



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent / IV Domingo de Adviento

December 22, 2024 / 22 de Diciembre de 2024



CHRISTMAS MASSES

DEC. 24, CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:00PM CHURCH, 4:15PM HALL, 10:00PM CHURCH

**DEC. 25, CHRISTMAS DAY - 9:00AM CHURCH, 11:00AM CHURCH (AFRICAN MUSIC, ENGLISH LITURGY),
1:00PM IGLESIA (Español)**

Weekend Masses † Saturday - 4:00PM

Sunday - 7:30AM-9:00AM-11:00AM-1:00PM (Español)-6:00PM

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 / o con cita previa*

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

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

Friday - 9:00AM-Noon / Saturday - 2:00PM-5:30PM

St. Vincent de Paul † Pantry Phone 623-581-0728

San Vicente de Paul † Teléfono de despensa 623-581-0728

RECONCILIATION CAN ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH AN APPOINTMENT WITH A PRIEST ON WEEKDAYS.

LA RECONCILIACIÓN TAMBIÉN SE PUEDE ARREGLAR CON UNA CITA CON UN SACERDOTE LOS DÍAS DE SEMANA.

COMING EVENTS

TUES., 24 DEC. THROUGH FRI. 27 DEC. THE OFFICE IS CLOSED.

SAT., 28 DEC. AT 2:00PM THE OFFICE REOPENS

THURS. 26 DEC. FATHER BEN LEAVES ON VACATION

WED., JAN 1 MASS WILL BE AT 9:00AM

OUT OF RESPECT

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO COOPERATE WITH THE SECURITY TEAM WHEN THEY ASK YOU **NOT** TO (RE)ENTER THE CHURCH DURING CONSECRATION OF THE HOST AND WINE, THE READINGS, THE GOSPEL AND THE HOMILY.

POR RESPETO

LES PEDIMOS QUE COOPEREN CON EL EQUIPO DE SEGURIDAD CUANDO LES PIDAN **NO** (RE)ENTRAR A LA IGLESIA DURANTE LA CONSAGRACIÓN DE LA FORMA Y EL VINO, LAS LECTURAS, EL EVANGELIO Y LA HOMILÍA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION THIS WEEK / REUNIONES IMPORTANTES ESTA SEMANA

NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE ANY RECONCILIATIONS (CONFESSIONS) AT ST. JAMES UNTIL SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH AT 2:00PM.

NOTA: NO HABRÁ RECONCILIACIONES (CONFESIONES) EN ST. JAMES HASTA EL SÁBADO 4 DE ENERO A LAS 2:00 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OR BENEDICTION ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO HABRÁ ADORACIÓN NI BENDICIÓN EL VIERNES 27 DE DICIEMBRE

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

YOUR ST. JAMES STAFF

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| † Pastor | Fr. Ben Onegiu, AJ |
| † Parochial Vicar | Fr. Felix Kauta, AJ |
| † Deacons | Dcn. Frank Devine |
| | Dcn. Ron TenBarge |
| † Sisters in Residence | Sr. Betty Banja, S.H.S. |
| | Sr. Rose Santa Acan, S.H.S |
| | Kristy Hillhouse Ext. 101 |
| • Office Manager | Terri Simonetta |
| Administrative Assistant | |
| • Director Liturgy & RE | Sr. Sophie Lado, S.H.S. |
| Formation Assistant | Terri Simonetta |
| Youth Minister | Brianna Chavez |
| • Director of Music | James Poppleton |
| Assistant Music Director | Mike Giacalone |
| • Receptionist | Joanne Trentacoste |
| • Facilities Manager | Rene Vera Ext 116 |
| Maintenance | Martin Sanchez |
| | Jose Millan |
| • SET Coordinator | Christina Metelski |
| • Gift Shop | Mary Ann Zimmerman Ext 120 |
| • Funeral Coordinator | Deacon Frank Devine |
| • Bulletin Editor | Gretchen Fenninger |
| • Communications Coordinator | Thelia Morris |
| • Office Volunteers | Carol Brown |
| | Grace Miller |
| | Irene Molette |
| | Bobbi Paul |
| | Angie Radau |
| • St. Vincent DePaul | Phone: 623-581-0728 |
| • Holy Cross Catholic | Phone: 623-936-1710 |
| Cemetery & Funeral Home | (Available 24 hours) |

YOUR ST. JAMES COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastoral Council: PastoralCouncil@stjames-greater.com

Chair - Bobbi Paul ▪ Vice Chair - Isabel Rogel ▪ Awichu Akwanya ▪ Marge Beach ▪ David Callaghan ▪ Gretchen Fenninger ▪ Jill Frier ▪ Cindy Lancaster ▪ Vince Paul - Knights of Columbus Liaison ▪ Andrew Thomas ▪ Florence Zelman-Fedde

Finance Council: FinanceCouncil@stjames-greater.com

Co-Chairs - Scott Frier and Elaine Gress ▪ Peace Agube ▪ Michael McManus ▪ Rob Miller ▪ DeAnn Norman ▪ Jim Strebler ▪ James Volz

Online Giving

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 or follow the link on our website:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-1351/>

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

THE WEEK AT ST. JAMES . . .

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

Mon., Dec. 23 8:00AM DAILY MASS

Tue., Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
8:00AM-DAILY MASS
Office Closed
4:00PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS IN THE CHURCH
4:15PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS IN HALL
10:00PM - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS

Wed., Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00AM - NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS DURING THE DAY
11:00AM - NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS DURING THE DAY (AFRICAN MUSIC, ENGLISH LITURGY),
1:00PM - MISA DE LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR (NAVIDAD) DURANTE EL DÍA (ESPAÑOL)

Thu., Dec. 26 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
Office Closed

Fri., Dec. 27 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
Office Closed
NO ADORATION
NO BENEDICTION

Sat., Dec. 28 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
NO RECONCILIATION
4:00PM VIGIL MASS

Sun., Dec. 29

MASSSES: 7:30 AM; 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM (Español),
6:00PM Mass
9:00AM -11:00AM Safe Environment Training Status
2:30PM - 3:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 Offertory:
\$11,158.50

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$14,115.00

Our goal is for the Plate Income to cover all Parish expenses.

Thank you for your generosity.



ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intention	Comment	Readings	Saint(s) with Feast Day
Mon.	23-Dec	8:00 AM	Donna Long	Deceased	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66	Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Tues.	24-Dec	8:00 AM	Hal Pawlowski	Deceased	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass
		4:00PM	Hal Pawlowski	Deceased	Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25	
		4:15PM	Jessica Hillhouse	Birthday		The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass during the Night
		10:00PM	St. James Parishioners		Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14	
Weds.	25-Dec	9:00AM	Homebound Parishioners & their Care-takers		Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass during the Day
		11:00AM	Brooks Pettigrew	Deceased		
		1:00PM	Angel Ceyala	Deceased		
Thurs.	26-Dec	8:00 AM	Mike Di Maio	Deceased	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Fri.	27-Dec	8:00 AM	Bato Osili	Deceased	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
Sat.	28-Dec	8:00 AM	Joan Benedetto	Birthday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
		4:00PM	Joanne Brooks	Deceased		
Sun.	29-Dec	7:30 AM	Frances McManus	Deceased	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
		9:00 AM	St. James Parishioners		Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or	
		11:00 AM	Josephine D'Ippolito	Deceased	1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;	
		1:00 PM	Ginny Garcia	Deceased	Lk 2:41-52	
		6:00 PM	Joanie Tompkins	Deceased		



Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

Jan 9, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31
Feb 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Friday** beginning at 8:30 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 8:30 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 MatrimonioN

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.

Eric Abraham, Anaya, Baylor Anderson, Marge Beach, Kim Beatty, Joe Benedetto, Laura Conrady Blum, Stephen Brown, Gary Burr, Timothy Castelli, Kim Center, Martha Coronado, Joyce Coronel, Ofelia Cruz and Family, Julianna DeMello, Margo Duepner, Virginia Duran, Marcus Riley Emerson and Family, Cathy Faga, Lois Fenninger, Brian Ferber, Damas Francis, Josephine Francis, Lois Fredrickson, Robert Gallegos, Fernando Garcia, Ezexiel Gonzalez, Luisa Gonzales, Nancy and Don Gorny, Liz and Tom Grace, Geoff Grassau, Denie Hall, Sondra Hare, Weston Heiser, Richard C. Hernandez, Bill Hoelke, Dave Hornbeek, John Houder, John Ingram, Sr., Leslie Irwin, Ann lusi, Brian Jones, Krista, Bud Lucy, Regina Lucy, Diana O. Macandog, Adriana Maldonado, Tom Martell, Donna Mathews, Michael Mathews, Tim Matlack, Rejy Matyniak, Sean McCarty, Jimmy McWilliams, Kim Monthie, Marie Agnes Mukandinda, Margaret Ndungu, Bill Onacki, Joe Ornelas, Eudocia Orozio, Charles Palame, Peter Palame, Vince Paul, Carolyn Pawlowski, Vanessa Perez-Bustos, Ken Pritchett, Elizabeth Ornelas Racanelli, Mia Racanelli, Vinnie Racanelli, Gabriel Reed, Larry Ryan, Lauren Rodriguez, Eduardo Serna & Family, Melissa Simoes, Jim Sullivan, John Sullivan, Janice Swiebocki, Francine Tackett, Connie Tirisie, Jim Trentacoste, Anthony Valencia, Cynthia Alvarez Valenzuela, Joseph Vignali

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

† Please pray for those who have died and their families - **Hal Pawlowski** †

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.

St. James Youth and Teen Formation Updates

Children's Formation



First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class



Reminder: The first class is January 8, 2025 at 6pm. Parents, please check your email for information. Save the date for the Sacrament Mass on May 24th
Registration for this class is closed.



Our next Family Formation Night is

January 8th at 6pm

The theme is

The Bible: Our Family's Story

YOUTH MINISTRY



Teen Group is for students in 9th - 12th grade. This group meets on Sundays after the 6pm Youth Mass. Please stop by the office to register. **Registration is ongoing.** Come check it out!

Dinners for the Teen Group: As mentioned previously the meeting of the Teen Group is providing dinners to help keeping the teens involved.

We would love for you to sponsor a meal for our Teen Group. From Lasagna to pizza to sandwiches, you make it, we eat it. To sign up to provide a meal you can use this QR Code:

or contact Brianna via email, brianna@stjames-greater.com.



Junior High Group is for ALL students in 7th and 8th grade. Students meet on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm and runs September to May. **Registration is ongoing.** Come join the fun!



Teen Confirmation Class:

Our next class is January 9th at 6pm.

Please remember your books!



First Reconciliation Prep. Class

Our retreat is January 18 at 10am

Please bring all completed homework.

The First Reconciliation Service is

January 25th at 10am



- ♦ Small group Bible Studies
- ♦ English and Espanol Groups
- ♦ Meeting weekly in our homes
- ♦ Days and times vary by group
- ♦ Estudios bíblicos en grupos pequeños
- ♦ Grupos en Ingles y Español
- ♦ Reunión semanal en nuestras casas
- ♦ Los días y horarios varían según el grupo

Contact bpaulsjc@gmail.com or inquire in the Parish office



OCIA at St. James

Meets again January 2nd

Do you Know God?

Do you know your place in His plan?

Do you ever have time for Him besides Sunday's Mass?

Have you received Baptism, Holy Communion, Penance and/or Confirmation?

If you answered "No" to any of these, you need OCIA!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JOHN FISHER COUNCIL #12856 GLENDALE, AZ

[St. John Fisher Council #12856 \(uknight.org\)](http://St.JohnFisherCouncil.org)

Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month

St. James Parish Hall

All Catholic Men Are Welcome



Legion of Mary

Mother of God

Meets in St. James Hall

We Are Not Meeting Dec. 24th

To Learn More

Contact Norma at (602) 565-6207

No meetings on Dec 24 and 31.



"Be not afraid!"

"Come follow me...." Prayerfully consider participating as a Liturgical Minister: *Minister of the Word, Minister of Holy Communion, and Minister of Hospitality.*

The Lord callsordinary people to do extraordinary things...

The pandemic, death, aging, illness, and moving has severely altered our liturgical ministry. We seek to grow our Liturgical team for all Masses.

The Lord calls us to Stewardship; to examine our Time and Talents and to share them with one another. **Training and Retraining is done by Appointment.**

Rosary Makers

We are not meeting on Dec. 26th

Our Lady's Rosary Makers have started to meet again. They had a successful start, but like all of our ministries they can use additional help. All supplies and instructions are provided. **Work is done on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 10:00AM until Noon in the Hall.** If interested please leave your name and phone number at the Front Office (623.581.0707) and someone will contact you.

We need your prayers.



Please prayerfully consider participating in the St. James Prayer Chain which is an informal email notification for prayer intentions. To become a participant, or "prayer partner", simply email prayerchain@stjames-greater.com. Your email address will be kept private.

Do you need prayers?

Your requests for prayers can be emailed to the same address and we will include your request in our prayers. Prayers for you, loved ones, friends, etc. Please obtain permission before submitting another person. Questions may also be sent to the above email address, or leave a message at the Parish office or 623-581-0707.

REFLECTIONS ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday we lit the third candle on the Advent wreath, the candle of joy and today we light the fourth and the last candle, the candle of Peace.

In the first reading, Prophet Micah points to Bethlehem and says that even though it is a small city, it has been destined by God to be origin and ruler of Israel. In other words, the humble and lowly city of Bethlehem is like the Blessed Virgin Mary who through her humble obedience was exalted beyond all measure and became the mother of our Savior.

Who is the Blessed Virgin Mary whom we encounter in the Gospel today? It is true that when we think and speak about the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are most of the time referring to one who has a title like, the Mother of God, Mother of the Church, Ark of the Covenant, Most Blessed of all women, Queen of Heaven, and many other titles. Moreover, the Blessed Virgin Mary we know in the history of salvation is the woman who carried Jesus in her womb, who raised him, who stood at the foot of his cross, who was present at his empty tomb on the glorious Sunday morning of the resurrection, who watched him ascend into heaven, who was present at the foundation of the church, who was assumed into heaven body and soul and constantly prays and intercedes for all of us.

However, the Blessed Virgin Mary who is presented in the Gospel today is at the start of her journey. She is that humble and innocent young woman, probably at the age of 16 or 17 who had just made a fundamental step in her life when she said "Yes" to the Angel of the Lord – "*May it be done according to your word*" (Luke 1:38)

There is a story in the history of the church about the martyrdom of St. Lawrence, which I think may help us deepen our understanding of the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our lives. St. Lawrence was a Deacon in charge of giving alms to the poor and the needy people in Rome. Before his martyrdom, he was asked to surrender all the church treasures to the prefect of Rome. Lawrence asked to be given 3 days to collect the treasure of the church and present them to the authorities. During those 3 days he quickly sold all the precious vessels and distributed the money to the poor and the needy people of Rome. On the third day he appeared before the prefect with the large group of poor people, the crippled and the lame of Rome and presented them to the prefect saying: "*These are the treasure of the church.*" The prefect was infuriated by that act and ordered Lawrence killed by being roasted on the grill.

I love the inspiring words of St. Lawrence, that "*the poor, the humble and the lowly are the real treasures of the church.*" This is what we find in the Blessed Virgin Mary. When we pray the Hail Mary, we acknowledge Mary to be the humble servant of the Lord, who is at the same time, is a great treasure for our generation. Because of this, she was found to be worthy to be the mother of our Savior. Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant – Jesus Christ. She invites us to follow Jesus on the path of obedience, humility and total surrender.

(REFLECTIONS ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Continued)

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Mother Church invites us to pray the Hail Mary with our Mother Mary. As we pray the Hail Mary, we also pay extra attention to the second mystery of the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries – the Visitation. The prayer of Hail Mary as we pray it today, has passed through a long process of modification. The first part, *"Hail Mary Full of grace, the Lord is with you!"* was used by Christians as early as the 6th century. The second part: *"Blessed are you among women and the blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus!"* was added around the 11th century and the third part: *"Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now at the hour of our death. Amen!"* Was added after the Council of Trent in 1568.

The question we take with us home today is, how often do we pray the Hail Mary?

- Some of us maybe pray the Hail Mary frequently on daily basis, especially during the Rosary.
- Some of us, maybe pray it as part of our daily prayers, or on any other appropriate occasion.
- If it is not your habit or someone you know to pray the Hail Mary on daily basis, I invite you to say it in bits on the cause of the day.
- I can assure you that there are abundant benefits promised by our Lady to those who devotedly say the *"Hail Mary!"*

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who visited Elizabeth also visit us and our families during Christmas and continue to intercede for us.

Father Ben

Gospel - Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord

REFLEXIONES SOBRE EL CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.

Hoy celebramos el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. El domingo pasado encendimos la tercera vela de la corona de Adviento, la vela de la alegría y hoy encendemos la cuarta y última vela, la vela del Amor.

En la primera lectura, el profeta Miqueas señala a Belén y dice que aunque es una ciudad pequeña, ha sido destinada por Dios para ser origen y gobernante de Israel. En otras palabras, la humilde y pequeña ciudad de Belén es como la Santísima Virgen María quien por su humilde obediencia fue exhortada sin medida y llegó a ser madre de nuestro Salvador.

¿Quién es la Santísima Virgen María que encontramos hoy en el Evangelio? Es cierto que cuando pensamos y hablamos de la Santísima Virgen María, la mayoría de las veces nos referimos a alguien que tiene un título como: Madre de Dios, Madre de la Iglesia, Arca de la Alianza, Bendita entre todas las mujeres, Reina del Cielo y muchos otros títulos. Además, la Santísima Virgen María que conocemos en la historia de la salvación es la mujer que llevó a Jesús en su seno, quien lo crio, quien estuvo al pie de su cruz, quien estuvo presente ante su tumba vacía en la gloriosa mañana del domingo de la resurrección, que lo vio ascender al cielo, que estuvo presente en la fundación de la iglesia, quien fue asumida al cielo en cuerpo y alma y que constantemente ora e intercede por todos nosotros.

Sin embargo, la Santísima Virgen María que hoy se presenta en el Evangelio se encuentra en el inicio de su camino. Ella es aquella joven humilde e inocente, probablemente de 16 o 17 años, que acababa de dar un paso fundamental en su vida cuando dijo “Sí” al Ángel del Señor – “Hágase según tu palabra”. (Lucas 1:38)

Hay una historia en la historia de la iglesia sobre el martirio de San Lorenzo, que creo que, puede ayudarnos a profundizar nuestra comprensión del papel de la Santísima Virgen María en nuestras vidas. San Lorenzo era un diácono encargado de dar limosna a los pobres y necesitados en Roma. Antes de su martirio, se le pidió que entregara todos los tesoros de la iglesia al prefecto de Roma. San Lorenzo pidió que le dieran 3 días para recoger el tesoro de la iglesia y presentarlo a las autoridades. Durante esos 3 días vendió rápidamente todos los vasos preciosos y distribuyó el dinero entre los pobres y necesitados de Roma. Al tercer día se presentó ante el prefecto con el gran grupo de pobres, lisiados y cojos de Roma y se los presentó al prefecto diciendo: “Estos son el tesoro de la iglesia”. El prefecto se enfureció por ese acto y ordenó matar a San Lorenzo asándolo a la parrilla.

Me encantan las inspiradoras palabras de San Lorenzo de que “los pobres, los humildes y los humildes son los verdaderos tesoros de la Iglesia”. Esto es lo que encontramos en la Santísima Virgen María. Cuando rezamos el Ave María, reconocemos a María como la humilde sierva del Señor, que es al mismo tiempo un gran tesoro para nuestra generación. Por esto fue considerada digna de ser madre de nuestro Salvador. María es el Arca de la Nueva Alianza – Jesucristo. Nos invita a seguir a Jesús por el camino de la obediencia, la humildad y la entrega total.

REFLEXIONES SOBRE EL CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO. (Continuado)

En el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, la Madre Iglesia nos invita a rezar el Ave María con nuestra Madre María. Mientras rezamos el Ave María, también prestamos especial atención al segundo misterio de los Misterios Gozosos del Rosario: la Visitación. La oración del Ave María, tal como la rezamos hoy, ha pasado por un largo proceso de modificación. La primera parte, “¡Ave María Llena eres de gracia, el Señor está contigo!” Fue utilizado por los cristianos ya en el siglo VI. La segunda parte: “¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús!” se añadió hacia el siglo XI y la tercera parte: “Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores ahora en la hora de nuestra muerte. ¡Amén! Fue añadido después del Consejo de Trent en 1568.

La pregunta que hoy nos llevamos a casa es: ¿con qué frecuencia rezamos el Ave María?

- Algunos de nosotros tal vez rezamos el Ave María con frecuencia a diario, especialmente durante el Rosario.
- Algunos de nosotros, tal vez lo rezamos como parte de nuestras oraciones diarias, o en cualquier otra ocasión apropiada.
- Si no es tu costumbre o la de alguien que conoces rezar el Ave María diariamente, te invito a decirlo en pedacitos sobre el curso del día.
- Puedo asegurarles que son abundantes los beneficios prometidos por Nuestra Señora a quienes rezan con devoción el “¡Ave María!”

Que la Santísima Virgen María, que visitó a Isabel, también nos visite a nosotros y a nuestras familias durante la Navidad y continúe intercediendo por nosotros.

Padre Ben

Evangelio - Lc 1, 39-45

En aquellos días, María se encaminó presurosa a un pueblo de las montañas de Judea y, entrando en la casa de Zacarías, saludó a Isabel. En cuanto ésta oyó el saludo de María, la creatura saltó en su seno.

Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo y, levantando la voz, exclamó: “¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! ¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno. Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor”. Con éstas y otras muchas exhortaciones anunciaba al pueblo la buena nueva.



FELLOWSHIP IN ST JAMES HALL

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING

THE 7:30, 9:00 AND 11:00 MASSES!



Amazon Charity Lists

(catholiccharitiesaz.org)

Under "Central Program" List
look for

Refugee Resettlement / UMP



What Can I Do
To Help Stop Abortion?

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ST. JAMES GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Do you need gifts for people out of state? How about the difficult to buy for person? Support St James by purchasing gift cards from the St James Gift Card Program. Hundreds of cards are available. An Order will be placed on Sunday, December 8th, and should be ready for pick up December 16th or 17th.

There is NO cost to you and

This is an easy way to support St James

You pay only the face value of the card. St James receives a percentage of the card at NO cost to you. This is just a small example of what is available:

Please have your orders into the office by Sunday, January 19th.

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

Questions? Contact Irene Molette at the Office, 623.581.0707



SVdP News:

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the SVdP, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting, and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood. Thank you so much for your generous donations to last week's SVdP collection.

This week our pantry needs canned fruit, toilet paper and egg cartons.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."
John F. Kennedy

Gift Shop

FEATURE ITEM:

This lovely Remembrance Angel wind chime is petite with gentle sounding chime.

Message says, "I am with you always."

Cookie and Christmas sale continues this weekend. Gift Shop will be closed on Dec. 22nd.

After Christmas Sale Starting Dec. 29th.

Wishing everyone a Blest and Joyous Christmas.



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

The Gift Shop is open Sundays 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Also Open by Appointment

Follow us on Instagram @stjamesgiftshop

Visit St. James' Gift Shop Online!

<https://www.stjamesgreatergiftshop.org>



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



AZ Tax Credit Donation to SVdP

We are asking you to consider donating to St. Vincent de Paul at St. James through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit.

A single persons can donate up to \$470 and married couples can donate up to \$938.

You would then complete Arizona State tax return Form 321, code 20540 when completing your 2024 tax return prior to 4/15/25.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

My dear Parish Family,

At last, the period of waiting is over and it's time to wish each other Merry Christmas. I would like to take this moment to wish the family of God here at St. James a Merry Christmas. We have just concluded the Advent season where each Sunday we reflected on the life of the newborn child relating it with the virtues Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. I pray that all these virtues will fill your life and the lives of our families in every way this Christmas and beyond.

The story of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is a reminder to us all that God came to live among us, to be close to us, and to save us from our sins. Jesus gave himself to us as a gift. It is a story that rings the bell today. He is close to us because he lives in our hearts where he continues to be a gift to us. Jesus does not keep us at a distance from Him. Because of his presence in each one of us, we are also present and connected with each other.

As we celebrate the Nativity of Christ, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, our faith community, friends and neighbors. I take this opportunity to most sincerely thank you as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help. My special gratitude goes to our volunteers who are involved in so many outreaches and do such a wonderful job in serving our parish community with our various needs. Moreover you serve with much enthusiasm and commitment. I hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and a blessed time during the Christmas season. We the Clergy and the members of staff we will always remain grateful. On behalf of Fr. Felix, Fr. Godwin and I, we say thank you for the many presents we received during this Christmas Season.

Lastly, I want to let you know that I will be traveling back home to spend some time with my family, leaving the day after Christmas.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2025 and may God bless you abundantly.

Father Ben

MENSAJE DE NAVIDAD.

Mi querida familia parroquial,

Por fin, el período de espera ha terminado y es hora de desearse Feliz Navidad. Me gustaría aprovechar este momento para desearle a la familia de Dios aquí en St. James una Feliz Navidad. Acabamos de concluir el tiempo de Adviento donde cada domingo reflexionamos sobre la vida del recién nacido relacionándola con las virtudes Esperanza, Paz, Alegría y Amor. Oro para que todas estas virtudes llenen tu vida y la vida de nuestras familias en todos los sentidos esta Navidad y más allá.

La historia del nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo es un recordatorio para todos nosotros de que Dios vino a vivir entre nosotros, a estar cerca de nosotros y a salvarnos de nuestros pecados. Jesús se entregó a nosotros como regalo y hasta el día de hoy es significativo y viviente. Él está cerca de nosotros porque vive en nuestros corazones, donde sigue siendo un regalo para nosotros. Jesús no nos mantiene alejados de Él. Por su presencia en cada uno de nosotros, también estamos presentes y conectados unos con otros.

Al celebrar la Natividad de Cristo, permanecemos eternamente agradecidos a Dios por todas las bendiciones, especialmente por los regalos de la vida, la familia, nuestra comunidad de fe, amigos y vecinos. Aprovecho esta oportunidad para agradecerles sinceramente porque ha sido una gran bendición para nuestra parroquia al estar activo y apoyarnos con sus donaciones de su tiempo, talentos y ayuda financiera oportuna. Mi agradecimiento especial a nuestros voluntarios que participan en tantas extras actividades, haciendo un trabajo tan maravilloso al servir a nuestra comunidad parroquial con nuestras diversas necesidades. Además sirven con mucho entusiasmo y compromiso. Espero y oro para que pasen un tiempo maravilloso y bendecido durante la temporada navideña. Nosotros, el Clero y los miembros del personal, siempre estaremos agradecidos. En nombre del P. Félix, P. Godwin y yo agradecemos los muchos regalos que recibimos durante esta temporada navideña.

Por último quiero comentarles que viajaré de regreso a casa para pasar un tiempo con mi familia, saliendo el día después de Navidad.

Les deseo a todos una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo 2025 y que Dios los bendiga abundantemente.

Padre Ben



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<https://catholicsay.com/pope-francis-enjoys-viral-nativity-image-called-let-mum-rest/>

Pope Francis enjoyed a viral Nativity image called "Let Mum Rest" or "Let's let Mommy Sleep."

Says the Christmas creche is a living Gospel, a domestic Gospel, that offers an invitation: Jesus, come in!

Pope Francis said that for his birthday on December 17, he was shown a unique Nativity scene, dubbed "Let Mum Rest." In the depiction, which has been making the rounds this year on social media, Mary is sleeping and Joseph is holding a tired Baby with his arms outstretched in a typical newborn pose.

The pope said the image shows "the tenderness of a family, of a marriage."

El Papa Francisco disfrutó de una imagen viral de la Natividad llamada "Dejemos que mamá descanse" o "Dejemos que mamá duerma".

Dice que el pesebre navideño es un evangelio vivo, un evangelio doméstico, que ofrece una invitación: ¡Jesús, entra!

El Papa Francisco dijo que para su cumpleaños, el 17 de diciembre, le mostraron un belén único, denominado "Deja que mamá descanse". En la representación, que ha estado circulando este año en las redes sociales, María está durmiendo y José sostiene a un bebé cansado con los brazos extendidos en una pose típica de recién nacido.

El Papa dijo que la imagen muestra "la ternura de una familia, de un matrimonio".



We Wish You and Yours a Merry Christmas
Te deseamos a tí y a los tuyos una Feliz Navidad

Father Ben
Father Félix
Deacon Frank
Deacon Ron
Sister Sophie
Terri
Brianna
James
Mike

Kristy
Rene
Joanne
Martín
Jose
Chris
Gretchen
Mary Ann
Thelia

Irene
Bobbi
Carol
Angie
Grace