



# Advent

## Hope, Love, Joy, Peace

Sunday December 5, 2021

† 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

• **Gift Shop**

- **CTP Coordinator**
- **Funeral Coordinator**
- **Bulletin Editor**
- **St. Vincent DePaul**
- **Holy Cross Catholic**

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Phone: 623-936-1710

**Weekend Masses** † Saturday - 4:00PM  
Sunday - 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM (Spanish) and 6:00PM

**Daily Mass** † Wednesday - 7:00PM  
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday - 8:00AM

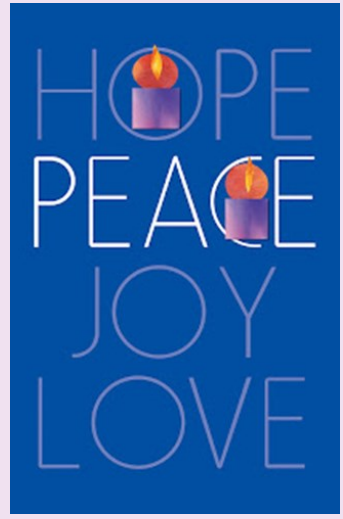
**Holy Days** † Please consult the Parish Office

**Reconciliation** † Saturday 2:00PM to 3:30PM  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:00PM to 6:45PM

**Parish Office Hours** † Sunday - 8:30AM-1:00PM / Monday-Thursday - 9:00AM-Noon & 12:30PM-4:00PM / Friday - 9:00AM-Noon / Saturday - 2:00PM-5:30PM

### St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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**Seminary Support Program Collection for the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries**  
Over the years of being shepherded by our Apostles of Jesus Priests at St. James we have learned about their many and varied missions throughout the world. Today we are being asked to donate to their Seminary Support Program. We are and have been lucky beneficiaries of that program. We are being given an opportunity to assist in the training of Priests and Brothers who will be sent out to bring hope in areas of dire need.

**Please see Page 9 of this Bulletin for Information about the Updates that has brought Changes to our Online Giving System.**

THE WEEK AT ST JAMES . . .

Daily Mass M,T,TH,F,S at 8:00AM and Wed at 7PM

December 6



8:00AM-Mass

December 7



8:00AM-Mass  
9:00AM-Noon-Safe Environment Training Assistance  
6:30PM-PASTORAL COUNCIL

December 8



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)  
8:00AM-Mass  
7:00PM-Mass

December 9



8:00AM-Mass  
9:00AM-Noon-Safe Environment Training Assistance  
6:30PM-RCIA  
6:30 PM-Cursillo Group (Mary Ann's group in conference room)  
7:00 PM-FINANCE COUNCIL - VIRTUAL

December 10



8:00AM-Daily Mass  
9:00AM-Adoration  
4:00PM-Benediction

December 11



8:00AM-Daily Mass  
2:00PM-3:00PM-Reconciliation  
Special Collection: Diocesan Retirement for Priests and Religious  
4:00PM-Mass

December 12



Special Collection: Diocesan Retirement for Priests and Religious  
8:30AM-12:30PM-Donut Ministry & Gift Shop  
9:00AM-11:00AM-Safe Environment Training Status  
Other Questions  
11:00PM-Children's Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)  
2:00PM-Pageant dress rehearsal - all cast members

Please come to Mass **early** enough not to disrupt. **Leave late** enough not to insult. **Worship reverently** enough not to distract, AND **dress proudly** enough not to offend.

**PLEASE** - We ask that you help preserve a reverent atmosphere by turning off all pagers and cellular phones before entering the Church!

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

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

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**The St James Parish Finance Council has a need for additional members.**

**Please see Page 6 (Bottom Right) for Details and Qualifications**

**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.

**Sunday, November 28th, 2021**

**Sunday Offertory: \$15,547.50**

Our goal is for the Plate Income to cover all Parish

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH**



*Mass Intentions*

Masses are still available on the following dates:

**2021 None Left**

**2022**

**Jan. 9, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 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.

MON	6 - Dec	8:00 AM	† Deceased and Living Members of the Hall Family
TUE	7 - Dec	8:00 AM	Theresa Weisinger
WED	8 - Dec	8:00 AM	† Mary Ann Barrios
		7:00 PM	† Philip Foti
THUR	9 - Dec	8:00 AM	Hal Pawlowski (Birthday)
FRI	10 - Dec	8:00 AM	† John Meehan, Jr
SAT	11 - Dec	8:00 AM	† Marion and Mary Krawiec
		4:00 PM	† John Meehan, Jr
SUN	12 - Dec	7:30 AM	† Teklebenham Aberham
		9:00 AM	St. James Parishioners
		11:00 AM	† Bruce Orosco (1st Anniversary)
		1:00 PM	† Marie Helene Texier
		6:00 PM	† Josephine Murad and Peter Allahwerdi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Dec 6 - Dec 11*

- Mon: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26*
- Tue: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14*
- Wed: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38*
- Thu: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15*
- Fri: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19*
- Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Dec 12*  
*Zep 3:14-18a*  
*Phil 4:4-7*  
*Lk 3:10-18*



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

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

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

**We have been told that Jesus has been left alone recently. To prevent this we are requesting that we have 2 people sign up for each hour. Please stop by the office if you have an hour between 9 and 4 on Fridays that you can spend visiting Jesus.**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Sacramento de Bautismo**

*Please contact Terri-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.*

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

Richard & Judy Adams, Fr. Frank Bartel, Laura Conrady Blum, Helen Luna Boer, Phil Bogart, Veronica Barolli Buteau, Dana Come, Bob Conrady, Denny Cummings, Margo Duepner, Brian Ferber, Scott Frier, Michelle Feser, Elizabeth Grace, Tom Grace, Hailey Gress, Cedara Harris, Kurt Hasper, Jr., Peggy Hickey, Ann Holland, Janice Gress Johnson, Myrna Joseph, Notty Koot, Lawrence Lubert, Bud Lucy, Adriana Maldonado, Kim Matyniak, Dave Minyard, Charles Montay, Marie Agnes Mukandinda, James Ogam, Jesusa Orosco, Michael Pulbratek, John Sullivan, Fred Sierra, Veronica Silvasi, Rachel and Ron Street, Mike Tobin, Rosalie Treiber, Cynthia Alvarez Valenzuela, Rose Zaccaria

**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 - Jose Jesus Ruiz †

**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 **Sunday, December 12th.**



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

An Excellent Chance to do Some Early Christmas Shopping.

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



### 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 Roman Catholic Parish Glendale!**

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0312077>



**SVdP:** In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach

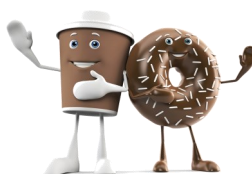
out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call SVdP, 623-581-0728 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

This week our pantry needs canned baked beans, and canned chili.

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."

St. Clare of Assisi



## FELLOWSHIP IN ST JAMES HALL

**SUNDAYS FOLLOWING THE  
7:30, 9:00 AND 11:00 MASSES!**

**COME MEET YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS  
&  
HAVE DONUTS, COFFEE, AND JUICE (\$1.00 EACH)  
AND  
WHILE THERE VISIT THE GIFT SHOP**



Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop  
St. James the Greater - Glendale, AZ

The Gift Shop Now Open  
Sundays 8:30 AM -12:30 PM  
and  
Thursday 9:30 AM - Noon



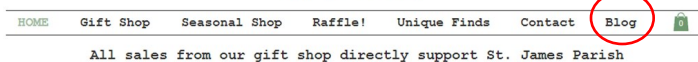
The Gift Shop is now on Instagram!  
Follow it at [@stjamesgiftshop](https://www.instagram.com/stjamesgiftshop)

Visit St. James' Gift Shop Online

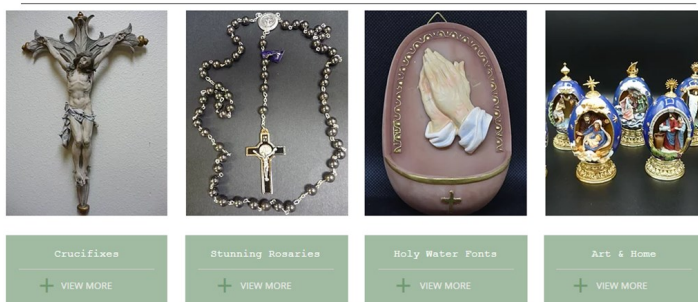
<https://www.stjamesgreatergiftshop.org/>



Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop  
St. James the Greater - Glendale, AZ



All sales from our gift shop directly support St. James Parish



Read Mary Ann's Blog:

<https://www.stjamesgreatergiftshop.org/blog>



## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:00AM - MASS

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:00AM - MASS  
7:00PM - MASS & CONSECRATION

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:30AM - LAS MAÑANITAS

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 PM - MASS (Church), 4:15 PM - MASS (Hall)  
10:00 PM - MASS (Church)

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Saturday, December 25  
9:00 AM - MASS (English),  
11:00 AM - MASS  
(African Hymns, English Liturgy)  
1:00 PM - MASS (Español)

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, \*11:00 AM,  
1:00 PM (Español), 6:00 PM

### SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

*(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*  
Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
9:00 AM - MASS

The Saturday 4:00 PM - MASS  
is the Vigil for Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022



### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

This Advent season, instead of a one-night Parish Reconciliation event, the parish will provide opportunities for reconciliation over the following dates and times in December and by appointment except on Fridays and Sundays

December:

Sat., 4<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sat., 11<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sat., 18<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

\*Tues., 21<sup>st</sup>: 7:00 PM Communal  
Penance Service

\*Confessions available in Spanish



### HORARIO DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE ADVIENTO

Esta temporada de Adviento, en lugar de un evento de reconciliación parroquial de una noche, *la parroquia brindará oportunidades para la reconciliación en las siguientes fechas y horarios en diciembre y con cita previa*, excepto los viernes y domingos.

Diciembre :

Sábado, 4<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sábado, 11<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sábado., 18<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

\*Martes, 21<sup>st</sup>: 7:00 PM Servicio de  
Penitencia Comunal

\* Confesiones disponibles en Español

## Family Formation for December

### Families,

Please check your e-mail for links to December's Adult Formation and Home Lesson Overview Videos. Information Regarding Student Sacraments Will Also Be Sent.

**Next Family Formation - Wednesday, January 5th 2022 at 6:00 PM.**

### Family Packets

November's Family Packets include an Advent Calendar Activity for your children. Please pick your packet up if you have not already done so. The Advent Calendar is a wonderful way for children to prepare for Christmas!

**7th and 8th Grades' Youth Group's Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 14, topic is the Advent and Christmas Seasons.**

**High School Youth Group - High School Youth Group we meet again December 17th around the fire: basketball, fun, games and a quick message!**

**If you signed up to be part of the Christmas Pageant please start watching your E-mail for times and places!**

## Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program

Most of you know St James has an active St Vincent de Paul Conference at our parish; but did you know that

SVdP offers a Christmas Adopt-a-Family program?

Any family in need of assistance for Christmas gifts for their children is encouraged to contact our SVdP at 623-581-0728 and leave a message with their name and phone number. You will be contacted by one of the program's volunteers.

Anyone who would like to help a family that is struggling this Christmas can call the same phone number and offer to be a sponsor. Please leave your name and phone number. Your participation in the program will be greatly appreciated



### Volunteer Opportunity – The St James Parish Finance Council has a need for additional members.

- Are you a member of this Parish and in full communion with the Catholic Church?
- Do you have expertise in regard to finance, accounting, business management or law?
- Are you endowed with an overall knowledge of Parish life and sensitivity to pastoral values?



- Are you free from any conflicts of interest which may arise from your occupation, business, or relationship to the Pastor from which membership on the Parish Finance Council

might be perceived as bringing inappropriate benefit to yourself or your family and business?

If so, we would love to speak with you about joining the Finance Council! Two of our members will reach Term Limits in February and must be replaced. We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday.

Please contact the Parish office at (623) 581-0707 to find out more about this opportunity to serve our Parish and to live your Catholic faith.

**ST. JAMES'**



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Performance**  
Thursday Evening, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM

**ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS**  
and  
**ALL CHILDREN**  
**WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE SET CREW**

**There is an important meeting on Sunday,**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup> (This Sunday)**  
**At 2:15 PM**  
**In The Church**

**Upcoming Rehearsals:**

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**  
(Rehearsal)

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**  
(Dress **(FINAL)** Rehearsal)





St. James' 2021 Advent Service Project  
Is  
Assisting Catholic Charities  
with their  
Refugee Resettlement Program

Catholic Charities is finding Refugees from several countries homes in the Phoenix area and helping them acclimate to living in the United States. Most of the families in the program were lucky if they could bring ONE (1) Suitcase with them.

Keeping the above in mind, Catholic Charities is requesting very simple basic items to help them resettle.

Below is a partial list of needed items, as Catholic Charities identifies more needs we may add to this list.

- Tooth brush & tooth paste including child size
- Soap, shampoo
- Toilet paper
- Feminine products
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Socks, shoes & underwear for toddler to teen
- Stuffed animals, Baby dolls
- Simple small cars or trucks

**BLANKETS**



**End Date**  
**Sunday, December 12th**

**Domingo, Dec 05, 2021****SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO****Elogio del servicio a la comunidad**

Considérenlo uno de los primeros voluntarios. Juan el Bautista predicaba y bautizaba por el campo, preparando a la comunidad para el camino, la verdad y la vida que se les iban a abrir. No se le pagaba por estos servicios, y probablemente por eso su dieta era de langostas y miel, y su ropa tosca. Hoy, en el Día Internacional del Voluntariado, damos las gracias a todos los que ayudaron a sus vecinos con las compras y los asistieron durante la larga temporada de enfermedad. Podemos continuar con este espíritu de compromiso social: donando sangre, organizando limpiezas en grupo, paleando la acera de un vecino. ¡Ser voluntario favorece la empatía!

LECTURAS PARA HOY: *Baruc 5:1-9; Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11; Lucas 3:1-6 (6).*  
*"La voz de uno que clama en el desierto: 'Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus sendas.' "*

**Sunday, Dec 05, 2021****SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****In praise of community service**

Consider him an early volunteer. John the Baptist preached and baptized through the countryside, preparing the community for the way, truth, and life about to open to them. He wasn't paid for these services, which is probably why his diet was locusts and honey, and his clothing coarse. Today on International Volunteer Day, we give thanks for all who helped their neighbors with grocery runs and check-ins during the long season of sickness. We can continue this spirit of social engagement: giving blood, organizing group clean-ups, shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk. Volunteering builds empathy!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6 (6).*  
*"A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' "*

**Monday, Dec 06, 2021****MEMORIAL OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP****The wonder of it all**

Very little is known about the historical Saint Nicholas, but he evolved into a legendary figure so intertwined with Christmas, it's almost as if he were part of the Nativity story. The actual Nicholas lived 300 years after the birth of Jesus. Whether he secretly gave gifts to children or not, the spirit of his story is real. Centuries later as presents are wrapped in mystery and kept under the tree in anticipation, emotions of waiting for the Christ Child heighten as we ponder a miracle we can't fathom. Thank you, Saint Nicholas, for a tradition that helps incarnate our joy and wonder!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 (181).* *"We have seen incredible things today."*

**Tuesday, Dec 07, 2021****MEMORIAL OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH****Wage peace**

Advent anticipates the Prince of Peace. But as we recall Pearl Harbor, Catholics also embrace a tradition that includes just war theory—sketched out by the likes of Saint Augustine, fleshed out by the likes of Saint Ambrose. King David "never waged war unless he was driven to it," Ambrose observed, illustrating that wars should be fought only as a last resort. Further, war should be waged selflessly—to help and protect others. War that "preserves one's country [or] defends the weak . . . is full of justice." Pray for those in the armed services who sacrifice and protect, and also pray for peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14 (182).* *"Comfort, give comfort to my people."*

**Wednesday, Dec 08, 2021****SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE U.S.A.)****A day of pure celebration**

Today we celebrate the Immaculate Conception, the church's teaching that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception. It is one of only two dogmas proclaimed infallibly by a pope. All of today's readings are related: They trace the tale back to the Fall, followed by a celebration of the "marvelous deeds" of God's salvation, culminating in the gospel reading of the Annunciation, where Mary learns she will bear a son who will reverse the curse of sin. Today, honor our Blessed Mother and thank God for her preservation from sin so that she might bring Christ into the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689).* *" . . . he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him."*

**Thursday, Dec 09, 2021****MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN****Be a witness to the miracle of God's love**

We are told that Saint Juan Diego was undistinguished before he became the person to whom the Virgin Mary appeared at Tepeyac, Mexico in 1531. Juan Diego had an opportunity to open himself to God's grace—Mary's appearance and miracle. He responded in faith by listening to the Virgin and persistently communicating her message, even though as an indigenous person, his word was at first discounted. His part in the miracle at Tepeyac has had enduring impact by opening other indigenous and mestizo Mexicans to the gospel message, and by opening church leaders—albeit slowly, in fits and starts—to the message indigenous peoples have for the wider church. Are you ready to receive God's grace, as did Juan Diego?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184).* *"Whoever has ears ought to hear."*

**Friday, Dec 10, 2021****MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LORETO****Jesus makes his presence known**

Emmanuel, "God is with us," is our guiding truth. Christians find many ways to remind ourselves of God's Real Presence. Of course, the primary way is through the Eucharist. But shrines and relics are also a very Catholic way of pointing to the reality of Christ in our lives. Take for example the shrine of Our Lady of Loreto, which resides in Loreto, Italy, a small town on the Adriatic coast. It is there that the original home of Mary is said to have been moved, either by angels or more probably by a wealthy Italian merchant, after the late 13th-century siege of Jerusalem. At this shrine we can presumably touch the same stones that Jesus touched as a boy. What a remarkable reminder that the Word was made flesh and lived among us. Pray to Our Lady of Loreto for continued reminders of God's abiding presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 (185/689B).* *"The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us!'"*

**Saturday, Dec 11, 2021****MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE****By the book**

By the fourth century of the Christian era there were 20 or so gospels floating around the early church communities along with the familiar four. Dozens of epistles existed in addition to the 21 we now recognize. It was today's saint, Pope Damasus I (c. 305–384), who presided over the Council of Rome in 382 that determined the canon, or official list, of the Bible. He also encouraged Saint Jerome to produce a translation of the existing Greek and Hebrew texts into Latin, the common language of the day. Inexpensive versions of the Catholic *New American Bible Revised Edition* make great Christmas gifts for friends and family looking to deepen their faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186).* *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*





## St. James Parish Coming Events

- \* **Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**  
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*(Holy Day of Obligation)*  
**Masses: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM**
- \* **Dec 12<sup>th</sup> (Domingo / Sunday)**  
**La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**  
**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Las Mañanitas: 5:30 AM**
- \* **Dec 21<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday / Martes)**  
**Communal Penance Service**  
**Servicio de Penitencia Comunal**  
**7:00 PM**
- \* **Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)**  
**St. James Christmas Pageant**  
**7:00 PM**
- \* **Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday)**  
**Sisters in Christ (Women's Fellowship)**
- \* **Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)**  
**Winter Parish Family Pasta and BINGO Night**
- \* **Feb 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**  
**British Afternoon Tea Fare**



## NON PARISH SPONSORED EVENTS



### Save the Date for the Nun Run

The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration of Our Lady of Solitude Monastery invite you to participate in their largest fundraising event of the year: The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Nun Run on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Kiwanis Park Tempe. 10K, 5K, 1 Mile, Prayer Walk.  
For more information, visit: [www.desertnunrun.com](http://www.desertnunrun.com)

## Online Giving System Update/Changes

St James Parish has transitioned to a newer online giving system called "ParishSOFT Online Giving". This is an update to our previous program "ParishSOFT My Own Giving" and is from the same software provider. The new program has a lot of great features and tools to make it easy to make Online donations to the parish.

**RECURRING DONORS:** If you have a recurring gift established in the prior "ParishSOFT My Own Giving system", that account has already been transferred over to the new system and your gift will still process and **you do not have to do anything** as the information has been transferred to the new system. The confirmation e-mails you receive may look different from the previous one, but will be from "ParishSOFT Online Giving".

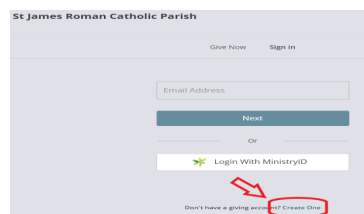
If you want to change your recurring gift amount, or log into your account, go to the new online giving form as described above; 1) click Sign In, then 2) at the bottom click the button where it says **Don't have a giving account? Create One** and 3) fill in your information.

**Note:** If you use the same email we have on file for on-line giving, you will be able to see your recurring gifts and make any changes you need. If you use a different email, one of the staff members at the parish will be able to merge that account so you can see your recurring gifts.

**TO SET UP A NEW GIFT** you will go to the existing online giving link on the right side of our website as you scroll down after entering it.



(<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-1351>) and 1) click "Give Online" which will redirect you to the new online giving form. Once there; 2) click Sign In, then -



3) at the bottom click the button where it says **Don't have a giving account? Create One** and 4) fill in your information.

If you choose to try this method of supporting St. James, we hope you will find this an easy way to continue your support.

Please call our office, 623.581.0707 if you any problems or questions about the changes or using this method of supporting St. James.

We greatly appreciate each of our donors, no matter what method you choose to donate to our parish. Your assistance in keeping St. James running smoothly, particularly during the Pandemic, has been far greater than we could of hoped for, there are many parishes that did not receive the ongoing support you provided and we are extremely grateful for it!

NEWS & UPDATES



Thanksgiving Raffle



Family Game Night Basket Raffle



St. James Parishioners, both by your donations of prizes for our ONLINE RAFFLES and your participation in them we are able to raise additional funds for the Parish. The above Raffles earned \$180 for the Thanksgiving Raffle and \$275 for the Games Raffle for a Total of \$455. Many thanks to those who contributed the prizes and to all that participated!



When the Chaplain from Adobe Mountain came in to the Vestibule this was what she saw, guessing she was disappointed,  
**And Then**

We opened the door to the office area and she SAW THIS!  
And the tears welled up!



Dear Parishioners,

Our November 7<sup>th</sup> Bulletin had this slogan in the box on the front cover:

**“Be Part of the Magic at St. James ... Get Involved ... Take Time to Volunteer”**

We want to share some of the recent examples of that Magic with you.

The Magic restarted with the Fall Fest and Car Show held in early October, first time a lot of us felt safe to participate in an event. The reenactment of the Taste of St. James was a hit, how could it not be? We saw friends that we hadn't seen for over a year and the friends got together and cooked amazing food; while other friends set up tents from which they could serve the food, and tables and chairs so that folks from near and far could sit and eat the amazing food; and other friends kept the tables clean so that our new friends could enjoy their food. And when it was over friends helped friends put the tents and the tables and chairs away.

Your Magic was present on the Tuesday morning before Thanksgiving when our St. Vincent de Paul Society members packed and distributed 70 Thanksgiving Dinner food boxes to folks in need of them. The boxes were filled with food you had donated or with food purchased with your monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul.

The Magic continued on that Tuesday before Thanksgiving with the participation far above what could be expected in desserts for the kids at Adobe Mountain. Please see the above photos!

It is continuing with donations to our Advent Service Project of aiding refugees with pretty much the grocery store household basics as they start their new lives in America. We are in awe at what has been contributed thus far and because of that your Magic is working again!

Sue and John will tell you about the Christmas Bazaar's many instances of Magic next week.

We are pleased and honored to share your and your fellow parishioners Magic with you, and want to thank you for your generosity of time, gifts and money!

Father Ben and the St. James Staff



## Small Appliance Raffle



### Prizes in the Small Appliance Raffle Include:

- Convection Countertop Oven
- Quesadilla Maker
- 10 IN 1 Steam Mop
- 2 (Two) Slice Toaster
- Electric Wok
- Blender
- Mini Tanker Mug
- Pink Canvas Carry All

To Enter: Go to <https://stjamesgreatergiftshop.org> – OR –  
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Text: 'smallappliances' to 855-202-2100 to get a link to buy tickets

Tickets are \$10 for 12 Tickets

Tickets Are Available Until 11:59 PM MST, Sunday, December 12th  
Drawing is at 7:00 AM MST, Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

This Prize Package will be available for the winner to pickup in the parish office on  
Monday, December 13th

## Christmas Raffle



### The Christmas Raffle Prizes Are

- Lighted Table Top Nativity
- Lighted Snowman Set
- Nativity Puzzle
- Snowman Plush Sitter
- Christmas/Fall Welcome Sign
- Our Lady Guadalupe Throw
- Solar Angel Wind Chime
- Legend Of The Candy Cane Ornament (Book)
- Set Of 3 Glass Angel Bell Ornaments
- 3 Piece Candle Nativity Set
- Peppermint Holiday Taffy
- Cranberry Holiday Taffy
- Tea Christmas Drink Variety Pack
- Coffee Christmas Drink Variety Pak

To Enter: Go to <https://stjamesgreatergiftshop.org> – OR –  
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