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ZOOM Vestry Meeting

Thursday, November 4th

10:30 am

Please Note:

The church office will be closed **Monday, October 11th**, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Entre Calabazas y Calaveras: a time to celebrate the power of life

A few years ago, the Oakland Museum offered an exhibit of religious devotions called: "*Entre Calabazas y Calaveras...*" (Between pumpkins and skulls...)

The exhibit was an attempt to create an awareness of two traditions found in the U.S.: the celebration of Halloween with its European roots, and the celebration of the Days of the Dead rooted in the mix of Indigenous and Christian popular devotions. These celebrations are part of cultural and religious identity of this country because of the diversity of cultures in our nation. My role as an Episcopal priest has been offering a better understanding of how these three days are related and how we can honor both traditions without making all, one. That said, Halloween and Days of the Dead, aren't the same thing. But we can and should celebrate because they remind us, in a unique way, what is our Christian belief about life and death, evil and good.

During October I will be offering a video series to prepare us, in particular for the Feasts of All Saints on November 1st, and All Souls', on November 2nd.

I am calling this video series: "**From Roman Catacombs to our days: remembering and evoking the dead**".

The nature of our faith is remembrance in love. During Sunday Eucharist we remember Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Sacraments are visible signs that evoke our memories and replenish us with spiritual gifts. In this webinar we will explore the historical development of the rites of remembrance of the departed. We will examine rites from the Early Church to current traditions like the Day of the Dead which is celebrated in our communities. We invite you to participate so you can make this important Christian feast relevant again, to the living and to the dead. "We will say their names and remember their lives."

These series of presentations will address theological and devotional understandings of Christian rituals for the departed. The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls (the Days of the Dead) are coming up and our churches would like to provide insights to prepare our hearts to mourn those who died this year.

Resources and video links will be sent to those who sign up for the webinar.

You can register online. See the weblink below. Or if you know someone who needs a printed form, you can offer the ones that are in the entrance of the church. Fill out the form with your friend, and hand it to Diana or Fr. Sam. They will provide the links for the videos.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/CAUeXM6KhXKh7Pg66>.

The Rev. Dr. Sam Dessórdi Leite*

TREASURER'S UPDATE

ONCE AGAIN I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! SEPTEMBER'S APPARENT SURPLUS DECREASED ABOUT \$9,000 FROM THE AUGUST TOTAL. SOME REDUCTION WAS EXPECTED BECAUSE PERSONNEL COSTS ARE HIGHER THAN THEY WERE BEFORE FATHER SAM ARRIVED. WE STILL HAVE A "CUSHION" BUT AS I SAY EVERY MONTH, ABOUT \$23,000 OF THE "SURPLUS" CAME FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S COVID-19 STIMULUS PROGRAM.

January 1 through September 29, 2021

	Actual	Budget
YTD Operating Income	\$ 193,927	\$ 185,013
YTD Operating Expense	\$ 154,667	\$ 188,702
YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 39,260	\$ 3,689

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YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE ONLINE TO ST. JAMES AT:

ST. JAMES
975 E WARNER RD OR [HTTPS://TITHE.LY/GIVE_NEW/WWW/#/TITHELY/GIVE-ONE-TIME/2407353](https://TITHE.LY/GIVE_NEW/WWW/#/TITHELY/GIVE-ONE-TIME/2407353)
TEMPE, AZ 85284

2022 Stewardship Drive: A link for the pledge card on our website:

https://stjamestempe.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Stewardship-Pledge-Card_2022.pdf



Bob Klassen (Senior Warden)
Steve Vanden Heuvel (Junior Warden)
Gerry Carlston (Treasurer)
Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew
Joan Besonen

Denise Boyd
Mary Hovden
Larry Kenyon
Tara Papaccio

What a time to be at St. James! Our story keeps building and our identity is evolving in such a way as to showcase who we really are. I have to admit, when this global pandemic hit shortly after becoming a parish, I had some concerns. But they were quickly extinguished by everyone! This pandemic did not stop our Rector Search Committee either. All of the hard work has finally paid off. The sweat and energy that gave us the Parish Profile and kept the search committee together during the uncertainty of COVID set the tone for who we wanted to be. The same must be said for all of St. James! The sweat and energy that went into building our parish during this time also set the tone of who we wanted to be. Everything you did allows us to now add that Father Sam is the first to be formally called to be Rector of St. James the Apostle!



On behalf of the Vestry, I want to thank everyone for making us who we are. Thank you to everyone who has stepped in to help with coffee hour as well as the planning, set up, take down, and cleaning for the Celebration of Ministry. So much work goes on behind the scene that always goes unnoticed. Thank you, it is because of you that we were able to have this Celebration of New Ministry. Our story keeps getting better.

Peace,
Bob Klassen

ST FRANCIS CELEBRATION & BLESSING OF ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD



Ladies Night

Tuesday, October 12th
6:00 pm

La Casa de Juana
3941 E. Chandler Blvd, Phoenix 85044

If you haven't come before please join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship. And bring a friend! For the safety and health of everyone it is asked that you be fully vaccinated to attend.

St James Bookies

Sunday, October 17th

AJ's Fine Foods Patio
(SW corner of 56th and Ray)

October's book is "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich. We will gather at AJ's after the 9:30 service.



MEN'S MINISTRIES

Join Us for Lunch!!

Thursday, October 21st
11:30 am

Biscuit's

4623 E. Elliot Road, Phoenix
(SW corner 48th & Elliot)



Did You Know?

Since Education for Ministry (EfM) began as an experimental program in 1975, more than 100,000 people have participated in the program. There are EfM groups meeting in nearly every diocese of the Episcopal Church. In addition to the groups in the US, you can find EfM Programs in Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Italy and Switzerland.

For those who have questions about their faith as many people do, EfM was developed by the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee, to provide a mechanism for Christians to work through those questions. Connecting one's faith to one's daily life through reading and discussion is the goal of EfM's four year program.

As those who have the EfM experience will verify, EfM provides an enrichment of their Christian lives. If you have an interest in the program, contact Mary Jane Porter, EfM Mentor, telephone (480) 625-4369 or email mjp4@cornell.edu. You can make a difference!

"Today I choose to live with gratitude for the love that fills my heart, the peace that rests within my spirit, and the voice of hope that says all things are possible."

– Anonymous



Special thanks to **Tara** and **Chris Papaccio** for sharing their 20th Anniversary Renewal Vows with all of us at St. James. The service was lovely, heartfelt, and touching. It was also great getting pictures from their 2nd Honeymoon from Cabo San Lucas. Looks like they had a wonderful time. We are also so very grateful to **Marcia Wright** and her **Hospitality Team** for the wonderful food and drink they prepared for all of us after the renewal service.

A big thank you to **Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew** and her **Usher Team** for greeting our visitors and for providing us with anti-bacterial spray before we take Communion. You all are the **best**.



If you know of anyone or a group that should be acknowledged for what they do at or for St James, please let Ellie Kenyon know by email at ejkenyon6315@verizon.net or by phone at 480-248-7457. Leave a voicemail if she's not there. We want everyone who does for St. James to know that we appreciate what they do for the church.



**WHEN: SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH
5 PM TO 7 PM**

WHERE: CHURCH PARKING LOT ON RURAL

Please invite Neighbors, Friends and Family to join us for a fun way to celebrate Halloween. I will have sign up sheet for those who wish to decorate their cars and dress up. This is fun activity for everyone of all ages we look forward to seeing you. (For those who will be decorating cars please be at the church between 3:30pm and 4:30pm to decorate and set up for the kids to come trick or treat)



There will be a box for your donations in the narthex for the month of October. For inquiries and concerns, please call Stephannie at (480) 399-2009 for assistance. For further ideas for donations, visit www.gatheringhumanity.org/.

Afghan Resettlement Donations

NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS NEEDED:

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| ♥ Blankets, Sheets (Twin, Full, Queen) | |
| ♥ Kitchen Wares (dishes, toasters etc) | |
| ♥ Table + Floor Lamps | |
| ♥ Towels (Bath, Hand + Wash Cloths) | |
| ♥ Diapers, Wipes | |
| ♥ Infant Formula | ♥ Baby Dolls, Soccer Balls |
| ♥ Wall + Alarm Clocks | ♥ Jump Ropes + Small Toys |
| ♥ Soaps (Hand, Laundry, Dish) | ♥ Ziploc bags, Tin Foil, Plastic Wrap |
| ♥ Toilet Paper, Paper Towels | ♥ Kitchen Garbage Cans + Bags |
| ♥ Brushes, Combs, Hair Ties (New) | ♥ Pack N Plays |
| ♥ Puzzles + Books For Children | ♥ Sewing Kits |



Gathering Humanity is a local organization that provides essential goods to those experiencing resettlement and to those in our community in need. Our community will be welcoming 1,600 Afghan refugees over the next several months. We would like to help welcome them and get them resettled so that they can begin to rebuild their lives.

Broader in Ministry

Lector/Reader Schedule (9:30 am)

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Prayers of the People	Chalice Bearers	Acolyte
October 5	Parker	Jill	Carol Justice	Pat	Dense/Erica	Elliot
October 10	Carol Paulk	Greg	Joan	Kathleen	Damien/Pat	Damien
October 17	Pat	Damien	Anna	Audrey	Careen/Bob	Sheryl/Zac
October 24	Joan	Lali	Kathleen	Carol Justice	Pat/Careen	Dylan
October 31	Carol Justice	Audrey	Erica	Careen	Damien/Denise	Elliot

SPECIAL NOTE: On Monday, 1 November, Father Sam will conduct a special quiet evening service on the day. We are looking for 3 readers. Please contact Deacon Robin (deacon@stjamestempe.org or 480.242.7178) if you can help. Thank you! As of 26 September...Thank you: Erica Niemoth (Reader 1). Damien (Reader 2)

Centering Prayer for spiritual health provides a way to experience God's presence in our lives, and equips us to live faithfully and in the abundance of God's love. All are welcome and invited! Centering prayer is at 2:45 pm on **Wednesday afternoons** via ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 910 9453 3152

Passcode: 654769



MUSIC CORNER at St James

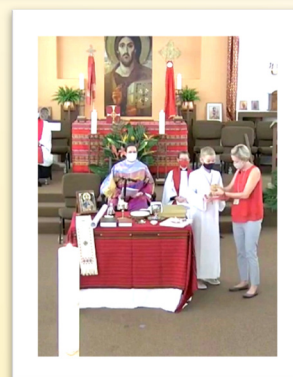
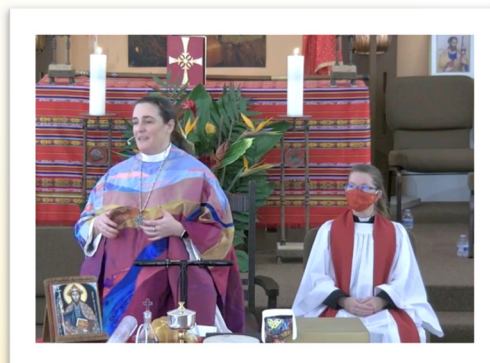
By the time you read this newsletter, we will have completed the Installation for Father Sam. Based on the preparation and noting the attention to many details, I know this will have been a joyous and uplifting evening.

This October, we celebrated the feast of St Francis, with blessing of Pets and animal toys. We played indoor and outdoor uplifting songs to remember God's Creation. Greg sang a special version of the Prayer of St Francis at the morning service. We had several songs with the guitar for the Animal Blessing service in the afternoon and during the potluck.

On October 31st, we will celebrate All Saints Day (*transferred from November 1st*) and that also promises to be a very meaningful service. Between those services, we will definitely have a service featuring more of the contemporary music on the 17th or 24th of October so stay posted for news of that. I think that we all feel that Father Sam is bringing a new inspiration in worship and music to St. James, and we look forward to Advent season to see what lies ahead!

~ ~ ~ Lali Breen

Installation of Father Sam as Rector of St. James September 29, 2021



1. Welcome to our October guest preachers and presiders:

The Rev. Canon David Chavez, Canon for Border Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona (October 17)
The Rev. Canon Holly Herring, Canon Precentor for Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix (October 24)

2. Fr. Sam is out of the office, from 10/13 until 10/27:

Fr. Sam will lead a retreat for the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, and participate in the Consecration of the third female bishop of South America, The Rev. Magda Pereira Guedes. While in Brazil, he will also visit his family. During this period, please contact Rev. Robin or our office for pastoral needs. Other topics related to the life of the parish can be addressed directly with our senior warden, Bob Klassen.

Healing With Love

Thank you! It may be cliché, but words cannot express the feeling of being fully embraced by love as one experiences a difficult medical situation. Who would have thought that something as small as a spider could change one's life? Of course, in our scripture studies, we know that the very small mustard seed grows into a large and robust plant that looks like a tree and an acorn into a strong and long-standing oak tree. But I would also have to say that God's unconditional love, Jesus' sacrificial love, and the love of family – including the Church family are the healing treatments that make our souls whole. We know that no matter the outcome, it is our faith that makes us well (Matthew 8:13 and 15:28). Thank you for reaching out through all mediums. Bringing smiles and laughter always helps the recovery process. Thank you for blanketing my family and me with your prayers and love. The blessings received are the outward and visible signs of love and bring to the world how we live as members of the Jesus movement.

Blessings,
Deacon Robin

