

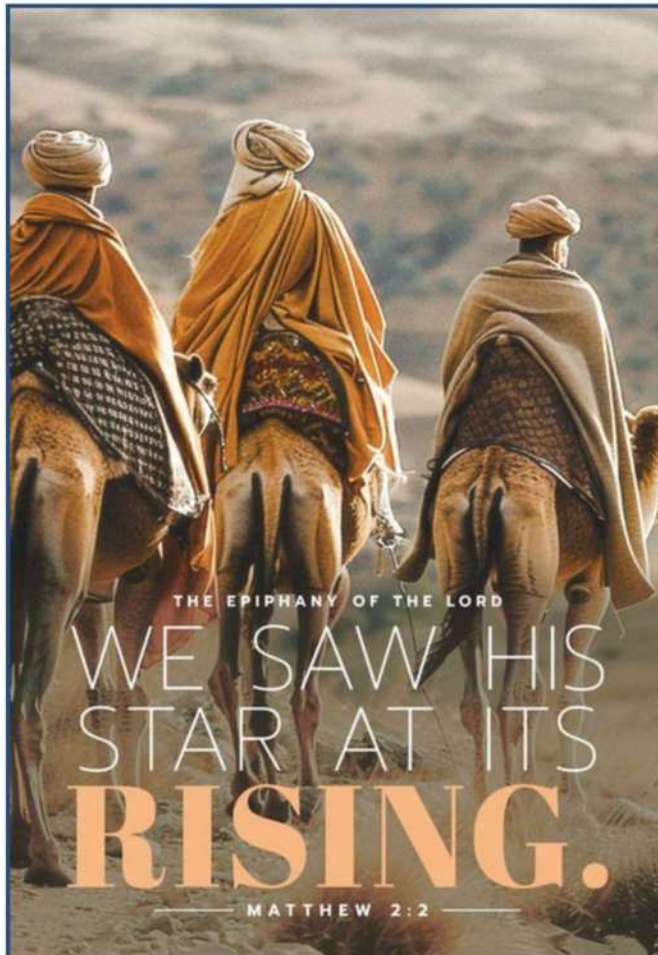


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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 Epiphany of the Lord / January 4, 2026 / Día de la Epifanía del Señor / 4 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 † 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: Wednesday & Saturday

9:00AM until 11:30AM



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

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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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- **Cemetery & Funeral Home** (Available 24 hours)

Intentions

Monday, January 5th

8am — Paul Du Puis (Special Intention)

Tuesday, January 6th

8am — Gretchen Fenninger and Oscar Navoa (Their 85th Birthdays)

Wednesday, January 7th

7pm — Chip Fiandaca (Deceased)

Thursday, January 8th

8am — Liz Grace (Deceased)

Friday, January 9th

8am — Rachael Garcia (Deceased)

Saturday, January 10th

8am — Joe Hartman (Deceased)

4pm — Rachael Garcia (Deceased)

Sunday, January 11th

8am — St. James Parishioners

10am — Deacons Frank and Ron

12pm — Jesus Simental & Juana Sozg (Deceased)

6pm — Ricardo Tapia (Special Intention)

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

Finance Council:

Co-Chairs - Scott Frier and Elaine Gress ▪ Michael McManus ▪ Rob Miller ▪ DeAnn Norman ▪ Jim Strebler ▪ James Volz

Financial Blessings

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Offertory.....\$12,575.90

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.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1-6)

Psalms:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel:

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:1-12)



Monday, January 5th

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 6th

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 7th

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8th

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 9th

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 10th

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

This Week at St. James...

Monday, January 5th
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 6th
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 Junior High Group

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

Wednesday, January 7th
8:00am –11:00am Rummage Sorting

6:00pm –7:30pm Family Formation

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

Thursday, January 8th
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

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

10:00am –12:00pm Rosary Makers

5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar

6:00pm –8:00pm OCIA

6:00pm –7:30pm Teen Confirmation class

6:30pm –8:00pm Finance Council Meeting

7:00pm –8:30pm English Choir Practice

Friday, January 9th
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

8:30am –4:00pm Adoration

12:00pm –5:00pm Fish Fry Setup

4:00pm Benediction

5:00pm –7:00pm Fish Fry

6:00pm –8:00pm Young Adults Group

Saturday, January 10th
Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

10:00am –11:00am Baptism

2:00pm –3:30pm Reconciliation

Sunday, January 11th
Mass Times: 8:00am, 10am, 12pm (Spanish), 6pm

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

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.

Reflections

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

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The Three Wise Men

Question:
Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

Answer:
We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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Ministry Updates

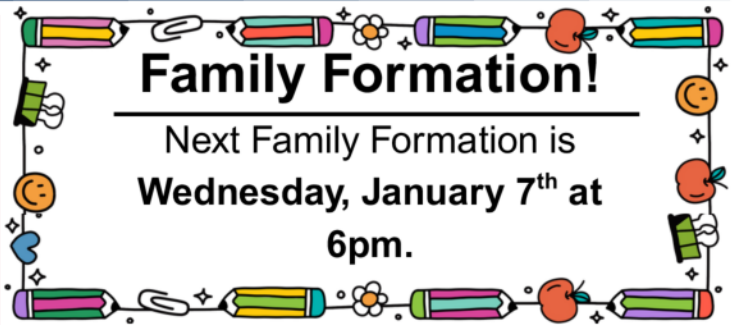
Children's Giving Moment

Each Sunday, our children are welcome to join in the offertory by placing their contribution in the white vessel at the altar. It's a simple yet meaningful way for them to share in the life and generosity of our parish.



Family Formation!

Next Family Formation is Wednesday, January 7th at 6pm.



First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class: Next class is January 14th at 6PM



ST. JAMES 'GREATER' HANGOUTS
YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY

STORY OF SALVATION - "Always Reaching for More"

JANUARY 9, 2026

AGES: 18-35 | TIME: 6-8PM

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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.

JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP



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

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,

It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.

Amen.

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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.)

Beginning **January 4th**, and on every **first Sunday of the month**, we will hold a **regular second collection for our CAMPUS FUND**. These contributions will help cover the cost of much-needed repairs and upgrades to our aging facilities. Many of these expenses are unexpected and can significantly impact our operational funds, making your support especially important. This is essential to keep our parish campus safe, welcoming, and functional for all.

Your generosity truly makes a difference, and we are **deeply grateful** for anything you can contribute. Thank you for helping us care for our parish home!



Save the date for **BINGO** on **Saturday, January 17th**. Look out for more details!

Save the Date for a Mandatory
Volunteer and Staff Day of
Recollection
Saturday, February 21st --
Watch for more information!



This week our pantry needs
fruit, jelly and cereal.

SVdP: This week our pantry needs fruit, jelly and cereal

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, when you place your gift in the SVdP collection later this month so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

“True love is found only in complete self-forgetfulness, and it is only after we have detached ourselves from every creature that we find Jesus.”
St. Therese of Lisieux



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.



Consider joining the Legion of Mary

Meet on **Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm** in **rooms 7 & 8 of the Parish Hall**. Legionaries are under the guidance of a Spiritual Director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through balanced program of prayer and service.

What's Happening

DID YOU KNOW?



Our church building is over 40 years old, and the parish hall is approaching 35. Many key areas are due for important updates. Upgrading systems like plumbing and electrical, along with modernizing the bathrooms and kitchen, will ensure our facilities remain safe, functional, and welcoming for years to come. A team is currently working on developing a comprehensive plan for improvements and repairs, which will be presented to the parish in the coming months.



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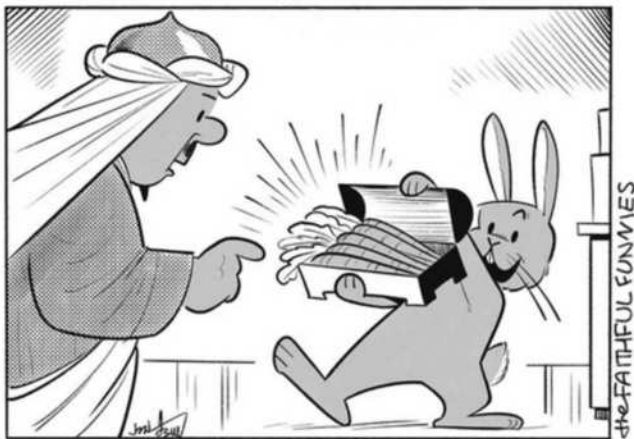


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"I thought you said this was a chest of gold?"



"Yes! It's 14 carrots!"



The Magi offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was a gift recognizing Jesus' Kingship, even as a humble baby.

*It's Your Time to
to Shine!*

WOMEN'S RETREAT SEASON 2

Saturday, January 24th
8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
St. James Parish Hall

Registration is \$20.00 to benefit St. James Roman Catholic Parish with Vicky Perez, Retreat Master

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - STEP INTO GOD'S VISION FOR YOU!
(MATTHEW 5:16)

Join us for a morning of faith, inspiration, and sisterhood.

Scan QR code for more information.



FISH FRY FRIDAY!!

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Fish Fry on Friday, January 9th from 5pm-7pm.** Come out and enjoy some fish!



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