



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.

Third Sunday of Lent / III Domingo de Cuaresma

March 23, 2025 / 23 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 - 8:00AM-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 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

Thurs., 27 Mar., 9:30AM	Active Shooter Class Especially timed for those who do not drive at night.
6PM-8:30	Lenten Mission - in the Church
Fri., 28 Mar., 5PM-6:50	Fish Fry No habrá Vía Crucis esta semana No English Stations of the Cross this Week
6PM-8:30	Lenten Mission (Continued)
Sun., 30 Mar., 3:00PM	Misa ya Kiswahili (Swahili Mass)

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

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. |
| • Office Manager | Kristy Hillhouse Ext. 101 |
| • Director Liturgy & RE | Terri Simonetta |
| • Director of Music | Sr. Sophie Lado, S.H.S. |
| • Receptionist | Terri Simonetta |
| • Facilities Manager | Brianna Chavez |
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| | Mike Giacalone |
| | Joanne Trentacoste |
| | Rene Vera Ext 116 |
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| | Mary Ann Zimmerman Ext 120 |
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| • 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 24 8:00AM DAILY MASS

Tue., Mar 25

8:00AM - DAILY MASS

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

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

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

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

6:00PM PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wed., Mar 26

8:00AM Rummage Sorting

10:00PM Funeral for Steve Brown

6:00PM - 6:45PM RECONCILIATION

6:00PM Catechist Training

6:00PM - First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class

7:00PM - DAILY MASS

Thu., Mar 27

8:00AM - DAILY MASS

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

9:30AM Active Shooter Training

10:00AM - 12:00PM Rosary Makers

6:00PM - 8:30PM LENTEN MISSION

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

6:30PM - 8:00PM OCIA

Fri., Mar 28

8:00AM-DAILY MASS

8:30AM ADORATION

4:00PM BENEDICTION

5:00PM - 6:50PM Fish Fry

6:00PM - 8:30PM Lenten Mission (Continued)

No el Via Crucis

No Stations of the Cross

Sat., Mar 29

8:00AM-DAILY MASS

9:00AM-10:00AM - Rummage

10:00 Anna O'Connor Funeral

2:00PM - 3:30PM RECONCILIATION

2:30PM - 3:30PM Choir Rehearsal

4:00PM-VIGIL MASS - SVdP FOOD BAG HANDOUT

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

Sun., Mar 30

MASSES: 7:30 AM; 9:00AM, 11:00AM (CLOW), 1:00PM (Español, CLOW), 3:00PM Misa ya Kiswahili (Swahili), 6:00PM Mass (Youth)

SVdP FOOD BAG HANDOUT

8:00 - 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal

By Appointment: Safe Environment Training Status

12:00PM - 1:30PM Formation - Sister Sophie (Rm 5)

12:00 - 2:30 African Choir Rehearsal

12:15PM - 1:00PM Rosario

2:15PM - 2:45PM Rosario - Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

3:00PM Misa ya Kiswahili (Swahili)

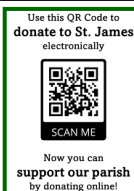
7:00PM - 8:30PM Teen Group

OFFERTORY

Sunday, March 16, 2025 Offertory: \$13150.98

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-Mar	8:00 AM	David Zorwin (3rd Anniv.)	Deceased	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30	
Tues	25-Mar	8:00 AM	Hal Pawlowski	Deceased	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38	The Annunciation of the Lord
Weds.	26-Mar	7:00PM	Rosa Di Maio	Deceased	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19	
Thurs.	27-Mar	8:00 AM	Joel Miller	Birthday	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23	
Fri.	28-Mar	8:00 AM	John Ingram, Sr.	Deceased	Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34	
Sat.	29-Mar	8:00 AM	John Ingram, Sr.	Deceased	Mark 12:28-34; Luke 18:9-14	Fourth Sunday of Lent
		4:00PM	Norm Zimmerman	Deceased		
Sun.	30-Mar	7:30 AM	John Ingram, Sr.	Deceased	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12;	
		9:00 AM	Jim Sullivan	Deceased	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	
		11:00 AM	Richard Lawrence	Deceased	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	
		1:00 PM	Mariano & Letecia Alisangco	Deceased		
		6:00 PM	St. James Parishioners			



Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

Apr 27
May 8, 17, 22, 25, 27, 29, 30
Jun 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

Those dates above have one or more Masses currently open. We encourage you to request a special day to have your Mass intentions. In an effort to accommodate everyone, we respectfully ask that requests be limited to no more than two Masses within the same week, Mon-Sat or one Sunday Mass. Please stop by the Parish office.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Friday** beginning at 8:30 AM and concludes at 4:00 PM. Come visit Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Creator of the Universe, the Merciful Savior, for just one of these Hours.

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

We have been told that Jesus has been left alone recently. To prevent this we are requesting that we have 2 people sign up for each hour. Please stop by the office if you have an hour between 8:30 and 4 on Fridays that you can spend visiting Jesus.

Sacrament of Baptism

Sacramento de Bautismo

Please contact Terri-Ext 104.

Must be a registered parishioner for six months. Preparation classes are required. A brochure is available in the church foyer.

Sacrament of Marriage

Sacramento de 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, 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 lusi, Brian Jones, Krista, Bud Lucy, Regina Lucy, Diana O. Macandog, Adriana Maldonado, Tom Martell, Tim Matlack, Rejy Matyniak, Jimmy McWilliams, Kim Monthie, Marie Agnes Mukandinda, Alan Murray, 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, Christopher Statham and his mother, Mary Steinke, John Sullivan, Janice Swiebocki, Francine Tackett, Connie Tirisie, Jim Trentacoste, Anthony Valencia, Cynthia Alvarez Valenzuela, Viola Vanegas, 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 - Anna O'Connor †

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

Next Class March 26th

Reminder: Retreat is May 3rd.

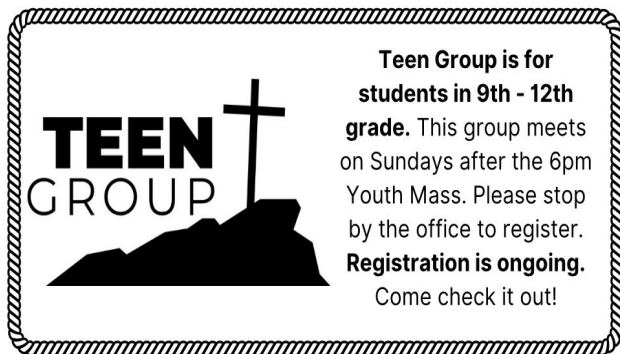
Save the date for the Sacrament Mass on
May 24th

Registration for this class is closed.



We need your help to make the St. James Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success! We are currently asking for donations of individually wrapped Easter candy that does not melt. Donations can be brought to the church office during office hours. Thank you!

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!



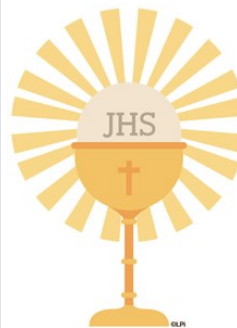
**Our next Family Formation Night is
April 2nd at 6pm**



Teen Confirmation Class:

Our next class is March 27th 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.



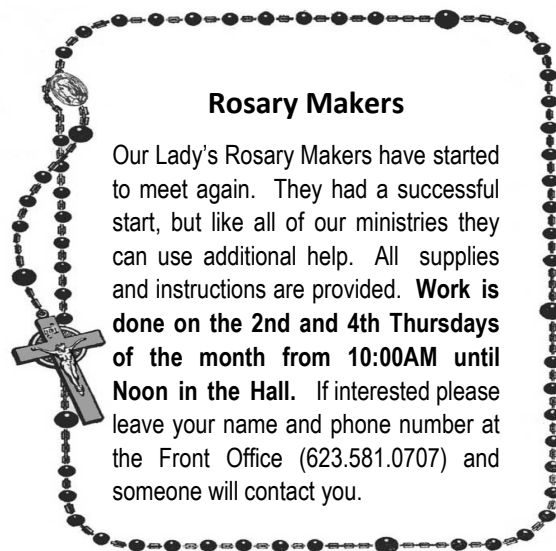
"Be not afraid!"

"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 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

From Father Ben's Desk

REFLECTIONS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C.

This weekend we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Our Lenten journey continues. Last Sunday we reflected on the call of Abraham and the Transfiguration of the Lord. Our Lenten journey today introduces us to another call of Moses and the revelation of the God of Mercy who is ever calling us to repentance.

I joined the Major Seminary in Nairobi Kenya, to study Theology in 1989. Among my best teachers was a Don Bosco Priest, Fr. James Odorico. Fr. Odorico, who taught introduction to Theology. He taught us many beautiful things, the first being introducing us to the "*What would Jesus do/say movement*," which was very popular among the youth at that time.

As I meditated on the first reading for today, a popular Biblical passages, the story of Moses being called to be the liberator. Like Abraham in the last Sunday's reading, Moses relates to God as if they are equals. He even dares to ask God for His name. "*But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, the God of your fathers sent me to you, if they ask me, what His name what am I to tell them? I am who I am. ... This is what you shall tell them: I AM sent me to you. ... This is my name forever.*" (Ex 3:13-14)

The story of liberation which started in the book of Genesis is carried out in the book of Exodus. It complements the message of today's Gospel where we encounter our loving God who is committed to saving all people from their sufferings when they repent.

In the second reading, St. Paul tries to link the events of the Old Testament with those of the New Testament. He uses a kind of theology known as typology. He tells us that all these things (in the Old Testament) happened in the warning' (1 Cor 10:11).

For instance:

- Moses led the people of Israel into freedom, in the same, way Jesus, the new Moses will lead all people into eternal life.
- The Israelites crossed the waters of the Sea of the Reeds, just like Christians will be Baptized in the new waters.
- God gave Manna to the Israelites in the desert, just like Jesus will give the bread of life to his people, the Eucharist.
- Moses raised the bronze snake in the desert, in the same way Jesus will be raised on the cross, and all who look at him with faith will be saved.

In today's Gospel Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem. He speaks to a group of farmers who are experts in the profession of planting various crops. Jesus' audience got his message very quickly when he speaks about the gardener, fig trees, fruits, exhaustion of the soil, and fertile soil. Jesus' way of teaching is not one size fits all. No, He addresses its situation in its context. To the shepherd he speaks about the ordeals of shepherds and the lost sheep. To the fisherman he speaks about where and when to lower the nets. In other words, Jesus speaks to each one of us, my dear brothers and sisters, in our own contexts. He knows you and me by name and the struggles we go through. He is ready to raise us up when we fall, no matter how deep we have fallen.

It is within this context that I invite you to go back to the beginning of today's Gospel reading when people asked Jesus about the problem of evil. Good deeds result to good life and blessing, while evil deeds lead to evil ends and punishment. *Why then do bad things happen to good people?*

When we encounter Jesus, we ask ourselves: What would Jesus do or say? First in today's Gospel Jesus teaches us, that not all sufferings is punishment for sins. Life problems like, illness, crisis, hurt, and pain affect human life no matter how good a person is. These things happen because human life is fragile, weak, vulnerable and mortal. By telling us not all suffering is punishment for sin, Jesus wants us to avoid the extreme of taking all blame for whatever happens. Many people, especially victims of abuse, hurt themselves by blaming themselves, while in fact they are innocent. Stop blaming yourself for things that you have no control over.

Second extreme is when we pretend to take no blame at all for the bad decisions and actions we have deliberately done. With this second approach Jesus invites us to repent. Jesus gives us two reasons why we should repent. The first is that indeed sin causes suffering on ourselves and to our neighbor. The second reason why we should repent is because we do not know how long we will have to spend in the state of purification, so we should repent.

We pray the Prayer of Serenity.

God grant me

The Serenity to accept the thing I cannot change;

The Courage to change the things I can; and the

Wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Evangelio - Lucas 13, 1-9

En aquel tiempo, algunos hombres fueron a ver a Jesús y le contaron que Pilato había mandado matar a unos galileos, mientras estaban ofreciendo sus sacrificios. Jesús les hizo este comentario: "¿Piensan ustedes que aquellos galileos, porque les sucedió esto, eran más pecadores que todos los demás galileos? Ciertamente que no; y si ustedes no se arrepienten, perecerán de manera semejante. Y aquellos dieciocho que murieron aplastados por la torre de Siloé, ¿piensan acaso que eran más culpables que todos los demás habitantes de Jerusalén? Ciertamente que no; y si ustedes no se arrepienten, perecerán de manera semejante".

Entonces les dijo esta parábola: "Un hombre tenía una higuera plantada en su viñedo; fue a buscar higos y no los encontró. Dijo entonces al viñador: 'Mira, durante tres años seguidos he venido a buscar higos en esta higuera y no los he encontrado. Córta. ¿Para qué ocupa la tierra inútilmente?' El viñador le contestó: 'Señor, déjala todavía este año; voy a aflojar la tierra alrededor y a echarle abono, para ver si da fruto. Si no, el año que viene la cortaré'".

Desde el Escritorio del Padre Ben

REFLEXIONES SOBRE EL TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA, AÑO C.

Este fin de semana celebramos el tercer domingo de Cuaresma. Nuestro camino cuaresmal continúa. El domingo pasado reflexionamos sobre el llamado de Abraham y la Transfiguración del Señor. Nuestro camino cuaresmal de hoy nos presenta otro llamado de Moisés y la revelación del Dios de la Misericordia, quien siempre nos llama al arrepentimiento.

Ingresé al Seminario Mayor de Nairobi, Kenia, para estudiar Teología en 1989. Entre mis mejores maestros se encontraba un sacerdote de Don Bosco, el P. James Odorico, quien impartía Introducción a la Teología. Nos enseñó muchas cosas hermosas, la primera de las cuales fue presentarnos el movimiento "¿Qué haría/diría Jesús?", muy popular entre los jóvenes de aquella época.

Al meditar en la primera lectura de hoy, un pasaje bíblico popular, la historia de Moisés llamado a ser el liberador. Al igual que Abraham en la lectura del domingo pasado, Moisés se relaciona con Dios como si fueran iguales. Incluso se atreve a preguntarle a Dios por su nombre. «Pero cuando vaya a los israelitas y les diga: «El Dios de sus padres me envió a ustedes», si me preguntan: «¿Cuál es su nombre? ¿Qué les diré? Yo soy el que soy... Esto es lo que les dirás: «Yo soy el que me envió a ustedes... Este es mi nombre para siempre»» (Éxodo 3:13-14).

La historia de liberación que comenzó en el libro del Génesis se desarrolla en el libro del Éxodo. Complementa el mensaje del Evangelio de hoy, donde encontramos a nuestro Dios amoroso, comprometido a salvar a todas las personas de su sufrimiento cuando se arrepienten.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo intenta vincular los acontecimientos del Antiguo Testamento con los del Nuevo Testamento. Utiliza una teología conocida como tipología. Nos dice que todas estas cosas (en el Antiguo Testamento) sucedieron en la advertencia (1 Cor 10:11).

Por ejemplo:

- Moisés guió al pueblo de Israel hacia la libertad, del mismo modo que Jesús, el nuevo Moisés, guiará a todos a la vida eterna.
- Los israelitas cruzaron las aguas del Mar de los Juncos, al igual que los cristianos serán bautizados en las nuevas aguas.
- Dios dio el maná a los israelitas en el desierto, al igual que Jesús dará el pan de vida a su pueblo, la Eucaristía.
- Moisés levantó la serpiente de bronce en el desierto, del mismo modo que Jesús será elevado en la cruz, y todos los que lo miren con fe serán salvos.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús va camino a Jerusalén. Habla con un grupo de agricultores expertos en la siembra de diversos cultivos. La audiencia de Jesús captó su mensaje rápidamente cuando habló del jardinero, las higueras, los frutos, el agotamiento de la tierra y la tierra fértil. La enseñanza de Jesús no es uniforme. No, aborda la situación en su contexto. Al pastor le habla de las dificultades de los pastores y de la oveja perdida. Al pescador le habla de dónde y cuándo echar las redes. En otras palabras, Jesús nos habla a cada uno de nosotros, queridos hermanos y hermanas, en nuestro propio contexto. Él nos conoce por nombre y conoce las dificultades que atravesamos. Está dispuesto a levantarnos cuando caemos, sin importar cuán profundo hayamos caído.

En este contexto, los invito a recordar el comienzo del Evangelio de hoy, cuando le preguntaron a Jesús sobre el problema del mal. Las buenas obras resultan en una vida buena y una bendición, mientras que las malas obras conducen a malos fines y castigo. ¿Por qué, entonces, le suceden cosas malas a la gente buena?

Cuando nos encontramos con Jesús, nos preguntamos: ¿Qué haría o diría Jesús? Primero, en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos enseña que no todo sufrimiento es castigo por los pecados. Problemas como la enfermedad, las crisis, las heridas y el dolor afectan la vida humana, sin importar cuán buena sea una persona. Estas cosas suceden porque la vida humana es frágil, débil, vulnerable y mortal. Al decirnos que no todo sufrimiento es castigo por el pecado, Jesús quiere que evitemos el extremo de asumir toda la culpa por lo que sucede. Muchas personas, especialmente las víctimas de abuso, se lastiman culpándose, siendo en realidad inocentes. Deja de culparte por cosas que no puedes controlar.

El segundo extremo es cuando pretendemos no asumir ninguna culpa por las malas decisiones y acciones que hemos tomado deliberadamente. Con este segundo enfoque, Jesús nos invita al arrepentimiento. Jesús nos da dos razones para ello. La primera es que, efectivamente, el pecado causa sufrimiento tanto a nosotros como al prójimo. La segunda razón es que no sabemos cuánto tiempo tendremos que pasar en el estado de purificación, por lo que debemos arrepentirnos.

Rezamos la Oración de la Serenidad.

Dios, concédeme la serenidad para aceptar lo que no puedo cambiar;
el coraje para cambiar lo que sí puedo;
y la sabiduría para reconocer la diferencia. Amén.



FELLOWSHIP IN ST JAMES HALL

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING

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



Amazon Charity Lists

(catholiccharitiesaz.org)

Under "Central Program" List
look for

Refugee Resettlement / UMP



What Can I Do
To Help Stop Abortion?

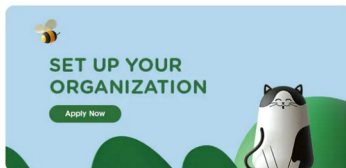
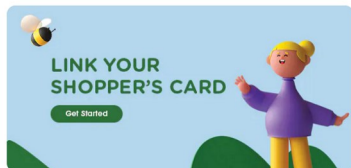
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St. James can earn Cash from Fry's via
your linking your Fry's Card to St. James.

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 is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, or quarter is multiplied by the coins place by others. Thank you for your generous donations to last week's collection.

This week our pantry needs cereal, canned fruit, and granola bars.

"Moral principles do not depend on the majority vote. Wrong is wrong even if everybody is wrong. Right is right even if nobody is right." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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.



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.

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

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.

Lenten Service Project – March 17th through 31st

Now through March 31st, please help us to support this important mission by providing essential household and personal care items for brothers and sisters who have been displaced from their homes/homeland due to war and violence. The Refugee Resettlement and the Unaccompanied Minors Foster Care programs through Catholic Charities provides life saving services to help our those resettled in our community to begin anew. Please visit the Catholic Charities website at <https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/refugee-assistance> or pick up a brochure in the foyer for more information. All refugees in the program have been vetted and are in the United States legally.

ITEMS IN HIGH NEED:

Laundry Soap*	Toothpaste	Deodorants
Dish Soap*	Toothbrushes	Hand Soap
Diapers*	Shampoo	Bathing Soaps
Body Lotions	Toilet Paper	Body Wash
Bleach	Hand Towels	

**These items are in highest need, including Diapers size 1-5, and especially size 2-5*



Amazon Wish List

Items may be dropped off in the parish office through Monday, March 31st.

For your convenience, items may also 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**.



*St. James
Welcomes You*



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**
- **Coleslaw**
- **Decaf/Regular Coffee, Lemonade, Water**
- **Dessert**

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.



**Estaciones
de la Cruz
Stations of
the Cross**

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 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 incredible opportunity!

 **The raffle is now open—look for entry tickets in your bulletin and share them with family and friends!** 

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://roundhouserestortandspa.com/>.

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

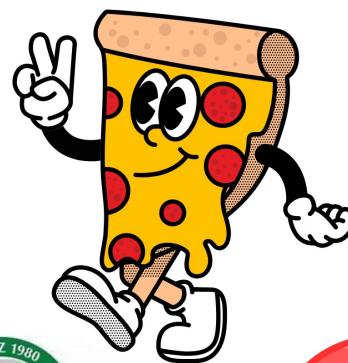


**CHARITY AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPEAL**

The Charity and Development Appeal supports more than 70 educational, charitable and spiritual organizations which counsel, feed, clothe, house, educate and comfort those in need throughout the four counties in the Diocese of Phoenix.

ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP
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**MENTION ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP TO PUT 25% OF
YOUR PURCHASE TOWARDS OUR YOUTH GROUP**



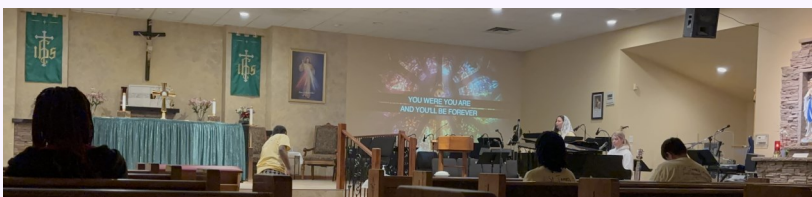
**3053 W. AGUA FRIA FWY.,
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**APRIL
2ND
4PM-10PM**

There will be an active shooter class on Thursday 03/27/25 at 9:30am

If you have never attended or it has been awhile, please come and learn How to Survive an Attack.

This Training Session is scheduled at this time (9:30AM) to assist those who can not Drive at Night.



"On behalf of the youth I want to say thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this youth retreat possible. It was absolutely beautiful, and the Holy Spirit was moving. This retreat was filled with talks, fun games, food, men's & women's sessions, Mass, adoration, praise and worship, and so much joy and laughter. Some of these youth experienced the Holy Spirit in such a powerful way as one young lady described it as 'my hands were tingly and warm.' We got to hear some great talks and took away many good nuggets such as 'You are not the author of your identity, God is' and 'The world has convinced us that this is just another fairytale story, but this is your story and my story; that's important!' Praise God for the many graces He poured out on March 1st!" -Brianna Chavez

Student quotes for how the retreat was, "It was amazing! You shouldn't hide the real you." - Heyli "The retreat was very fun and enjoyable! There were so many awesome activities we did that day. At the same time, I felt we were all connected and refreshed by God. How we all had struggles and could get through it together. Hope to attend another one soon!" -Constantine

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,
April 27th.**

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

Questions? Contact Irene Molette at the Office,
623.581.0707

**We need your help to make the St. James Annual
Easter Egg Hunt a success! We are currently asking
for donations of individually wrapped Easter
candy that does not melt.**

**Donations can be brought to the church office
during office hours.**

Thank you!



Services:

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

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