St. George

Roman Catholic Church

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Adoration Chapel closed at 4:15 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: 11:30 1:15, 3:00, and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 6:30, 8:15, 10:00 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 10:30 p.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is sick or homebound, please call for the assistance of a Minister of Care. Ministers of Care bring communion to those who cannot come to Mass. Please call Gina Brown 602-999-5067.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMERGENCY

If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near death call 480-982-2929 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours and on weekends call 480-303-1253. Please do not use this service for any other reason.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents requesting baptism for their children under 7 years old must attend a mandatory preparation class offered every other month. Please call the Parish Office in advance for scheduling or other information. Infant baptisms are the last Sunday of each month.

MARRIAGES/MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples seeking the sacrament of marriage must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of St. George Roman Catholic Parish. Notification of intent to marry must be provided six months in advance. For more information on the marriage preparation process, please call the Parish Office.

PASTORAL STAFF

Father Domenico Pinti, Pastor	
Father Stanley Nadolny, Parochial Vicar	Ext. 104
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WINTER & ASSISTING PRIESTS

Fr. Vince Lieser Fr. Jerry Stack
Fr. Rodney Farke

PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Bill Jones

Ministries

Youth Altar Server Training, Fr. Stan
Eucharistic Ministers, Fr. Pinti
Lectors, Cindy Nuttall 602-312-6667
RCIA, Fr. Pinti
Ushers, Fr. Pinti
Divine Mercy, Joetta Carlos—735-8471
Grief Support Group, Susan Insalaco—250-3522
Adult Choir—Sheryl Johnson—480-354-5985

Organizations

Knights of Columbus, Tom Wolf 982-4441
Our Lady of the Desert Guild, Barbara Reddington—671-0719
Respect Life Ministry, Fr. Pinti

Finance Council

Susan Insalaco Caroline Hodges Will Bublitz
Arlene Showers Ray Kimble

First Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, December 3
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 6)
3:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (Room 2)
7:00 p.m. K of C Council (Room 3)

TUESDAY, December 4
1:00 p.m. Bridge (Social Hall)
3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Room 3)

WEDNESDAY, December 5
9:30 a.m. Ladies Guild Meeting (Social Hall)
4:00 p.m. Choir (Atrium)

THURSDAY, December 6
8:30 a.m. Quilters (Social Hall)
9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Room 3)
1:30 p.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Social Hall)

FRIDAY, December 7
Office Closed in Honor of the Immaculate Conception
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass ~ Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY, December 8
8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Mass
Spaghetti Dinner Ticket sales after all masses

SUNDAY, December 9
Spaghetti Dinner Ticket sales after all masses

HELP FOR THE NEEDY VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Mark your calendars!
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
11:30 a.m. Social Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11—Help for the Needy Christmas Lunch
December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass/Pot Luck dinner
December 15—Confirmation Retreat
December 15 and 16—Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales
December 17, 18 and 19—Advent Parish Mission

For the full monthly calendar of Parish Events please visit our website at: www.stgeorgeaj.com.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

Parish Office will be closed
Friday 12-7-2018
In Honor of the Immaculate Conception

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8, 2018
Mass Schedule for Holy Day:
Friday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass Schedule for Sunday:
11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00, 4:30 p.m.

GIFT SHOP

The gift shop is operated by Our Lady of the Desert Guild. The Gift Shop is open on Saturday and Sunday.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is December 8th and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. The Gift Shop has statues, holy cards, medals, and rosaries for your Marian Devotions.

We are grateful to the St. George Council of the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Christmas cards this year. So please support the Knights and Ladies guild in "Keeping Christ in Christmas"

Special Note: The New St. Joseph Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year 2019 have arrived! They are $5 each in the Gift Shop.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE
Together We Can Save Catholic Education
And It Will Not Cost You a Dime!

Find out how you can help save Catholic Education Through Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) Please pick up a brochure in the vestibule that will explain how you can get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit or visit the CTSO website at www.ctso-tucson.org. Make your contribution by April 15, 2019 for 2018 tax year.

'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with….

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Mathew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic Team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The trees are now up. There are a variety of colored tags to choose from. The blue and pink ones will be for boys and girls requesting specific items. The green tags will be for the many gift cards for those hard-to-buy for teens. The yellow tags are for various other items, such as candy for stockings, candy canes, and various books to include with the gifts that have been requested. We invite you to take a tag from the trees. Once you have purchased the gift, please bring it UNWRAPPED with the tag attached back to the church or the parish office **NO LATER** than Sunday, December 16. Thank you in advance for helping the local families who are having financial difficulties providing Christmas gifts for their children.

Gift cards should be put in the collection basket or turned in to the parish office during office hours.

We could not do this without your generosity. Thank you very much and may God Bless you and your family during this joyous season.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	**December 3**
8:00 a.m.	+Joseph Alvarado
	+Joseph Hickey
	+Tim Ramirez
Tues.	**December 4**
8:00 a.m.	+Ethel Crawford
	+Belia Corral Fessenden
	+Christine Fuka
Wed.	**December 5**
8:00 a.m.	+John Cahalane
	+Abigail Pacheco
	+Guadalupe Pacheco
Thurs.	**December 6**
8:00 a.m.	+David Rohan
Fri.	**December 7**
8:00 a.m.	Tom & Mary Clare Gibbs Family
	+Frank and Martha Dolezal
	+Ed & Sally Woita
4:00 a.m.	Heather Hohimer
Sat.	**December 8**
8:00 a.m.	Devin Ayala
11:30 a.m.	+Jeff Kosloske
	+Diann Mellon
	+Don Stephany
1:15 p.m.	All members of the Wegrzyn Family
3:00 p.m.	+Jean Scanzon
4:30 p.m.	Christine Ollive
Sun.	**December 9**
6:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:15 a.m.	+Ronald Baack
	+Jerry Hirman
	+Gerry Martin
10:00 a.m.	+Joseph Chrzanowski
	+Jadwiga Zielinski
	+John Zielinski
11:30 a.m.	+Petra Andazola
	+David Reddington
6:00 p.m.	+Melissa Ericksen

In Loving Memory

Marian Doeden
Debra Bollinger
Florence Obee

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

MINISTRIES

Altar Flowers—Betty Bublitz 480-671-1028 or Mary Dikes 480-983-0897

Prayer Shawl Makers—Mon. 9:00 a.m. room 6
Carol 480-380-2634

Legion of Mary—Mon. 3:30-5:00 p.m. room 2
Christine Smith 480-354-4310
Martha Rodriguez 480-544-1683

Knights of Columbus—7:00 p.m. room 3
Grand Knight: Tom Wolf 982-4441
Council: 1st Mon. of month
Assembly: 2nd Mon. of month

Divine Mercy Chaplet—
Joetta Carlos-480-735-8471
Tues. & Fri. 3 p.m. in the Chapel
Daily after 8 a.m. Mass in the Cry Room

Bridge Players—Tuesday 1:00 p.m.
Margie 602-316-4174

Rosary Makers—Wed. 9:00 a.m. social hall

O. L. of the Desert Guild
1st Wednesday of each month
Barbara Reddington—480-671-0719

Quilters—Thurs. 8:30 a.m. social hall
Jacque Florez-Ball 480-310-0126

Grief Support—Thurs. 9:30 a.m. room 6
Susan 480-250-3522

Secular Franciscans
Edna Yugel OFS—480-983-5560

Catholic Discussion Group
3rd Saturday of the month
9:30 a.m. Room 2
Does not meet in December

DEVOTIONS

Daily Rosary: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

Adoration daily: Until 9:30 a.m.

First Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Adoration until 9:30 a.m.

First Saturday: 8 a.m. Mass/Adoration until 9:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Cry Room) by the Knights of Columbus.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily 8:30 a.m. in Cry Room Tues. & Fri. 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Advent Penance Service
Thursday, December 20, 2018
8:30 a.m., 4:00 & 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS

Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Masses
12:00 noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 (Family Mass), 8:00, and 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S

Monday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve
8:00 a.m. (Daily Mass)
1:15 and 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1, 2019: New Year's Day
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Guild Meeting
December 5, 2018
9:30 a.m.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

"Eucharist: Gift and Challenge"

Monday, December 17
Tuesday, December 18
Wednesday, December 19

Our Advent Parish Mission will be preached by Fr. Andy O'Reilly, C.PP.S. There will be a mission in the morning from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. and again in the afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, come and rediscover the gift of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and the challenge to live this great gift. Both talks are the same. The afternoon session begins with a Liturgy of the Word.

ST. GEORGE PARISH
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for the 2019
St. George
Roman Catholic Parish
Student Scholarship Fund
Golf Tournament
Sunday, March 17, 2019

GOLD CANYON

$125.00 per player, $500 per team early bird. Brochure/Registration available in brochure rack in vestibules, parish office and parish website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

EDGE

Life Teen – December 2, 1018
We continue our Semester on The Person of Christ with ***A Royal Pain.*** The goal of this evening is to help our teens recognize that, while we all experience suffering at some point, it does not have to be in vain. Because Jesus Christ became incarnate, He could unite Himself with our suffering and give it new meaning. Although suffering is never easy, it always offers an opportunity for grace to abound and for saints to rise up from the ashes.

For more information . . . . . .
Christine Ollive
480-982-2929 x 102
Coordinator of Religious Education

EDGE – Tuesday, December 4, 2018 –
We continue our semester on God, Revelation and Faith with God's Plan for Salvation. This session examines the ways God has guided humanity throughout salvation history,
recognizing how God continues to lead his people back to be with him, their ultimate home.

For more information . . . . . .
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Please join us
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

Feast Day of

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please join us as we celebrate with a Procession and Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Stay and share in the potluck dinner after Mass.

A Mariachi band will perform during Mass, and again during the potluck dinner for our entertainment and enjoyment.

Bring your dish to share to the kitchen before Mass.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, January 18, 2019

St. George Social Hall
Seating at 5:00 or 7:00 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the Life Teen Retreat Fund

Tickets available after all Masses December 8 & 9 and January 12 & 13 and through the Parish Office.

Adults: $10
Kids under 10: $5

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