



St. James Roman Catholic Parish

A Faith and Family Community

19640 N. 35th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85308

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www.stjames-greater.com

Mission Statement

St. James Roman Catholic Parish is a warm and welcoming, Christ centered community, dedicated to the service of all.

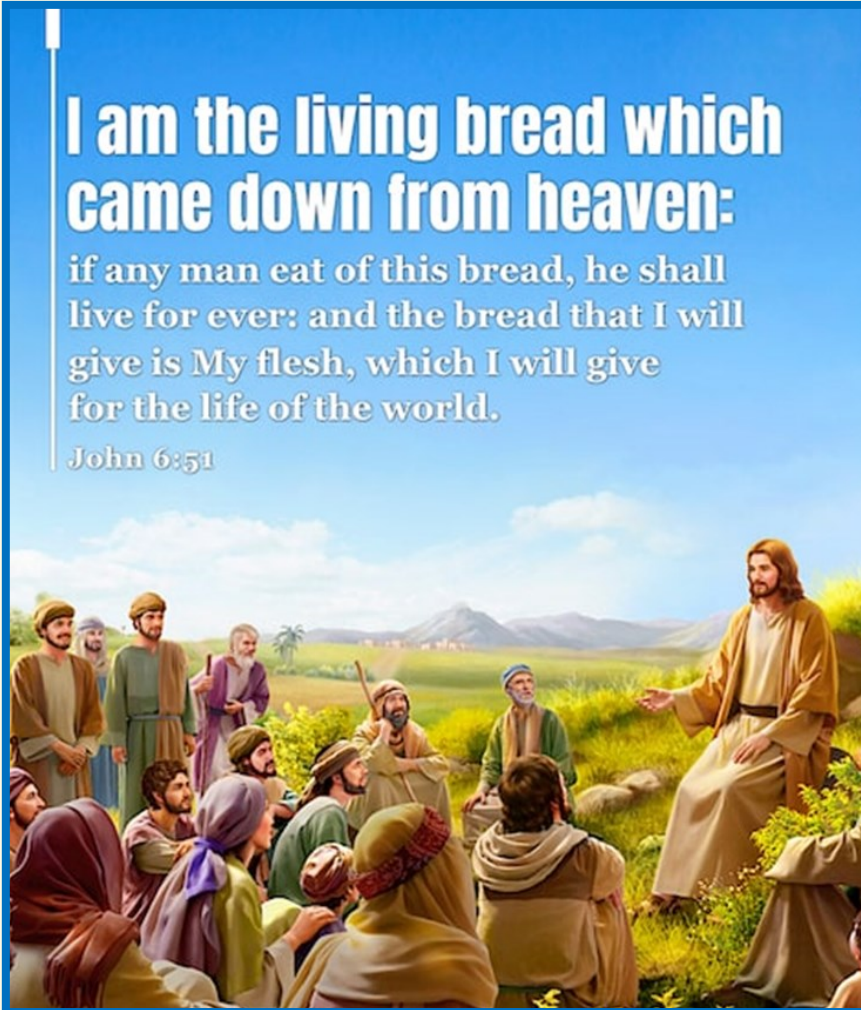
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / XX Domingo Ordinario

August 18, 2024 / 18 de Agosto de 2024

I am the living bread which came down from heaven:

if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

John 6:51



Weekend Masses † Saturday - 4:00PM
Sunday - 7:30AM-9:00AM-11:00AM-1:00PM (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-2:00PM /
Monday-Thursday - 9:00AM-Noon 12:30PM-4PM /
Friday - 9:00AM-Noon / Saturday - 2:00PM-5:30PM

OUT OF RESPECT

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO COOPERATE WITH THE SECURITY TEAM WHEN THEY ASK YOU NOT TO (RE)ENTER THE CHURCH DURING CONSECRATION OF THE HOST AND WINE, THE READINGS, THE GOSPEL AND THE HOMILY.

Father Felix is on vacation and will be gone until Mid September.

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

YOUR ST. JAMES STAFF

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| † Pastor | Fr. Ben Onegiu, AJ |
| † Parochial Vicar | Fr. Felix Kauta, AJ |
| † Deacons | Dcn. Frank Devine
Dcn. Ron TenBarge |
| † Sisters in Residence | Sr. Betty Banja, S.H.S.
Sr. Rose Santa Acan, S.H.S. |
| • Office Manager | Kristy Hillhouse Ext. 101 |
| Administrative Assistant | Terri Simonetta |
| • Director Liturgy & RE | Sr. Sophie Lado, S.H.S. |
| Formation Assistant | Terri Simonetta |
| • Director of Music | James Poppleton |
| Assistant Music Director | Mike Giacalone |
| • Receptionist | Joanne Trentacoste |
| • Facilities Manager | Rene Vera Ext 116 |
| Maintenance | Martin Sanchez |
| • SET Coordinator | Christina Metelski |
| • Gift Shop | Mary Ann Zimmerman Ext 120 |
| • Funeral Coordinator | Deacon Frank Devine |
| • Bulletin Editor | Gretchen Fenninger |
| • Communications Coordinator | Thelia Morris |
| • Office Volunteers | Carol Brown
Grace Miller
Irene Molette
Bobbi Paul
Angie Radau |
| • St. Vincent DePaul | Phone: 623-581-0728 |
| • Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home | Phone: 623-936-1710
(Available 24 hours) |

YOUR ST. JAMES COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastoral Council: PastoralCouncil@stjames-greater.com

Chair - Bobbi Paul ▪ Awichu Akwanya ▪ Marge Beach ▪ David Callaghan ▪ Gretchen Fenninger ▪ Jill Frier ▪ Cindy Lancaster ▪ Vince Paul - Knights of Columbus Liaison ▪ Isabel Rogel ▪ Andrew Thomas ▪ Florence Zelman-Fedde

Finance Council: FinanceCouncil@stjames-greater.com

Co-Chairs - Scott Frier and Elaine Gress ▪ Peace Agube ▪ Michael McManus ▪ Jim Strebler ▪ James Volz

Online Giving

St. James is set up to do automatic payments (ACH) from your checking or savings accounts. The parish will receive your contribution, even if you are out of town or out of state.

If you are interested, please stop by the Parish Office to complete an authorization form or follow the link on our website:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-1351/>

Accounts will be debited on or after the 27th of each month.

THE WEEK AT ST. JAMES . . .

Daily Mass M,T,TH,F,S at 8:00AM and Wed at 7PM

- Mon., Aug. 19** 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
10:00PM - Funeral William (Bill) Provost
- Tue., Aug. 20** 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
9:00AM -12:00PM Safe Environment Training Status
2:00PM - 3:30PM Legion of Mary Meeting—In Church
6:00PM - K of C leadership Meeting
- Wed., Aug. 21** 7:00AM Rummage Sorting
7:00PM—DAILY MASS
- Thu., Aug. 22** 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
9:00AM -12:00PM Safe Environment Training Status
5:00PM-6:30PM Español Coro Practicar
6:30PM - JOINT COUNCILS MEETING
7:00PM - English Choir Practice
- Fri., Aug. 23** 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
8:30AM - 4:00PM ADORATION
4:00PM BENEDECTION
- Sat., Aug. 24** 8:00AM-DAILY MASS
10:00PM Funeral - Anna Vuong
2:00PM - 3:30PM RECONCILIATION
4:00PM VIGIL MASS
- Sun., Aug. 25** MASSES: 7:30 AM; 9:00AM, 11:00AM (African Music, English Liturgy), 1:00PM (Español), 6:00PM Mass
8:00AM -11:00AM Safe Environment Training Status

Sunday, August 11th 2024

Sunday, August 11, 2024 Offertory:

\$11,842.04

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$14,115.00

Our goal is for the Plate Income to cover all Parish expenses.

Thank you for your generosity.



ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Day	Date	Time	Mass Intention	Comment	Readings	Saint(s) with Feast Day
Mon.	19-Aug	8:00 AM	Allison Sinram	Deceased	EZ 24:15-23; MT 19:16-22	Saint John Eudes, Priest
Tues	20-Aug	8:00 AM	Joy and Bob Bianca, 8th Wedding Anniversary		Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Weds.	21-Aug	7:00 PM	Grace Miller	Birthday	Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16	Saint Pius X, Pope
Thurs.	22-Aug	8:00 AM	Catherine Castle	Deceased	Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri.	23-Aug	8:00 AM	Raymond Rabe	Deceased	Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40	Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
Sat.	24-Aug	8:00 AM	Jake Lay	Deceased	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
		4:00PM	Barttsons Castelli	Deceased		
Sun.	25-Aug	7:30 AM	Yonas Meron and Family	Special Intention	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b;	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 AM	Joey Benedetto	Deceased	Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32;	
		11:00 AM	St. James Parishioners		Jn 6:60-69	
		1:00 PM	Jose Luis Chavez	Deceased		
		6:00 PM	Pancho Geldner-Gayen	Deceased		



Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

Sep 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 28, 29

Those dates above have one or more Masses currently open. We encourage you to request a special day to have your Mass intentions. In an effort to accommodate everyone, we respectfully ask that requests be limited to no more than two Masses within the same week, Mon-Sat or one Sunday Mass. Please stop by the Parish office.



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.

We have been told that Jesus has been left alone recently. To prevent this we are requesting that we have 2 people sign up for each hour. Please stop by the office if you have an hour between 8:30 and 4 on Fridays that you can spend visiting Jesus.

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.

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially those from our Parish.

Eric Abraham, Baylor Anderson, Marge Beach, Joe Benedetto, Laura Conrady Blum, Stephen Brown, Bustos Family, Eric George Bustos, Canez Family, Veronica Canez Bustos, Timothy Castelli, Kim Center, Martha Coronado, Joyce Coronel, Ofelia Cruz and Family, Julianna DeMello, Margo Duepner, Virginia Duran, Marcus Riley Emerson and Family, Cathy Faga, Brian Ferber, Damas Francis, Josephine Francis, Robert Gallegos, Galo Family, Elias Galo, Fernando Garcia, Ezexiel Gonzalez, Nancy and Don Gorny, Liz and Tom Grace, Geoff Grassau, Patricia Greuniesen, Denie Hall, Weston Heiser, John Ingram, Sr., Brian Jones, Bud Lucy, Diana O. Macandog, Adriana Maldonado, Tom Martell, Donna Mathews, Michael Mathews, Rejy Matyniak, Aja Mendez, Irene Molette, Kim Monthie, Marie Agnes Mukandinda, Bill Onacki, Margo Ozetla, Charles Palame, Peter Palame, Vince Paul, Hal Pawlowski, Vanessa Perez-Bustos, Ken Pritchett, Elizabeth Ornelas Racanelli, Mia Racanelli, Vinnie Racanelli, Larry Ryan, Lauren Rodriguez, Eduardo Serna & Family, Janice Swiebocki, Jim Trentacoste, Anthony Valencia, Cynthia Alvarez Valenzuela, David Whitton

Please also remember our homebound parishioners and their caregivers in your prayers.

† Please pray for those who have died and their families. †

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.

St. James Youth and Teen Formation 2024-2025



SAINT JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

WELCOME BACK TO FAMILY FORMATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
MASS BEGINS AT 5:30PM
CLASSES WILL MEET AFTERWARDS IN THE HALL

Dinner will be served



EDGE group is for **ALL students in 7th and 8th grade**. This program is also available for **6th graders who have attended at least one year of Faith Formation**. Students meet on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm. Runs September to May.

Registration is ongoing.

Teen Group is for students in **9th - 12th grade**.

This group meets on Sundays after the 6pm Youth Mass. All are encouraged to attend Mass at 6pm if possible. Please stop by the office to register.

Registration is ongoing.

Kinder– 6th grade

Family Formation is the program for our families with students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. It meets the **first Wednesday of each month from Sept. to May**. Students meet in classes, divided by grade level, where trained catechists present the lessons. *Parents gather as a separate group where they are evangelized, catechized, encouraged, and equipped. Registrations will not be accepted after the first class.*

7th - 12th Graders

Instagram: @st.jamesyouth_glendale

SEPTEMBER 8TH
AFTER THE 6PM
YOUTH MASS

Let's have a cookout!

Calling all youth to join us for hot dogs, hamburgers and fun!

7-8:30pm, bring your friends!





- Small group Bible Studies
- English and Espanol Groups
- Meeting weekly in our homes
- Days and times vary by group

- Estudios biblicos en grupos pequenos
- Grupos en Ingles y Español
- Reunión semanal en nuestras casas
- Los días y horarios varían según el grupo

Contact bpaulsjc@gmail.com or inquire in the Parish office



"Be not afraid!"

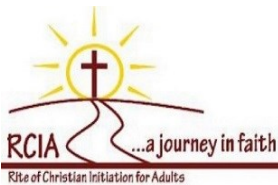
"Come follow me...." Prayerfully consider participating as a Liturgical Minister: *Minister of the Word, Minister of Holy Communion, and Minister of Hospitality.*

The Lord callsordinary people to do extraordinary things...

The pandemic, death, aging, illness, and moving has severely altered our liturgical ministry. We seek to grow our Liturgical team for all Masses.

The Lord calls us to Stewardship; to examine our Time and Talents and to share them with one another. **Training and Retraining is done by Appointment.**

Please leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the church office, 623.581.0707



RCIA at St. James

Begins Thursday, September 12th

- Do you Know God?
- Do you know your place in His plan?
- Do you ever have time for Him besides Sunday's Mass?
- Have you received Baptism, Holy Communion, Penance and/or Confirmation?
- If you answered "No" to any of these, you need RCIA!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JOHN FISHER COUNCIL #12856
GLENDALE, AZ

[St. John Fisher Council #12856 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org)

Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month



Legion of Mary
Mother of God
Meets in St. James Church

We need your prayers.

Please prayerfully consider participating in the St. James Prayer Chain which is an informal email notification for prayer intentions. To become a participant, or "prayer partner", simply email prayerchain@stjames-greater.com. Your email address will be kept private.

Do you need prayers?

Your requests for prayers can be emailed to the same address and we will include your request in our prayers. Prayers for you, loved ones, friends, etc. Please obtain permission before submitting another person.

Questions may also be sent to the above email address, or leave a message at the Parish office or 623-581-0707.



FELLOWSHIP IN ST JAMES HALL
SUNDAYS FOLLOWING
THE 7:30, 9:00 AND 11:00
MASSES!

COME MEET YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND HAVE DONUTS AND COFFEE (\$1.00 EA.)



Amazon Charity Lists

(catholiccharitiesaz.org)

Under "Central Program" List look for

Refugee Resettlement / UMP



What Can I Do To Help Stop Abortion?

www.pro.life

Gift Shop:

FLASH SALE THIS WEEKEND
Miscellaneous home décor, 7" statues, and wall art.
"Shop like to pray. Be inspired to bring the Word of God alive in your heart."

HOME DECOR SALE



ST.JAMESGREATERGIFTSHOP.ORG

August 18th



Immaculate Hearts Gift Shop
 St. James the Greater - Glendale, AZ

The Gift Shop is open Sundays 8:00 AM –1:00 PM
 Also Open by Appointment

Follow us on Instagram **@stjamesgiftshop**

Volunteers Needed for the Gift Shop and Donut Ministries
Contact Mary Ann in the gift shop for details."

Visit St. James' Gift Shop Online!

<https://www.stjamesgreatergiftshop.org>



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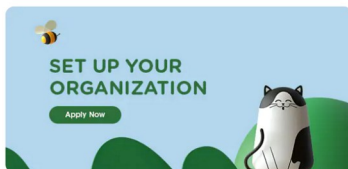
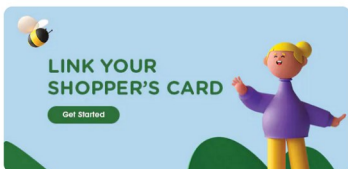
HOME Gift Shop Seasonal Shop Raffle! Unique Finds Contact Blog
 All sales from our gift shop directly support St. James Parish



St. James can earn Cash from Fry's via your linking your Fry's Card to St. James.

Many Thanks to the participating St. James Parishioners! We received a check \$214.73 from Kroger for your Fry's Purchases!

Frys Community Rewards - Fry's Food Stores (frysfood.com)



SVdP News:

In this Gospel, the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God.

During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please SVdP bring respite and hope to them.

This week our pantry needs spaghetti sauce, and rice.

"Peace begins with a smile. I will never understand all the good that a simple smile can accomplish." St. Teresa of Calcutta

ST. JAMES GIFT CARD PROGRAM

You can turn an everyday purchases into a fundraiser for St James. Please consider purchasing gift cards for your favorite places and support St James. You pay only the face value of the card. St James receives a percentage of the card at NO cost to you. This is just a small example of what is available:



Please place your orders in the office by Sunday, Aug. 18th, 2024

Stop at the Parish Office to pick up an order form.

Questions? Contact Irene Molette at the Office, 623.581.0707

Safe Environment Training (SET) Renewal Time

July 1st is Here !

Use cmgconnect.org to access the SET Training.

Once you have completed the 2024/2025 training, then go to the upper left and click on Dashboard. Once that opens on the right look at their expiration date. If it says 07/01/24 or 07/01/25 then go to the background check box below and complete the information. Remember once you have completed the information click ONLY ONCE on the submit bar. The system has been slow but it will Read it.

Once you are done and if you have any doubts about what you have completed call Chris and she will Check. You can also contact Chris if you have any issues, forgot your username or password.

Please plan on getting this Renewal done early.



Any Youth volunteer who has graduated from high school and turned 18 years old

Must take the Adult Safe Environment Training.
Please call the office and make an appointment with Chris
to do your Foundation Class and complete all paperwork



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(RE)ENTERED DURING THE CONSECRATION OF THE HOST AND WINE, THE READINGS,
THE GOSPEL AND THE HOMILY.



Children will not be allowed to go to the bathroom by themselves.

Small children and young teens need to be supervised,

in case of an emergency Security will be busy securing doors or evacuating people.



New Volunteers Always Needed

Our Security Volunteers at St. James would enjoy welcoming some Additional Volunteers to their very important Ministry! This would give some relief to volunteers who sometimes have to work every Sunday. If interested please contact Chris via the St. James Office, 623.581.0707.

Rummage Report

Sorting—Wednesdays at 7:00AM

Our next sale will be October 18th & 19th.
We look forward to having a larger sale outside and hope the weather will be cooler by then.

Volunteer Help Needed

Churches always need volunteer assistance in many areas. The following are some specific areas of St. James that need help at the this time:

Computer Savvy Person to Learn How to Live Stream Church Services

Training and usage requires that the persons be available Weekday and Saturday mornings. Please contact Gretchen at St. James, gretchen@stjames.com.

Artists and Graphic Designers Wanted!

The St. James Pastoral Council is seeking volunteers to help develop a new, standard brand and style guide for the parish. We need artistic and creative people with experience developing a brand, and a passion for graphic design and marketing. We expect the project to last through the end of this year, with 1-2 meetings per month and some independent work needed to develop design and mockups.

Our staff is also beginning work to start redesigning the St. James Parish Bulletin. We want to freshen up the look and include Spanish translations for our parishioners. We need volunteers to help with design, feedback, and input for the updated format, as well as ideas for enhancing our advertisement section.

If you are interested in helping us develop our St. James brand and newsletter, please contact Kristy Hillhouse in the office or at kristy@stjames-greater.com as soon as possible. We plan to begin work in August and need your help!

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop has an opening volunteer position to help with the social media marketing. You can work from home. If interested, please contact Mary Ann in the gift shop or call the office (623.581.0707) to leave a message.

Security

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Rummage

From the above Rummage Report you can guess that there is always work available for additional volunteers to help the volunteers who work the miracles with the Rummage donations so that their presentation for our sales present great bargains and many return buyers who then bring their friends to our Rummage Sales.

Flights of Faith Summer Bash

Summer has ended in some aspects, but I thought we could all have one last event, just for fun.

What: Pool Party/Potluck

When: August 31, 4 PM to whenever.

Where: My house; RSVP to A DuPuis <flightsofffaith@gmail.com> by 8/24 for directions.

I will provide brats and a veggie tray.

Need: Sides	Drinks	Desserts
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

There is plenty of parking in the neighborhood and we can play games if it rains or is too hot.
Hope you can make it! Alicia DuPuis, Flights of Faith Coordinator



Chance to Win \$10,000 in Grocery Giveaway! PLUS Get a \$10 Gift Card.

When you donate **July 28-Aug. 29**, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two **\$10,000 gift cards** – enough to cover groceries for a year! Plus, you'll get a **\$10 gift card** in thanks. If you are one of the lucky giveaway winners, you can show off your one-trip skills along with your lifesaving talent!

Donor Rewards program opt-in required for giveaway and gift card(s). Details at vitalant.org/GroceryGiveaway

St. James Roman Catholic Parish

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 25

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Activity Room 3



To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code
or visit vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: 10056119).
For questions contact Teren at azyankee@gmail.com.

When you DONATE BLOOD May 24 - Sept. 6, you'll be entered to
win a 2024 VW Jetta S, donated by our Valley Volkswagen Dealers.

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B.

In the gathering of any party, the main thing that dominates is fun. When we get an invitation to a party, we make physical, mental and even emotional preparations. It's not easy for us to take an invitation for granted. A neat and sometimes timely outfit will be prepared, the day's arrangements will be well organized, and many other things are done in order to make the party gathering productive. If we go deeper and reflect, we see that the party, despite having a specific purpose, also leads us into other things that even increase the joy of the party. It is a place to meet, get to know each other, build relationships or perhaps find new personal roles within the whole community. In short, the act of partying gets a positive response as it adds happiness comfort and hope to us.

Today's readings give us an image of a feast. The banquets that are described in a certain way in the first reading and the Gospel is aimed at edifying and providing one with Him who is eternal. The first reading from the book of Proverbs tells us how a feast is prepared to give wisdom to man. The one who has prepared the feast is identified as wisdom. Wisdom prepares the environment for his feast: *"he has built his house, he has curved its seven pillars, he has slaughtered his meat, mixed his wine"* this preparation is seen in the image of the church, the body of Christ, which is being prepared by God who is our wisdom.

Wisdom preparation is being followed by an invitation. The thing to think about is the type of guests: *"whoever is a fool, come and enter."* Again, he says to him *"let he who lacks intelligence come eat my bread and drink the wine I have prepared."* This passage forces us to reflect and go further to understand the language used here. Who is this stupid or demented? A fool in the common definition is one who does not have knowledge or understanding of something and also recognizes that deficiency. The realization of lack will push him to seek knowledge and understanding. So, this invitation of wisdom explains to us the meaning of that feast, which is to us, who lack knowledge to go and be filled by his knowledge. It is an invitation to go to a party, that is to rely on God.

In the Gospel, Christ takes the place of wisdom and invites us saying: *"He who eats my flesh and drink my blood abides in me and I in him"*. He becomes the organizer of the party who invites us, and also the food for the party. His feast gives us eternal life because it connects us with God. He dwells in us and we dwell in him. The Holy Eucharist gives us divine life. *"Just as the living Father sent me, I am alive to the Father; so who eats me will live for me"*. In the Holy Eucharist we taste more closely the connection with God's wisdom because Christ the Wise becomes our food and we connect with him and thus we become him.

Staying in Christ gives us responsibility to share his redemptive work that he accomplished with the Easter mystery. As the fathers of the church say that whoever partake of the Holy Eucharist becomes what he or she receives, we also see the positive results of the Eucharist being the source, stimulus and limit of our spiritual and moral life. The Holy Eucharist, which is the wisdom of God, reunites us with God. Christ in the Easter mystery fulfilled that union. That mystery, which is the summary of all the redemptive work, has reawakened our conscience and has discovered our lack of divine knowledge and wisdom. So, the invitation we heard in the first reading comes to us in a better way, that is, in our ignorance let us wait for God's feast to be filled with His Wisdom and finally to unite with Him and have eternal life.

DOMINGO XX DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO AÑO B.

En la reunión de cualquier fiesta lo principal que domina es la diversión. Cuando recibimos una invitación a una fiesta, hacemos preparativos físicos, mentales e incluso emocionales. No es fácil para nosotros dar por dada una invitación. Se preparará un atuendo especial y, a veces, oportuno, se organizarán bien los arreglos del día y se harán muchas otras cosas para que la reunión de la fiesta sea productiva. Si profundizamos y reflexionamos, vemos que la fiesta, a pesar de tener un fin concreto, también nos lleva a otras cosas que incluso aumentan la alegría de la fiesta. Es un lugar para reunirse, conocerse, hacer amistades o tal vez encontrar nuevos roles personales dentro de toda la comunidad. En resumen, el acto de ir de fiesta obtiene una respuesta positiva ya que nos añade felicidad, consuelo y esperanza.

Las lecturas de hoy nos dan una imagen de una fiesta. Los banquetes que de cierta manera se describen en la primera lectura y en el Evangelio tienen como objetivo edificar y proporcionar a Aquel que es eterno. La primera lectura del libro de Proverbios nos cuenta cómo se prepara un banquete para dar sabiduría al hombre. Quien ha preparado el banquete se identifica como sabiduría. La sabiduría prepara el ambiente para su fiesta: “ha edificado su casa, ha curvado sus siete columnas, ha degollado su carne, ha mezclado su vino” esta preparación se ve en la imagen de la iglesia, el cuerpo de Cristo, que es siendo preparados por Dios que es nuestra sabiduría.

A la preparación de la sabiduría le sigue una invitación. Lo que hay que pensar es el tipo de invitados: “el que sea tonto, que venga y entre”. Nuevamente le dice “al que tenga falta de inteligencia, venga a comer mi pan y beba el vino que he preparado”. Este pasaje nos obliga a reflexionar e ir más allá para comprender el lenguaje aquí utilizado. ¿Quién es este estúpido o demente? Un tonto en la definición común es aquel que no tiene conocimiento o comprensión de algo y además reconoce esa deficiencia. La comprensión de la carencia lo empujará a buscar conocimiento y comprensión. Entonces, esta invitación de la sabiduría nos explica el significado de esa fiesta, que es para nosotros, que carecemos de conocimiento, ir y ser llenos de su conocimiento. Es una invitación a ir a una fiesta, es decir a confiar en Dios.

En el Evangelio, Cristo toma el lugar de la sabiduría y nos invita diciendo: “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, permanece en mí y yo en él”. Se convierte en el organizador de la fiesta que nos invita, y también en la comida de la fiesta. Su fiesta nos da vida eterna porque nos conecta con Dios. Él habita en nosotros y nosotros habitamos en él. La Sagrada Eucaristía nos da vida divina. “Así como el Padre viviente me envió, así yo estoy vivo para el Padre; así quien me come vivirá por mí”. En la Sagrada Eucaristía saboreamos más de cerca la conexión con la sabiduría de Dios porque Cristo el Sabio se convierte en nuestro alimento y nos conectamos con él y así nos convertimos en él.

Permanecer en Cristo nos da la responsabilidad de compartir su obra redentora que él realizó con el misterio pascual. Así como los padres de la iglesia dicen que quien participa de la Sagrada Eucaristía se convierte en lo que recibe, también vemos los resultados positivos de la Eucaristía, siendo la la fuente, estímulo y límite de nuestra vida espiritual y moral. La Sagrada Eucaristía, que es la sabiduría de Dios, nos reúne con Dios. Cristo en el misterio pascual cumplió esa unión. Ese misterio, que es el resumen de toda la obra redentora, ha vuelto a despertar nuestra conciencia y ha descubierto nuestra falta de conocimiento y sabiduría divina. Entonces, nos llega de mejor manera la invitación que escuchamos en la primera lectura, es decir, en nuestra ignorancia esperemos que el banquete de Dios sea lleno de Su Sabiduría y finalmente unirnos a Él y tener vida eterna.

St. James' Future Events

Day	Date	Time	Occasion	Location/Comment
Mon	Aug 19	10:00AM	Funeral for William (Bill) Provost	
Sat	Aug 24	10:00AM	Funeral for Anna Thao Vuong	
Sun	Aug 25	8:30AM until 12:30PM	Vitalant Blood Drive sponsored by Knights of Columbus	
Mon	Sept 2	All Day	Labor Day	Daily Mass at 8PM, Office Closed
Wed	Sept 4	5:30PM-7:30PM	Family Formation	Mass followed by Kick-Off Night
Thur	Sept 5	6:00PM-7:30PM	Teen Confirmation Class	
Sun	Sept 8	7:00 - 8:30	Cookout after Youth Mass	7th thru 12th Graders
Tues	Sept 10	12:00PM-2:00PM	Hooks and Needles starts their New Year	
		6:00PM-7:30PM	EDGE Starts their New Year	
Wed	Sept 11	6:00PM-7:30PM	First Reconciliation Preparation Class	
Thur	Sept 15	6:30	RCIA begins New Year	
Fri & Sat	Oct 18 & 19	TBA	Next Rummage Sale	
Sat & Sun	Nov 23 & 24	TBA	Christmas Bazaar	



When planning an event, no matter how large, or how small, have you thought of using the St. James Hall?

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Bibles (English/Español), Variety of Rosaries, Holy Water Fonts and Bottles, 4" Statues, Wall Crucifixes, Medals, Rosary Bracelets, Pendants, Greeting cards, Chains and a selection of other items.

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