God the Father to hear our prayer.** We do not approach the music at Mass as karaoke or entertainment, but we allow the Holy Spirit to use the songs to reopen our souls to repentance, to surrender, and to God's grace.

The Roman Catholic liturgy allows us to be properly oriented in God's creation when we fully engage our hearts and minds with the words used at Mass. God used words to speak the universe into motion. When we look at the heavens and the earth, we see creation, the echo chamber for God's voice. It is as if God yelled into a canyon and His voice is still echoing. God says, "Let there be light," and we have the big bang which echoed into stars which echoed into galaxies and so forth to you and your children! **When we speak and sing at Mass, we are literally echoing the creative glory of God in us back to Him, especially with the words, "For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are Yours, now and forever."**

Vatican II encourages us to not just allow the Mass to happen outside of us at the pulpit and on the altar. Vatican II encourages us to allow the Mass to move us at the depth of our humanity, to move our human soul to be united with God from the inside. When the homily is being delivered, we allow the homily to be preached not just from the pulpit but from inside of us. We allow Jesus' message through the gift of his priesthood to reach our hearts, not just our ears. We allow our souls, our essence, to be prepared for receiving Jesus Christ as the Eucharist when the presider prays the prayers of consecration. We allow the prayers to soften our hearts to an ever-deepening conversion. When we receive Jesus, we become living tabernacles. "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the words and my soul shall be healed."

If we Catholics, whether praying in the pew, lectoring, serving on the altar, ushering, etc., truly enter into the Mass we become transformed. For example, the world's greatest athletes do not simply make great plays, they become the very game itself. The more and more we enter into the Mass, the chaos of the world is rendered less effective on us. As we intentionally participate in Mass more and more the chaos of the world is not just ineffective, God begins to use us for His purposes of bringing it into order. **"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are Yours, now and forever."**

La Liturgia: Nuestro regalo y Nuestra Paz

Por: James Poppleton

Hemos entrado en una época de extrema incertidumbre en el mundo. Este tiempo incierto para el mundo puede darnos una renovada dependencia de Dios y un renovado vigor para la Misa. Este tiempo incierto no es una experiencia nueva para el mundo. Las primeras misas católicas se celebraron en una época y un lugar donde se sacrificaba a los seres humanos para divertirse, se ejecutaba públicamente a los delincuentes, se dejaba a los bebés no deseados en las calles, se martirizaba a los cristianos y **la evangelización era un incendio forestal que no podía extinguirse**. Nuestra fe católica echó raíces con una perspectiva escatológica o apocalíptica del mundo. Había una clara división entre el mundo pagano romano y el nuevo mundo cristiano emergente. Aunque nuestro tiempo hoy es diferente en muchos aspectos, es el mismo en muchos aspectos, ya que vemos claramente que la cultura que nos rodea se vuelve más pagana y bárbara.

Es fácil sentir la creciente tensión escatológica, la corriente apocalíptica que se eleva en el día a día de hoy. ¡Y por diseño de Dios, la Liturgia es un regalo preciado para fortalecernos para que **enfrentemos los desafíos que tenemos ante nosotros sin temor!** El Vaticano II nos ha dado una herramienta muy importante para recibir la gracia de la Misa y convertirnos en creyentes intrépidos. Es el recordatorio de participar en la liturgia con una participación activa y plenamente consciente. ¿Cómo se ve la participación plena consciente y activa?

Un comienzo fácil es **evitar recitar las oraciones sin pensar en la misa**. Apocalipsis 3:16 dice: "Entonces, porque eres tibio, ni caliente ni frío, te escupiré de mi boca". Y de Isaías 29:13, "... este pueblo se acerca solo con palabras y me honra solo con sus labios, aunque su corazón está lejos de mí ..."

Vivimos para orar desde lo más profundo de nuestra fragilidad humana, desde lo más profundo de nuestra dependencia de Dios. La respuesta a las oraciones de los fieles no es simplemente decir sin pensar: "Te rogamos Señor, oyenos". **Nuestro objetivo es orar verdaderamente, pedir sinceramente a Dios Padre que escuche nuestra oración**. No nos acercamos a la música en la Misa como karaoke o entretenimiento, pero permitimos que el Espíritu Santo use las canciones para reabrir nuestras almas al arrepentimiento, a la entrega y a la gracia de Dios.

La liturgia católica romana nos permite orientarnos adecuadamente en la creación de Dios cuando involucramos completamente nuestros corazones y mentes con las palabras que se usan en la Misa. Dios usó palabras para hacer que el universo se pusiera en movimiento. Cuando miramos los cielos y la tierra, vemos la creación, la cámara de resonancia de la voz de Dios. Es como si Dios gritara en un cañón y Su voz aún resuena. Dios dice: "Hágase la luz", ¡y tenemos el Big Bang que resonó en las estrellas, que resonó en las galaxias, etc., para usted y sus hijos! **Cuando hablamos y cantamos en misa, literalmente estamos haciendo eco de la gloria creativa de Dios en nosotros de regreso a Él**, especialmente con las palabras, **"Porque el Reino, el Poder y la Gloria son Tuyos, ahora y por siempre"**.

El Vaticano II nos anima a no solo permitir que la Misa ocurra fuera de nosotros en el púlpito y en el altar. El Vaticano II nos anima a permitir que la Misa nos conmueva lo más profundo de nuestra humanidad, que mueva nuestra alma humana a estar unida a Dios desde adentro. Cuando se está pronunciando la homilía, permitimos que la homilía se predique no solo desde el púlpito sino desde dentro de nosotros. Permitimos que el mensaje de Jesús a través del don de su sacerdocio llegue a nuestro corazón, no solo a nuestros oídos. Permitimos que nuestras almas, nuestra esencia, estén preparadas para recibir a Jesucristo como Eucaristía cuando el celebrante reza las oraciones de consagración. Permitimos que las oraciones ablanden nuestros corazones hacia una conversión cada vez más profunda. Cuando recibimos a Jesús nos convertimos en tabernáculos vivientes. **"Señor, no soy digno de recibirte, pero solo di las palabras y mi alma será sanada"**.

Si los católicos, ya sea rezando en la banca, leyendo, sirviendo en el altar, acomodando, etc., realmente entramos en la misa, nos transformamos. Por ejemplo, los mejores atletas del mundo no solo hacen grandes jugadas, se convierten en el mismo juego. Cuanto más entramos en la Misa, el caos del mundo se vuelve menos efectivo para nosotros. A medida que participamos intencionalmente en la Misa cada vez más, el caos del mundo no solo es ineficaz, Dios comienza a usarnos para Sus propósitos de ponerlo en orden. **"Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyos son el Poder, el Reino y la Gloria, ahora y por siempre Señor"**.

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

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

Keep updated with the latest parish announcements.
No spam we promise. Unsubscribe anytime.

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Have faith that your marriage can be strong. Gain the tools of a great 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>

Flights of Faith

What: Adults 21-45 are invited to a talk on the Immaculate Conception by Fr. Rock FSSP of Mater Misere Cordiae Mission.

When: August 25th, arrive 6:30 PM for ordering and the talk starts at 7.

Where: Throne Brewing Company
17035 N 67th Ave #6
Glendale AZ 85038

Please RSVP to 623-516-4917 as the main table is limited to 10 people.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

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.

Vocation Information



"Woman, you have great faith." It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at 602-354-2005 or dphx.org/vocations.



Calling all students in 7th grade through 12th grade, it's time to register for Faith Formation/Youth Group. Registration form is available in the parish office. Fee is \$20 for the year. If you have any additional questions, please contact Sr. Sophie at srsophie@stjames-greater.com or call the office.

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.



Consecrated Virgins Living in the World

The Office of Consecrated Life invites you to join us as Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted consecrates two women to the Ordo Virginum, as Consecrated Virgins Living in the World.

The first ever Mass of Consecration in the Diocese of Phoenix for Kimberly Zeeman and Claire Halbur will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 22, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

Our Lady, Queen of Virgins, pray for us.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PhoenixDiocese>
<https://www.facebook.com/phoenixdiocese>

Monday, Aug 17, 2020**Be a good steward**

When it comes to Christian stewardship, there's an awful lot we are supposed to take care of—the whole world to be exact! Pope Francis said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" The key to stewardship is remembering that it's not ownership—your talents, your treasure, all of creation were bestowed on you. Show your gratitude to God by using them responsibly and sharing them with others lovingly and generously.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22 (419).* "Sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."

Tuesday, Aug 18, 2020**Build a human economy**

People's livelihoods have been hit by COVID-19's closure of workplaces. Protests over racial inequality shine an unforgiving light on economic inequality. The Catholic Church has a lot to say about how the economy should work to promote the common good. The Catechism of the Catholic Church denounces two economic extremes—communism's centralized control, but also capitalism's tendency to make individualism and the market into modern-day idols. Above all, let us remember what the U.S. Catholic Bishops written: "The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy. . . . A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring." Keep that in mind as you make big and small economic decisions.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 (420).* "By your great wisdom applied to your trading you have heaped up your riches."

Wednesday, Aug 19, 2020**MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST****Beyond thank you**

Today is World Humanitarian Day, a day established in 2018 by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the safety and security of humanitarian aid workers who step up in times of crises. If ever there is a year for us to honor and advocate for such workers, it is this year. As the world has faced a global pandemic, we have been challenged more than ever to recognize the essential workers in our midst who have risked their lives for our well-being. Today is a good day to think about ways to support humanitarian workers beyond a simple thank you through a donation, a call of advocacy to an elected official, or joining alongside them in their work.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 (421).* "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."

Thursday, Aug 20, 2020**MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH****Faithful through thick and thin**

Today is the Memorial of Bernard of Clairvaux, whose impact on Europe in the 12th century was profound and whose influence lives on worldwide in Cistercian monasteries and Catholic theology. He was a scholar (whose books are still readily available), a skilled arbitrator, mystic, monk, reformer, and leader of Europe's second crusade (a violent venture that ended badly). Through his successes and mistakes, Bernard of Clairvaux aimed to follow Jesus. We are called to do the same. Do one thing today that puts your heart, mind, or skills to the service of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 (422).* "Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"

Friday, Aug 21, 2020**MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE****The right of kings that was wrong**

Shortly after the turn of the 20th century, Giuseppe Sarto was elected Pope Pius X, but not without controversy. The leading vote-getter of the papal conclave was Mariano Rampolla, but Polish Cardinal Jan Kosielsko exercised a veto in the name of Emperor Franz Joseph. That swung the vote to Sarto. It was the last time a reigning monarch exercised a longstanding right of veto in a papal conclave. Government interference in church leadership has always been an issue, though today less so in most (though not all) parts of the world. Pray for a worldwide church that answers to only one Lord, Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 (423).* "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Saturday, Aug 22, 2020**MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY****She wears her crown well**

Though queenship is a concept quite foreign to a democratic society (especially one that threw off royal rulership at its founding!), when applied to Mary it can be understood as an expression of the Holy Mother's central role in the reign of God. Though today's feast, established in 1954, is quite recent in terms of the larger sweep of church history, associations of Mary with queenship go back to the angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary's son would inherit the throne of King David. Allow Mary to reign in your heart, especially at times when you are called on to take a leap of faith, as Mary certainly was when Gabriel revealed her mission to her.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 43:1-7b; Matthew 23:1-12 (424).* "Son of man, this is where my throne shall be."

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