

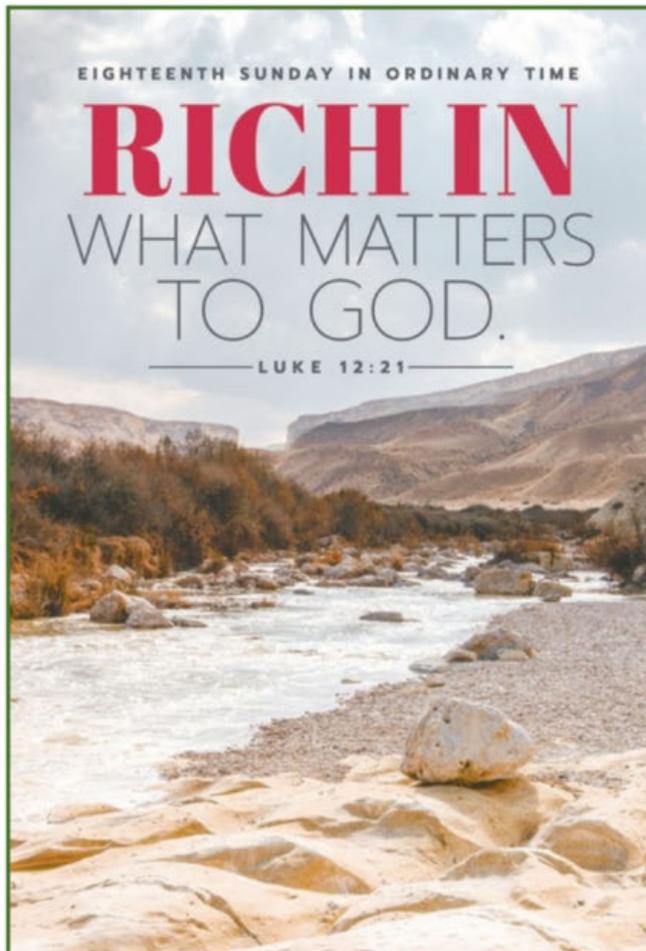


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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!"

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 3, 2025 / 18º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 3 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

St. Vincent de Paul † Pantry Phone 623-581-

0728 Hours: Food Pick-up Only Monday 12

Noon to 3:00PM, Wednesday & Saturday

9:00AM until 11:30AM



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

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- **Parochial Vicar** Fr. Felix Kauta, AJ
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Dcn. Ron TenBarge
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- **Cemetery & Funeral Home** (Available 24 hours)

Intentions

Monday, August 4th

8am — Erin Campbell (Birthday)

Tuesday, August 5th

8am — Amy Turner (Deceased)

Wednesday, August 6th

7pm — Mike Svarovsky (Birthday)

Thursday, August 7th

8am — Father Felix Kauta (Birthday)

Friday, August 8th

8am — Anna Lechniak (Deceased)

Saturday, August 9th

8am — Paul Du Puis (Special Intention)

4pm — Mary Steinke (Deceased)

Sunday, August 10th

8am — Isaiah & Evan Morris (18th Birthday)

10am — St. James Parishioners

12pm — Josa Luis Orocio (Special Intention)

6pm — Cecile Santos Mederios (Special Intention)

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, July 20, 2025 Offertory.....\$10,729.03

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

Rummage Sale.....\$7,500.00

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for your generosity

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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.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1))

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1-5, 9-11)

Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:13-21)

Readings  *of the Week*

Monday, August 4th

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 5th

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 6th

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday, August 7th

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 8th

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9th

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

This Week at St. James...

Monday, August 4th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 5th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

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

2:30pm –3:45pm Legion of Mary

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

Wednesday, August 6th

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

Thursday, August 7th

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 8th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

8:30am –4:00pm Adoration

4:00pm Benediction

6:00pm –8:00pm Young Adults Group

Saturday, August 9th

*KofC Water Drive

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm
2:00pm –3:30pm

Reconciliation

4:00pm –6:00pm Gift Shop Sale

Sunday, August 10th

*KofC Water Drive

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

LECTIONS ON THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Live a God Centered life.

The liturgy of the word of God invites us to live a God-Centered life and not a self-centered life. It is possible for us to choose to live a God-Centered life. The first reading is taken from the *book of Ecclesiastes* which means "**The Preacher.**" Even though he seems to be pessimistic in his presentation, he brings out the dangers of a self-centered life. The preacher lived in a context in which a small group of rich and ruling elites lived luxurious and lavish life while the poor majority struggled for survival. The rich systematically exploited the poor peasants, as today, and usurped their lands and properties and made them slaves in their own land. The preacher challenges the attitude of the people who were focusing too much on money and accumulation of wealth. He uses words like vanity, futile, empty, chasing wind, temporary, fleeting, mere breath etc. to express the vanity and transitory nature of life. A self-centered person seeks after fleeting things, enjoy accumulating wealth and money, and always places the self before God. Therefore, we are called upon to live a God-Centered life.

St. Paul in today's reading also calls for a God-Centered life, he encourages us to "**Seek what is above**" and "**Think of what is above, not what is on earth.**" Seeking what is above implies giving priority to God and making him the center of one's life. One should be preoccupied with thoughts of God and heavenly things. When our minds are preoccupied with thoughts of God and heavenly things we will not be seeking worldly things.

The Gospel openly invites us to lead a God-Centered life. The episode begins with the interpretation of Jesus preaching to a man in order to arbitrate between him and his brother concerning the sharing of inheritance. Jesus makes use of that opportunity to tell the parable about the unreliable nature of wealth. The rich man in the parable is a self-centered person and lives a self-centered life. He seems to be attributing the bountiful harvest to his own work and the result is there is no space for God and others in his life. He thinks that he is in control of his life, but God has another plan. When a person is leading a self-centered life, he forgets God and others. He is filled with himself and his ambitions. The parable says he has made a future plan for his life, but God has another plan. Before he could carry out his plan God executes His plan. He dies and he is removed from this world. The message is very clear that humans cannot have absolute control over their lives. It is God who controls everything and determines the lives of humans. Realization of this truth can help us live a God-Centered life. The catechism of the catholic church says that God created humans to know him, to love him, to serve him and to reach him. The goal of human being is to live with God forever. A God-Centered life can help us to live with God forever. God-Centered life urges us also to live for others.

A God-Centered life is expressed through our attitude and activities. God loves us and our life and all that we have are God's gifts. We do not have anything that we have not received from God and so we need to use all things for the glory of God and the building up of his kingdom. Today, people are attracted very much to worldly things and worldly values are eroding the holiness of our Christian life. We realize that all we see and are attracted to are fleeting things. They are not permanent, and they cannot give us real joy. Only God is permanent and life with him is permanent. Let us, therefore, not store up treasures for ourselves but become rich in what matters to God. Let us be grateful for all that we have received from God and make use of everything for the **Glory of God.**

Ministry Highlights

Steubenville Adventures



Steubenville West took place July 18th - July 20th in Tucson. St. James and St. Charles Borromeo were part of the two thousand who came to this Catholic youth conference along with other parishes around the area. To quote St. Mother Teresa, "The Greatest human need is to love and be loved." That weekend was full of that Love. With singing praise and worship to playing games to listening to talks to having Adoration to Mass to going to prayer labs to encountering Jesus though each person we encountered. Our hearts continue to be full of the Love Christ has freely given us.



'Greater' Hangouts Young Adult Group next meet up is Friday, August 8th from 6-8pm in the parish hall!



Registration is open for returning and new families (registered parishioners).

Family Formation deadline is August 4th at 4pm.

Children's Formation Volunteers Needed!

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

HELP!

Interested in **volunteering** with the youth group? Contact the youth director, Brianna Chavez via email brianna@stjames-greater.com



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

After 20 years of serving this community, Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop will have its Closing Sale **August 2nd and 9th from 2pm to 5:30pm** and **August 3rd and 10th from 8am until 2pm.**

Everything must be sold! Thank you for supporting St. James!



Donut ministry will continue as usual.

The Patch is Back!

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**. Please contact Brianna Chavez, the youth director to get involved via email brianna@stjames-greater.com or phone number (623) 581-0707 ext.105



This week our pantry needs soup and cereal.

SVdP: In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

Know that the members of SVdP bring your gifts directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

“To be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” Nelson Mandela

Water will be collected after Masses August 9th and 10th



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!

Thank You

A special thank you to all who helped with our Rummage Sale!
You made it a success!

◆◆ *Much Love* ◆◆
And Appreciation

What's Happening

DID YOU KNOW? 

Although our security team is comprised of volunteers, we still have expenses for alarm monitoring, cameras, radios, volunteer background checks, and paid security for some special events? Our average monthly expense for this is \$250. When volunteers are willing to pay the cost of their required background check, this helps to reduce our costs.



Just a few of the 577 Gift Cards Available from St. James' Script Program!



To order Gift Cards ask the Office for a Script Order Form. Orders are sent after the 6PM Mass on the Month's 3rd Sunday. To order Online ask the Office for St. James Online Order Info.



Link your Fry's Card to St. James and we can earn cash back!

1. Go to your account
2. Link your shopper's card
3. Set up your organization by choosing St. James.

Many Thanks to the participating St. James Parishioners!

2025/2026 ONLINE RENEWAL

All renewals are due **NOW!**

*Check to see if your background check is expiring. If it expires anytime in 2025, you need to complete the criminal background check box framed in red.

"What's gray, has four legs and a trunk?"



"A mouse on a pilgrimage!"

FUN FACT!



A "pilgrimage" is a form of prayer that involves a trip or journey to a holy place. The entire journey becomes a prayer!

Do **YOU** want an ad in the back of the bulletin?

Contact Jaime Arvizu at 602.642.4136 for more information.

Active Shooter Class on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30pm in the Church. All parishioners and volunteers are encouraged to attend. All security team members need to attend this class. All volunteers who work at any Mass need to attend. Even if you have attended one before, it is important to practice and review.

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