

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.

Second Sunday of Lent / II Domingo de Cuaresma

March 16, 2025 / 16 de Marzo de 2025



St. James Parish is experiencing Phone and Internet Problems.

We are unable to Receive or Make Phone Calls and Unable to Receive E-Mail Messages.

We have notified our contractor for those services.

At this time we are unable to tell you when the problem will be resolved.

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 - 8:00AM-1:00PM /

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.

OUT OF RESPECT

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO COOPERATE WITH THE SECURITY TEAM WHEN THEY ASK YOU <u>NOT</u> 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

Fri., 21 Mar., 5PM - 6:50 Fish Fry

6PM ESTACIONES DEL VÍA

CRUCIS EN ESPAÑOL

7PM English Stations of the Cross

Leads: Liturgical Ministries

(Altar Servers, EMs, Lectors, Hospitality,

Choir)

Thurs. 27 9:30AM

Active Shooter Class Especially timed for those who do not drive at night.

The CDA Drive Continues, please contribute if you haven't already

YOUR ST. JAMES STAFF

† Pastor Fr. Ben Onegiu, AJ † Parochial Vicar Fr. Felix Kauta, AJ † Deacons Dcn. Frank Devine

† Sisters in Residence Dcn. Ron TenBarge

† Sr. Betty Banja, S.H.S.

Sr. Rose Santa Acan, S.H.S

• Office Manager Kristy Hillhouse Ext. 101

Administrative Assistant Terri Simonetta
• Director Liturgy & RE Sr. Sophie Lado, S.H.S.

Formation Assistant
Youth Minister

• Director of Music
Assistant Music Director

Formation Assistant
Brianna Chavez
James Poppleton
Mike Giacalone

• Receptionist Joanne Trentacoste

Facilities Manager
 Maintenance
 Martin Sanchez
 Jose Millan

• SET Coordinator Christina Metelski

• **Gift Shop** Mary Ann Zimmerman Ext 120

Funeral Coordinator Deacon Frank Devine
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• Communications Coordinator Thelia Morris

• Office Volunteers Carol Brown

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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: Pastoral Council@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., Mar 17 ST. PATRICK 8:00AM DAILY MASS

Tue., Mar 18 8:00AM - DAILY MASS

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

2:30PM - 3:30PM Legion of Mary 6:00PM - 7:30PM Junior High Group 6:00PM - K of C Leadership Meeting

Wed., Mar 19

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

8:00AM Rummage Sorting

6:00PM - First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class

7:00PM - DAILY MASS

Thu., Mar 20 8:00AM - DAILY MASS

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

9:00AM - 10:00AM Mom's Confessions 5:00PM - 6:30PM Español Coro Practicar 6:00PM - 7:30PM Teen Confirmation Class

6:30PM - 8:00PM OCIA

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

Fri., Mar 21

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8:30*i* 4:00l 5:00F 6:00F

8:00AM-DAILY MASS 8:30AM ADORATION 4:00PM BENEDICTION 5:00PM - 6:45PM Fish Fry 6:00PM - el Via Crucis

7:00PM - Stations of the Cross - Leads: Liturgical Ministries (Altar

Servers, EMs, Lectors, Hospitality, Choir)

Sat., Mar 22 8:00AM-DAILY MASS

2:00PM - 3:30 RECONCILIATION 2:30PM - 3:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun., Mar 23

MASSES: 7:30 AM; 9:00AM, 11:00AM (CLOW), 1:00PM

(Español, CLOW), 6:00PM Mass (Youth)

8:00 - 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal

By Appointment: Safe Environment Training Status

12:00 - 2:30 African Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM - 8:30PM Teen Group

OFFERTORY

Sunday, March 9, 2025 Offertory: \$9938.20

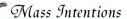
Our goal is for the Plate Income to cover all Parish expenses.

Thank you for your generosity.





| Day | Date | Time | Mass Intention | Comment | Readings | Saint(s) with Feast Day |
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| Mon. | 17-Mar | 8:00 AM | Seminarian Nathan Miller | Birthday | Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 | Saint Patrick, Bishop |
| Tues | 18-Mar | 8:00 AM | James Sullivan | Deceased | Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matt 23:1-12 | Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Weds. | 19-Mar | 7:00PM | Tracey Carpenter | Special Intention | 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13,16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blesser Virgin Mary | |
| Thurs. | 20-Mar | 8:00 AM | John Ingram, Sr. | Deceased | Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 | |
| Fri. | 21-Mar | 8:00 AM | Fred & Ernie Sierra | Deceased | Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46 | |
| Sat. | 22-Mar | 8:00 AM | Angie Radau & Grace Miller | Special Intention | Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3,11- 32 | |
| | | 4:00PM | Tina Urquidez | Deceased | | |
| Sun. | 23-Mar | 7:30 AM | Jose Antonio Rodriguez | Deceased | Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 | Third Sunday of Lent |
| | | 9:00 AM | Michael Goodsell & Family | Birthday | 1 Corninthians 10:1-6, 10-12 | |
| | | 11:00 AM | Claudia Talambayan | Birthday | Luke 13:1-9 | |
| | | 1:00 PM | St. James Parishioners | | | |
| | | 6:00 PM | Cody Spencer-Leahy | Deceased | 1 | |



Masses are still available on the following dates:

Apr 27 May 8, 10, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 27, 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 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, Ed Beleski, Joe Benedetto, Laura Conrady Blum, Timothy Castelli, Kim Center, Martha Coronado, Joyce Coronel, Ofelia Cruz and Family, Julianna DeMello, Margo Duepner, Anita Duran, 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, Matthew Gill, Ezexiel Gonzalez, Luisa Gonzales, Nancy and Don Gorny, Liz and Tom Grace, Geoff Grassau, Irene Gregory, 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, Jimmy McWilliams, Kim Monthie, Marie Agnes Mukandinda, Joy Navoa, Margaret Ndungu, Bill Onacki, Joe Ornelas, Mellynne Oricho, 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, Mary Steinke, 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 Steve Brown†

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.

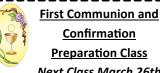
"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior." AMEN.

St. James Youth and Teen Formation Updates

Children's Formation







Next Class March 26th

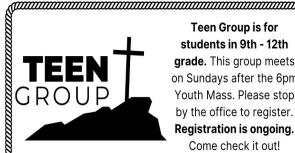
Reminder: Retreat is May 3rd. Save the date for the Sacrament Mass on May 24th

Registration for this class is closed.



Our next Family Formation Night is April 2nd at 6pm

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 March 20at 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!!

Call the Office for an Appointment 623.581.0707



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

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St. John Fisher Council #12856 (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 2:30PM

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.



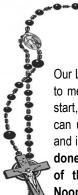
"Be not afraid!"

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

The Lord 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.

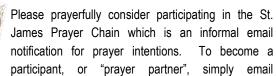
The Lord calls us to Stewardship; to examine our Time and Talents and to share them with one another. Training and Retraining is done by Appointment.



Rosary Makers

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.



<u>prayerchain@stjames-greater.com</u>. 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 9:28b-36

From Father Ben's Desk

REFLECTIONS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C.

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. Our Lenten journey continues. Last Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, we reflected on the victory over temptations. Today we are given a foretaste of God's glory which will be experienced by those who persevere in prayer and fasting. They will be transformed and be prepared to radiate God's glory, like our Lord Jesus Christ.

In today's Gospel, we read the story of the Transfiguration. One of the reasons why this story was preserved in the mind of the early church was to respond to the people who considered the crucifixion of Jesus a defeat, scandal, and shameful death. Mother Church teaches us emphatically that the crucifixion was not a defeat but God's chosen way, which led to victory, the Transfigurations also asserts that Jesus is divine, beloved son of God. We must obey him.

The first reading from the book of Genesis, and the Gospel from St. Luke have a lot in common. Both narrate the revelation and the glory of God. Due to his faith, Abram is shown the glory of God just like a friend does with a friend. Their conversation is ratified and sealed with the Covenant. On one hand, in this Covenant God will fulfil his promise by giving many children and land to Abram; on the other hand, Abram promises obedience and confidence in God. That is what we are invited to do during this time of Lent. We must trust that God's promises will be fulfilled. We are invited and challenged, therefore, to do what Abram did, put our faith in the promises of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus revealed his future glory to the Apostles: Peter, James and John. He did this to increase and strengthen their faith in Him. After resurrection, these Apostles strengthen the faith of the new and future believers like you and me.

The following are the central message of today's readings:

- 1. We are taught about the significance of prayers in our daily lives. In todays Gospel St. Luke tells us that the face of Jesus changed its appearance and his clothes dazzling white when he was in prayer. Prayer transforms both our inner and outer dispositions. When we encounter a person of prayer, we immediately feel the experience their inner energy and glory. Prayerful persons cannot hide. Their spiritual power is contagious. We see this in the experience of people who leave the world to be alone in prayer and sacrifices, like hermits. They end up attracting many people around them. To be concrete the Mass is an extraordinary prayer where we encounter the Transfiguration. During Mass there is transubstantiation of the species of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. May we be transfigured therefore, every time we receive the Holy Eucharist.
- 2. We are taught about the virtue of confidentiality, which is expressed through obedience. Peter, James and John were given the privilege of experiencing the glory of the resurrected body of Christ before his death. However, these Apostles were instructed not to tell anyone about it. We live in a society where there is less patience and less confidentiality. Advancement in communication the technology has made it easy for us to see and participate in live events, as they take place even from far distances. We share information on social media without considering how what we share impacts other people. Jesus wanted the three Apostles to wait and share their experience of the Transfiguration after the Resurrection. That was the right time to do so. Obedience and discipline are learned, my brothers and sisters. May the Lenten observance help us learn obedience and confidentiality in our various levels of communication.
- 3. The third lesson, which we learn today is the realization that Jesus is superior to Moses and Elijah. In the story of the Transfiguration, Jesus appears conversing with Moses and Elijah. The two are great figures of the Old Testament. Moses represents the Law, meanwhile Elijah represents the Prophets. Jesus is superior to the two. He is the son of God, the beloved one. We must believe and obey him. It is for this reason that St. Paul tells us today in the second reading to the Philippians that we should not be influenced by false teachers who consider the law and the prophets as superior to Jesus. St. Paul emphasizes that "we are redeemed by Christ and not by obedience to the law" (Gal 2:16). You and I, my friends, are to stand firm as we defend and proclaim our faith. We must do so to continue experiencing the grace of redemption which has been achieved through the passion, death and resurrection.
- 4. The fourth lesson, from today's reading, is that as human beings, we are weak and vulnerable. After stressful day of mountain climbing, the Apostles were tired. when they reached the top of the mountain, they were heavy with sleep but spiritually awake. However, when they saw the glory of the Lord, they became more awake though physically, they were asleep. Like these Apostles, despite our weakness and limitations, we too are invited to experience the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Evangelio - Lucas 9:28b-36

Desde el Escritorio del Padre Ben

REFLEXIONES SOBRE EL SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA, AÑO C.

Hoy celebramos el Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma. Nuestro camino cuaresmal continúa. El domingo pasado, Primer Domingo de Cuaresma, reflexionamos sobre la victoria sobre las tentaciones. Hoy recibimos un anticipo de la gloria de Dios que experimentarán quienes perseveren en la oración y el ayuno. Serán transformados y estarán preparados para irradiar la gloria de Dios, como nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

En el Evangelio de hoy, leemos la historia de la Transfiguración. Una de las razones por las que esta historia se conservó en la mente de la iglesia primitiva fue para responder a quienes consideraban la crucifixión de Jesús una derrota, un escándalo y una muerte vergonzosa. La Iglesia nos enseña con firmeza que la crucifixión no fue una derrota, sino el camino elegido por Dios, que condujo a la victoria. La Transfiguración también afirma que Jesús es divino, hijo amado de Dios. Debemos obedecerle.

La primera lectura del libro del Génesis y el Evangelio de San Lucas tienen mucho en común. Ambos narran la revelación y la gloria de Dios. Gracias a su fe, Abram recibe la gloria de Dios como un amigo. Su conversación se ratifica y sella con la Alianza. Por un lado, en esta Alianza, Dios cumplirá su promesa dándole muchos hijos y tierras; por otro, Abram promete obediencia y confianza en Dios. A eso se nos invita durante este tiempo de Cuaresma. Debemos confiar en que las promesas de Dios se cumplirán. Por lo tanto, se nos invita y se nos desafía a hacer lo que hizo Abram: confiar en las promesas de Dios.

En el Evangelio, Jesús reveló su gloria futura a los apóstoles Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Lo hizo para aumentar y fortalecer su fe en él. Tras la resurrección, estos apóstoles fortalecen la fe de los nuevos y futuros creyentes como tú y yo.

El siguiente es el mensaje central de las lecturas de hoy:

- Se nos enseña la importancia de la oración en nuestra vida diaria. En el Evangelio de hoy, San Lucas nos cuenta que el rostro de Jesús cambió de aspecto y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas mientras oraba. La oración transforma tanto nuestra disposición interior como nuestra disposición exterior. Cuando nos encontramos con una persona que ora, sentimos inmediatamente su energía y gloria interior. Las personas que oran no pueden esconderse. Su poder espiritual es contagioso. Vemos esto en la experiencia de quienes abandonan el mundo para estar solos en oración y sacrificios, como los ermitaños. Terminan atrayendo a mucha gente a su alrededor. En concreto, la Misa es una oración extraordinaria donde encontramos la Transfiguración. Durante la Misa se produce la transubstanciación de las especies de pan y vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Que seamos, por tanto, transfigurados cada vez que recibimos la Sagrada Eucaristía.
- 2. Se nos enseña la virtud de la confidencialidad, que se expresa mediante la obediencia. Pedro, Santiago y Juan tuvieron el privilegio de experimentar la gloria del cuerpo resucitado de Cristo antes de su muerte. Sin embargo, se les instruyó a estos apóstoles que no se lo contaran a nadie. Vivimos en una sociedad donde hay menos paciencia y menos confidencialidad. Los avances en la comunicación y la tecnología nos han facilitado ver y participar en eventos en vivo, ya que ocurren incluso a distancias lejanas. Compartimos información en las redes sociales sin considerar cómo lo que compartimos impacta a otras personas. Jesús quería que los tres apóstoles esperaran y compartieran su experiencia de la Transfiguración después de la Resurrección. Ese fue el momento oportuno para hacerlo. La obediencia y la disciplina se aprenden, hermanos y hermanas. Que la observancia de la Cuaresma nos ayude a aprender obediencia y confidencialidad en nuestros diversos niveles de comunicación.
- 3. La tercera lección que aprendemos hoy es comprender que Jesús es superior a Moisés y Elías. En la historia de la Transfiguración, Jesús aparece conversando con Moisés y Elías. Ambos son grandes figuras del Antiguo Testamento. Moisés representa la Ley, mientras que Elías representa a los Profetas. Jesús es superior a los dos. Es el hijo de Dios, el amado. Debemos creerle y obedecerle. Por eso, San Pablo nos dice hoy, en la segunda lectura a los Filipenses, que no debemos dejarnos influenciar por falsos maestros que consideran la ley y los profetas superiores a Jesús. San Pablo enfatiza que «somos redimidos por Cristo y no por la obediencia a la ley» (Gal 2,16). Ustedes y yo, amigos míos, debemos mantenernos firmes al defender y proclamar nuestra fe. Debemos hacerlo para seguir experimentando la gracia de la redención que se ha alcanzado mediante la pasión, muerte y resurrección.
- 4. La cuarta lección de la lectura de hoy es que, como seres humanos, somos débiles y vulnerables. Tras un estresante día de escalada, los apóstoles estaban cansados. Al llegar a la cima, estaban profundamente dormidos, pero espiritualmente despiertos. Sin embargo, al ver la gloria del Señor, se despertaron aún más, aunque físicamente estaban dormidos. Al igual que estos apóstoles, a pesar de nuestras debilidades y limitaciones, también nosotros estamos invitados a experimentar la Transfiguración del Señor.



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?

www.pro.life



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:

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking dis-

tance of your home. When in need, they reach out to SVdP. In effect they are reaching out to you.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call SVdP so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

This week our pantry needs cereal, jelly, and granola bars.

"The purpose of a human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." Albert Schweitze16

GIFT SHOP

FEATURE ITEM:

Crown chapel veil available in white or black.

The chapel veil is seen as a sign of humility and reverence in the presence of God and the presence of the Eucharist.





The Gift Shop is open Sundays 8:00 AM –1:00 PM
Also Open by Appointment
Follow us on Instagram @stjamesgiftshop

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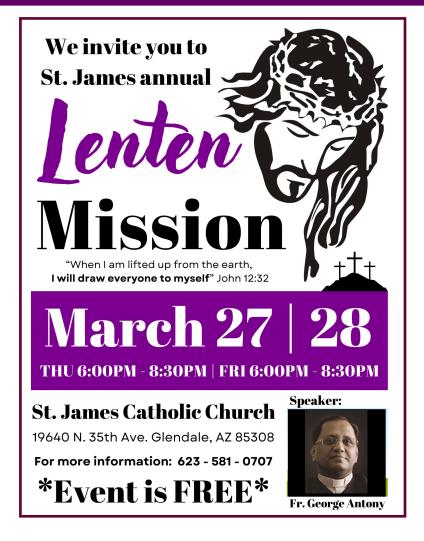


AZ Tax Credit Donation to SVdP

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.



LENTEN MISSION

Thursday & Friday March 27th & 28th 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Step into a transformative journey of love and renewal as we explore the life-changing power of Christ's sacrifice during our two-evening LENTEN MISSION presented by Fr. George Antony.

Explore the profound depths of God's love, revealed through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, with a focus on the powerful truth expressed in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Here, we will reflect on how the cross is the ultimate manifestation of God's passionate love for humanity, fulfilling the Scriptures and calling us to live with Christ in us. We will also explore the unshakable reality that no power on earth can separate us from the love of Christ.

Then the center will be on the transformative power of encountering the crucified Christ. By meditating on Romans 12:1-2, we will hear how this encounter leads to a renewal of life—a renewal that calls us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God. Through the mercy and forgiveness found in Christ, we are invited to experience spiritual transformation and align our lives with God's will, embracing a life of worship and renewal that proves what is good, acceptable, and perfect in His sight.

Fr. George Antony, OP, is a priest of the Order of Preachers [Dominicans], Province of India with a Doctorate in Biblical Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Angelicum, Rome. He is currently the superior of the community at St. Martin's Ashram, Kerala, India. Fr. George travels around the world proclaiming the good news and calling God's people to action. He has been involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal from 1983 actively conducting retreats in the Gulf Countries, U.S, U.K, Australia, Ireland, Singapore, Canada, Rome, etc.





Adults \$13 (13 and Older) Seniors \$10 (55 and Older) Children \$6 (12 and Under) Children Free (5 and Under)

Dinner includes::

- · Choice of: Baked Fish, Fried Fish or Grilled **Cheese Sandwiches**
- French Fries
- Velcomes You Decat/R
 Dessert Decaf/Regular Coffee, Lemonade, Water

Fridays in Lent -- 5PM to 6:50PM -- In The Hall



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. John Fisher Council 12856

Fast & Abstinence | USCCB (US Catholic Bishops)

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Ayuno y Abstinencia | USCCB (Obispos católicos de EE. UU.)

El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días obligatorios de ayuno y abstinencia para los católicos. Además, los viernes durante la Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia.

Para los miembros de la Iglesia católica, las normas sobre el ayuno son obligatorias desde los 18 años hasta los 59 años. Durante el ayuno, a una persona se le permite comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalen a una comida completa. Las normas relativas a la abstinencia de carne son vinculantes para los miembros de la Iglesia católica a partir de los 14 años.





₩ Win a Relaxing Getaway & Support St. James! 🗱

Get ready for the ultimate summer escape! One lucky winner will enjoy a FREE 1-week stay at the Roundhouse Resort in beautiful Pinetop (June 13th-20th)! Imagine cool mountain breezes, breathtaking views, and total relaxation—all on us!

But here's the best part: every entry helps support the parish and keeps our community thriving! Don't miss this

Win a FREE Vacation in the White Mountains!

It's never too early to plan your escape to the stunning White Mountains! St. James is excited to offer one lucky winner a **FREE 1-week stay** at the Roundhouse Resort in beautiful Pinetop this June (June 13th-20th)!

How to Enter:

There are THREE easy ways to get your chance to win:

- 1. Drop off your completed raffle ticket and payment at the office
- 2. Enter online at https://stjamesgreater.rallyup.com/pinetop2025
- 3. Scan the QR code



Earn even MORE entries when you enter online and share the raffle with your family and friends on social media!

Ticket Prices:

- \$10 for 10 entries
- \$25 for 30 entries (get 5 extra entries free!)
- \$50 for 75 entries (get 25 extra entries free!)
- \$100 for 200 entries (get 100 extra entries free!)
 (Additional options are available when you enter online!)

All proceeds support St. James, and we truly appreciate your participation.

Good Luck!

Discover more about the resort:

Check out the great amenities at https://roundhouseresortandspa.com/.

And while you're in the area, be sure to https://stmaryoftheangels.com/, just a few miles from the resort, for Sunday Mass!







Lenten Service Project — March 17th through March 31st

Help us to support Sr. Betty and this important mission by providing much needed personal care items for the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement and the Unaccompanied Minors Foster Care programs. We seek these essential items:

| Laundry Soap* | Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Deodorants | Hand Soap |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| Dish Soap* | Bleach | Body Lotions | Shampoo | Body Wash |
| Diapers* Sz 1-5 | Toilet Paper | Hand Towels | Bathing Soaps | |

^{*}These items are in highest need; diapers especially needed in size 2-5

For convenience, items may be ordered for direct delivery through the program's Amazon Wish List at https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/amazon-charity-lists at tap on Refugee Resettlement/UMP under Central Programs Lists.

Sr. Betty Banja, SHS is a Catholic-Nun from the order of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, an order dedicated to pastoral evangelization and education among the most needy. She arrived in the United States on July 4th, 2016. St. Betty's is one of three Catholic nuns invited to Arizona by Bishop Olmsted to serve the most vulnerable persons in the community. Sr. Betty joined Catholic Charities Parish and Community Engagement philanthropy team in the fall of 2017. She has spent most of her adult life working in Sudan. Her mission has been to work with individuals, families, and communities as they recover from war, violence, and other serious traumas, by promoting reconciliation, compassion, and love to those who have suffered and still suffer from these devastating events. Sr. Betty believes that Christ's message must not only be taught, it must also be lived and learned. This is why she negotiated the release of the man sentenced to death for killing her bother during unfortunate war times (a story she often tells when speaking at church).

Born in Uganda, to parents who had to flee Sudan during the First Sudanese War of 1955, she knows the challenges refugees face when they are forced to leave their homes & family's behind. This is why she heeded God's call, when a new mission to serve the needy in the Diocese of Phoenix arrived. Sr. Betty's new mission is to help Catholic Charites "Welcome the Stranger" by promoting our faith-based mission, life affirming

values, and commitment to all the vulnerable clients we serve. Sr. Betty's *Christ*-centered message and vast experience as a community and faith builder makes her the perfect person to help Catholic Charities engage the faith-based community and become the "*Good Samaritans*" we are called to be. Sr. Betty regularly speaks at churches to help us spread the Christian message of hope & hospitality and help us: "Help the community's most vulnerable with solution that permanently improves lives".

She will be speaking to us after mass this weekend. Thank you.





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



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,

