

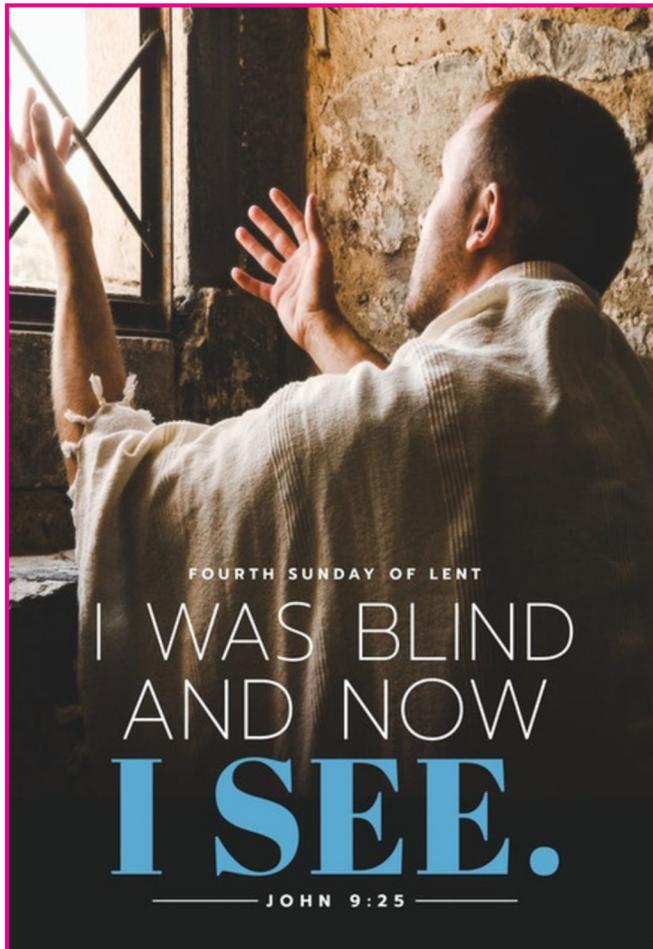


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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!"

4th Sunday of Lent / March 15, 2026 / 4º Domingo de la Cuaresma / 15 de marzo 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

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

Intentions

- Monday, March 16th**
8am — Janet Lynn Mullins (Deceased)
- Tuesday, March 17th**
8am — Seminarian Nathan Miller (Birthday)
- Wednesday, March 18th**
7pm — David Zorwin (Deceased)
- Thursday, March 19th**
8am — Rosa Ovile (Deceased)
- Friday, March 20th**
8am — Thomas Aquinas (Deceased)
- Saturday, March 21st**
8am — Tom Grace (Deceased)
4pm — St. James Parishioners
- Sunday, March 22nd**
8am — Josephine D'Ippolito (Deceased)
10am — Rosa Ovile (Deceased)
12pm — Jose Luis Rodruguez (Deceased)
6pm — Jules Kastatine (Deceased)

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Financial Blessings

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Offertory.....\$20,775.75
Weekly Offertory Budget.....\$14,115.00

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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:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6)

Second Reading:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph 5:8-14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent — . So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)



Monday, March 16th

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 17th

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 18th

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 19th

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday, March 20th

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21st

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

This Week at St. James...

Monday, March 16th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day
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.

Bulletin Deadline (End of the Day)

Wednesday, March 18th

8:00am –11:00am

Rummage Sorting

6:00pm –7:30pm First

Communion and

Confirmation Preparation Class

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

Thursday, March 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, March 20th

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

Saturday, March 21st

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

SVdP Food Bag Collection

9:00am –12:00pm Teen

Confirmation Retreat

10:00am –11:00am Core

Team Meeting

2:00pm –3:30pm

Reconciliation

5:00pm –7:00pm African Choir Rehearsal (Saturday)

Sunday, March 22nd

Mass Times: 8:00am,

10am,12pm (Spanish), 6pm

SVdP Food Bag Collection

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

3:00pm –4:00pm Swahili Mass

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

March 15, 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, **"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2)** They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: **"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."** He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: **"I am the light of the world" (John 9:5)**. He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir

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4th Sunday of Lent

Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.

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

Family Formation!

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



**First Communion and
Confirmation Preparation Class:
Next class is March 18th at 6PM**



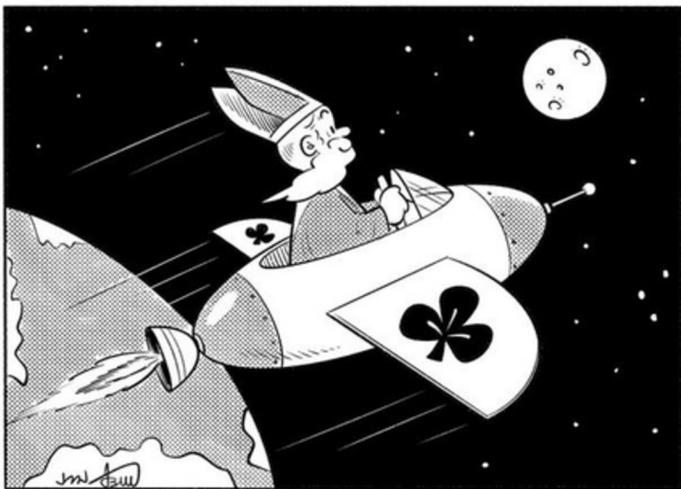
**Teen Group Sunday Meals
Sign Up**



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



"What does St. Patrick use to fly to the moon?"



"A sham-rocket!"



According to tradition, St. Patrick used a three-leaved shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the people of Ireland.

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Fun Question Hunt!!

Question: According to Scripture, what split into two parts at the moment of Jesus' death on the cross?



Answer: Hidden in the Bulletin

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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.)



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

SVdP: In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to SVdP brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

***SVdP NEEDS drivers on Wednesdays and Saturdays!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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!

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.



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.

Your Gifts have a Purpose

- Find a Ministry. Serve

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Choir, Altar Servers, Office Volunteers, etc.



Lenten Friday Nights

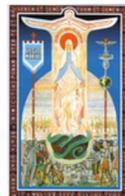


Join us for the Fish fry
from 5-7pm. Come out
for some fellowship!

Stations of the cross:

6-7pm in Español

7-8pm in English



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?



We pay approximately \$400 per month for printing and mailing of offertory envelopes, and \$690 per month for processing fees for credit cards and online giving? Although we pay processing fees for these items, it reduces the number of man-hours needed to handle your donations. If you do not use your envelopes or have moved, please be sure to let the office know so we can reduce the cost of offertory envelopes.



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Answer: The Temple curtain.

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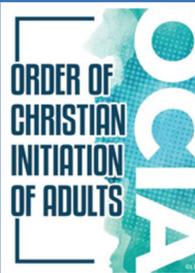


Lenten Service Project

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.

SAVE THE DATE

St. James Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28th from 10AM to 12PM



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