



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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

VIII Domingo Ordinario

March 2, 2025 / 2 de Marzo de 2025



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.

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., MARCH 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY

MASSES 8AM, 5PM, AND 7PM (BILINGUAL)

AFTER 5PM MASS SOUP SUPPER

FRI., MARCH 7 - FISH FRYS BEGIN

FRI., MARCH 7 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEGIN

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MIÉRCOLES 5 DE MARZO - MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

MISAS 8AM, 5PM Y 7PM (BILINGÜE)

DESPUÉS DE LA MISA DE LAS 5PM CENA DE SOPA

VIERNES 7 DE MARZO: COMIENZAN LOS PESCADOS FRITOS

VIERNES 7 DE MARZO - COMIENZA EL VÍA CRUCIS

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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 |
| • Director Liturgy & RE | Sr. Sophie Lado, S.H.S. |
| • Director of Music | Terri Simonetta |
| • Receptionist | Brianna Chavez |
| • Facilities Manager | James Poppleton |
| | Mike Giacalone |
| | Joanne Trentacoste |
| | Rene Vera Ext 116 |
| | Martin Sanchez |
| | Jose Millan |
| | Christina Metelski |
| | Mary Ann Zimmerman Ext 120 |
| | Deacon Frank Devine |
| | Gretchen Fenninger |
| | Thelia Morris |
| | Carol Brown |
| | Grace Miller |
| | Irene Molette |
| | Bobbi Paul |
| | Angie Radau |
| • St. Vincent DePaul | Phone: 623-581-0728 |
| • Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home | Phone: 623-936-1710 (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., Mar 3	8:00AM DAILY MASS
Tue., Mar 4	8:00AM - DAILY MASS 8:00AM Rummage Sorting 9:00AM - 11:00AM Safe Environment Training Status 2:30PM - 3:30PM Legion of Mary 6:00PM - 7:30PM Junior High Group 6:00PM - 8:45PM Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting
Wed., Mar 5	ASH WEDNESDAY - 8:00AM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM (Bilingual) After 5PM Mass - Soup Supper 6:00PM - 7:30 Family Formation 6:00PM - First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class
Thu., Mar 6	8:00AM - DAILY MASS 9:00AM - 11:00AM Safe Environment Training Status 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 7	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
Sat., Mar 8	8:00AM-DAILY MASS 8:00AM - 9:00AM Rummage Sorting 10:00AM Funeral for Gerardo Campos 2:00PM - 3:30 RECONCILIATION 2:30PM - 3:30PM Choir Rehearsal 4:00PM - VIGIL MASS
Sun., Mar 9	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 7:00PM - 8:30PM Teen Group

OFFERTORY

Sunday, February 23, 2025 Offertory:
\$31,348.58

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.	3-Mar	8:00 AM	Bobbi Paul	Birthday	Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27	Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Tues	4-Mar	8:00 AM	Anita Remo	1st Anniversary	Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31	Saint Casimir
Weds.	5-Mar	8:00AM	Vince Paul	Birthday	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Ash Wednesday
		5:00PM	Millie and Sammy Yalung	Deceased		
		7:00PM	John Ingram, Sr.	Deceased		
Thurs.	6-Mar	8:00 AM	Jim Sullivan	Deceased	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25	
Fri.	7-Mar	8:00 AM	Legion of Mary	Special Intention	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15	Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Sat.	8-Mar	8:00 AM	Ken Klauser	Deceased	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32	Saint John of God, Religious
		4:00PM	Earl Cashew	Deceased		
Sun.	9-Mar	7:30 AM	St. James Parishioners		Deuteronomy 26:4-10;	First Sunday of Lent
		9:00 AM	Sharon Cheng	Deceased	Romans 10:8-13;	
		11:00 AM	Geronimo Gaytano	Deceased	Luke 4:1-13	
		1:00 PM	Eudocia Orozco	Special Intention		
		6:00 PM	Dominic Danh Phan	Deceased		



Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

Mar 30
Apr 27
May 6, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 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 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, Matthew Gill, 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, 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 Wernitz

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

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

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 **March 12th at 6pm**. Parents,
please check your email for information.

Save the date for the Sacrament Mass on
May 24th

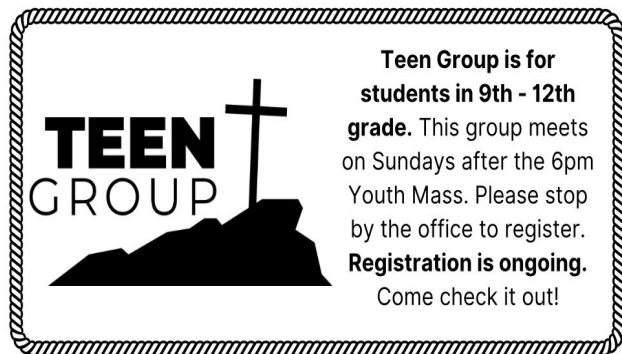
Registration for this class is closed.



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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



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, [bri-
anna@stjames-greater.com](mailto:brianna@stjames-greater.com).



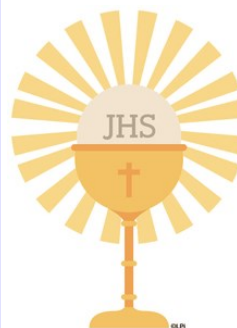
Junior High Group is for
**ALL students in 7th and
8th grade**. Students meet
on Tuesdays from 6pm to
7:30pm and runs
September to May.
Registration is ongoing.
Come join the fun!



Teen Confirmation Class:

Our next class is March 6 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!!
Call the Office for an Appointment 623.581.0707



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 2:30PM

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.



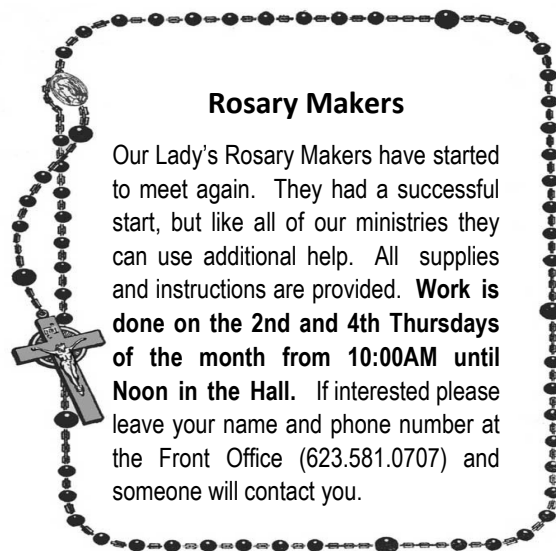
"Be not afraid!"

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

The Lord 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 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

REFLECTIONS ON THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Today we celebrate the eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. Like last week, today Mother Church continues with her catechesis on discipleship. Having been introduced to the extraordinary teaching of Jesus on the beatitudes and the love of enemies, as we heard in the last two weeks, the disciples started murmuring and questioning the new teaching. Jesus calls that resistance, "*spiritual blindness*."

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Sirach, known as the book of Ecclesiasticus. This is one of the books of the bible in the OT, called the Wisdom Books (Wisdom Literature). The Book of Sirach is found only in the Catholic Canon, in the group of books that are called Deuteronomical Book or Apocryphal Books. The wisdom that is passed on to us today in this reading is how to guard our speeches. "Speech is not revealing," my brothers and sisters. The author of Sirach tells us today that we should not judge anyone favorably until we have heard them speak. "*When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear, so does one's faults when one speaks*" (Sirach 27:4).

We find a beautiful teaching about this in the NT. St. James instructs us to tame our tongues. He also cautions us that "*every species and bird, reptile and sea creatures can be tamed and have been tamed by human beings, but no one can tame the tongue... With it we bless... and with it we curse*. (James 3:7-10)

The teaching of Sirach finds more emphasis in today's gospel, when Jesus speaks in proverbial language saying that "*A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit*" (Luke 6:43). When the mouth speaks one's fullness of heart is revealed. In other words, good speech is produced out of the store of goodness in one's heart. When Jesus taught about the beatitudes and the love of enemies, he expected his teaching to be received with resistance. He called the resistance "*blindness*." He thus cautioned his disciples that there was a blind spot in each of them which hindered them from seeing the truth. As Jesus elaborated later on, once the disciples have embraced the truth, then that truth would set them free. "*The truth will set you free*" (John 8:32).

Jesus called his disciples to be with him, to teach them and then to send them out as his witnesses. If they were to teach others, they needed to be cleared of all misunderstanding and ambiguities about the message they were conveying to others. He was preparing them to testify to the truth no matter what, even to the point of death. Indeed, that is what happened to most of the Apostles. They testified to the truth to the point of shedding their blood. They were martyred. The disciples needed intense self-evaluation in order to be exemplary, not only through their deeds but also in their speech and conduct. Today, therefore, Jesus challenges his disciples, and he challenges all of us, you and I, saying: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye" (Luke 6:42). To make his message get across, Jesus makes a point by exaggeration. He calls the stumbling block in the eyes of his disciple "*huge beams*" while the obstacles in the eyes of the rest as "*tiny splinters*."

The lesson, which we take home with us today, therefore, is that bearing good fruit begins by making ourselves good. It requires much self-reflection, self-examination and humility. In other words, change begins with the self and not with others. Change will never happen if we do not see our own defects. My dear friends, today's message is very appropriate as it prepares us for the forthcoming season of Lent. We are called upon to embrace Jesus' new teaching, stop being judgmental about others and repent our own failings before we can have the courage to point out the faults of others.

When the teaching of Jesus about self-correction takes root in us, we become a new people of the resurrection as St. Paul teaches us in today's second reading. We become victorious even when we are confronted by death. It is only with God's grace and his help that we can finally dare to say like St. Paul: "*Death is swallowed up in victory*" (1 Corinthians 15:54).

EVANGELIO - LUCAS 6, 39-45

En aquel tiempo, Jesús propuso a sus discípulos este ejemplo: “¿Puede acaso un ciego guiar a otro ciego? ¿No caerán los dos en un hoyo? El discípulo no es superior a su maestro; pero cuando termine su aprendizaje, será como su maestro.

¿Por qué ves la paja en el ojo de tu hermano y no la viga que llevas en el tuyo? ¿Cómo te atreves a decirle a tu hermano: ‘Déjame quitarte la paja que llevo en el ojo’, si no adviertes la viga que llevas en el tuyo? ¡Hipócrita! Saca primero la viga que llevas en tu ojo y entonces podrás ver, para sacar la paja del ojo de tu hermano.

No hay árbol bueno que produzca frutos malos, ni árbol malo que produzca frutos buenos. Cada árbol se conoce por sus frutos. No se recogen higos de espinas, ni se cortan uvas de los espinos. El hombre bueno dice cosas buenas, porque el bien está en su corazón, y el hombre malo dice cosas malas, porque el mal está en su corazón, pues la boca habla de lo que está lleno el corazón”.

REFLEXIONES SOBRE EL OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO.

Hoy celebramos el octavo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario del año litúrgico. Como la semana pasada, hoy la Madre Iglesia continúa con su catequesis sobre el discipulado. Habiendo sido introducidos a la extraordinaria enseñanza de Jesús sobre las bienaventuranzas y el amor de los enemigos, como escuchamos en las últimas dos semanas, los discípulos comenzaron a murmurar y cuestionar la nueva enseñanza. Jesús llama a esa resistencia “ceguera espiritual”.

La primera lectura de hoy está tomada del libro de Eclesiástico, conocido como el libro del Eclesiástico. Este es uno de los libros de la Biblia en el Antiguo Testamento, llamado Libros de Sabiduría (Literatura Sapiencia). El Libro de Sirác se encuentra únicamente en el Canon Católico, en el grupo de libros que se denominan Libro Deuteronomico o Libros Apócrifos. La sabiduría que se nos transmite hoy en esta lectura es cómo proteger nuestros discursos. “El habla no es reveladora”, hermanos y hermanas míos. El autor de Eclesiástico nos dice hoy que no debemos juzgar favorablemente a nadie hasta haberlo oído hablar. “Cuando se agita un tamiz, aparecen las cáscaras, y también aparecen las faltas cuando se habla” (Eclesiástico 27:4).

Encontramos una hermosa enseñanza sobre esto en el Nuevo Testamento. Santiago nos instruye a domar nuestra lengua. También nos advierte que “toda especie y ave, reptil y criatura marina puede ser domada y ha sido domada por el ser humano, pero nadie puede domar la lengua... Con ella bendecimos... y con ella maldecimos. (Santiago 3:7-10)

La enseñanza de Eclesiástico encuentra más énfasis en el evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús habla en lenguaje proverbial diciendo que “El árbol bueno no da frutos podridos, ni el árbol podrido da frutos buenos” (Lucas 6:43). Cuando la boca habla, se revela la plenitud del corazón. Por lo demás, el buen discurso se produce a partir de la reserva de bondad que hay en el corazón. Cuando Jesús enseñó sobre las bienaventuranzas y el amor a los enemigos, esperaba que su enseñanza fuera recibida con resistencia. Llamó a la resistencia “ceguera”. Así advirtió a sus discípulos que había un punto ciego en cada uno de ellos que les impedía ver la verdad. Como Jesús explicó más adelante, una vez que los discípulos hayan abrazado la verdad, esa verdad los hará libres. “La verdad os hará libres” (Juan 8:32).

Jesús llamó a sus discípulos para que estuvieran con él, para enseñarles y luego enviarlos como testigos suyos. Si iban a enseñar a otros, debían estar libres de todos los malentendidos y ambigüedades sobre el mensaje que estaban transmitiendo a los demás. Los estaba preparando para testificar de la verdad sin importar nada, incluso hasta el punto de la muerte. De hecho, eso es lo que les sucedió a la mayoría de los Apóstoles. Testificaron la verdad hasta derramar su sangre. Fueron martirizados. Los discípulos necesitaban una intensa autoevaluación para ser ejemplares, no sólo en sus obras sino también en sus palabras y conducta. Hoy, por lo tanto, Jesús desafía a sus discípulos, y nos desafía a todos nosotros, a ti y a mí, diciendo: “Quita primero la viga de tu ojo, y entonces verás claramente para sacar la astilla del ojo de tu hermano” (Lucas 6,42). Para hacer llegar su mensaje, Jesús exagera. A los obstáculos a los ojos de su discípulo los llama “vigas enormes”, mientras que a los obstáculos a los ojos de los demás los llama “pequeñas astillas”.

Por lo tanto, la lección que hoy nos llevamos a casa es que para dar buenos frutos comienza haciéndonos buenos. Requiere mucha autorreflexión, autoexamen y humildad. En otras palabras, el cambio comienza con uno mismo y no con los demás. El cambio nunca ocurrirá si no vemos nuestros propios defectos. Queridos amigos, el mensaje de hoy es muy apropiado ya que nos prepara para la próxima temporada de Cuaresma. Estamos llamados a abrazar la nueva enseñanza de Jesús, dejar de juzgar a los demás y arrepentirnos de nuestras propias fallas antes de que podamos tener el coraje de señalar las faltas de los demás.

Cuando la enseñanza de Jesús sobre la autocorrección echa raíces en nosotros, nos convertimos en un nuevo pueblo de la resurrección, como nos enseña San Pablo en la segunda lectura de hoy. Salimos victoriosos incluso cuando nos enfrentamos a la muerte. Sólo con la gracia de Dios y su ayuda podremos finalmente atrevernos a decir como San Pablo: “La muerte es sorbida en la victoria” (1 Corintios 15,54).



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?

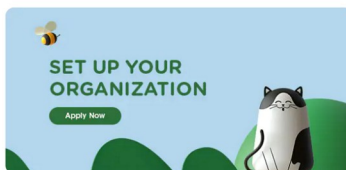
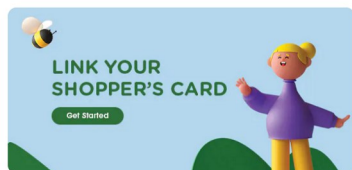
www.pro.life



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 Parishion-
ers! 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 the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...."

It is true that donations come to SVdP because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

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

"God allows us to give rise to the practice of two beautiful virtues: perseverance, which leads us to attain the goal, and constancy, which help us to overcome difficulties." St. Vincent de Paul

GIFT SHOP

Feature Items: Crown Chapel veil is now available in black or white.

This one-of-a-kind egg is beautifully embellished with pictures of Jesus and Mary. It is also plays music.



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>



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

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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.

Hope

Does Not Disappoint

"These young men and women, with real joy and peace, go out into the world and are witnesses to others."

- Sr. Clare Marie, SCTJM, Director of Evangelization at Holy Spirit Newman Center

Your support of the Charity and Development Appeal ensures that hundreds of youth and teens are accompanied along their faith journey in the Diocese of Phoenix. Through robust religious education and youth ministries we can invite and encourage kids, teens, and young adults to know and love Jesus.

Make an impact on the future generations of our Catholic Church by giving today!



**MAKE YOUR GIFT TO
THE CDA TODAY!**

Give.dphx.org | Call 602-354-2235



Come Join Us for Pray and Play

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

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9 AM, Parish Hall
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**



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.

**We invite you to
St. James annual**

**Lenten
Mission**

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

March 27 | 28

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

St. James Catholic Church

19640 N. 35th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308

For more information: 623 - 581 - 0707

Event is FREE

Speaker:



Fr. George Antony



Raffle Now Open

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

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://roundhouseressortandspa.com/>.

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



REASONS WHY WE RECEIVE ASHES.

The annual Lenten season is here sisters and brothers and as we begin this Holy season, I would like to say the following about the ashes we will receive. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday to until the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Lenten season has a double character namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the Paschal mystery. The catechumens both with rite of election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful ever attentive to the word of God and prayer prepare themselves by penance and renewal of their baptismal promises.

With the above said the following are the reasons why we receive ashes as we begin the Lenten season:

- ◆ Reminder of our origin.
- ◆ As assign of Repentance and Penance.
- ◆ As a sign of humility, (space of God).
- ◆ Accepting our nothingness without God.
- ◆ A reminder that God is our creator.
- ◆ A sign of transforming power of God, who can change dust to human beings.
- ◆ A reminder of inevitability of change and death.
- ◆ A sign of commitment to self-denial and obedience to God's will.
- ◆ A sign of hope and God's mercy and love.

I wish you all a blessed Holy Season of Lent.

RAZONES POR LAS QUE RECIBIMOS CENIZAS.

La temporada anual de Cuaresma está aquí hermanas y hermanos y al comenzar esta temporada Santa, me gustaría decir lo siguiente sobre las cenizas que recibiremos. La Cuaresma va desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta la Misa del Súper del Señor. El tiempo de Cuaresma tiene un doble carácter: preparar tanto a catecúmenos como a fieles para celebrar el misterio pascual. Los catecúmenos, tanto con rito de elección y escrutinios, como mediante catequesis, están preparados para la celebración de los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana; Los fieles, siempre atentos a la palabra de Dios y a la oración, se preparan mediante la penitencia y la renovación de sus promesas bautismales.

Dicho lo anterior, las siguientes son las razones por las que recibimos cenizas al comenzar la temporada de Cuaresma:

- ◆ Recordatorio de nuestro origen.
- ◆ Como asignación de Arrepentimiento y Penitencia.
- ◆ Como signo de humildad, (espacio de Dios).
- ◆ Aceptar nuestra nada sin Dios.
- ◆ Un recordatorio de que Dios es nuestro creador.
- ◆ Signo del poder transformador de Dios, que puede cambiar el polvo al ser humano.
- ◆ Un recordatorio de la inevitabilidad del cambio y la muerte.
- ◆ Signo de compromiso de abnegación y obediencia a la voluntad de Dios.
- ◆ Un signo de esperanza y de la misericordia y el amor de Dios.

Les deseo a todos un bendito Tiempo Santo de Cuaresma.

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



Services:

We offer a range of:

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

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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.