

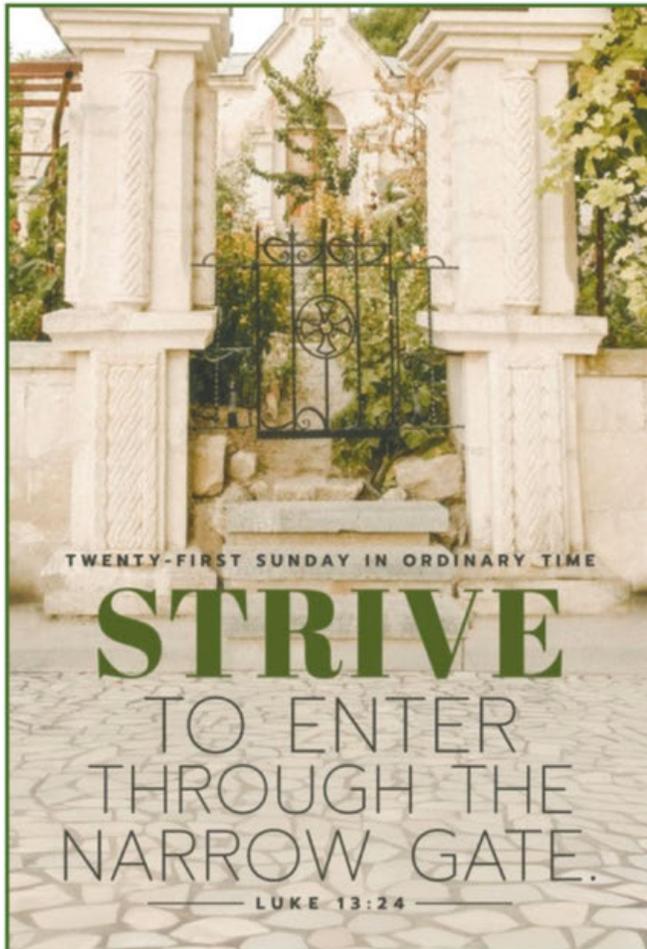


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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!"

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 24, 2025 / 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 24 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 † 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-Tuesday-Thursday - 9:00AM-Noon
12:30PM-4PM /

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

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9:00AM until 11:30AM



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

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Dcn. Ron TenBarge
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- **Cemetery & Funeral Home** (Available 24 hours)

Intentions

Monday, August 25th

8am — Donahue Family (Special Intention)

Tuesday, August 26th

8am — Emilita Humarang (Deceased)

Wednesday, August 27th

7pm — Joseph DiSanto (Deceased)

Thursday, August 28th

8am — Armando Naight (Deceased)

Friday, August 29th

8am — Clarita and Victor Oarde (Deceased)

Saturday, August 30th

8am — Marilee Murchison and Family (Special Intention)

4pm — Barbara Ann Donahue (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, August 31st

8am — Yonas and Meron Tekleberham (17th Wedding Anniversary)

10am — St. James Parishioners

12pm — Epifanio Diaz (13th Anniversary)

6pm — James Hoffman (Deceased)

St. James Council Members

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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

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Financial Blessings

Sunday, August 3, 2025 Offertory.....\$11,190.00

Weekly Offertory Budget..... \$14,115.00



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Monthly donations will be debited on or after the 27th of each month

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.

Phone 623-581-0707 † Fax 623-581-0110 † Web Site - www.stjames-greater.com † email - admin@stjames-greater.com

Sunday Readings

First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18-21)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15))

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:5-7, 11-13)

Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:22-30)

Readings of the Week

Monday, August 25th

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26th

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27th

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28th

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 29th

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30th

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Please pray for the reposed soul of our lifelong parishioner, Elizabeth (Liz) Grace. Her funeral will be September 4th at 10AM.

This Week at St. James...

Monday, August 25th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 26th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support

2:30pm –3:45pm Legion of Mary

Wednesday, August 27th

6:00pm –6:45pm Reconciliation

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

Thursday, August 28th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support

5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar

7:00pm –8:30pm English Choir Practice

Friday, August 29th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

8:30am –4:00pm

Adoration

4:00pm Benediction

Saturday, August 30th

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

2:00pm –3:30pm

Reconciliation

3:00pm –5:30pm Gift Shop

Sale

5:00pm –7:00pm African

Choir Rehearsal (Saturday)

Sunday, August 31st

Mass Times: 8:00am,

10am,12pm (Spanish),

6pm

7:00am –8:00am Choir

Rehearsal

8:00am –1:30pm Gift Shop

Sale

9:00am –10:00am Choir

Rehearsal

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 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

We celebrate the Twenty First Sunday in ordinary time of the liturgical year. The word of God today is centered on the theme of salvation and perseverance in various hardships we face in life. The first reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah speaks about the call of people from the corners of the earth to come and experience God's salvation. The Lord says: *"Come to gather nations of every language, they shall come and see my glory"* (Isaiah 66:18). Everybody is included in the plan of salvation. The message of universal salvation is found in the first reading and is carried in the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews. The author compares parental discipline to God's disciplinary actions in our lives. We are asked to endure various burdens and challenges of life not as punishment. They may appear not to cause joy now, but later they bring the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained in them (Hebrews 12:11).

It is in the Gospel that the message of universal salvation becomes very explicit. Jesus tells us only those who strive and walk through a narrow door of sacrifices and sufferings and those who seize the present opportunities given by God will be saved. When someone asked Jesus whether only a few will be saved, Jesus changed the question from "how many" to "who will" be saved. He did not speak about the "quantity" but the quality of those who will be saved. He used the occasion to teach three great lessons about the requirements for attaining salvation.

- We must strive or make serious efforts in order to attain salvation because the door which leads to salvation is narrow.
- We must pay great attention to the task of attaining salvation now because of limited time before the door is shut.
- We must live by the Gospel values.

Today in the Gospel Jesus tells us that salvation requires an earnest striving. In order to attain salvation, therefore, we must make great efforts and pass-through tough exercise the way athletes do. We need these sorts of exercises because the door which leads to salvation is narrow and not wide enough to include everybody. Only those who have been trained in the discipline of prayer, sacrifice and care for one another will manage to enter through this narrow gate.

The good news, however, is that Jesus himself is the door. He tells us in today's Gospel Acclamation, that he is the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through him (Jn 14:6). Yes, Jesus is the gate, a narrow gate but not a broad one. Hence, entering through this narrow gate requires sacrifices, discipline and perseverance in suffering.

It is true, my brothers and sisters, that salvation is a free gift offered to all people, but we have to respond to it by repentance and sacrifices. We are invited to resist all things that are opposed to the way of Jesus Christ.

Another good news is that although the door that leads to salvation is narrow, it is always open. There is also the possibility of entry for everybody who strives and desires to enter through it. However, when all opportunities have been exhausted, all entry points will be closed. The word of God is teaching us that heaven is not guaranteed to us simply because our names are written in the Parish Baptismal Registers. Salvation is not guaranteed because we are regular church goers. It is true that we must be baptized. It is true that we need to go to church on a regular basis. However, these facts need to be supported by our personal connection with the Lord, through the genuine love of God and neighbor.

Jesus warns us today to be aware of the temptation of avoiding the narrow roads on the way to heaven. We are warned especially these days, about the dangers of pursuing an easy life or the preference of the *"Four-lane Highway"* of wealth, pleasure, comfort and convenience.

What do we take home with us this weekend after hearing this message on salvation? My sisters and brothers, let us be ready to sacrifice our comforts for the sake of the noble cause and for the promotion of the gospel values of peace, justice, love and care for one another. Moreover, our God is interested in quality not in quantity.

Ministry Highlights



Family Formation:
Save the Date for October 1st
Starting with 5:30 Mass

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JAMES 4:8



NET RETREAT 2025

Middle School: September 27th from 10am to 4pm.

High School: Saturday, October 4th 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

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YOUTH GROUP BBQ KICKOFF

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 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



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

Save the Date: September 20th

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 14th at 1pm**.

Scan the QR code to sign up!

Please contact Brianna Chavez for any questions via email, brianna@stjames-greater.com



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

SVdP: In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

Thank you for your generous gifts in last week's collection, it is through your donations that we can help those less fortunate in our area.

"A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one." St. Phillip Neri



*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 24th

Saturday, October 25th



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.

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Time: 11:15-2:30
on Sept. 13, 2025



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.

Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic Women (and men) in the Diocese of Phoenix.
Women sharing in testimony of how God has worked in their lives.

Contact information for registration
Esther Ramirez, 623-565-0304, mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com
make checks payable to Phoenix Magnificat;
include your email address and mail to: Esther Ramirez,
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Link can be found on our Facebook page [Phoenix Magnificat](#)

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Contact Jaime Arvizu at 602.642.4136 for more information.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025
- AT CHASE FIELD -

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"He takes a Greyhound."



St. Dominic is frequently depicted with a dog in art. When his mother was expecting, she had a dream about a dog with a torch in its mouth, inspiring the reflection that Dominic would be a great preacher (and he was)!

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