

Around the Community

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY, TODAY!! We celebrate the first Sunday of each month as First Fruits Sunday. Thanks to all who already bring in non-perishable food items. Let's put our faith into action, and care for & feed our hungry neighbors.

CFFA (CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL) Today we continue our series *The Way of Love*. We meet between worship services in the library! Come join us! Andrea+

GODLY PLAY meets in the Nursery, 10 to 11 am. All welcome!

ST JAMES BOOKIES: December's book is "*The Guest Book*" by Sarah Blake. Join us **TODAY** after the 10:30 service at la Madeleine French Bakery & Café, 3605 W. Chandler Blvd. We will also have our annual Christmas book exchange during the meeting. Please bring a "White Elephant" book (wrapped) for the gift exchange. Max value \$15.



CENTERING PRAYER on **Wednesday** from 3:15 to 3:45 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on **Wednesday** from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Library. All women welcome!

WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE at 5:30 pm in the Library/Chapel. Find an oasis of God's love and healing at our mid-week service with Holy Communion, prayers and anointing for healing.

VESTRY MEETING will be held **Thursday, January 9th** at 10:30am in the library.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Our study continues **Thursday's** at 6:30 pm at the Huls' residence in Scottsdale. All men are invited!

Coming Soon...

SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Meeting and potluck lunch which will be held after the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 26th, 2020**. We'll elect new members to the Bishop's Committee and celebrate all the great ministries in God's service here at St. James. There will be a couple of positions open and the need to elect a Junior Warden. Please prayerfully consider running for one of the openings. This is your chance to help guide where we are going as a new parish.

OUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED!!

They are on the table in front of the kitchen. Please put your name on your envelope *especially if giving cash*. 2019 Contribution Statements will be sent out in early January.

What's Happening at St. James?

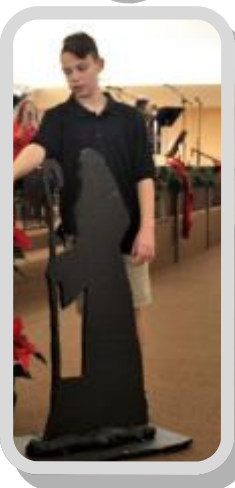
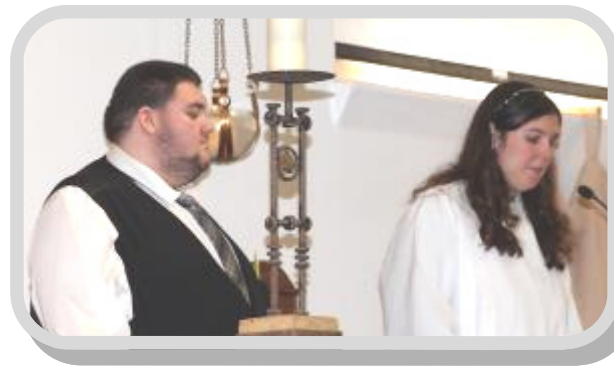
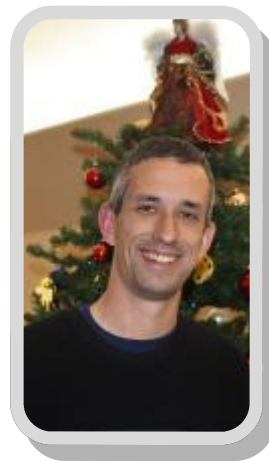
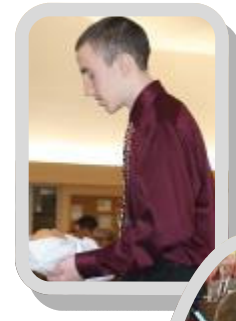
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GROUP MEETING:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH (5th-12th grade)

9:30 am to 12 pm

Christmas at St. James



Meditation Verse

"Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way."

Psalms 84:4

Ministry Opportunities

HYGIENE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS, put together by our youth group, can be found in the chest in the narthex. Please take a bag or two to give out on your daily travels.

ST. JAMES MONTHLY OUTREACH to our hungry neighbors: Please sign up for our next service evening at the *Halle Center for Women* (3424 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008), **5 pm to 6:30 pm, Friday, January 10th**. There are 5 spots available.

REFUGEE MINISTRIES: Our goal at St. James will be to focus on the children at the border. Donations of kids clothing, shoes, games/toys will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers medical care at the border report there are needs for the younger kids at this time. We will also continue to accept donations of DIAPERS, and PERSONAL & FEMININE HYGIENE items. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. For questions please contact Dixie Lane, Don Oswald, Ann Marie Bartholomew or Carol Paulk. For other ways of donating to the Border Ministry go to: fronteras.azdiocese.org.

This... and That...

OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER, "*This Week at St. James*," is sent out every Monday. Be sure to check your email! You can also read it on your smartphones. If you have not been receiving it, please check with Diana & make sure we have your correct e-mail address.

THE COMMON CUP: During worship our chalice bearers offer the common cup where all are welcome to either intinct (dip) the Communion wafer or sip from the chalice. A small chalice of consecrated wine is also available on the center podium next to the front of the altar for intinction only. Holy Communion is received fully in either or both of the elements for anyone who wishes to take just the wafer or just the wine.

NEED A NOTARY? If you require a notary service, please see Diana in the office. Her hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Thursday and she will be happy to assist you.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this community, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.