



## St. James Roman Catholic Parish

A Faith and Family Community

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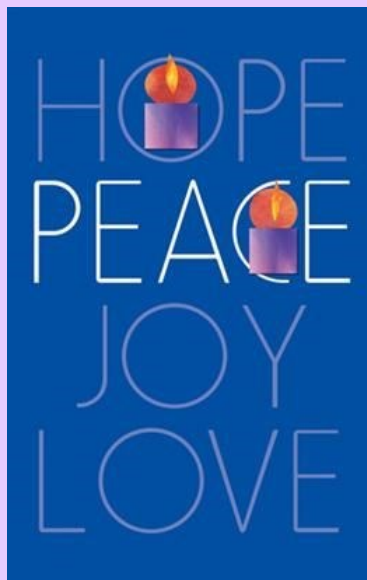
### Mission Statement

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

# Second Sunday of Advent / II Domingo de Adviento

December 7, 2024 – December 8, 2024 /

7 de Diciembre de 2024 – 8 de Diciembre de 2024



**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** † 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**St. Vincent de Paul** † Pantry Phone 623-581-0728

**San Vicente de Paul** † Teléfono de despensa 623-581-0728

### 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.**

### IMPORTANT MEETINGS THIS WEEK /

#### REUNIONES IMPORTANTES ESTA SEMANA

**MON., DEC. 9TH AT 8:00AM AND 7:00PM MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**LUNES, 9 DE DICIEMBRE A LAS 8:00 A. M. Y 7:00 P. M. MISAS PARA LA FIESTA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN, DÍA SANTO DE OBLIGACIÓN**

**TUES., DEC. 10TH AT 6:00PM PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**THURS., DEC. 12TH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
JUEVES, 12 DE DICIEMBRE FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE - 5 AM MANANITAS, 6 AM ROSARIO, 7 PM MISA, 8 AM RECEPCIÓN**

**THURS., DEC. 12TH FINANCE COUNCIL**

**SAT., DEC. 14TH AT 9:00AM ADVENT MISSION,**

**FATHER BITRUS IN THE CHURCH**

**SAT., DEC. 14TH AT 7:00PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

### COMING EVENTS

**MON., DEC. 9 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CELEBRATED**

**THURS., DEC. 12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**SAT., DEC. 14 ADVENT MISSION AT 9AM - SEE ARTICLE IN THE BULLETIN  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT 7PM**

**TUES., DEC. 17 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AT 7PM**

**MON., DEC. 16 COLLECTION FROM ADVENT PROJECT TAKEN TO MANA HOUSE**

# ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

## YOUR ST. JAMES STAFF

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

## YOUR ST. JAMES COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Pastoral Council:** PastoralCouncil@stjames-greater.com

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

**Finance Council:** FinanceCouncil@stjames-greater.com

Co-Chairs - Scott Frier and Elaine Gress ▪ Peace Agube ▪ Michael McManus ▪ Rob Miller ▪ DeAnn Norman ▪ 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**

<b>Mon., Dec. 9</b>		8:00AM AND 7:00PM (BILINGUAL) MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - DÍA SANTO DE OBLIGACIÓN
<b>Tue., Dec. 10</b>		8:00AM-DAILY MASS 9:00AM -12:00PM <b>Set Training Status</b> 12:00PM - @:00PM Hooks and Needles 2:00PM - 3:30PM Legion of Mary Meeting 6:00PM - 7:30PM Junior High Youth Group 6:00PM PASTORAL COUNCIL
<b>Wed., Dec. 11</b>		8:00AM Rummage Sorting 6:00PM - 6:45PM RECONCILIATION 7:00PM-DAILY MASS
<b>Thu., Dec. 12</b>	 	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 5:00AM Mananitas 8:00AM-DAILY MASS 9:00AM -12:00PM <b>SET Training Status</b> 10:00AM—12:00AM Rosary Makers 5:00PM - 6:30PM Español Coro Practicar 6:00PM - 7:30PM Teen Confirmation Class 6:30PM FINANCE COUNCIL 6:30PM - 8:00PM OCIA 7:00PM MISA FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE 8:00PM RECEPCIÓN
<b>Fri., Dec. 13</b>	 	8:00AM-DAILY MASS 8:30 Adoration 4:00PM Benediction 6:00PM Dress Rehearsal - Christmas Pageant
<b>Sat., Dec. 14</b>		8:00AM-DAILY MASS 9:00AM ADVENT MISSION—FATHER BITRUS 2:00PM - 3:30PM RECONCILIATION 4:00PM VIGIL MASS—SVDP ENVELOPES 7:00PM Christmas Pageant
<b>Sun., Dec. 15</b>		MASSES: 7:30 AM; 9:00AM, 11:00AM (CLOW), 1:00PM (Español), 6:00PM Mass (Youth Mass) - SVDP ENVELOPES 8:00AM - 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00AM -11:00AM <b>Safe Environment Training Status</b> 12:00PM - 4:00PM Harvest Mavuno Auction - Fund Raiser 2:30PM - 3:30PM 8:00AM - 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM - 8:30PM Teen Group

**Sunday, December 1st, 2024 Offertory:**  
**\$15,124.77**

**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.	9-Dec	8:00 AM	Legion of Mary - Mother of God Members and Families		Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		7:00PM	Brooks Pettigrew - 6th Anniversary	Deceased			
Tues	10-Dec	8:00 AM	Eileen Cannon	Newly Deceased	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	Our Lady of Loreto	
Weds.	11-Dec	7:00 PM	Cathy Rae Wall	Birthday	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	Saint Damasus I, Pope	
Thurs.	12-Dec	8:00 AM	Carlos and Rosita Orive		ZEC 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; LK 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	
		7:00PM	Patty Sarti				Deceased
Fri.	13-Dec	8:00 AM	Jaci (Jackie) Nuth	Deceased	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	
Sat.	14-Dec	8:00 AM	The Unborn		Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
		4:00PM	St. James Parishioners				
Sun.	15-Dec	7:30 AM	Maria Vitullo	Deceased	Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7  Lk 3:10-18	Third Sunday of Advent	
		9:00 AM	George Ganem	Deceased			
		11:00 AM	William J. Schmitt, Sr. - 30th Anniversary				Deceased
		1:00 PM	Eudocia Orecio	Special Intention			
		6:00 PM	Mary Castle	Deceased			



## Mass Intentions

Masses are still available on the following dates:

<b>Jan</b>	9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31
<b>Feb</b>	1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28

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, Anaya, Baylor Anderson, Marge Beach, Kim Beatty, Joe Benedetto, Laura Conrady Blum, Stephen Brown, Gary Burr, 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, Lois Fenninger, Brian Ferber, Damas Francis, Josephine Francis, Robert Gallegos, Fernando Garcia, Ezexiel Gonzalez, Luisa Gonzales, Nancy and Don Gorny, Liz and Tom Grace, Geoff Grassau, Denie Hall, Sondra Hare, Weston Heiser, Richard C. Hernandez, Bill Hoelke, Dave Hornbeek, John Houder, John Ingram, Sr., Leslie Irwin, Ann lusi, Brian Jones, Krista, Bud Lucy, Regina Lucy, Diana O. Macandog, Adriana Maldonado, Tom Martell, Donna Mathews, Michael Mathews, Tim Matlack, Rejy Matyniak, Sean McCarty, Jimmy McWilliams, Kim Monthie, Marie Agnes Mukandinda, Margaret Ndungu, Bill Onacki, Eudocia OrozioCharles Palame, Peter Palame, Vince Paul, Carolyn and Hal Pawlowski, Vanessa Perez-Bustos, Ken Pritchett, Elizabeth Ornelas Racanelli, Mia Racanelli, Vinnie Racanelli, Gabriel Reed, Larry Ryan, Lauren Rodriguez, Eduardo Serna & Family, Melissa Simoes, Jim Sullivan, John Sullivan, Janice Swiebocki, Francine Tackett, Connie Tirisie, Jim Trentacoste, Anthony Valencia, Cynthia Alvarez Valenzuela, Joseph Vignali

***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 Updates

## Children's Formation



## YOUTH MINISTRY



**Teen Group** is for students in 9th - 12th grade. This group meets on Sundays after the 6pm Youth Mass. Please stop by the office to register. **Registration is ongoing.** Come check it out!

**Dinners for the Teen Group:** As mentioned previously the meeting of the Teen Group is providing dinners to help keeping the teens involved.

We would love for you to sponsor a meal for our Teen Group. From Lasagna to pizza to sandwiches, you make it, we eat it. To sign up to provide a meal you can use this QR Code:

or contact Brianna via email, [brianna@stjames-greater.com](mailto:brianna@stjames-greater.com).




**Junior High Group** is for ALL students in 7th and 8th grade. Students meet on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm and runs September to May. **Registration is ongoing.** Come join the fun!



Our next Family Formation Night is

January 8th at 6pm

The theme is

*The Bible: Our Family's Story*



Teen Confirmation Class:

*Our next class is December 12th.*

*Please remember to complete Chapter 9 at home.*



**First Reconciliation Prep. Class**

**Our retreat is January 18 at 10am**

Please bring all completed homework

**Gospel - Lk 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled*

*and every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made straight,*

*and the rough ways made smooth,*

*and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

**Evangelio - Lc 3, 1-6**

En el año décimo quinto del reinado del César Tiberio, siendo Poncio Pilato procurador de Judea; Herodes, tetrarca de Galilea; su hermano Filipo, tetrarca de las regiones de Iturea y Traconítide; y Lisaniás, tetrarca de Abilene; bajo el pontificado de los sumos sacerdotes Anás y Caifás, vino la palabra de Dios en el desierto sobre Juan, hijo de Zacarías.

Entonces comenzó a recorrer toda la comarca del Jordán, predicando un bautismo de penitencia para el perdón de los pecados, como está escrito en el libro de las predicciones del profeta Isaías:

*Ha resonado una voz en el desierto:*

*Preparen el camino del Señor,*

*hagan rectos sus senderos.*

*Todo valle será rellenado,*

*toda montaña y colina, rebajada;*

*lo tortuoso se hará derecho,*

*los caminos ásperos serán allanados*

*y todos los hombres verán la salvación de Dios.*

**St. James' Advent Mission**

Our Advent Mission will be on Saturday, the 14th of December. It will begin at 9AM, but it is recommended that you attend the 8:00 Daily Mass prior to the Mission.

**REV. FR. BITRUS T. MAIGAMO (PHD)**

The Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Bitrus Teneu Maigamo is from Kaduna State, the North Central of Nigeria, West Africa. Born to the family of Zachariah Maigamo and Elizabeth Nchepteh he is the youngest with 4 brothers and no sisters. He started sensing the call of God while he was in the Minor Seminary when his people back at home had started calling him “Little Father”. The desire to become a Catholic priest increased when he was halfway through training, but mingling with other friends, prior to his completion, there arose the desire to become a chemical engineer, nuclear physicist, or computer scientist. Nonetheless, having successfully completed the training he finally proceeded to the Senior Seminary. While in the Major Seminary, he was admitted into the Archdiocese of Kaduna. There he continued with his training of both philosophy and theology. On his completion, he was ordained a transitional deacon under the Archdiocese of Kaduna alongside eleven colleagues. While as a deacon, the diocese of Zaria was carved out of the archdiocese of Kaduna in 2000 thereafter ordained for the diocese of Zaria, under Bishop George Dodo (now late), alongside his classmate as its first candidates on August 11, 2001 in Christ the King Cathedral. Since his ordination, he was given the first canonical assignment as the Vice Rector of his alma mater (St. Joseph Junior Seminary Zaria) and a Parochial Vicar of St. Endas Catholic Parish located within the Seminary. After five years of working experiences, he was made a Pastor of a newly erected Parish of St. Anne Catholic Church Zangon Tama II at the same time the Director of Communications of the Diocese. From there, in 2011 he was sent to Rome to study Missiology. During summer school breaks in Rome, Fr. Bitrus would come to Diocese of Phoenix to assist in parishes so the Pastor could take vacations. Fr. Bitrus has covered parishes in; Cottonwood, Sedona, Bullhead, Sun Lake, Mesa and Scottsdale during summer. In 2019, the Very. Rev. Fr. Dr. Bitrus Teneu Maigamo received his Doctorate in Rome based on his research on Islamic Extremism, and its Challenges to the Catholic Missionary Activity in Northern Nigeria since 1999: A Missiological Study. The plan after receiving his Doctorate was to return to native Nigeria to be formator at the Good Shepherd Senior Seminary, Kaduna. However by the generous hearts of Bishops Olmsted & Dodo (late), Father Bitrus returned to the Diocese of Phoenix. Then the unbelievable happened for this priest from a tiny Nigerian village! Dr. Bitrus received an international award as the Best Doctoral Dissertation Student for 2019/2020, by the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

This weekend we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope. This weekend we light the candle of Peace. This Sunday is called the Sunday of Peace. We take a step further on our Advent journey of Hope to Peace as we look forward to the two remaining Sundays – the Sunday of Joy and the Sunday of Love.

Like many of us, I have grown up accustomed to waiting, which is not to say I gladly welcome it in any sense. When I visit the post office, drop off my car for service, or go shopping, I expect that it will take time. While waiting, I look for something to keep me occupied. I read something on my phone, answer text messages or write some emails. In these moments of waiting, I experience restlessness and anxiety.

Last Sunday I shared with someone some of these personal experiences and my struggle with impatience when it comes to waiting. It was quite interesting when I realized that I am not alone in this. There are many of us who have similar experiences of impatience as we wait in line to be served.

All three of this Sunday's readings and the responsorial psalm, are wake up calls to us to prepare for the great encounter with the Lord. The first reading announces that God intends to show the glory of Christ to all nations. If we truly prepare for His coming, our hearts will overflow with joy, peace and love. Prophet Baruch tells us: "...take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on splendor of glory from God forever..." (Baruch 5:1-9)

The Second reading reminds us about the coming of the "Lord's Day." St. Paul encourages us to remain steadfast in good works and to continue improving our lives until the day of the Lord comes. It is important to note that in order to encounter Jesus Christ, and share in the joy that He brings, we must be willing to make some sacrifices. This entails preparing and purifying ourselves through prayer, love, and reconciliation. Hence, St. Paul says: "...This will help you to become pure and blameless and prepare you for the day of Christ..." (Philippians 1:8).

This week and next week, our gospel readings invite us to reflect more about personal relationship between St. John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. The Gospel of St. Luke has this special characteristic of connecting the births of St. John the Baptist and Jesus. Which is something we do find in the Gospels of Sts. Mark, Matthew and John. Indeed, the infancy narratives of St. John the Baptist and Jesus set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's special attention to the political and the historical context in which Jesus was born and lived. He is unique in mentioning political figures of the time like Tiberius Caesar and Pontius Pilate. He also mentions religious leaders: Annas and Caiaphas who were the high priests during that time. Lastly, he mentioned John the Baptist who was a prophet. By doing so St. Luke shows us that salvation is a free gift given to all people. Salvation brought by Jesus cuts across the political, religious and social context of all people, us included. We can make a distinction between religion or faith and politics, but we cannot separate them from each other.

The preaching of St. John the Baptist about the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. St. John the Baptist prepared his contemporaries for the coming of Jesus. We too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We are invited to respond to John's message by repenting and reforming our lives.

Whatever constitute an obstacle to encountering Jesus Christ during this season must be completely removed as the voice of St. John the Baptist re-echoes clearly to us "... Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low..." (Luke 3:5-6). Is there a mountain of pride in your life? Cut it and level your life to others in humility. Are there valleys of low self esteem in your life? Fill them up with optimism. Are there winding roads of sin in your life? Make your paths straight, with prayer and penance.

What then do we take home with us, this Second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Peace? Let us pray to God for the grace to establish a personal relationship with Jesus as it was between St. John the Baptist and Jesus. Three steps are necessary in order to establish such a personal with Jesus.

First, like St. John the Baptist, we are called upon to leave our comfort zones and go into the desert of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. Secondly, let us allow the spirit of Jesus or the word of God to come and speak to us. Thirdly, let us live our faith by proclaiming the wonders of God to others with joy and peace.

May Christ, the Prince of Peace, come and reign in our hearts. Amen.

## REFLEXIONES DEL SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO.

Este fin de semana celebramos el segundo domingo de Adviento. El domingo pasado encendimos la vela de la Esperanza. Este fin de semana encendemos la vela de la Paz. Este domingo se llama Domingo de la Paz. Damos un paso más en nuestro viaje de Adviento de Esperanza hacia la Paz mientras esperamos con ansias los dos domingos restantes: el Domingo de la Alegría y el Domingo del Amor.

Como muchos de nosotros, he crecido acostumbrado a esperar, lo que no quiere decir que lo reciba con agrado en ningún sentido. Cuando visito la oficina de correos, cuando dejo mi automóvil para que lo revisen o voy de compras, espero que me lleve tiempo. Mientras espero, busco algo que me mantenga ocupado. Leo algo en mi teléfono, respondo mensajes de texto o escribo algunos correos electrónicos. En estos momentos de espera experimento inquietud y ansiedad.

El domingo pasado compartí con alguien algunas de estas experiencias personales y mi lucha contra la impaciencia a la hora de esperar. Fue bastante interesante cuando me di cuenta de que no estoy solo en esto. Hay muchos de nosotros que tenemos experiencias similares de impaciencia mientras esperamos en la fila para que nos atiendan.

Las tres lecturas de este domingo y el salmo responsorial son llamadas de atención para prepararnos para el gran encuentro con el Señor. La primera lectura anuncia que Dios tiene la intención de mostrar la gloria de Cristo a todas las naciones. Si realmente nos preparamos para Su venida, nuestros corazones rebosarán de gozo, paz y amor. El profeta Baruc nos dice: "...quítate tú manto de luto y miseria; Vístete del esplendor de la gloria de Dios para siempre..." (Baruc 5:1-9)

La Segunda lectura nos recuerda la llegada del "Día del Señor". San Pablo nos anima a permanecer firmes en las buenas obras y a seguir mejorando nuestra vida hasta que llegue el día del Señor. Es importante señalar que para encontrarnos con Jesucristo y compartir el gozo que Él trae, debemos estar dispuestos a hacer algunos sacrificios. Esto implica prepararnos y purificarnos a través de la oración, el amor y la reconciliación. Por eso, dice San Pablo: "...Esto os ayudará a ser puros e irrepreensibles y a prepararos para el día de Cristo..." (Filipenses 1,8).

Esta semana y la próxima, nuestras lecturas del evangelio nos invitan a reflexionar más sobre la relación personal entre San Juan Bautista y Jesucristo. El Evangelio de San Lucas tiene esta característica especial de conectar los nacimientos de San Juan Bautista y Jesús. Que es algo que encontramos en los Evangelios de los Santos. Marcos, Mateo y Juan. De hecho, las narraciones de la infancia de San Juan Bautista y Jesús prepararon el escenario para el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús.

En el Evangelio de hoy también notamos la especial atención de Lucas al contexto político e histórico en el que nació y vivió Jesús. El suyo es único al mencionar figuras políticas de la época como Tiberio César y Poncio Pilato. También menciona a los líderes religiosos: Anás y Caifás, quienes eran los sumos sacerdotes en ese tiempo. Por último, mencionó a Juan el Bautista que era un profeta. Al hacerlo, San Lucas nos muestra que la salvación es un don gratuito otorgado a todas las personas. La salvación traída por Jesús trasciende los contextos políticos, religiosos y sociales de todas las personas, incluidos nosotros. Podemos hacer una distinción entre religión o fe y política, pero no podemos separarlas unas de otras.

La predicación de San Juan Bautista sobre la venida del Señor es un tema clave del tiempo de Adviento. San Juan Bautista preparó a sus contemporáneos para la venida de Jesús. Nosotros también estamos llamados a prepararnos para la venida de Jesús. Estamos invitados a responder al mensaje de Juan arrepiéndonos y reformando nuestras vidas.

Todo lo que constituya un obstáculo para encontrarnos con Jesucristo durante esta temporada debe ser eliminado por completo, como resuena claramente en nosotros la voz de San Juan Bautista: "... Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas. Todo valle será llenado, y todo monte y collado será rebajado..." (Lucas 3:5-6). ¿Hay una montaña de orgullo en tu vida? Córdalo y nivela tu vida a la de los demás con humildad. ¿Hay valles de baja autoestima en tu vida? Llénalos de optimismo. ¿Hay caminos sinuosos de pecado en tu vida? Endereza tus caminos, con oración y penitencia.

¿Qué nos llevamos entonces a casa, este Segundo Domingo de Adviento, el Domingo de la Paz? Oremos a Dios por la gracia de establecer una relación personal con Jesús como lo fue entre San Juan Bautista y Jesús. Son necesarios tres pasos para establecer esa relación personal con Jesús.

Primero, como San Juan Bautista, estamos llamados a dejar nuestras zonas de comodidad e ir al desierto de la oración, la penitencia y el sacrificio. En segundo lugar, dejemos que el espíritu de Jesús o la palabra de Dios venga y nos hable. En tercer lugar, vivamos nuestra fe proclamando las maravillas de Dios a los demás con alegría y paz.

Que Cristo, Príncipe de la Paz, venga y reine en nuestros corazones. Amén.



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

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- 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 calls ....ordinary 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.**



**OCIA at St. James**

**Thursday, 6:30PM until 8:00PM**

- 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 OCIA!!



**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  
St. James Parish Hall  
All Catholic Men Are Welcome**



Legion of Mary

**Mother of God**

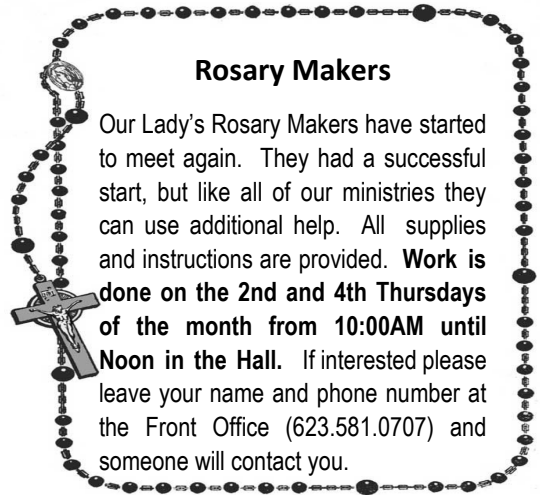
**Meets in St. James Hall  
Tuesdays at 2:00PM**

**To Learn More  
Contact Norma at (602) 565-6207**

**No meetings on Dec 24 and 31 .**



**Rosary Makers**



Our Lady's Rosary Makers have started to meet again. They had a successful start, but like all of our ministries they can use additional help. All supplies and instructions are provided. **Work is done on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 10:00AM until Noon in the Hall.** If interested please leave your name and phone number at the Front Office (623.581.0707) and someone will contact you.



**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](mailto: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.





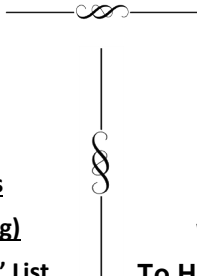
FELLOWSHIP IN ST JAMES HALL  
SUNDAYS FOLLOWING  
THE 7:30, 9:00 AND 11:00 MASSES!



**Amazon Charity Lists**

[catholiccharitiesaz.org](http://catholiccharitiesaz.org)

Under "Central Program" List look for



What Can I Do To Help Stop Abortion?

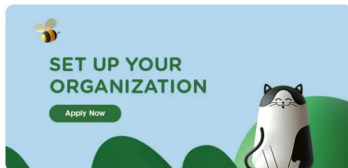
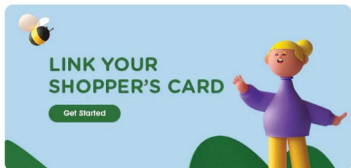
[www.pro.life](http://www.pro.life)



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! On October 3rd we received a Check for \$242.46 from Kroger for your Fry's Purchases!

**Frys Community Rewards - Fry's Food Stores ([frysfood.com](http://frysfood.com))**



**SVdP News:**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call SVdP so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

This week our pantry needs cereal and mac and cheese.

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope." Winston Churchill

**Gift Shop**

**FEATURE ITEM:**  
8" STATUE OF ST. ANTHONY

NATIVITIES AND OTHER CHRISTMAS DÉCOR, HANDMADE QUILTS AND BLANKETS.

OUR COOKIE SALE FUNDRAISER EVENT IS THIS WEEKEND. ENJOY A VARIETY OF COOKIES, BANANA NUT BREAD AND MORE.




  
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](https://www.instagram.com/stjamesgiftshop)

**Visit St. James' Gift Shop Online!**

<https://www.stjamesgreatergiftshop.org>

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

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All sales from our gift shop directly support St. James Parish



Jose Millan has recently joined our Maintenance Staff. Originally Jose was from Northern Mexico but he emigrated to Arizona almost 50 years ago. Initially he was a chef for 24years, but then started to move into working with mechanical things. He became a supervisor of construction for solar panels. From that he was involved in the manufacturing of large batteries that are used in poorer villages in Africa and Asia, replacing Diesel Generators that were

noisy and produced and odor when they were running. Prior to his retirement 2 years ago he also worked in maintenance of several other mechanical industries.

Jose has 6 children and another one who is deceased. He and his wife, Irma, joined St. James several months ago. It was in the Bulletin that he saw the Maintenance department needed someone to join the staff. Since joining us Jose has proven to be very helpful, particularly he has a way of seeing where assistance is needed and provides

# MANA House

## Immediate Needs:



### Personal Items

- Coats/Jackets/Sweaters Sizes S - 2XL
- Underwear Sizes S - XL
- Socks

### Cleaning Supplies

- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Tide Pods
- Toilet Bowl Brush or Plunger
- Toilet Cleaner
- Shower Curtain with hooks

### Hygiene Items

- Shampoo / Conditioner
- 2in 1 or 3 in 1
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Foot Powder
- Shower Shoes Sizes L - XL
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Bodywash

MANA House provides transitional housing for homeless veterans who are seeking a return to an ordinary lifestyle by providing rooms, cooked meals, laundry and shower facilities, computer access and transportation. Assistance with finding employment, pursuing education or completing the process to receive veterans benefits is also provided. It is run for veterans by veterans. Your generous contributions help them to achieve their goal. You may also contribute directly through their Amazon Wishlist by scanning the QR code below. Thank you.

**Donations will be accepted in the St. James office from December 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

SCAN FOR  
AMAZON  
WISH LIST



**St. James Future Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Occasion</u>	<u>Location/Comment</u>
Dec. 9th  9 de diciembre	8:00AM and 7:00PM	Church  Iglesia	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Holy Day of Obligation  <b>Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María</b> Día Santo de Obligación	Feast falls on Sunday this year and was moved to Monday  La fiesta cae en domingo este año y se trasladó al lunes.
11 de diciembre	5:45PM	Sala	Decoración de la virgen en el salon (voluntarios) con flores de donación	
12 de Diciembre  Dec. 12th	5:00am 8:00AM 7:00PM	Iglesia Iglesia Iglesia Sala  Church Church Church Hall	<b>Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe</b> Mananitas Misa diaria Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Recepción de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe  <b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Mananitas Daily Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception	
Dec. 14th	9:00AM until 12:00PM	Church  Iglesia	St. James Advent Mission  Misión Adventista de Santiago	Father
Dec. 14th	7:00PM	Church	St. James Christmas Pageant  Concurso de Navidad de Santiago	
Dec. 15th	After 11:00AM Mass	Hall	Harvest Mavuno Auction	Presented by St. James' African Community  Presentado por la Comunidad Africana de St. James
Dec. 17th	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Church  Iglesia	Advent Penance Service  Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento	
Jan. 26th	8:30AM - 12:30PM	Hall - Rooms 3 - 6  Sala	Vitalant Blood Drive  Donación de sangre vitalante	Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**Calendario de la Novena y Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

8 Diciembre	12 pm patio	12 Diciembre	5 am Mananitas
9 Diciembre	No Rosario		6 am Rosario
10 Diciembre	6 pm in the church		7 pm Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
11 Diciembre	6:15 pm Bilingual		8 pm Recepción de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in the Hall
		Any questions Call 623.451.6627 – Rocio	

# DJ Collectibles Christmas Card Show

- **When** – Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10AM – 5PM
- **Where** – St James Catholic Church 19640 N 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Glendale 85308
- **Admission** – 1 Can Food Or Cash Donation For St Vincent De Paul
- **What** – Multiple Tables Of Sports Cards, Pokémon, Magic The Gathering, One Piece, Disney Lorcana. POP Funko, Video Games (Nintendo, PlayStation), Pop Culture Posters, Board Games, Puzzles, Unopened Boxes, Loungefly Backpacks, Light Up Bottles, Wall Décor, Blankets & More



## ST. JAMES GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Do you need gifts for people out of state? How about the difficult to buy for person? Support St James by purchasing gift cards from the St James Gift Card Program. Hundreds of cards are available. An Order will be placed on Sunday, December 8th, and should be ready for pick up December 16th or 17th.

**There is NO cost to you  
And**

**This is an easy way to 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 have your orders into the office by Sunday, December 8th**

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

**Questions?** Contact Irene Molette at the Office, 623.581.0707

This is the same Gift Card Program that supports St. James, only you get to make your own order **Online**



**Giving Gift Cards for Christmas this Year? Avoid the Christmas Rush Order Your Gift Cards Now!**

**This beats shopping on Black Friday!**

Sign up to earn cash back for St. James by purchasing gift cards and shopping online through the RaiseRight website!

To Participate Online Type "raiseright.com," Click "How It Works," Click "Shop Online"

Follow the instructions provided to set up your account, and enter the St. James code:

**143A7A371L493**

Thank you for your support.



**Services:**

- Personal Care
- Non-skilled nursing
- Housekeeping
- Meal Preparation
- Socialization
- Transportation
- Hospice Care
- Meditation Reminders and Support.

**DAINABEL HOMECARE AGENCY**

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