

The Feast of Pentecost

Today we Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek, *Pentēkostē*, which literally means “the 50th day.”

Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is “especially appropriate” for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of “White Sunday.” This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.

At St. James will celebrate the gift of diversity in the church. Diversity of people, languages, cultures, and ministries. Also around the country, many Episcopal churches will celebrate this June, Pride month, as a reminder that God loves us all – no exceptions.

We have a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to tell and exemplify God’s love for every human being; women and men serve as bishops, priests, and deacons in our church. Laypeople and clergy cooperate as leaders at all levels of our church. Leadership is a gift from God and can be expressed by all people in our church, regardless of gender, sexual identity or orientation.

Fr. Sam Dessórdi Leite*

“Answering the Spirit”

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:2)

The Spirit may not come to us like a violent wind; maybe, like a sudden inspiration, or as a studied response to a situation we’ve been pondering. In any case, the Spirit is calling us to give of ourselves in care and support of others like our church family, our community or the many in need further away.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please remember St. Stephen’s in Sierra Vista.

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, Nancy, Ellen, Kate, Jim, Paul, Emma, Albert, Robin, Terri, Bob, Shane, Colleen and Linda, 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)
10:30 am Outdoor Coffee Hour

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[†] 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.

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

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Ministry of Music: Lali Breen, (480) 205-5635 or lb.dbstrings@gmail.com.

Parish Nurse: Patricia Maybee, pmaybee@gmail.com.

LAST WEEK AT ST. JAMES:

Worship Attendance: 42
(via Facebook Live: 17)

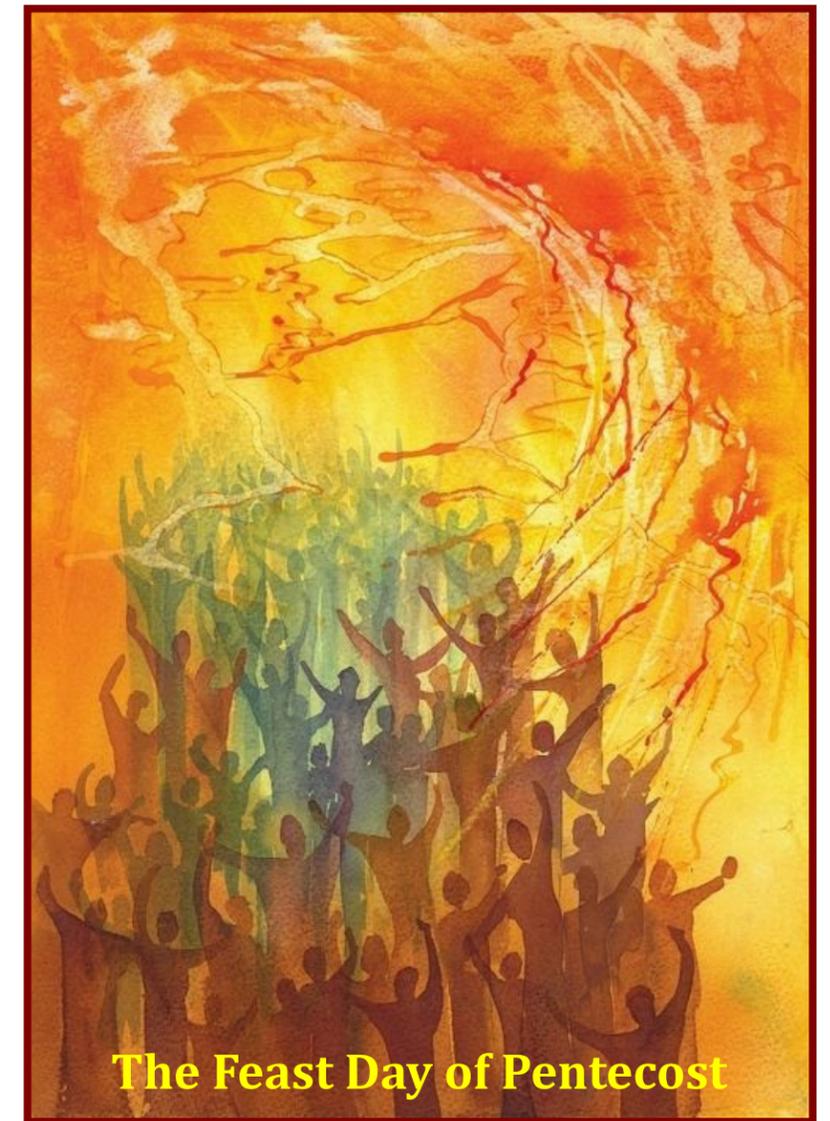
Giving -
\$ 646 (Operating)
\$ 25 (Designated Gifts)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Proverbs v8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

YTD Operating Income: \$ 92,712 (as off 5/31/2022)
YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 101,295 Surplus/Loss: \$ 8,583

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Welcoming, loving and serving all God's children



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Around the Community

FACE MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED when visiting St. James the Apostle, or attending worship. Individuals are, of course, still welcome to wear a mask if they choose. Whatever decision you make about face masks, please respect the decisions that other people make. Whether a person chooses to wear a mask, or not, is entirely up to them. Whatever decision each person makes, and whenever they choose to make it, is entirely their own and should be respected.

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. St. Stephen's has been experiencing a huge increase in people looking for help. Let's put our faith into action, and care for & feed our hungry neighbors.

COFFEE HOUR: Join us after the service! We ask that you take your coffee and food outside to the patio area. **Volunteers are needed to provide treats after the service on Sunday.** A sign-up sheet is located on the table. Please sign up today!

WEDNESDAY AT ST. JAMES:

- 4:00 pm – Prayer and Meditation (at the Church)
- 4:45 pm – Fellowship (at the Church)
- 5:00 pm – Study of the Bible (in the Church Library)

This... and That...

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY: A new 36-week seminar series will begin in early September in the St. James Library on Monday evenings, 6:30 to 9 pm. For information on how to join us, please contact Mary Jane Porter, Mentor, mjp4@cornell.edu or (480) 625-4369.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Would you like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you are interested, please talk to Father Sam or Eileen.

UPCOMING BUILDING REPAIRS: One of the A/C units for the Preschool building needs to be replaced and 2 others are limping along. It seems like it never ends. All monies in the Building Fund are used exclusively for both repairs and preventative maintenance of the buildings and grounds. For those who can spare or share some funds, your help is much appreciated. Thank you!

SUBSCRIBING TO OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTERS: If you or someone you know have not been receiving our weekly emails or monthly newsletter, you can subscribe to receive them by going to our website, www.stjamestempe.org, and clicking on "Find/Contact Us" then clicking on "Subscribe to Our Newsletter" from the drop down list. After you subscribe you will receive an email from St. James. You must click on the "Yes, Subscribe me to this list" button in the email to complete the sign up.

What's Happening at St. James?



8th Annual Ladies Tea

The St. James Ladies Tea was a huge success and many thanks go to our "Tea Team," led by Barbara Meyer, for all they did to make it such a grand affair. The Tea Team wish to thank all who helped in the kitchen, to all the men who served, and to those who set the tables. We also appreciate all who made delicious desserts and those ladies who put the sandwiches together and set out the food. The Tea Team would be remiss if they didn't thank all those who helped clean up after the tea, brought in the tables, set-up the chairs and then put them all back again in time for services on Sunday. We'd also like to thank Susan Buckley & Eileen Flock for putting together all the baskets and to everyone who donated a basket or items to put in baskets to be raffled. And most of all we'd like to thank St. James parishioners for giving of their Time, Talent and Treasure to help make the Ladies Tea such a lovely and successful afternoon. Look for pictures next week!

Coming Soon...

LADIES NIGHT OUT: We will meet at 6:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 14th**, at Spinato's Pizzeria, 4848 E. Chandler Blvd, Phoenix 85048. 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!

OUR MEN'S GROUP will meet for lunch on **Thursday, June 16th** at 11:30 am at Biscuit's, 4623 E. Elliot Road, Phoenix 85044.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! **Sunday, October 23rd**, Evening of Music will present "St. James Jams," a musical event with silent auction. More details to come soon!



MOVIE NIGHT - JUNE 11, 7 PM

To mark Pride month, St. James will offer three events, starting with a movie night:

'Simon Spier keeps a huge secret from his family, his friends, and all his classmates: he's gay. When that secret is threatened, Simon must face everyone and come to terms with his identity.'

We will provide snacks and soft drinks

Meditation Verse

*"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid."*

John 14:27

Around the Diocese

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MOBILE HEALTH UNIT: Free preventative health screenings and COVID-19 vaccinations will be available at Trinity Cathedral (100 W. Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, 85003) on **Thursday, June 9th** from 2 to 6 pm. Health screenings are available for those 18 and older; COVID vaccines are available for ages 5 and above. COVID boosters are also available. To make COVID vaccine appointments, visit podvaccine.azdhs.gov or call (602) 506-6767.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Blood donations are urgently needed! Trinity Cathedral is hosting a drive on **Friday, July 1st** from 9 am to 2 pm. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

CHAPEL ROCK: 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 run through the end of June. For more information, visit Chapelrock.net.

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 or Diane Lewis at dilove@q.com.

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