

## The Rose Sunday

"It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important." – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry



Today the church celebrates the Laetere Sunday, meaning, the *Sunday of the Word*. The Holy Scriptures, for centuries, have provided the stories that warm our hearts and guide us on paths of justice and peace. There, we find God and humanity in constant dialogue. Sometimes people harden their hearts and distance themselves from God. But as a mother cares for her children, God finds ways to bring people back under her wings.

Laetere Sunday is also known as the "Mothering Sunday". It is a name taken from the practice of returning to "mother church", the church of one's baptism, or the cathedral on this day. (It's also celebrated in the UK as Mother's Day.)

Laetare means "*rejoice*" in Latin, and the name is taken from the Introit traditionally recited on Laetare Sunday from Isaiah 66:10. An introit is a psalm or antiphon sung or said during the opening of Holy Eucharist.

Laetare Sunday is also sometimes called "*Refreshment Sunday*," serves as a break, about midway through the penitential Lenten season, an opportunity for one day to "rejoice" and look forward, with hope, to Easter. The readings often include uplifting stories - like today's gospel that talks about compassion and reconciliation.

Flowers are used on the altar, and the clergy may choose to wear rose-colored vestments. The tradition of rose vestments comes from lightening the colors of the Lenten season, *purple or violet*.

In some churches, following a western tradition, roses are blessed and distributed among those present, as a symbol of hope, a fragrance of the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Sam Dessórdi Leite<sup>+</sup>

### "Balancing Act"

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons." (Luke 15:11)

We immediately recognize this introduction to the parable of the prodigal son. It represents such an ordinary but complex situation... how to balance competing interests and values. Stewards always strive for balance, measuring how best to care for all the persons and situations they encounter.

**Share the good news for generations - make a legacy gift to St. James.**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Please remember St. Mary's in Phoenix.

**Please Pray for our Church Family.** . . . Janey, Gerry, Dana, Kristy, Carrie, Simon, Patti, the Muller family, the Spence family, Sandra, Robert, the Hollis family, the Huls family, Luke, Rob, Jeff, Chris, the Papaccio family, Eileen, Susan, Nancy, Ellen, Paul, Lewis, Kate, Jim, Paul and Carol, our siblings & families in Navajoland, those affected by COVID-19 and our front line medical providers, Becki, Tessa, Pat, Ashley, Donald and Lynn. We acknowledge, pay respect and pray for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as the original people of the land and their role as custodians of this land given to them by our one and only Creator God. We pray for all affected by violence, terrorism & natural disaster, and we pray for those in the military. We pray also that God will send us those who are hungry to know and follow Jesus, that we might welcome & walk with them on their spiritual journey.

### THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES

Sunday 9:30 am Holy Eucharist (With hymns and contemporary songs)  
 Sunday 10:30 am Outdoor Coffee Hour  
 Friday 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Taizé style)

**Welcome to our visitors!** Please sign our guest book located on the lectern in the narthex by the main entrance and join us for refreshments after the service. We offer nursery care and children's programs that provide safe, nurturing environment for your children during both services.

*This is the Lord's Table.* All are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.

### WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP OR ANSWERS....

Father Sam<sup>+</sup> is available to answer your questions, to respond to pastoral concerns, to offer support and counseling, and, most of all, to listen. My door is always open! You can reach me at the office, or after hours on my cell phone: (510) 847-0229, or email at [rector@stjamestempe.org](mailto:rector@stjamestempe.org).

Officers of St. James: Bob Klassen, (480) 225-3342 or [bob.klassen@gmail.com](mailto:bob.klassen@gmail.com); Steve Vanden Heuvel, (303) 688-0550 or [SteveQE@gmail.com](mailto:SteveQE@gmail.com); and Gerry Carlston, (480) 678-2710 or [pgcarlston@cox.net](mailto:pgcarlston@cox.net).

Prayer Chain: Call Diana in the office, (480) 345-2686.

Pastoral Care: Please call the office, (480) 345-2686.

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Parish Nurse: Patricia Maybee, [pmaybee@gmail.com](mailto:pmaybee@gmail.com).

### LAST WEEK AT ST. JAMES:

Worship Attendance: 55  
 (via Facebook Live: N/A)

Giving -  
 \$ 658 (Operating)  
 \$ 200 (Designated Gifts)

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21

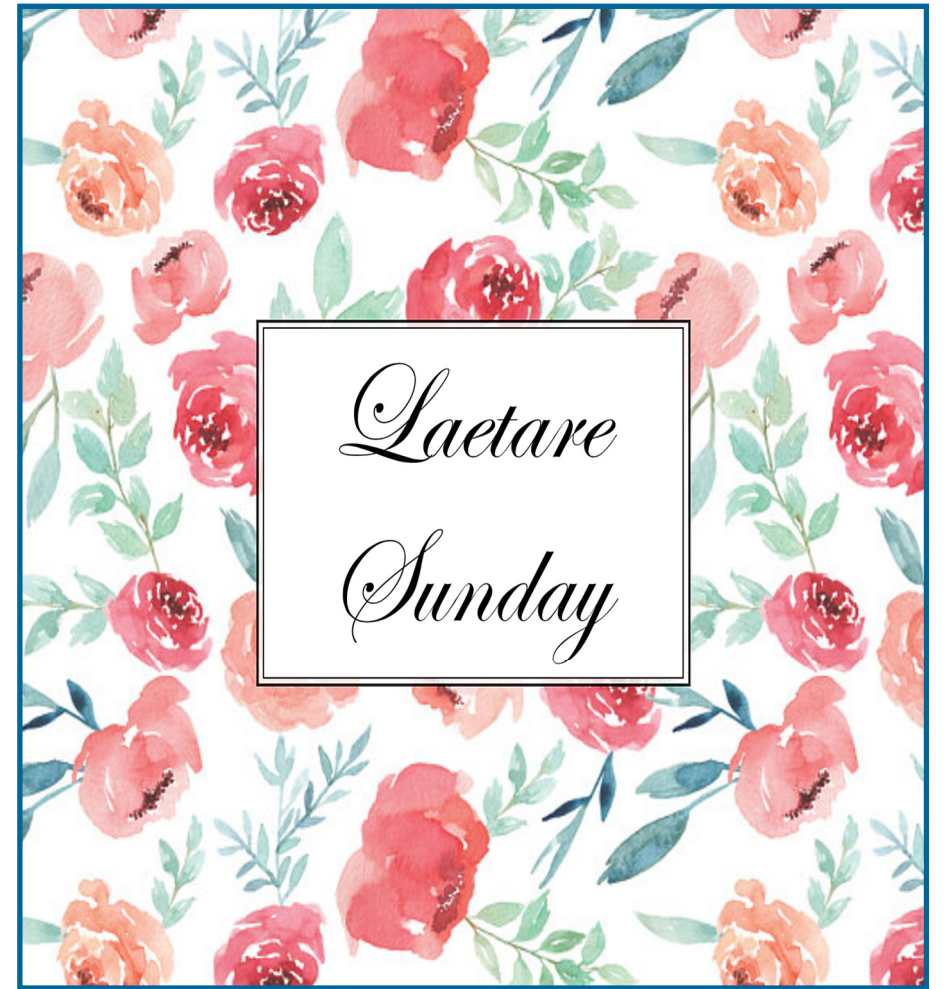
Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

YTD Operating Income: \$ 36,694 (as off 2/28/2022)  
 YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 40,036 Surplus/Loss: \$ 3,342

*St. James Episcopal Church*  
*Welcoming, loving and serving all God's children*



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*March 27, 2022*

**The Rev. Dr. Sam Dessórdi Leite, Rector**

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



## Around the Community

**COFFEE HOUR:** Join us after the service! It is important for us to remember that we will still be wearing masks and following the social distancing guidelines already set forth. We ask that you take your coffee and food outside to the patio area.



**EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY:** We invite you to join our group meeting in the St. James Library on **Monday evenings, 6:30 to 9 pm.** For more information, please contact Mary Jane Porter, [mjp4@cornell.edu](mailto:mjp4@cornell.edu) or (480) 625-4369.

**ST. JAMES' 2022 LENTEN STUDY: "Encanto": A Study of Transformation and Faith; Rooted in Spiritual Gifts.** This year's study is a 5 week program on Encanto, from Walt Disney Animation Studios (rated PG with all new songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda), Wednesdays **March 9th** to **April 6th** from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm via ZOOM. Please register/RSVP to Deacon Robin at [deacon@stjamestempe.org](mailto:deacon@stjamestempe.org). If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Robin at (480) 242-7178 or by email.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86060554496?pwd=NDVlSlJlNE8vYzZiNDhMUWtndjN5QT09>

Meeting ID: 860 6055 4496 Passcode: 994182

**REMINDER: THE WEEKLY GATHERING** for Prayer, Meditations and Bible Study will resume in May.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 6:00 pm, **Friday, April 1st** at St. James.

## This... and That...

**ON MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 14TH),** in our sanctuary, we will be sharing a meal and the Eucharist with our friends, just as Jesus did with his disciples. We will be bringing Middle Eastern food in that evening, so a head count is needed. Please sign up on the back table if you can join us. If you would like to help defray the cost of the meal you can place an envelope in the plate, earmarked for hospitality, or you can drop cash in the donation jar on the hospitality table.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR EASTER FLOWERS!** At this special time of year, we want to honor all those we hold close in our hearts. You can either email your dedication to [diana@stjamestempe.org](mailto:diana@stjamestempe.org) or fill in a Easter dedication envelope today; either hand to Diana or place in the offering plate. The Easter Flower envelopes are located in the pocket at the bottom of the Flower Chart in the narthex. Thank you!

**2022 LENT MADNESS:** If you'd like to donate to the Lent Madness pool, you can donate via check or online and mark the donation for Lent Madness 2022. Send an email to Deacon Robin with your pick for the Golden Halo **TODAY!**

## What's Happening at St. James?



### Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Outdoor procession of the Palms and Eucharist

### Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Supper with Eucharist  
*All who desire may experience the ritual of Foot Washing*

### Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Noon Liturgy of the day with Veneration of the Cross  
7 pm Ritual of the Burial of the Icon of Christ:  
*(With the blessing of Hot Cross Buns)*

### Holy Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Morning Prayer and setting the church for Easter Vigil  
8 pm Easter Vigil, Eucharist Celebration.

### Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Easter Eucharistic liturgy

## Coming Soon...

**MAKING THE PALM CROSSES:** **Saturday, April 9th** All ages welcome! Come learn this ancient art and enjoy fellowship with one another. Instructions will be provided for all you novice palm cross makers! We will meet between 1 pm and 3 pm on the east patio. More details to come in the next few weeks.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** We will meet at 6:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 12th**, at Valle Luna Mexican Restaurant, 1949 W. Ray Road, Chandler 85224. Tuesday is Senior Night!! If you haven't come before please join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!! And bring a friend! For the safety and health of everyone it is asked that you be fully vaccinated to attend.

**UMOM WALK THE WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS** is a fun, family friendly event with the goal to raise funds and awareness for families and single women experiencing homelessness in Arizona. This year the walk will be in-person at the Phoenix Zoo, **Saturday, May 14th**, from 6 am to 9 am. Register as either an individual or a team, and pricing includes a commemorative walk T-shirt and Phoenix Zoo entrance. For more information, visit [www.umom.org/walk](http://www.umom.org/walk). We walk because WE can make a difference.

## Meditation Verse

*"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new!  
All this is from God"*

2 Corinthians 5:17-18a

## Ministry Opportunities

**UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN AID:** Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with Anglican agencies and ecumenical partners to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainian refugees in Europe. People quickly packed up and fled Ukraine to safety and are now in need of basic supplies and will need long-term support. Your contribution to the Episcopal Relief & Development International Disaster Response Fund will help provide clothing, food, water and other items. To make a donation, please fill out the coupon on the flyer located in the narthex and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online to the International Disaster Response Fund at [episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis](http://episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis). Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are working together for lasting change.

## Around the Diocese

**GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP!** Chapel Rock's Summer Camp is full of adventure, old and new friends, games, creativity, awesome counselors and God's unconditional love! Campers can expect their days to be full of high energy activities, lots of nature, music and crafts along with daily worship and faith formation. There are several different camp options available, including a new Music and Arts Camp. Sessions begin May 29th and there is an early bird discount of \$20 when you register by March 31st. For more information, visit [www.chapelrock.net/summercamp](http://www.chapelrock.net/summercamp).

**MARK DOWN'S THRIFT STORE:** Did you know that St. Mark's in Mesa has a thrift store open every Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm, and it is run entirely by church volunteers? The Thrift Store located on the west side of the church campus (322 N Horne, Mesa, AZ 85203). Many brand name items are displayed throughout the store along with small furniture, collectibles, household items and antiques. There are bargains for the treasure hunters to be found among the sales shelves and racks. St. Mark's welcomes donations of good quality, clean items, including clothing, shoes, purses and accessories, household items, small appliances, and small furniture (that can be easily loaded into a car). If you'd like to donate, please contact Kathy Cheatham at [kathy\\_cheatham@hotmail.com](mailto:kathy_cheatham@hotmail.com) or Diane Lewis at [dilove@q.com](mailto:dilove@q.com).