

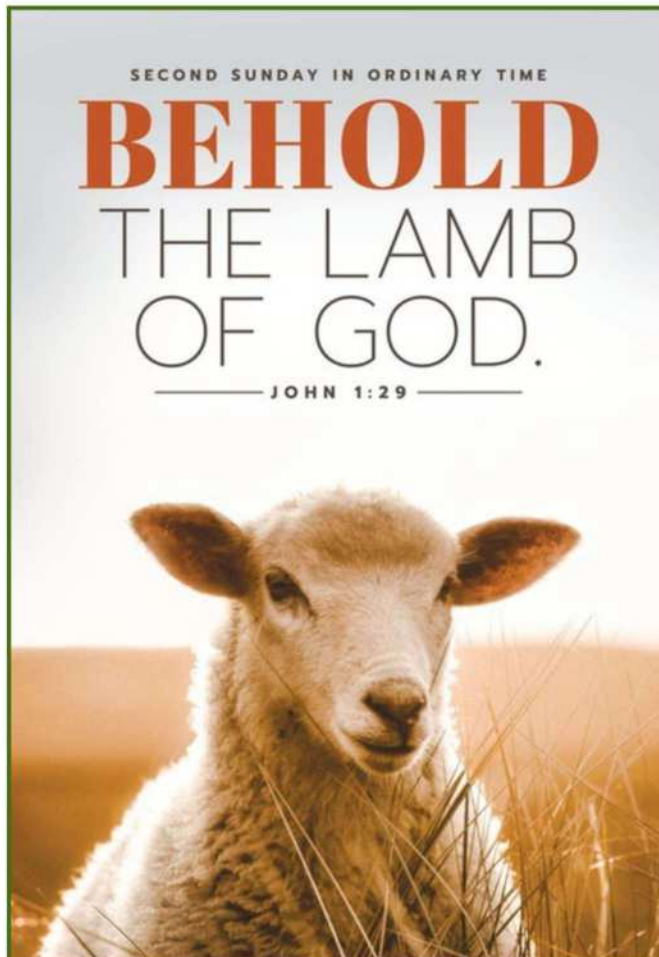


## *St. James Roman Catholic Parish*

**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!"*

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / January 18, 2026 / 2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 18 de enero de 2026



### *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 /

Saturday - 2:00PM - 4:00PM

**St. Vincent de Paul** † Pantry Phone: 623-

581-0728, Hours: Wednesday & Saturday

9:00AM until 11:30AM



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

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

## Intentions

### Monday, January 19th

8am — Frank and Anna Benedetto (Deceased)

### Tuesday, January 20th

8am — United States of America

### Wednesday, January 21st

7pm — Irene Plouffe (Deceased)

### Thursday, January 22nd

8am — Deceased Members of the McManimon Family

### Friday, January 23rd

8am — Shaun McManimon (Birthday)

### Saturday, January 24th

8am — Milan & Lisa Zovita (Special Intention)

4pm — Michael Stell

### Sunday, January 25th

8am — James Urey (Deceased)

10am — John Gill (Deceased)

12pm — St. James Parishioners

6pm — Robert Feierabend (Deceased)

## St. James Council Members

### Pastoral Council:

Chair - Bobbi Paul ▪ Vice Chair - Isabel Rogel ▪ Awichu Akwanya ▪ Marge Beach ▪ Gretchen Fenninger ▪ Jill Frier ▪ Cindy Lancaster ▪ Vince Paul - Knights of Columbus Liaison ▪ Andrew Thomas ▪ Florence Zelman-Fedde ▪ Aida Diaz

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## Financial Blessings

Sunday, December 28, 2025 Offertory.....\$17,283.68

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

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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.

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*Sunday Readings*

**First Reading:**

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:3, 5-6)

**Psalms:**

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10)

**Second Reading:**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:1-3)

**Gospel:**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29-34)



**Monday, January 19th**

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 20th**

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 21st**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 22nd**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 23rd**

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 24th**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

*This Week at St. James...*

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| <b>Monday, January 19th</b><br>Martin L. King, Jr. Day<br><b>Office Closed</b><br>8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass   | 7:00pm –8:30pm English Choir Practice   |
| <b>Tuesday, January 20th</b><br>8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass<br>9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support<br>2:30pm –3:45pm Legion of Mary<br>6:00pm –7:30pm Junior High Group<br>6:00pm –8:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg.                                | <b>Friday, January 23rd</b><br>8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass<br>8:30am –4:00pm Adoration<br>4:00pm Benediction  |
| <b>Wednesday, January 21st</b><br>8:00am –11:00am Rummage Sorting<br>6:00pm –7:30pm First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class<br>7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass   | <b>Saturday, January 24th</b><br>Mass Times: 8am and 4pm<br>8:00am –12:00pm It's Your Time to Shine!<br>Women's Retreat Season 2<br>10:00am –11:00am First Reconciliation Service<br>2:00pm –3:30pm Reconciliation<br>5:00pm –7:00pm African Choir Rehearsal (Saturday)   |
| <b>Thursday, January 22nd</b><br>8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass<br>9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support<br>10:00am –12:00pm Rosary Makers<br>5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar<br>6:00pm –8:00pm OCIA<br>6:00pm –7:30pm Teen Confirmation class | <b>Sunday, January 25th</b><br>Mass Times: 8am, 10am, 12pm (Spanish), 3pm (Swahili) 6pm<br>7:00am –8:00am Choir Rehearsal<br>9:00am –10:00am Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30am –1:30pm Blood Drive hosted by Knights of Columbus<br>11:00am –12:00pm Choir Rehearsal<br>11:15am –12:00pm Rosary<br>1:15pm –1:45pm Rosary - Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>3:00pm –4:00pm Swahili Mass<br>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.

## Reflections

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

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Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in this matter. Perhaps they do sometimes think that their mother and I are simply hired hands to take care of them, but rest assured, I have not received a paycheck for services rendered lately.


When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause.

As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.

*Ministry Updates*

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**Family Formation!**

Next Family Formation is  
**Wednesday, February 4th**  
at 6pm.



**First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class:**  
Next class is January 21st at  
**6PM**



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).

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2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I REALLY SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT TAKING GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...




ISAIAH: 3, 5-6

HELLO, TROPICAL CRUISES? DO YOU HAVE ANY OPENINGS FOR A CHAPLAIN?



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**JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP**



Junior High (6th - 8th grade):  
Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Teen Group (9th - 12th Grade):  
Sundays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**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.

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## 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.)



**SVdP:** In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove... and remain upon him."

As you place your gift in the SVdP collection this weekend, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." G.K. Chesterton



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### ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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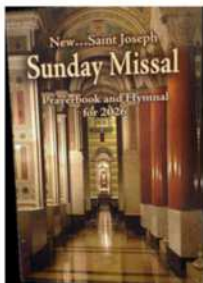
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Save the Date for a Mandatory  
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Saturday, February 21st -- Watch  
for more information!



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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.

### Rosary Makers

Our Lady's Rosary Makers have  
started to meet again. Like all of our  
ministries they can use additional  
help. All supplies and instructions are  
provided. **Work is done on the 2nd  
and 4th Thursdays of the month from  
10:00AM until Noon in the Hall.** If  
interested please leave your name  
and phone number at the Front Office  
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contact you.



## What's Happening

### DID YOU KNOW?



St. James pays a portion of income to fund diocesan operating expenses known as assessments. This income includes offertory, fundraising, and donations that are not designated for a specific purpose. For fiscal year 2024, we are paying an assessment of over \$85,000 or approximately \$1,600 per week.



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



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### WOMEN'S RETREAT

#### 🌸 A GENTLE REMINDER! 🌸

Sisters, this is your gentle reminder... If your heart has been longing for clarity, peace, or renewal — this retreat is for you.

#### 🌟 It's Your Time to Shine! 🌟

This is not about doing more. This is not about being perfect. It's about stepping away from the noise and allowing God to speak to your heart.

For women of all ages and all walks of life. Whether you are seeking clarity, healing, direction, or renewal—this is for you.

#### "What to Bring:"

- ✓ An open heart
- ✓ A journal or notebook
- ✓ A pen
- ✓ Comfortable clothing
- ✓ A willingness to receive what God has prepared for you

• You may also bring your Bible if you wish.  
All materials will be provided. Just come as you are.  
• God has something beautiful prepared just for you!  
Your presence matters. Your story matters. You matter.  
No pressures. No Expectations. Just come and receive.  
"Let your light shine before others..." — Matthew 5:16

#### 🌸 We would love to journey with you 🌸

"You don't have to be ready. You just have to come."

January 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12pm

Sign up in the foyer!

Scholarships are available!



### No Marriage is BEYOND HOPE!

#### Try A RETROUVAILLE Weekend!

Upcoming Weekend Phoenix, AZ  
January 23-25, 2026

Confidential Inquires: 602-254-6723  
Email 4001@helpourmarriage.org



### St. James Roman Catholic Church

Jan. 30th – 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jan. 31st – 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Feb. 1st (Hall only) – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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