



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 of Lent / March 1, 2026 2º Domingo de la Cuaresma / 1 de marzo de 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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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

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

St. James Staff

- **Pastor** Fr. Ben Onegiu, AJ
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Dcn. Ron TenBarge
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- **Holy Cross Catholic** Phone: 623-936-1710
- **Cemetery & Funeral Home** (Available 24 hours)

Intentions

- Monday, March 2nd**
8am — John Donovan (Deceased)
- Tuesday, March 3rd**
8am — Bobbi Paul (Birthday)
- Wednesday, March 4th**
7pm — Anita & Johnny Almero (Deceased)
- Thursday, March 5th**
8am — Vince Paul (Birthday)
- Friday, March 6th**
8am — Ken Klauser (Deceased)
- Saturday, March 7th**
8am — Antonion LoBue (Deceased)
4pm — Bruce Orasco (Deceased)
- Sunday, March 8th**
8am — Teresa D'Ippolito (Deceased)
10am — Sara Bangoy (Birthday)
12pm — Eudocio Orozco (Birthday and Special Intention)
6pm — St. James Parishioners

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, February 15, 2026 Offertory.....\$14,721.77
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.

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

Sunday Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:1-4a)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8b-10)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-9)



Monday, March 2nd

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 3rd

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 4th

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 5th

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 6th

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 7th

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

This Week at St. James...

Monday, March 2nd

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, March 3rd

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, March 4th

8:00am –11:00am

Rummage Sorting

6:00pm –7:30pm Family Formation

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

Thursday, March 5th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

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

5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar

6:00pm –7:00pm Fall Festival Volunteer Kickoff

6:00pm –8:00pm OCIA

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

7:00pm –8:30pm English Choir Practice

Friday, March 6th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

8:30am –4:00pm

Adoration

4:00pm Benediction

5:00pm –7:00pm Lenten Fish Fry

6:00pm –7:00pm Spanish Stations of the Cross

7:00pm –8:00pm Stations of the Cross

Bulletin Deadline (End of the Day)

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Saturday, March 7th

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

10:00am –11:00am

Memorial Mass - Scott Pawlowski

2:00pm –3:30pm

Reconciliation

Sunday, March 8th

Mass Times: 8:00am,

10am, 12pm (Spanish), 6pm

7:00am –8:00am Choir Rehearsal

8:30am –9:30am OCIA

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



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

March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir

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2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus “transfigured,” his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, “This is my beloved Son...” they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.

Ministry Updates



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

"Why did the priest use email?"



"To send Mass messages."



During the season of Lent, it's a good idea to attend weekly Mass. Lent is a time to realign our hearts back to Christ, and there's no better way to accomplish this than participating in the Holy Mass!

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

**First Communion and
Confirmation Preparation Class:**
Next class is **March 11th 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



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.)



Jesus is calling **YOU!** Please join the rummage
sorting on **Wednesdays 8am to 11am**. We need
your hands to stay on task with the many donations
coming in. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

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

Save the Date!

**The 2026 St. James Fall Festival - Friday, October 23,
and Saturday, October 24**

We need your help!

Planning meeting on March 5th from 6-7pm!

- Help us plan and prep a great event
- Donate unused items, gift cards, cash, fall decorations, etc.
- Hook us up with discounts (lighting, inflatables, tents, etc.)
- Host a food booth, or other creative and fun on site activity
- Help us decorate, set up, and/or take down
- Hand out flyers and spread the word on social media

This event is a huge fundraiser for our parish and a wonderful way to share our love and our beautiful church family with our neighbors and community. We need everyone's help to make it a great success, so please consider big or small ways you can contribute - before, during, or after the event. We are one body and any help you can give to our parish is so appreciated.

Contact Jill Frier (623.826.7392, jillmfrier@gmail.com) to participate, share your ideas, and ask questions.

Thank you and God Bless You!



**This week our pantry needs
pasta, canned chili, cereal
and jelly.**

Svdp: In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gifts in last week's collection will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

"The hardest lesson to learn, and the one we must never cease striving for, is to do the right thing at the right time." Unknown



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 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?



Although our security team is comprised of volunteers, we still have expenses for alarm monitoring, cameras, radios, volunteer background checks, and paid security for some special events? Our average monthly expense for this is \$250. When volunteers are willing to pay the cost of their required background check, this helps to reduce our costs.



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.

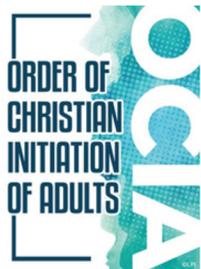


Lenten Service Project

Let's help Andre House fulfill their mission to *make God known, loved and served by feeding, clothing and comforting the most vulnerable among us, offering dignity and hospitality to ALL who pass through our door.* by providing these specific and most needed items requested at this time:

- Body Wash**
- Washcloths (new)**
- Belts (any size, especially men's)**

Items for this service project can be dropped off at the parish office from February 28th through March 16th.



Next Steps in the OCIA process:

- All come together for Sunday mass to learn about the mass and scripture.
- In March, during mass, the group will receive the Scrutiny rites with their Sponsor/Godparent
- April 3rd, the group will receive sacraments and fully enter the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil

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

Children Share in the Offering

Each week, children are encouraged to participate in the offertory by coming forward to place their contribution in the white collection vessel at the altar. This simple act helps them grow in faith and gratitude.



February Offering.....\$109

Lenten Friday Nights



Join us for the Fish fry from 5-7pm. Come out for some fellowship!



Stations of the cross:
6-7pm in Español
7-8pm in English

Please pick up your **2025 giving statements** at the front office.
Thank you!



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