

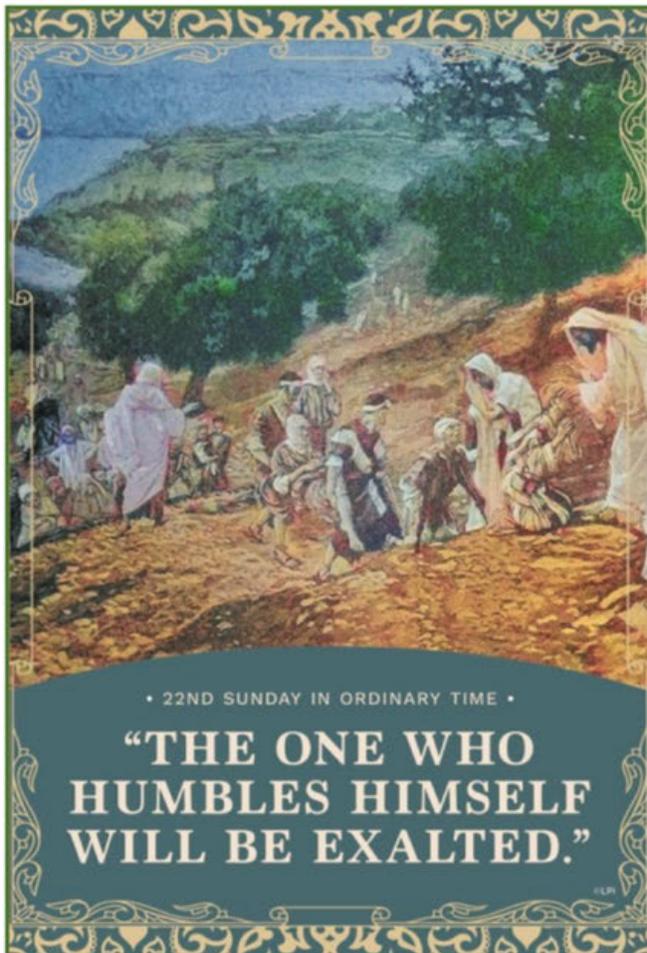


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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!"

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 31, 2025 22º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 31 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

September 1st the office will be closed due to Labor Day!

19640 N. 35th Ave., Glendale, Arizona 85308 † Phone 623-581-0707 † Fax 623-581-0110 † www.stjames-greater.com

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

St. James Staff

- **Pastor** Fr. Ben Onegiu, AJ
- **Parochial Vicar** Fr. Felix Kauta, AJ
- **Deacons** Dcn. Frank Devine
Dcn. Ron TenBarge
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- **Holy Cross Catholic** Phone: 623-936-1710
- **Cemetery & Funeral Home** (Available 24 hours)

Intentions

Monday, September 1st

8am — Bruce Orosco (Deceased)

Tuesday, September 2nd

8am — Paul Du Puis (Special Intention)

Wednesday, September 3rd

7pm — Robert Morse (Deceased)

Thursday, September 4th

8am — Kathy McCarthy (Birthday)

Friday, September 5th

8am — Paul and Veronica Du Puis and Family (Special Intention)

Saturday, September 6th

8am — Legion of Mary, Mother of God Members and Family

4pm — St. James Students Returning to School

Sunday, September 7th

8am — Family of Yonas and Meron (Special Intention)

10am — Remembrance for those who have died by suicide and their loved ones.

12pm — Ginny Garcia (Deceased)

6pm — Seminarian Nathan Miller and Family (Special Intention)

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

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Financial Blessings

Sunday, August 10, 2025 Offertory.....\$11,014.75

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:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29)

Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a))

Second Reading:

You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a)

Gospel:

“For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Lk 14:1, 7-14)



Monday, September 1st

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 2nd

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 3rd

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 4th

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 6th

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 6th

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

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, September 1st

Labor Day
Office Closed
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, September 2nd

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, September 3rd

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

Thursday, September 4th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass
9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support
10:00am –11:00am Funeral - Liz Grace
5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar

6:00pm –7:30pm Teen Confirmation class
7:00pm –8:30pm English Choir Practice

Friday, September 5th

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

Saturday, September 6th

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

Sunday, September 7th

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
7:00pm –8:30pm BBQ
Kickoff for Youth Group



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

This weekend we celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday in ordinary time of the liturgical year. The word of God today is asking us to be humble. The first reading from the book of Sirach asks us to conduct ourselves with humility. "My child, conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17). In the Gospel Jesus repeats the same teaching: "The one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 14:11). The second reading teaches us that our God is a humble God, and he prepares a banquet for all of us in the heavenly Jerusalem. (Hebrews 12:13)

God manifested humility in a special way in the mystery of the incarnation when Jesus took on human nature for our salvation and lived on earth like one of us. St. Paul expresses the humility of God in Jesus by the act of God's self-emptying (kenosis) in his letter to the Philippians in the beautiful words:

"...though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in a human likeness. And being found in human form, humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross..." (Philippians 2:5-8)

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches about humility using a parable of hospitality addressed to both the host and the guests. As hosts, we have to extend our hospitality to people who will not invite us back. As guests, we are reminded that we should always take the lowly places and not the places of honor. *"Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted"* (Lk 14:11).

What is humility? Perhaps the best way of understanding humility is to look at its opposite, that is, *pride*. Due to the consequences of original sin, each of us carries some aspects of pride. Pride makes us seek self-justification by considering ourselves better than others. As proud persons we always believe and see ourselves as good and righteous and not in need of help. In other words, pride is a state of exaggerated self-esteem.

The Bible gives examples of what pride and humility are in the parable of prayer between a Pharisee and a tax collector. In that parable, a Pharisee prayed by parading the things he had done, *"God, I thank you, that I am not like other people... I fast twice a week, I give tenth of my income..."* On the other hand, the tax collector prayed in humility asking God for mercy, *"God be merciful to me a sinner"* (Lk 18:9-14).

Sometimes we mix up humility with simplicity, calmness, and being quiet or being gentle. The virtue of humility is found midway between the two extremes: one of those extremes is superiority complex, when I say, *"I am everything."* The other extreme is inferiority complex, when I say, *"I am nothing,"* or *"I am good for nothing."*

We pray today that God may give us the grace to practice the virtue of humility. When the seed of humility starts emanating in us, it slowly kills pride. We become aware that we need others. We need grace. We need help. Above all, we need to be always in the presence of God.

In the African philosophy *ubuntu*, humility is summed up in the phrase: *"I am because you are,"* humility is letting others shine or uplifting them up instead of stepping on them. The true spirit of humility, my sisters and brothers, is to accept our emptiness, limitations and weaknesses and to recognize that we need Christ's power in our lives. St. Paul knew it very well when he said: *"I am content with weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for when I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 Cor 12:10). He adds: *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me"* (Philippians 4:13).

What message do we take home this weekend after hearing this message on humility? Let us learn a lesson from St. Augustine. As a youth St. Augustine thought he was invisible, with powers and the ability to save himself. When he was finally touched by the grace of God, he converted and became a humble follower of Christ. Augustine's life teaches us that it is never too late to turn to the Lord: In one of his celebrated books, *The Confessions*, St. Augustine writes:

Late have I loved you, Beauty, at once so ancient and so new.

Late have I loved you.

You were within me, and I was outside...

You were with me, but I was not with you...

You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness.

You shone, and you dispelled my blindness.

You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you.

I have tested you, now I hunger and thirst for more.

You touched me and, I burned for your peace.

Ministry Highlights

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



First Reconciliation:
Save the Date for September 17th
 6pm to 7:30pm for those who are registered!



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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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




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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 →



Save the Date: September 20th

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Textfly, 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



Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop
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THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

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**. Thank you for supporting St. James!



Donut ministry will continue as usual.



This week our pantry needs pasta, and pasta sauce.

SVdP: Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

"The way to love anything is to realize it might be lost." G.K. Chesterton

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




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.



St. James Fall Festival

Friday, October 24th
Saturday, October 25th

Inspired by the sentiments of Pope Leo XIV, "Gaza is starving", Bishop Dolan strongly supports an urgent **Gaza Emergency Appeal**. These funds will directly support the Catholic humanitarian relief and aid organizations that are on the ground in Gaza providing families with food, shelter, hygiene and more. **Scan the QR code** to donate or go to

<https://dphx.org/special-collections/>




MINISTRY LEADER MEETING

A mandatory meeting of all Ministry Leaders will be held on **Monday, September 8th at 6 PM** in the parish hall. We'll provide Important updates on how our ministry activities impact both our parish community and our staff, and how we can work together to strengthen them. Questions? Leave a message in the office for Bobbi, or call 856-858-2027. Thank you!

What's Happening

DID YOU KNOW? 

Music stipends, equipment, and copyright fees cost approximately \$1,500 per month. Our expenses for additional clergy to help celebrate Mass is also about \$1,500 per month. We offer more Sunday Masses than other churches in the area. This can be taxing on our own clergy. We do anticipate a reduction in both of these areas with the new Mass schedule.

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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.
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Contact information for registration
Esther Ramirez, 623-565-0304, mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com
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Link can be found on our Facebook page [Phoenix Magnificat](#)



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Morning of Reflection

with Bishop Dolan

Saturday, Sept. 6
8am - 12pm

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Kay Kandas
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Happy Anniversary, Fr Ben!

August 28th was Fr. Ben's anniversary of ordination to the priesthood! We thank God for his faithful service, compassionate heart, and tireless dedication to our parish family and the wider Church. Please join us in offering prayers of gratitude. May the Lord continue to bless him abundantly in his ministry!

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