

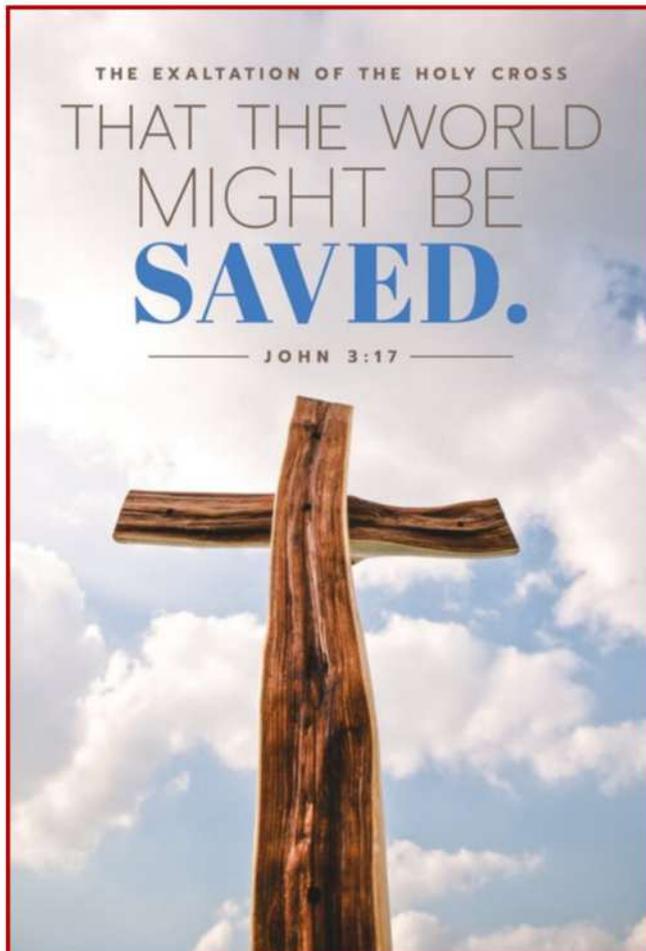


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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!"

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross / September 14, 2025 / La exaltación de la santa cruz / 14 de septiembre 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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Wednesday & Saturday 9:00AM until

11:30AM



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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, September 15th**
8am — Angie Radau (Birthday)
- Tuesday, September 16th**
8am — Paul Du Puis (Special Intention)
- Wednesday, September 17th**
7pm — Chip Fiandaca (Deceased)
- Thursday, September 18th**
8am — Paul Du Puis (Special Intention)
- Friday, September 19th**
8am — Sylvia Lucania (Deceased)
- Saturday, September 20th**
8am — Liz Grace (Deceased)
4pm — Denis Donahue (Deceased)
- Sunday, September 21st**
8am — Maria Vitullo (Deceased)
10am — Gina Svarosky (Birthday)
12pm — St. James Parishioners
6pm — Mary Vu (Deceased)

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 31, 2025 Offertory.....\$15,412.85
Gaza Aid Second Collection.....\$2,936.00
Weekly Offertory Budget..... \$14,115.00

THANK YOU
for your generosity



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.

Sunday Readings

First Reading:

“We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us.” (Nm 21:4b-9)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:6-11)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:13-17)



Monday, September 15th

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16th

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17th

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18th

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 19th

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20th

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

This Week at St. James...

Monday, September 15th	6:00pm –7:30pm Teen
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass	Confirmation class
Tuesday, September 16th	7:00pm –8:30pm English
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass	Choir Practice
9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support	Friday, September 19th
2:30pm –3:45pm Legion of Mary	8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass
6:00pm –7:30pm Junior High Group	8:30am –4:00pm Adoration
6:00pm –8:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg.	4:00pm Benediction
Wednesday, September 17th	Saturday, September 20th
7:00am –11:00am Rummage Sorting	Mass Times: 8am and 4pm
9:00am –10:00am Mom's Confession	SVdP Envelope Collection
6:00pm –7:30pm Fall Festival Committee Meeting	2:00pm –3:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm –7:30pm First Reconciliation Preparation Class	2:00pm –4:00pm Synod of Young Adults
7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass	Sunday, September 21th
Thursday, September 18th	Mass Times: 8:00am, 10am, 12pm (Spanish), 6pm
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass	SVdP Envelope Collection
9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support	7:00am –8:00am Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar	9:00am –10:00am Choir Rehearsal
	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
	7:00pm –8:30pm Teen 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

THE EXULTATION OF THE CROSS

In the history of the church, the early Christians did not use the symbol of the cross because they were scared to display it since it caused them to be persecuted or mocked. It was not until the 4th Century when Emperor Constantine was converted to Christianity and abolished crucifixion, that his mother St. Helen, went to look for the cross in Jerusalem. People then began to identify themselves openly with the cross. Believers too began to venerate the cross as a symbol of their salvation.

The Feast of Exultation and Good Friday are related and focus on the graces and merits of the Cross, rather than Jesus' death. We don't have to dwell on the emotions that come with death but Jesus's salvific mission. Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death on Mount Calvary, which is the means of our salvation.

What then is the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross? The Exultation of the cross also called the Universal Exultation of the Holy Cross, is the day we celebrate the historical events in the discovery of the true Cross of St. Helen. Along with God's greatest work: His salvific death on a cross and His resurrection through which death was defeated and the doors of heaven opened.

On this day the church asks us to go on a pilgrimage and connect with the pilgrimage of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ on Mount Calvary. This great and unparalleled act of love took Jesus to Mount Calvary. But if we are honest, we realize something else. That Calvary is not just a place at one moment in time. That is why we venerate the cross of Christ on the feast of the exultation of the cross. **Calvary is everywhere. The body of Christ is stripped naked through our sins, the body of Christ is scourged through our sins, hatred and all sorts of sins we commit against God and humanity.**

Mothers, put yourselves in the condition of our Blessed Mother at the foot of the cross. Men, put yourselves in the conditions of the apostles of the Lord that he loved at the foot of the cross. Remember that such cruelties overwhelm our world even today and continue to linger in our minds.

TRIUMPH of the CROSS



Ministry Updates



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!

Photos from the Youth Group BBQ Kickoff

Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, Pray for us!



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



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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



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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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.

Stay Connected



Fellowship in St James Hall
Sundays Following
The 8:00 and 10:00 Masses!

Come Meet Your Fellow Parishioners and Have Donuts
and Coffee (\$1.00 ea.)

Youth Group and Family Formation is now serving the donuts!

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
canned corn, soup, pasta
sauce and fruit.

SVdP: Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining SVdP? We need some new volunteers; we work on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

"You will know that forgiveness has begun when you recall those who hurt you and give them the power to wish them well." Lewis B. Smedes



*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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. James Fall Festival

Be part of the fun! We need helping hands for food & snack booths, games & activities, entertainment, setup/tear down, and security. Sign up through the parish office and join the team that makes the festival happen!

Do you want to decorate
and submit your car for
the trunk or treat?
Contact the front office.



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 Happening

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**St. James Roman Catholic Parish
BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, September 28th, 2025

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Located in Parish Halls 3-6
19640 N 35th Ave ~ Glendale



To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or visit vitalant.org (Enter Blood Drive Code: 10056119). For questions, please contact Teren Lawrie at azyankee@gmail.com.

*Terms and conditions apply; see vitalant.org/HalloweenFee.

Find us @vitalant:



Save the Date: September 20th

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VOICE.
STORY.
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Testify, 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.

Is God Calling You to be a Sister? Join the Daughters of Charity "Come & See" Fall Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat, October 3-5 2025, in Los Altos Hills, CA. Say with us! Pray with us and Explore God's dream for **YOU**. For more info: daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/



Thinking about becoming Catholic?

Come and see what the Catholic faith is all about! Sign up for OCIA today by signing up at the front office.

Fr. Felix will be traveling to his home country of Tanzania for his annual holiday to spend time with family and loved ones, and hopefully get some well deserved rest. September 21st will be his final Mass celebration with us until he returns in early November. During his time away, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



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