

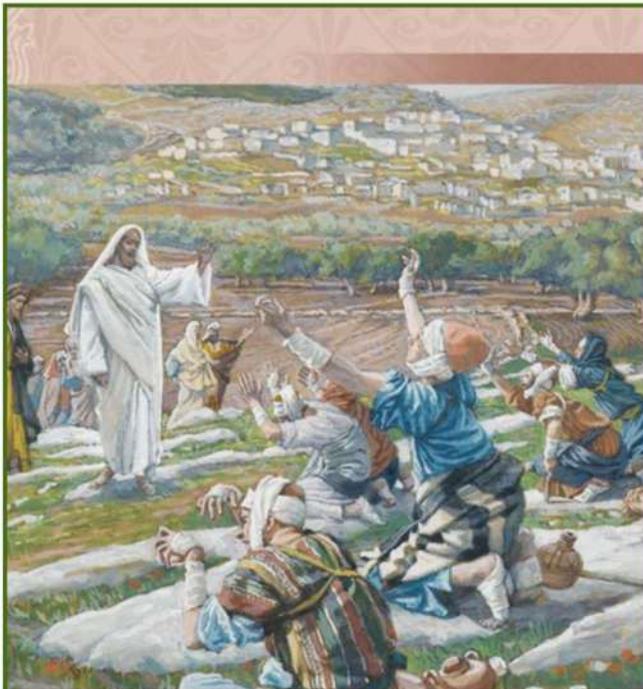


## *St. James Roman Catholic Parish*

**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!"*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 12, 2025 28<sup>o</sup> / Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 12 de octubre de 2025



### *28<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

Its from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

### *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 /

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## Intentions

### Monday, October 13th

8am — Steve Brown (Deceased)

### Tuesday, October 14th

8am — Norman Ehrlich (Deceased)

### Wednesday, October 15th

7pm — Terri Simonetta (Birthday)

### Thursday, October 16th

8am — Sammy Olguin, Jr. (Deceased)

### Friday, October 17th

8am — Andrew & Marisa Radau (Birthday)

### Saturday, October 18th

8am — Mary Vu (Deceased)

4pm — Janetlynn Mullins (Deceased)

### Sunday, October 19th

8am — Father Denis D'souza, 50th Anniversary of Ordination

10am — Helen P. Navoa (Deceased)

12pm — St. James Parishioners

6pm — In Thanksgiving for All Mothers

## St. James Council Members

### Pastoral Council:

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## Financial Blessings

Sunday, September 28, 2025 Offertory.....\$15,727.85

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



\*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:**

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14-17)

**Psalm:**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b))

**Second Reading:**

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tm 2:8-13)

**Gospel:**

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:11-19)



**Monday, October 13th**

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday, October 14th**

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday, October 15th**

Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday, October 16th**

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday, October 17th**

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday, October 18th**

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

*This Week at St. James...*

**Monday, October 13th**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

**Tuesday, October 14th**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe

Environment Training

Support

10:00am –11:00am Funeral

for Stephen Albion

1:00pm –3:00pm Pumpkin

Patch Setup

2:30pm –3:45pm Legion of

Mary

6:00pm –7:30pm Junior High

Group

6:00pm –8:00pm Pastoral

Council

**Wednesday, October 15th**

7:00am –11:00am Rummage

Sorting

11:30am –7:30pm Pumpkin

Patch

6:00pm –7:30pm Fall Festival

Committee Meeting

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

**Thursday, October 16th**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe

Environment Training

Support

11:30am –7:30pm Pumpkin

Patch

5:30pm –7:00pm Español

Coro Practicar

6:00pm –7:30pm Teen

Confirmation class

7:00pm –8:30pm English

Choir Practice

**Friday, October 17th**

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

8:30am –4:00pm Adoration

11:30am –7:30pm Pumpkin

Patch

4:00pm Benediction

**Saturday, October 18th**

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

SVdP Envelope Collection

10:00am –12:00pm OCIA

11:30am –7:30pm Pumpkin

Patch

2:00pm –3:30pm

Reconciliation

**Sunday, October 19th**

Mass Times: 8:00am,

10am,12pm (Spanish), 6pm

SVdP Envelope Collection

7:00am –8:00am Choir

Rehearsal

9:00am –10:00am Choir

Rehearsal

10:10am –10:35am CLOW

11:00am –1:30pm African

Choir Rehearsal (Sundays)

11:00am –12:00pm Choir

Rehearsal

11:15am –12:00pm Rosary

11:30am –7:30pm Pumpkin

Patch

12:00pm –4:00pm Fall

Festival Preparation

12:10pm –12:35pm CLOW

(Spanish)

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*

REFLECTION ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

This weekend we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in ordinary time of the liturgical year. Our theme for meditation and reflection drawn from today's reading is *gratitude*.

In the first reading, God shows his kindness to Naaman by curing him of leprosy and in return, Naaman gives thanks to God by converting. He expressed his gratitude by entrusting his whole life to the living God of Israel.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds Timothy and all of us that the proclamation of the Good News of salvation brings suffering. In spite of this, we would give thanks to God always because God is faithful and He cannot disown his own self.

Fred tells this story: Once, before he was married, his wife to be fell seriously ill. They lived in an underdeveloped country at the time, during a vicious war. Medicine for civilians was hard to come by, and medical experts were few. He would have given anything to have been able to help cure her, and when she recovered, his gratitude knew no bounds. I think of this in my own life when I hear the story of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus. I can understand their depths of despair were fed by such a severe illness, leading this foreigner, a Samaritan to call upon the mercy of an unknown itinerant teacher. When the chips are down, we become open to anything. The work of Jesus was to make the design of God for humanity. To do this He preached to the crowds. But as Luke's Gospel rightly tell us, Jesus also explained the love of God by his actions. Jesus lavished special attention upon the needs of the poor, especially those who were sick and had lost all hope. This love was even extended to Samaritans and "*foreigners*".

The Gospel of St. Luke has many layers with wonderful teachings about God's kindness and the importance of gratitude in our lives. God's kindness is presented by reference to number ten, the perfect number. In the Bible, number ten signifies completion of a series and the beginning of a new thing. For example, in the Old Testament, we have the ten commandments which demand complete or total obedience to God. Abraham gave a tenth of his possession to Melchizedek the King of Salem as his total gratitude to God. The tenth plague in Egypt ended the enslavement of the Israelites in Egypt.

Luke purposely reports that these lepers were not only ten, but there were nine Jews and one Samaritan. Having been excluded from the community in their suffering and isolation, the ten lepers become one complete entirety in need of God's mercy and healing. The healing miracle happens as Jesus sends the ten lepers to the priest for readmission and reintegration into the community. It is interesting to note how, unlike Naaman who at first refused to bathe in the Jordan, these lepers obey Jesus without questioning. The turn of events in today's gospel happens when one of the lepers, a Samaritan realizes the **gratitude is better than obedience**. He turns and comes back to say thank you to Jesus.

Today's Gospel ends with a question which you and I should try to answer: "*Where are the other nine?*" when it comes to being grateful to God for all the good things which we have received from Him? Consider things like; 1. The gift of life. 2. Our health. 3. Our families. 4. Our nation. 5. Our jobs and livelihood. 6. Our neighbors. 7. The gift of faith community and our parish etc. All these things and many others are enough reasons why we, "*the other nine*", should always thank God: dead or alive!

Today I invite you, my brothers and sisters, to say thank you to someone who deserves gratitude.

# Ministry Updates

## High School NET Retreat



"Where does St. Thérèse tuck her roses at night?"



"Into a flower bed."



St. Thérèse loved flowers. She once stated that every person's mission is like a flower in God's garden, and that flowers both grand and humble were all beautiful to Him!

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## Family Formation!

Next Family Formation is  
**Wednesday, November 5th**  
at 6pm.



**First Reconciliation:**  
Next class is **October 22nd** at 6PM

## JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP



Junior High (6th - 8th grade):  
Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Teen Group (9th - 12th Grade):  
Sundays 7:00pm - 8:30pm



**SPONSOR**

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).

### 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 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  
tuna, peanut butter, jelly,  
and mac and cheese.**

**SVdP:** In today's Gospel, we hear that only one of those  
healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to  
God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart, we  
know that everything is a gift from God.

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you  
considered answering the call to help serve the poor by  
joining SVdP?

"The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer,  
but unoffered prayer." F. B. Meyer

**Looking for Volunteers to help in the pantry! Contact  
the front office if interested!**



*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.*

**Arizona Rosary  
Celebration**

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Phoenix Convention Center  
[www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net)



*Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!*



**Thinking about becoming  
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## What's Happening

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### Just a few of the hundreds of Gift Cards available



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### Sign up for the St. James Trunk or Treat

Do you love to decorate for fall and Halloween? Can't wait to see all of the kids in their adorable costumes?

Then sign up in the foyer, office, or text Jill Frier (623-826-7392) to host a Trunk during the 2025 St. James Fall Festival!

- Saturday, October 25, 2025
- 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- St. James Parish Parking Lot during the 2025 Fall Festival
- Setup will begin at 3:00 pm

Go wild decorating your trunk for trick or treaters at the upcoming St. James Fall Festival and win a prize!

We still have many spaces available and need your help. Please bring your own candy and decorations and make sure that your trunk host has SET training. St. James will provide candy refills, as needed, and trick or treating will go until the candy runs out (or 8:00 pm, whichever comes first).

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Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 9PM

Bring the Family and Come Join the Fun

- 🎈 Bounce Houses for Kids
- 🎈 Hay Wagon Rides
- 🎈 Pumpkin Patch
- 🎈 BINGO
- 🎈 Raffles and Auctions
- 🎈 Mavuno Harvest Auction
- 🎈 Food and Treats
- 🎈 Trunk or Treat
- 🎈 Karaoke and Talent Show
- 🎈 Cake Walk
- 🎈 Games with Prizes
- 🎈 Halloween Crafts for Kids



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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!



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