



## *St. James Roman Catholic Parish*

**Mission Statement:** St. James Roman Catholic Parish is a warm and welcoming, Christ centered community, dedicated to service of all.

*"Where you are a stranger, but once!"*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 17, 2025 / 20º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 17 de agosto de 2025



### *Parish Hours*

**Weekend Masses** † Saturday - 4:00PM

Sunday - 8:00AM-10:00AM-12:00PM

(Español)-6:00PM

**Daily Mass** † Wednesday - 7:00PM

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday -  
8:00AM

Holy Days † Please consult the Parish Office

**Reconciliation** † 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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-Tuesday-Thursday - 9:00AM-Noon  
12:30PM-4PM /

Wednesday & Friday - 9:00AM-Noon /

Saturday - 2:00PM-4:00PM

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# ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH — A FAITH AND FAMILY COMMUNITY

## St. James Staff

- **Pastor** Fr. Ben Onegiu, AJ
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- **Cemetery & Funeral Home** (Available 24 hours)

## Intentions

### Monday, August 18th

8am — Michael Lupo (Deceased)

### Tuesday, August 19th

8am — Greg and Sue Bigsby (Deceased)

### Wednesday, August 20th

7pm — Emma Grace Radau (4<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

### Thursday, August 21st

8am — Grace Miller (Birthday)

### Friday, August 22nd

8am — Cindy Adams (Deceased)

### Saturday, August 23rd

8am — Raymond Rabe (Deceased)

4pm — Earl Cashen (Deceased)

### Sunday, August 24th

8am — John Ingram, Sr. (Deceased)

10am — The Family of Akwanya (Special Intention)

12pm — Maria Soledad Vargas (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

6pm — St. James Parishioners

## St. James Council Members

### Pastoral Council:

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:

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

## Financial Blessings

Sunday, August 3, 2025 Offertory...See Bulletin Next Week  
Weekly Offertory Budget..... \$14,115.00



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**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.

*Sunday Readings*

**First Reading:**

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10)

**Psalm:**

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b))

**Second Reading:**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1-4)

**Gospel:**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49-53)



**Monday, August 18th**

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday, August 19th**

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday, August 20th**

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday, August 21st**

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday, August 22nd**

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday, August 23rd**

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

*This Week at St. James...*

**Monday, August 18th**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

**Tuesday, August 19th**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe

Environment Training Support

2:30pm –3:45pm Legion of Mary

6:00pm –8:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg.

**Wednesday, August 20th**

6:00pm –7:30pm Fall Festival Committee Meeting

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

**Thursday, August 21st**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe

Environment Training Support

5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar

6:00pm –7:30pm Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting

7:00pm –8:30pm English Choir Practice

**Friday, August 22nd**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

8:30am –4:00pm Adoration 4:00pm Benediction

**Saturday, August 23rd**

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

2:00pm –3:30pm

Reconciliation

4:00pm –6:00pm Gift Shop Sale

**Sunday, August 24th**

Mass Times: 8:00am, 10am,12pm (Spanish), 6pm

7:00am –8:00am Choir Rehearsal

9:00am –10:00am Choir Rehearsal

9:00am –1:00pm Gift Shop Sale

11:00am –1:30pm African Choir Rehearsal (Sundays)

11:00am –12:00pm Choir Rehearsal

11:15am –12:00pm Rosary

1:15pm –1:45pm Rosary - Divine Mercy Chaplet



**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.

## *From Fr. Ben's Desk*

### REFLECTIONS ON THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend we celebrate the Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time of the Liturgical year. The word of God today teaches, and encourages, and reminds us that our God is the providential God who never abandons his people and never ceases to be with his people.

The first reading from the book of Prophet Jeremiah is a brief account of an example of the fate which falls on people who defend and live by the truth. Jeremiah was called to be a Prophet when there was a lot of corruption in Israel. He received the call to be a Prophet rather reluctantly. God came to Jeremiah and told him: *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you and before you were born, I consecrated you..."* (Jeremiah 1:5)

These words, even though they were addressed to Jeremiah thousands of years ago; still apply to each one of us in a unique way. They tell us how special you and I are before God. In concrete terms, these words challenge us to respect life and defend it from time of conception to natural death. They are at the same time about each one's vocation and our special role in the church and in the world. Let us be assured, my brothers and sisters, that whatever we are, and whatever we do, there are not accidents in the eyes of God. We are here for a purpose, because God foresaw it long time ago, right from our conception.

When Jeremiah heard God's voice, he resisted. He was afraid of the great mission of which God was calling him to accomplish. He presented his apology and excuse to God saying: *"Oh Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."* (Jeremiah 1:6). Bible scholars tell us that Jeremiah was about 20 years old or younger when he was called to become a Prophet. God does not look at age or any of our limitations when He calls us for a mission. This is what God told Jeremiah: *"Do not say I am only a youth... Do not be afraid... I am with you...they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you"* (Jeremiah 1:8-19).

Today's first reading we hear the fate of Jeremiah as God had foretold. Jeremiah was innocently accused and condemned to death. He was thrown in the water cistern because he spoke the truth. God, however, intervened and saved him. Jeremiah was drawn from the cistern when one of the court officials, Ebed-Melech, pleaded with King Zedekiah who had ordered for Jeremiah to be killed.

My brothers and sisters as I mentioned at the beginning, God does not abandon his people. He does not mean, however, that the friends of God and those who defend the truth are immune to suffering. No, on the contrary, people who are close to God sometimes experience greater tribulations and suffering in life than those who do not care about God's existence. Harold Kushner has analyzed this phenomenon in his book, *"When bad things happen to Good people."* There is a big difference between suffering of the innocent who abides by God's commands and the suffering of those who do not care about God's providential care. Through their sufferings and tribulations, the innocents glorify God. God never abandons them.

- Jeremiah was not abandoned.
- Job was not abandoned.
- All the Saints of the church were not abandoned.
- And in a special way, God will never abandon us if we persevere in faith.

The message of the first reading is carried on in the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews. The author encourages us saying that: *"Since we are surrounded by great a cloud of witness, let us rid ourselves of every burden of sin... and persevere in running the race that lies before us..."* (Hebrews 12:1). In this reading we are presented with the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who endured the cross until death and come out victorious by his resurrection (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Today's Gospel emphasizes the same point, that God takes care of us. He is providential God who loves us and will never abandon us. Jesus tells us that He has come to set the earth on fire. In other words, Jesus invites us to be fired up by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth.

What do we take home with us from the word of God today? My message is that we should not lose hope in life, my brothers and sisters. Let us trust in God because God does not abandon His own. God who took care of Jeremiah, the God who raised Jesus from the dead, will never abandon you. May the good Lord bless you and grant you the grace of perseverance and trust in him always. Amen.

## Ministry Highlights



**Family Formation:**  
Save the Date for October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Starting with 5:30 Mass

# KNOWN

JAMES 4:8



### NET RETREAT 2025

Middle School: September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm.

High School: Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm

- \$30 cost includes lunch, snacks, shirt and fees.
- Youth from St. Helens, St. Raphael and Our Lady of the Valley will also be on the retreat.
- Friends are always welcome to come with

Sign up with the QR Code and let them know you are with St. James. For any questions contact Brianna Chavez via email [brianna@stjames-greater.com](mailto:brianna@stjames-greater.com)

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## YOUTH GROUP BBQ KICKOFF

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7-8:30PM  
IN THE PARISH HALL.

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN WITH FOOD,  
GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP! BRING YOUR  
FRIENDS!!

## YOUTH GROUP



**SIGN UP →**

### Volunteers Needed!

#### Children's Formation & Time commitment:

- Catechist - twice per month
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) - once per month
- Hospitality - As needed for retreat luncheons / dinners



#### \*Training will be provided!

If interested, please email Terri Simonetta at [terri@stjames-greater.com](mailto:terri@stjames-greater.com)



#### Youth Group & Time commitment:

- Junior High - Tuesdays 5:30pm to 8pm
- Teen Group - Sundays 6:60pm to 9pm

If interested, please email Brianna Chavez at [brianna@stjames-greater.com](mailto:brianna@stjames-greater.com)

Save the Date: September 20<sup>th</sup>

## YOUR VOICE. STORY. CHURCH.

Textily, O Church, to the Light of the Mystery of Love

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, Bishop Dolan has launched the Synod of Young Adults in the Diocese of Phoenix. Young adults ages 18-39 from across the diocese are invited to come and engage with the broader Church, share their voices, and shape the direction of the Catholic faith in today's world. All young adults are welcome to come September 20th from 2-4pm in the St. James parish hall. We want to hear from you! 4pm Vigil Mass will follow.

#### 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.

*In the Loop*

CLOSING DOWN  
**SALE**

THANK YOU  
FOR **EVERYTHING!**



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

The gift shop closing sale will continue through the month of August or longer until all products have been sold. We are open **Saturdays from 3pm to 5:30pm** and **Sundays from 8am until 1:30pm**. We have a few Divine Mercy Pictures left that includes a rosary and prayer card for \$3. Be proud to display one in your home.

Thank you for supporting St. James!



*Donut ministry will continue as usual.*

**Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed!**

St. James pumpkin patch is back! We need **YOUR** help! If you are interested in **volunteering**, we need slots filled (**October 15th-31st**). We will need help unloading the pumpkins on **October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**.

Scan the QR code to sign up!

Please contact Brianna Chavez for any questions via email, [brianna@stjames-greater.com](mailto:brianna@stjames-greater.com)



This week our pantry needs  
**jelly, pasta, chili, and  
canned corn.**

**SVdP:** In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!"

Your gift in today's SVdP collection will assist those suffering in poverty and will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love.

"A person who is fundamentally honest doesn't need a code of ethics. The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are all the ethical code anybody needs." Harry S. Truman



*Liturgical Ministry  
Training*



**"Be not afraid"** to serve! God calls each of us to share our gifts. Learn to serve as a *minister of the word, minister of the Holy Eucharist, and minister of hospitality.*

**First Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**

**First Saturdays at 9:30 AM**

Come, be part of something beautiful!

*\*Training and Retraining is done by Appointment.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

*St. James Fall Festival*

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>



Do you want to help the youth group but without the drama? Sponsor a meal for our Teen Group on Sunday night. From Lasagna to pizza to sandwiches, you make it, we eat it. To sign up just scan the QR code or contact Brianna via email, [brianna@stjames-greater.com](mailto:brianna@stjames-greater.com).

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Registration through Eventbrite—search for **Magnificat Meal**  
**Speaker: Bishop John Dolan, Bishop for the Diocese of Phoenix - Sept. 13, 2025**  
Registration's deadline Sept. 8, 2025 by mail, Sept. 10th online - Seating is limited, register early.

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Contact information for registration  
Esther Ramirez, 623-565-0304, mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com  
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Contact Jaime Arvizu at 602.642.4136 for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC NIGHT**  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025  
- AT CHASE FIELD -



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