

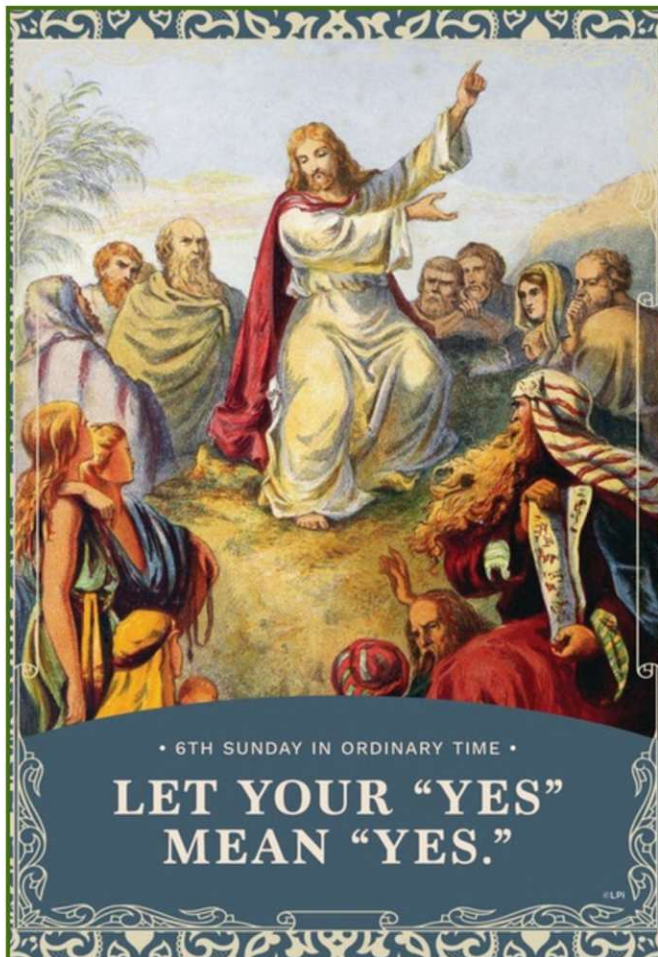


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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!"

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / February 15, 2026 / 6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 15 de febrero 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



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, February 16th**
8am — Antonino Lobue (Deceased)
- Tuesday, February 17th**
8am — Rose Ovile (Deceased)
- Wednesday, February 18th (Ash Wednesday)**
8am — Vicky Perez (65th Birthday)
5pm — Christine Pettit (Deceased)
7pm (Bilingual) — Liz and Tom Grace (Deceased)
- Thursday, February 19th**
8am — Joan Benedetto (Birthday)
- Friday, February 20th**
8am — Jim Balmer (Deceased)
- Saturday, February 21st**
8am — Tom Grace (Deceased)
4pm — St. James Parishioners
- Sunday, February 22nd**
8am — Brady Adams, III (Deceased)
10am — All Souls in Purgatory
12pm — Christian & Pamela Herrera (50th Wedding Anniversary)
6pm — Tom Grace (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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Co-Chairs - Scott Frier and Elaine Gress ▪ Michael McManus ▪ Rob Miller ▪ DeAnn Norman ▪ Jim Strebler ▪ James Volz

Financial Blessings

Sunday, January 25, 2026 Offertory.....\$17,626.20
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.

Phone 623-581-0707 † Fax 623-581-0110 † Web Site - www.stjames-greater.com † email - admin@stjames-greater.com

Sunday Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:15-20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:6-10)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:17-3)



Monday, February 16th

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 17th

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 18th

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 19th

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 20th

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 21st

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

This Week at St. James...

**Monday, February 16th
Office Closed**

Presidents' Day
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, February 17th

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 –8:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg.

Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday

8:00am –9:00am Ash

Wednesday Mass

8:00am –11:00am

Rummage Sorting

5:00pm –6:00pm Ash

Wednesday Mass

6:00pm –7:00pm Soup

Supper

7:00pm –8:00pm Ash

Wednesday Mass - Bilingual

Thursday, February 19th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe

Environment Training

Support

5:30pm –7:00pm Español

Coro Practicar

6:00pm –8:00pm OCIA

6:00pm –7:30pm Teen

Confirmation class

7:00pm –8:30pm English

Choir Practice

Friday, February 20th

8:00am –8:30am Daily

Mass

8:30am –4:00pm Adoration

4:00pm Benediction

6:00pm –7:00pm Spanish

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm –8:00pm Stations

of the Cross

Saturday, February 21st

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

Pulpit Talk: Lenten Mission

and Service Project

8:00am –1:30pm Volunteer

Day of Recollection

2:00pm –3:30pm

Reconciliation

5:00pm –7:00pm African

Choir Rehearsal (Saturday)

Sunday, February 22nd

Mass Times: 8am,

10am(African), 12pm

(Spanish), 6pm

Pulpit Talk: Lenten Mission

and Service Project

7:00am –8:00am Choir

Rehearsal

8:30am –9:30am OCIA

9:00am –10:00am Choir

Rehearsal

9:00am –12:00pm Pancake

Breakfast

10:10am –10:35am CLOW

11:00am –12:00pm Choir

Rehearsal

11:15am –12:00pm Rosary

1:15pm –1:45pm Rosary -

Divine Mercy Chaplet

1:30pm –3:00pm

Magnificat Charismatic

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

February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:17-37

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, **"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37).** He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

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Stations of the Cross, Explained

In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way. In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ.

Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.

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Ministry Updates

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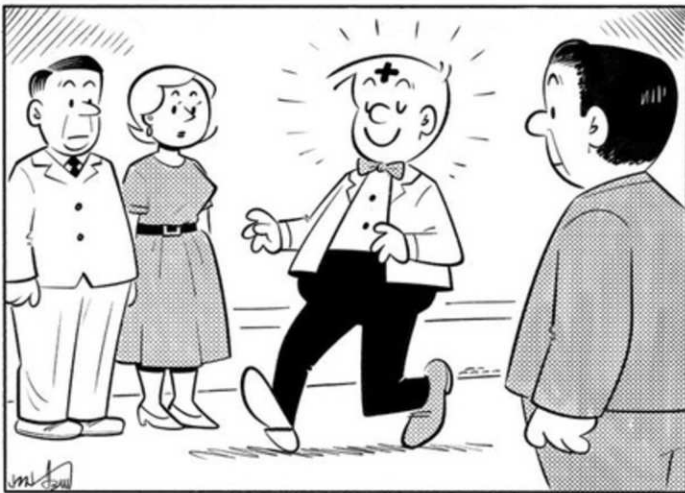
Are you a High School Student looking for something fun to do during the summer?

Join us at West Life Teen Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference!

July 17 - 19, 2026
TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER
TUCSON, AZ

A 3-day Catholic conference for high school teens to encounter Christ through Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacraments, dynamic sessions, and small group time. Contact Brianna via email brianna@stjames-greater.com

"There's a certain Wednesday during the year when you can easily tell who's Catholic."



"I doubt you need to **Ash** me which one that is."



During Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will place ashes on our forehead. This is a symbol to remind us of our mortality. From dust we have come, and to dust we will return.

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Family Formation!

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

First Communion and
Confirmation Preparation Class:
Next class is February 25th at
6PM



Teen Group Sunday Meals
Sign Up



Sponsor a meal for St. James' Teen Group on Sunday nights. Just scan the QR Code to sign up or contact 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

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



No Coffee and Donuts on February 22nd

Enjoy a free pancake breakfast instead provided by the Knights of Columbus!

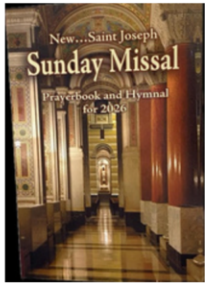


This week our pantry needs canned fruit and jelly.

SVdP: In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

"Fear not; calm will follow the storm, and perhaps soon." St. Vincent dePaul



The **2026 Sunday Missal** is now available for purchase at St. James for just **\$5**.

Available for purchase in the parish office gift shop kiosk

LENT: A time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Join us for a simple supper of soup, bread, and water immediately following the **5 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.**

This is a **FREE** event. Quantity is limited.



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.

SAVE THE DATE

St. James Lenten Mission will be on **March 14th** from 9am to 12pm. More details to come!



The front office will be closed on **Monday, February 16th** due to **President's Day!**

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at 8am, 5pm and 7pm (Bilingual).



Consider joining the Legion of Mary

Meet on **Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm** in the **church**. 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?



DID YOU KNOW that St. James spends an average of \$3,550 per month for utilities? This includes electricity, water, and trash pick-up. Measures taken to decrease the electric bill include revising our Mass times and minimizing hall usage during the hot months. In addition, all outdoor lighting has been switched to more efficient LED.



Just a few of the hundreds of Gift Cards available



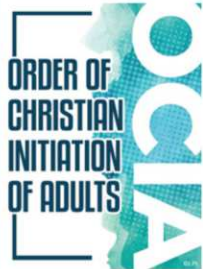
Script order forms available in office; due by 3rd Sunday.
Need sooner? Order online! Enrollment Code available in office.



We are asking you to consider donating to SVdP at St. James through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit, single persons can donate up to \$495 and married couples can donate up to \$987. Then complete Arizona State tax return Form 321, code 20540, when completing your 2025 tax return prior to 4/15/26.

Your Gifts have a Purpose
- Find a Ministry. Serve
Your Community.

Choir, Altar Servers, Office Volunteers, etc.



Next Steps in the OCIA process:
- All attend 8am Sunday mass to learn about the mass and scripture.
- February 22nd, the group sign the Book of the Elect and go to the cathedral and present the book and themselves to the Bishop

Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and their Sponsor/Godparents.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all those who responded to our request for help with our recent rummage sale and to all those volunteers who are always there to help. Your presence made all the difference. We made over \$14,000 with our sale. All proceeds go towards meeting the expenses of our regular operating budget.

Please pick up your 2025 giving statements at the front office.

Thank you!



Volunteers & Staff
DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. James Roman Catholic Church

“Reflecting on the gifts God has given us to better serve our Lord and our community.”

Saturday, February 21, 2026

— 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM —



Speakers

Rev. Fr. Godwin Ogam

Ms. Maribel Espinoza

A Sacred Invitation

All volunteers and staff are invited to step away from the busyness of service and enter a time of prayer, reflection, renewal, and community.

Come and rest in the presence of the Lord, renew your heart for joyful service, and reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to you.

— 1 Peter 4:10

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

— 1 Peter 4:10



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