



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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

VII Domingo Ordinario

February 23, 2025 / 23 de Febrero de 2025

“... Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31

Giving Statements for 2024 are available at the Office, please stop by and pick yours up. Thank you for your continued generosity!
Las declaraciones de donaciones para 2024 están disponibles en la oficina, visítenos y recoja la suya. ¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!

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 - 8:15AM-2:00PM /

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

Friday - 9:00AM-Noon / Saturday - 2:00PM-4:00PM

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.

WED., MARCH 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY

AFTER 5PM MASS SOUP, BREAD AND WATER SUPPER

FRI., MARCH 7 - FISH FRYs BEGIN

FRI., MARCH 7 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEGIN /

VIERNES 7 DE MARZO - COMIENZA EL VÍA CRUCIS

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

WED., FEB. 26TH AT 9AM MOM'S CONFESSION

AT 6PM RECONCILIATION, ENDS AT 6:45PM

SAT., MAR 1ST AT 8AM CHECK IN FOR YOUTH RETREAT

AT 8AM RUMMAGE SORTING

AT 11AM FUNERAL FOR JIM SULLIVAN

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., Feb 24 8:00AM DAILY MASS

Tue., Feb 25



8:00AM - DAILY MASS

9:00AM - 11:00AM Safe Environment Training Status

12:00PM - 2:00PM Hooks and Needles

2:00PM - 3:30PM Legion of Mary

6:00PM - 7:30PM Junior High Group

Wed., Feb 26

8:00AM Rummage Sorting

9:00AM - 10:00AM Mom's Confession

6:00PM - 6:45PM RECONCILIATION

6:00PM - 7:30 Catechist Training

6:00PM - First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class

7:00PM - DAILY MASS

Thu., Feb 27



8:00AM - DAILY MASS

9:00AM - 11:00AM Safe Environment Training Status

10:00AM - 12:00PM Rosary Makers

5:00PM - 6:30PM Español Coro Practicar

6:00PM - 7:30PM Teen Confirmation Class

6:30PM - 8:00PM OCIA

6:30PM - 8:00PM Cursillo

7:00PM - 8:00PM English Choir Practice

Fri., Feb 28

8:00AM-DAILY MASS

8:30AM ADORATION

1:00PM - Retreat Set-up

4:00PM BENEDICTION

Sat., Mar 1

8:00AM-DAILY MASS

8:00AM - 8:30AM Youth Retreat Check-in

8:00AM - 9:00AM Rummage Sorting

11:00AM - Jim Sullivan's Funeral

2:00PM - 3:30 RECONCILIATION

2:30PM - 3:30PM Choir Rehearsal

4:00PM - VIGIL MASS

5:00PM - 7:00PM African Choir Rehearsal

9:00PM - Youth Retreat Completed

Sun., Mar 2

MASSES: 7:30 AM; 9:00AM, 11:00AM (Children's Mass),

1:00PM (Español, CLOW), 6:00PM Mass (Youth)

8:00 - 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal

By Appointment: Safe Environment Training Status

7:00PM - 8:30PM Teen Group

OFFERTORY

Sunday, February 16, 2025 Offertory:
\$11,002.90

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.	24-Feb	8:00 AM	Legion of Mary	Special Intention	Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29	
Tues	25-Feb	8:00 AM	Mary Ann Barrios	Deceased	Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37	
Weds.	26-Feb	7:00PM	Chris Brennan	Special Intention	Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40	
Thurs.	27-Feb	8:00 AM	Sharon Cheng	Deceased	Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50	Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Fri.	28-Feb	8:00 AM	James Sullivan	Deceased	Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12	
Sat.	1-Mar	8:00 AM	Leg Mother of God Members and Family	Special Intention	Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16	
		4:00PM	Christina Costa	Deceased		
Sun.	2-Mar	7:30 AM	John Donovan	Deceased	Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 AM	St. James Parishioners			
		11:00 AM	Jose Alonsot & Manuelita Granilb	Deceased		
		1:00 PM	Miguel Rodriguez	Deceased		
		6:00 PM	Dominic Danh Phan	Deceased		



Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

Mar 30
Apr 27
May 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

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 Matrimonio

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, 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, Betty Gallegos, 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, Leslie Irwin, Ann Iusi, 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, Joy Navoa, Margaret Ndungu, Bill Onacki, Joe Ornelas, Eudocia Orozco, Charles Palame, Peter Palame, Vince Paul, Carolyn Pawlowski, Scott Pawlowski, Vanessa Perez-Bustos, Ken Pritchett, Elizabeth Ornelas Racanelli, Mia Racanelli, Vinnie Racanelli, Gabriel Reed, Lauren Rodriguez, Joe Ronelas, Larry Ryan, Eduardo Serna & Family, Melissa Simoes, John Sullivan, Janice Swiebocki, Francine Tackett, Connie Tirisie, Jim Trentacoste, Anthony Valencia, Cynthia Alvarez Valenzuela, Joseph Vignali, Judy Werntz

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

† Please pray for those who have died and their families Sean McCarty†

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DIOCESE'S SEMINARIANS, AND IN PARTICULAR ST. JAMES' TWO SEMINARIANS, ULENGABE MANGYE AND NATHAN MILLER

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 next

class is **February 26th at 6pm**. Parents,
please check your email for information.

Save the date for the Sacrament Mass on
May 24th

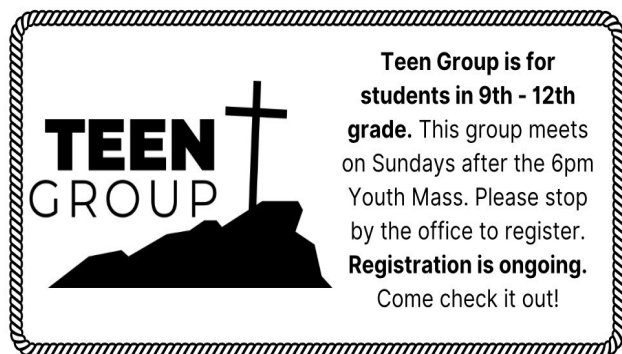
Registration for this class is closed.



**Our next Family Formation Night is
March 5th at 6pm**

**The theme is
The Church and
Our Journey To Heaven**

YOUTH MINISTRY



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.

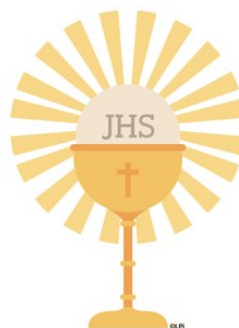


Teen Confirmation Class:

Our next class is February 27 at 6pm.

Please remember your books!

**Please pray for the
students who are
preparing to
receive First
Communion and
Confirmation on
May 24, 2025**





- 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

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://uknight.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
Tuesdays at 2:00PM

To Learn More
Contact Norma at (602) 565-6207



Our ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Tues. from noon (light luncheon) to 2 pm. We create beautiful beanies, booties, Baby blankets, and more to benefit outreach programs as well as for St. James. Please join us and bring your smile, your enthusiasm and, of course, your craft.



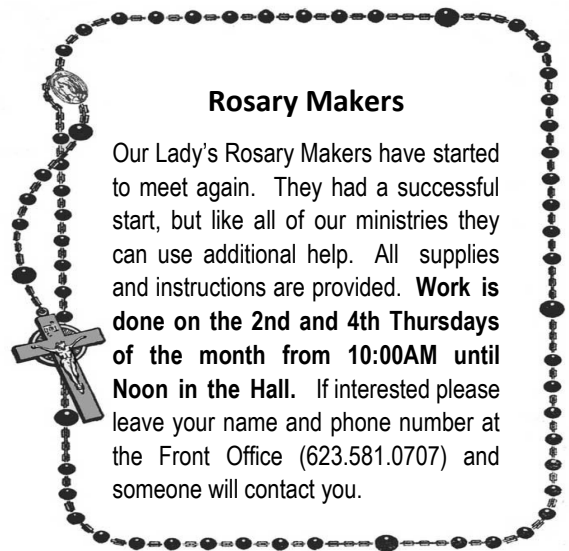
"Be not afraid!"

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

The Lord calls**ordinary people to do extra-ordinary 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

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.

Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

**REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD.
SEVENTH SUNDAY.**

This weekend we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. Mother church continues with her catechesis on discipleship. Two weeks ago (on the fifth Sunday), we focused our meditation on our responses to various vocations. We acknowledged that "*God does not call qualified but qualifies the called.*" Last Sunday, (the Sixth Sunday), Jesus presented to us the new way of attaining blessed life – the Beatitudes. The negative aspects of our life like poverty, hunger and weeping can be turned into blessedness when they are embraced, with the help of God, in humility and simplicity. On this Sunday, you and I, as disciples of Jesus, are presented with another principle to guide our life. It is a Golden Rule: "*Do unto others as you would have them do to you*" (Luke 6:31).

The narrative about the feud between David and Saul, which is found in the first reading, sends chills down our spines and gives us goosebumps. Saul had been hunting for David, intending to kill him. As a result, David and his companions were on constant run. On one occasion, as it is presented in today's reading, David was on close proximity with Saul and his aids were deep asleep. One would expect David to use that opportunity to strike Saul dead. On the contrary, David did not do that. He told Abishai his servant not to kill Saul. "*Do not harm him, for who can lay a hand on the Lord's anointed and remain innocent*" (1 Samuel 26:9). David spared the life of Saul, because he recognized in him the seal of anointment. Twice in today's reading, David speaks about the importance of the Lord's anointed one. "*Do not lay your hand on the Lords anointed... Do not harm the Lord's anointed*" (1 Samuel 26:9,11). My dear friends, during Baptism we were anointed as Kings, Prophets, and Priests. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we share in the mission of Jesus who is "The Anointed of the Lord" *The Christ*.

David teaches us about the sacredness of life, which originates and have ultimate end in God. Every human being is the anointed of the Lord and has the right to life. The Lord says: "*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you*" (Jeremiah 1:5). We were created by God out of his own love and will and we are supposed to leave this world when God wills. To be a Christian, therefore, is to be PRO-LIFE. We are called upon to protect life by all means from the womb to the tomb. Surely, my friends, the Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103), as we have prayed in today's Responsorial Psalm. It is this same kindness and mercy, which all of us Christians are invited to manifest in the practice of our faith and how we can conduct our daily business.

Jesus introduces a new way on how we should relate to each other. He does not change the Law of Moses, which is summarized in the 10 commandments. He does not remove the law of the love of God and neighbor, because it is the greatest commandment. In addition to this Jesus wants his disciples to take a step further. He gives a unique Christian identity. He wants us to practice the **Golden Rule**. "*Do unto others as you would have them do to you*" (Luke 6:31). In other words, the yardstick for our moral and ethical excellence starts with how we treat other people and not how we expect them to treat us. This is what distinguishes a Christian from other people. Are you ready for the challenge?

Most people in the world today want to live in a bubble. They want to live with all the possible comfort and security, without taking the trouble of facing the challenges that arise in human relations. Today Jesus is asking us to come out of the bubble and turn the other cheek to those who strike us. He wants us to forgive our enemies. He wants us to extend a loving and kind hand to those who hate us. He wants us to pray for those who mistreat us. This way of living is easier said than done. However, with God's help it is possible. We have living examples to prove that it is possible. We have living examples to prove that it is possible with God. Allow me to mention a few:

- **John Paul II** – on May 13, 1981, Mehmet Agca attempted to assassinate Pope John Paul II. Luckily enough he survived, and Mehmet was arrested and imprisoned. On December 27, 1982, Pope John Paul II visited him in prison. The two met in private and talked. The Pope forgave his would-be assassin, leaving a powerful teaching to all of us: to forgive those who harm us.
- **Immaculate Ilibagiza** – is a Rwandese woman who survived the 1994 Rwanda genocide. She spent some years as refugee in the USA. When the genocide was over, she went back to Rwanda and shook hands with the man who killed her parents.

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You and I also can practice **The Golden Rule**, starting not with big things and send shock waves to the world, but with little acts of kindness, mercy, and forgiveness. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta says: "*We are called to do little things with greater love.*"

May our Lord Jesus Christ give us the grace to be his true disciples. May we do unto others as we would wish them do to us. Amen.

Evangelio - Lucas 6, 27-38

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los aborrecen, bendigan a quienes los maldicen y oren por quienes los difaman. Al que te golpee en una mejilla, preséntale la otra; al que te quite el manto, déjalo llevarse también la túnica. Al que te pida, dale; y al que se lleve lo tuyo, no se lo reclames.

Traten a los demás como quieran que los traten a ustedes; porque si aman sólo a los que los aman, ¿qué hacen de extraordinario? También los pecadores aman a quienes los aman. Si hacen el bien sólo a los que les hacen el bien, ¿qué tiene de extraordinario? Lo mismo hacen los pecadores. Si prestan solamente cuando esperan cobrar, ¿qué hacen de extraordinario? También los pecadores prestan a otros pecadores, con la intención de cobrárselo después.

Ustedes, en cambio, amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien y presten sin esperar recompensa. Así tendrán un gran premio y serán hijos del Altísimo, porque él es bueno hasta con los malos y los ingratos. Sean misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso.

No juzguen y no serán juzgados; no condenen y no serán condenados; perdonen y serán perdonados. Den y se les dará: recibirán una medida buena, bien sacudida, apretada y rebosante en los pliegues de su túnica. Porque con la misma medida con que midan, serán medidos".

**REFLEXIÓN SOBRE LA PALABRA DE DIOS.
SÉPTIMO DOMINGO.**

Este fin de semana celebramos el Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario del año litúrgico. La iglesia madre continúa con su catequesis sobre el discípulo. Hace dos semanas (el quinto domingo), centramos nuestra meditación en nuestras respuestas a varias vocaciones. Reconocimos que "Dios no llama a los capacitados sino que capacita a los llamados". El domingo pasado (el sexto domingo), Jesús nos presentó la nueva forma de alcanzar una vida bienaventurada: las Bienaventuranzas. Los aspectos negativos de nuestra vida como la pobreza, el hambre y el llanto pueden convertirse en bienaventuranza cuando se abrazan, con la ayuda de Dios, con humildad y sencillez. En este domingo, a ti y a mí, como discípulos de Jesús, se nos presenta otro principio para guiar nuestra vida. Es una regla de oro: "Haz a los demás como quieres que te hagan a ti" (Lucas 6:31).

La narración sobre la enemistad entre David y Saúl, que se encuentra en la primera lectura, nos provoca escalofríos y nos pone la piel de gallina. Saúl había estado buscando a David con la intención de matarlo. Como resultado, David y sus compañeros tenían que huir constantemente. En una ocasión, como se presenta en la lectura de hoy, David estaba muy cerca de Saúl y sus ayudantes estaban profundamente dormidos. Uno esperaba que David aprovechara esa oportunidad para matar a Saúl. Al contrario, David no hizo eso. Le dijo a Abisai su siervo que no matara a Saúl. "No le hagáis daño, porque ¿quién podrá tocar al ungido del Señor y quedar inocente?" (1 Samuel 26:9). David perdonó la vida a Saúl, porque reconoció en él el sello de la unción. Dos veces en la lectura de hoy, David habla de la importancia del ungido del Señor. "No extiendas tu mano sobre el ungido del Señor... No hagas daño al ungido del Señor" (1 Samuel 26:9,11). Queridos amigos, durante el Bautismo fuimos ungidos como Reyes, Profetas y Sacerdotes. A través del Sacramento del Bautismo, compartimos la misión de Jesús quien es "El Ungido del Señor" El Cristo.

David nos enseña sobre el carácter sagrado de la vida, que se origina y tiene fin último en Dios. Todo ser humano es el ungido del Señor y tiene derecho a la vida. El Señor dice: "Antes que te formase en el vientre, te conocí, y antes que nacieras, te santifiqué" (Jeremías 1:5). Fuimos creados por Dios por su propio amor y voluntad y se supone que debemos dejar este mundo cuando Dios quiera. Ser cristiano, por tanto, es ser PROVIDA. Estamos llamados a proteger la vida por todos los medios desde el útero hasta la tumba. Seguramente, amigos míos, el Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso (Salmo 103), como hemos orado en el Salmo responsorial de hoy. Es esta misma bondad y misericordia que todos los cristianos estamos invitados a manifestar en la práctica de nuestra fe y en la forma en que podemos llevar a cabo nuestros asuntos diarios.

Jesús introduce una nueva forma de relacionarnos unos con otros. No cambia la Ley de Moisés, que se resume en los 10 mandamientos. No elimina la ley del amor a Dios y al prójimo, porque es el mandamiento más grande. Además, Jesús quiere que sus discípulos den un paso más. Da una identidad cristiana única. Quiere que practiquemos la Regla de Oro. "Haz a los demás como te gustaría que te hicieran a ti" (Lucas 6:31). En otras palabras, el criterio de nuestra excelencia moral y ética comienza con cómo tratamos a otras personas y no cómo esperamos que nos traten a nosotros. Esto es lo que distingue a un cristiano de otras personas. ¿Estás listo para el desafío?

La mayoría de la gente en el mundo hoy quiere vivir en una burbuja. Quieren vivir con todas las comodidades y seguridad posibles, sin tomarse la molestia de afrontar los desafíos que surgen en las relaciones humanas. Hoy Jesús nos pide que salgamos de la burbuja y pongamos la otra mejilla a quienes nos golpean. Quiere que perdonemos a nuestros enemigos. Él quiere que extendamos una mano amorosa y bondadosa a quienes nos odian. Quiere que oremos por quienes nos maltratan. Esta forma de vida es más fácil de decir que de hacer. Sin embargo, con la ayuda de Dios es posible. Tenemos ejemplos vivos que demuestran que es posible. Tenemos ejemplos vivos que demuestran que con Dios es posible. Permítanme mencionar algunos:

- Juan Pablo II – el 13 de mayo de 1981, Mehmet Agca intentó asesinar al Papa Juan Pablo II. Afortunadamente sobrevivió y Mehmet fue arrestado y encarcelado. El 27 de diciembre de 1982 el Papa Juan Pablo II lo visitó en prisión. Los dos se reunieron en privado y hablaron. El Papa perdonó a su posible asesino y nos dejó a todos una poderosa enseñanza: perdonar a quienes nos hacen daño.
- Inmaculada Ilibagiza – es una mujer ruandesa que sobrevivió al genocidio de Ruanda de 1994. Pasó algunos años como refugiada en Estados Unidos. Cuando terminó el genocidio, regresó a Ruanda y estrechó la mano del hombre que mató a sus padres.

Tú y yo también podemos practicar La Regla de Oro, comenzando no con grandes cosas y enviando ondas de choque al mundo, sino con pequeños actos de bondad, misericordia y perdón. Como dice la Madre Teresa de Calcuta: "Estamos llamados a hacer las pequeñas cosas con mayor amor".

Que nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos dé la gracia de ser sus verdaderos discípulos. Que hagamos a los demás como nos gustaría que nos hicieran a nosotros. Amén.



FELLOWSHIP IN ST JAMES HALL

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING

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



Amazon Charity Lists

(catholiccharitiesaz.org)

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look for

Refugee Resettlement / UMP



What Can I Do
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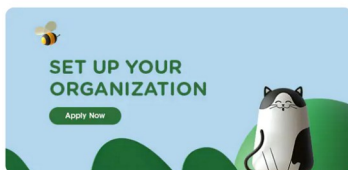
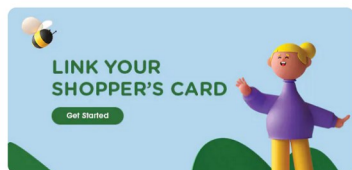
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St. James can earn Cash from Fry's via
your linking your Fry's Card to St. James.

Many Thanks to the participating St. James Parishioners! Our Thanks to those who have Already Linked their cards to St. James!

Frys Community Rewards - Fry's Food Stores (frysfood.com)



SVdP News:

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Thank you for your generous donations in last week's collection, your support enables us to assist the poor and needy in our area.

This week our pantry needs tuna, canned chicken and pasta sauce, and peanut butter.

"Any concern too small to be turned into prayer is too small to be made into a burden."

Corrie Ten Boom

GIFT SHOP

However, there will be a table outside of the front doors with merchandise for sale."

FEATURE ITEM: A few baptism gowns are available.

One infant dress with hat in ecru is also available.



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.

Wonderfully Made Youth Retreat



March 1, 2025

Check in: 8:00am - 8:30am

Check out: 9:00pm

Location: St. James Parish Hall

Ages: 13 - 17 years old



Registration Fee: \$25

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included

Come for fun, fellowship and learning more about who we are in the eyes of Christ!



**Scan to
Register**

Questions? Please contact Brianna Chavez
via email: brianna@stjames-greater.com



"I praise you, because I am
wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works!
My very self you know."
Psalm 139:14



**CHARITY AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPEAL**

When you give to the Charity & Development Appeal you support the work of more than 70 organizations and ministries in our Diocese, transforming the lives of thousands of people. Together, we can put our faith into action. Together, we can do more than any one parish or person can do. Blessed are you!

Hope
Does Not Disappoint

"Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

-ROMANS 5:5



Youth Ministry and religious education in the diocese provide a safe place to ask the tough questions and walk alongside kids, teens, and young adults as they discover and embrace their faith and Catholic teaching. Ministers and catechists connect with young people as they seek to grow in their faith and become active disciples of Christ. Through robust religious education and youth ministries we can invite and encourage kids, teens, and young adults to know and love Jesus.



Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) supports the elderly and vulnerable adults. The **ACTIVATE** program aims to help those navigating healthcare alone by providing support through a Patient Care Advocate accompanying them on their safe transition from hospital to home and guiding through access to resources, education materials, and necessary medical equipment to reduce hospital readmission rates.



Nazareth Seminary is creating a new path to priesthood focused on the Holy Family, where young men discerning the priesthood live in a household setting alongside formator priests. They share daily meals, prayer, and study, while experiencing a joyful fraternal community. A **record 50 seminarians** are studying to be priests in the Diocese of Phoenix's Nazareth Seminary program.



"Seminary is a school of love."

- JOSE MUÑOZ, SEMINARIAN

Come Join Us for Pray and Play

Join us in food, fellowship, and fun while our wonderful
Priests offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Change this month only to Wed., Feb., 26th From 9AM to 10AM

Contact Ashley Parker at Amparke92@outlook.com for more info.

Lent: A time of fasting, abstinence and almsgiving.
Join us for a simple supper of bread, soup and
water immediately after the 5pm Mass of Ash
Wednesday, March 5th.



Cuaresma: Tiempo de ayuno, abstinencia y limosna.
Únase a nosotros para una cena sencilla de pan,
sopa y agua inmediatamente después de la Misa
del Miércoles de Ceniza a las 5 p.m., 5 de marzo.

**Wednesday, March 5th
is the start of Lent.**

**Miércoles 5 de marzo
es el comienzo de la Cuaresma.**



**Will start March 7th at 5PM
Comenzará el 7 de marzo a las 5 p.m.**

**Estaciones de la Cruz
En Español a las 6:00 p. m. el Viernes**

**Stations of the Cross
In English at 7:00PM Friday**



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Now
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3 Easy Ways to Enter:

Bring completed raffle ticket to office; or
Scan the QR Code; or Online at
stjamesgreater.rallyup.com/pinetop2025

Prize Drawing on Friday, April 25th, 2025

Vacation Raffle

Win a 7-day stay at the
Roundhouse Resort in the
White Mountains of Pinetop
June 13-20, 2025



While at home on vacation Father Ben learned that the young ladies of Zeu Primary School were using the sewing machines you purchased for their making of menstrual pads are now also be used to make skirts and dresses.

Father also learned that pads are also being made and distributed to other schools in the area.

Thank you again St. James Parishioners for your very generous support of the 2024 St. James' Lenten Project! Your donations have made a stupendous change not only in the lives of the young ladies who attend Zeu Primary School, but also in the lives of the young ladies in other schools in the diocese.



FREE EVENT

Shalom World
Lenten MISSION
Phoenix · 2025

"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself"
(John 12:32)

MARCH 27 | 28

THU 6:00PM TO 8:30PM | FRI 6:00PM TO 8:30PM

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
19640 N 35TH AVENUE GLENDALE AZ 85308

SPEAKER
Fr George Antony OP

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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.

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, March 16th.

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

Questions? Contact Irene Molette at the Office, 623.581.0707

The Pastoral Council arranged for a Day of Reflection for our Volunteers. Almost 100 of our volunteers took advantage of the opportunity to hear Deacons Fernando and Antonio do bilingual presentations about Conversion and Service. The day ended with a luncheon.

Services:

We offer a range of:

- Personal Care
- Non-skilled nursing
- Housekeeping
- Meal Preparation
- Socialization
- Transportation
- Hospice Care
- Medication Reminders and Support.

DAINABEL HOMECARE AGENCY

602-813-6083
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CELEBRATION

When planning an event, no matter how large, or how small, have you thought of using the St. James Hall?

The hall provides a convenient place to gather family and friends.

Interested, contact the St. James Office, 623.581.0707.