

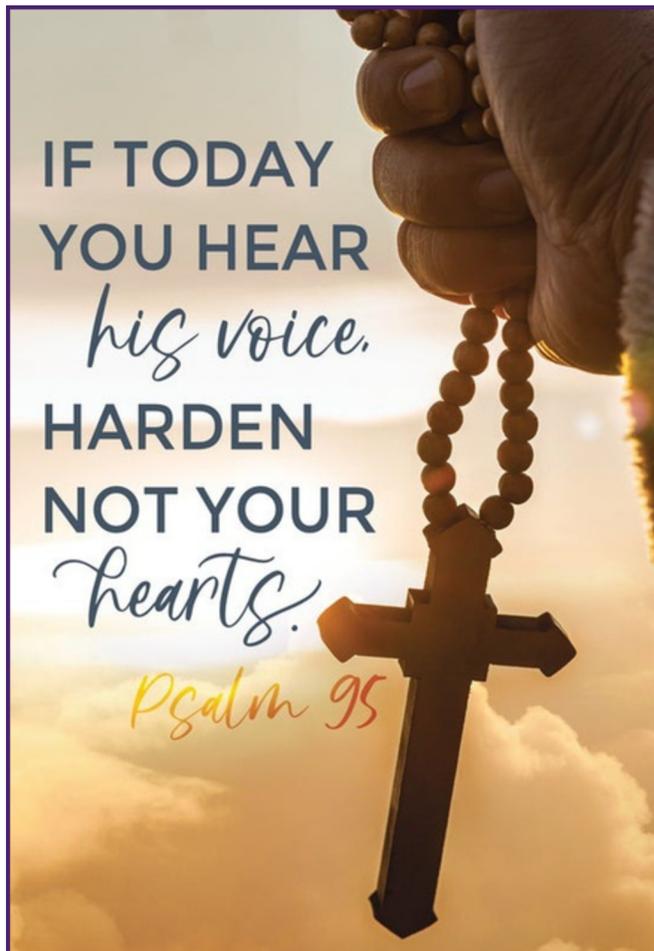


St. James Roman Catholic Parish

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!"

3rd Sunday of Lent / March 8, 2026 / 3er Domingo de la Cuaresma / 8 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

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, March 9th

8am — Jocelyn Sloan (Birthday)

Tuesday, March 10th

8am — Jim Balmer (Deceased)

Wednesday, March 11th

7pm — Marianne Yello (Deceased)

Thursday, March 12th

8am — Wil Summers (Deceased)

Friday, March 13th

8am — Rosa Oville (Deceased)

Saturday, March 14th

8am — Theresa and Mike Stell (Special Intention)

4pm — Steve Brown (Deceased)

Sunday, March 15th

8am — Spiritual well-being of the members of SVdP Living and Dead

10am — St. James Parishioners

12pm — Fabiola Chamorro & Marrano Moreno (Deceased)

6pm — Kristy Hillhouse (Birthday)

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, February 22, 2026 Offertory.....\$12,262.11

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:

“Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” (Ex 17:3-7)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:1-2, 5-8)

Gospel:

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (Jn 4:5-42)



Monday, March 9th

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 10th

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 11th

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 12th

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 13th

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 14th

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

This Week at St. James...

Monday, March 9th

8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, March 10th

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 Pastoral Council

Wednesday, March 11th

8:00am –11:00am Rummage Sorting

6:00pm –7:30pm First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class

6:00pm –6:45pm Reconciliation

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

Thursday, March 12th

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

Bulletin Deadline (End of the Day)

Friday, March 13th

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

6:00pm –8:00pm Young Adults Group

7:00pm –8:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14th

Mass Times: 8am and 4pm SVdP Food Bag Distribution

9:00am –12:00pm Lenten Mission

2:00pm –3:30pm Reconciliation

Sunday, March 15th

Mass Times: 8:00am, 10am, 12pm (Spanish), 6pm SVdP Food Bag Distribution

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

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 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "**One sows and another reaps**" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir

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Third Sunday of Lent

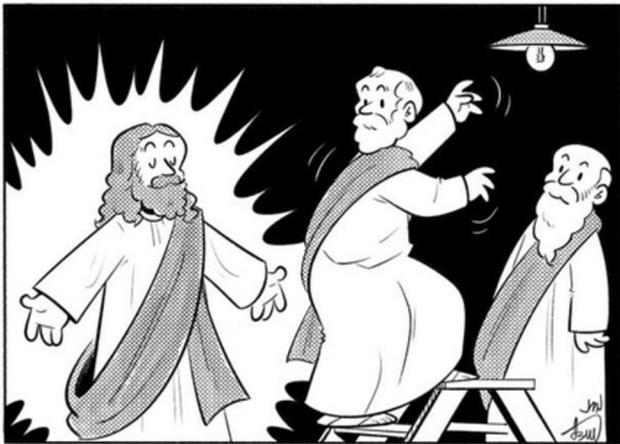
Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

Ministry Updates

"How many apostles does it take to change a light bulb?"



"None! Jesus is the **light.**"



Jesus is referred to as the Light of the World. This means that Jesus illuminates the path to salvation and truth.

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SAVE THE DATE

EGG HUNT

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



Family Formation!

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



First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class: Next class is March 11th at 6PM

ST. JAMES 'GREATER' HANGOUTS

YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY

STORY OF SALVATION - "Leaving Egypt"

MARCH 13, 2026

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

LOCATION: ST. JAMES PARISH HALL

19640 N 35TH AVE GLENDALE, AZ 85308

Meet new people and gain a deeper understanding of God's plan of Love - from Creation to Christ and beyond. All are welcome! Bring your Bible!



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

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, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation
St. Vincent de Paul.

"You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." Pope Benedict XVI



HELP WANTED

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!



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.

Rosary Makers

Do you love the Rosary? Come join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 10:00AM until Noon in the Hall. We make rosaries for those who are sick in the hospital and the homebound. All materials and instructions are provided. No experience necessary!



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 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



What's Happening

DID YOU KNOW?



Our telephone and technology expenses average \$2,200 per month? Technology expenses include telephone, internet, website domain fee, software, hardware, and IT support.



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.



FUNDRAISER FOR Saint James Youth

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When Tuesday, March 24, 2026
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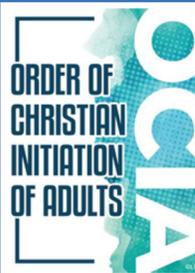
We're raising money to get some of our teens to a Catholic conference called Steubenville. Thanks!

Get your Panda Express gift card through RaiseRight! Help support the youth and our parish! Order by March 15th in the front office to ensure you have your gift card by March 24th.

Just a few of the hundreds of Gift Cards available



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



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.

Savior & Sustenance
"Living In His Sacred Heart"
St. James Catholic Church
Lenten Parish Retreat



Saturday, March 14th

Mass at 8:00 Retreat from 9:00 - Noon



Julie Carrick will lead our one-day Lenten Parish Retreat / Mission, drawing from her book *Savior & Sustenance*. Through inspiring talks and original sacred music, Julie will guide us into a deeper understanding and love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

This mission is for the whole family—engaging, heartfelt, and practical—offering real ways to live and share our Catholic faith in everyday life. You will encounter the wondrous details of Christ's life, death, and Resurrection, and hear powerful modern-day testimonies of Eucharistic miracles and transformations flowing from Holy Communion.

If you know someone who has grown lukewarm in their faith, please invite them. This mission is a beautiful opportunity to rekindle hearts and reignite a love for Christ and His Church.

Are you ready to accept His invitation?

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