

# St. George

## Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-12 noon & 1-4:30 p.m.

Adoration Chapel closed at 4:15 p.m.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Masses

Saturday: 11:30 a.m., 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.

Polish Mass: 6:00 p.m. (First Saturday of the Month)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days: Special Schedule

### Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the oppressed.

— *Psalm 103:6*

### 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 nine 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
Caroline Hodges, Bookkeeper	Ext. 103
Grace Vozel, Parish Secretary	Ext. 101
Christine Ollive, Coordinator of Religious Ed	Ext. 102
Debbie Wohlforth, Receptionist	Ext. 100
Denis McDonald, Maintenance	

### WINTER & ASSISTING PRIESTS

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

### PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Bill Jones

### Finance Council

Susan Insalaco	Caroline Hodges	Will Bublitz
Arlene Showers	Ray Kimble	



# 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- MONDAY, March 25**  
9:00 a.m. **Lenten Mission (after Mass)**  
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls (Room 6)  
3:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (Room 2)  
4:00 p.m. **Lenten Mission**  
6:30 p.m. Come Home Catholics (Room 6)
- TUESDAY, March 26**  
9:00 a.m. **Lenten Mission (after Mass)**  
1:00 p.m. Bridge (Social Hall)  
3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)  
4:00 p.m. **Lenten Mission**
- WEDNESDAY, March 27**  
9:00 a.m. **Lenten Mission (after Mass)**  
9:00 a.m. Rosary Makers (Hall)  
4:00 p.m. **Lenten Mission**  
5:00 p.m. Choir (Atrium)
- THURSDAY, March 28**  
8:30 a.m. Quilters (Social Hall)  
9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Room 3)  
1:30 p.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Chapel)  
6:00 p.m. **Confirmation Rehearsal**
- FRIDAY, March 29**  
3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)  
4:00 p.m. Stations of The Cross  
Followed by Soup & Bread
- SATURDAY, March 30**
- SUNDAY, March 31**  
2:00 p.m. **Confirmation**

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$183,000

Each year the Annual Catholic Appeal blesses us with the opportunity to live our faith and to practice the virtue of charity. When resources are shared to assist people in need, we are living our faith. Each gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports numerous ministries, charities and services throughout our Diocese. We are now at 55%.

Donate online at: [www.cathfnd.org](http://www.cathfnd.org)

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP EDWARD J. WEISENBURGER

The Bishop will be releasing a brief reflection on the Scripture Readings for each Sunday in Lent. It is a 7 part series that offer very short lessons & inspirations for Lent.

To view the video,

go to [www.diocesetucson.org](http://www.diocesetucson.org)



## MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great “I AM.” Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3—Our Lady of the Desert Guild Meeting  
April 5—Soup & Bread (Knights of Columbus)  
April 6 & 7—K of C Charity Raffle Sales  
April 11—Penance Services  
April 12—Soup & Bread (Help for the Needy)  
April 14—Palm Sunday  
April 15—Bus to Chrism Mass in Tucson  
April 19—Good Friday (Parish office CLOSED)  
April 20—Discussion Group (Room 2)  
April 28—First Communion  
May 1—Our Lady of the Desert Guild  
May 5—First Communion

For the full monthly calendar of Parish Events please visit our website at: [www.stgeorgeaj.com](http://www.stgeorgeaj.com).

## **MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS**

**Adult Choir**—Sheryl Johnson 480-354-5985

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

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

### **Catholic Discussion Group**

3rd Saturday of the month  
9:30—11:00 a.m. Room 2

Topic for April 20: Bishop Sheen DVD movie  
“Good Friday Special”

### **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

### **Eucharistic Ministers**—Fr. Pinti

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

**Help for the Needy**—Open Tues/Wed/Thur  
Hours: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Service Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Area  
Call 480-982-2929 for information

**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

**Lectors**—Cindy Nuttall 602-312-6667

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

### **O. L. of the Desert Guild**

1st Wednesday of each month  
Barbara Reddington—480-671-0719

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

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

**Respect Life**—Fr. Pinti

**R.C.I.A.**—Sue Linneman & Fr. Pinti

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

### **Secular Franciscans**

Edna Yugel OFS—480-983-5560

**Ushers**—Fr. Pinti

**Youth Altar Server Training**—Fr. Stan

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>March 25</b>
8:00 a.m.	+Helen S. Kulo
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>March 26</b>
8:00 a.m.	+Angel Denogean
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>March 27</b>
8:00 a.m.	+Carole Weisman
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>March 28</b>
8:00 a.m.	+Rosann Ciccoianni
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>March 29</b>
8:00 a.m.	John Lang
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>March 30</b>
11:30 a.m.	+Margaret Aronson
1:15 p.m.	All Members of the Wegrzyn Family
3:00 p.m.	+Robert Christenson
4:30 p.m.	+Marie & Lynne Schweinsberg
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>March 31</b>
6:30 a.m.	+Ken Hodges
8:15 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Yvonne Barr & Family
11:30 a.m.	+Petra Andazola
6:00 p.m.	Diana Rivas Serrano

*Dear people of St. George,*

*I plan to head back to the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota on March 30.*

*My brother, Hubert, continues to be up and down in the twilight days of his life with us. Thank you for your prayers.*

*Three years ago, as I mentioned at the time, the church in Melrose, Minnesota, suffered a terrible fire. Plans have developed to build a new church and gathering space. It has been a long and difficult process for the parish. Plans are to break ground as the frost goes out this spring. Thank you to all who have contributed to our new church.*

*Thank you for your many kindnesses to me. I plan, God willing, to return next fall.*

*In Christ,  
Fr. Vince Lieser*

## **HELP FOR THE NEEDY**

Our Help for the Needy is currently in need of canned vegetables, soup, tomato sauce, dry beans, jelly, peanut butter and either canned or powder milk. Thank you in advance for your generosity. We could not do what we do without you.

## **Divine Mercy Ministry**

Monday Movie Series/Talk

April 1—”The Face of Mercy”

April 8—To be announced

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays @ 4:00 p.m. (followed by soup & bread)

## PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m., 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

### HOLY THURSDAY-April 18

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 10:00 p.m.



### GOOD FRIDAY-April 19

8:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Stations of the Cross

The Lord's Passion-Liturgy of the Word,

Veneration of the Cross, & Holy Communion

### HOLY SATURDAY-April 20

8:00 a.m.

9:00 & 10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00 & 4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Blessing of Food

Easter Vigil

Easter Vigil & Rite of Initiation into the Church

### EASTER SUNDAY-April 21

Mass Times: 6:30, 8:15, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.



### Our Lady of the Desert Guild

We had a fun-filled meeting on March 13. Our fashion show was a success and our models are shown in the picture. The outfits from Cato's were very nice and great prices. We collected a van full of items for the San Carlos Mission and Sister Ruth, she was very appreciative for all the generosity. We will be having a tour of the Mission on April 10th. We had a total of 82 women present for our March meeting and we thank each and everyone of you for joining us. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. and we will be opening our gift shop for one (1) hour before the meeting each month for your shopping needs.

## *Gift Shop*

Lent continues and we have Stations of the Cross pamphlets; Last Supper holy cards, framed prints & plaques; Good deed bracelets; and Cross lapel pins made with nails. As always, we have a nice selection of Rosaries, statues, & Crucifixes. Have a Holy Lent.

Bishop Weisenberger will be here this year for Confirmation on Sunday, March 31st at 2:00 p.m. On this day only the Gift Shop will be open for one extra hour (1:00-2:00 p.m.) to purchase your last minute cards & gifts.

### COMING HOME TO ALL CATHOLICS

The following is a list of the topic that will be covered in each remaining session:

Monday, March 25—Ministries/Mass (Room 3)

Monday, April 1—Annulments (Room 6)

Monday, April 8—Tour of Church (Room 6)

Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

You do not need to sign up to attend

Questions?

Call the parish office: 480-982-2929.

**NOTE:** Please see the Coming Home to All Catholics flyers at the brochure racks and give them to someone who says "I haven't been to Mass in years" or "I used to be Catholic"



Monday, April 15, 2019

During Holy Week, the Bishop blesses three oils. The oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm, and the holy chris, which is used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

We have reserved a bus for those who wish to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Tucson. The bus will leave St. George at 11:00 a.m., the Mass is at 2:00 p.m. We will stop for dinner on the way back. Returning about 8:30 p.m.

To reserve your spot on the bus at no cost, please call the parish office. Space is limited. No animals are allowed on the bus.

**LENTEN MISSION**

**Fr. Gregory P. Adolf**

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday  
March 25, 26, & 27

There will be 2 missions each day, one in the morning (after the 8:00 a.m. Mass) and the other is at 4:00 p.m.

Fr. Greg is the pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Sierra Vista, Arizona. He was born in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, and raised in Phoenix, where his family relocated in the early 1950's. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1970 and from the Lutheran School of Theology-Chicago in 1974. He was then ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1974 and served as a Lutheran parish pastor in Tucson, Arizona for 15 years, and as a Dean of the Arizona District of the Lutheran Church in America for four years. Following his reception into the Catholic Church in 1989, he did post graduate study at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. In 1991, he was ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Tucson. Fr. Greg is active in retreat ministry, as well as working with the Permanent Diaconate in a number of dioceses. His retreats and workshops are grounded in Sacred Scripture and seek to lead participants into a deeper experience of prayer and missional service.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Annual State Charity Raffle!

Tickets are still available at the church office during regular business hours. They will also be sold after the weekend masses on **April 6th/7th**.

Ticket prices are \$5 each or \$20 for a booklet of 5 (1 free ticket). The winning tickets will be drawn at the Knights of Columbus State Convention on May 18, 2019. You need not be present to win and you will be notified of your winning prize.

**SPRING FOOD DRIVE**

We are still collecting food for our spring food collection. A list of those nonperishable items that we need will be at the exits. We will also be collecting candy, toys and baskets for those children in our community that otherwise would not get an Easter Basket. Please feel free to purchase any or all of the items on the list.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
  - Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
  - Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
  - Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
  - Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
  - Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
  - Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**THANK YOU**

**Tracey K. Yamamoto DDS  
FOR ADVERTISING IN OUR  
BULLETIN**

**St. George Student Scholarship Fund  
GRAND RAFFLE**

New this year is the St. George Grand Raffle!  
This raffle replaces our Golf Balls from Heaven.  
All proceeds go directly to our Scholarship Fund.

**Grand Raffle Prizes.**

- 55" 4K Television
- \$300 Massage Envy Gift Card
- Fr. Pinti's Authentic Italian Dinner for 10
- Set of 2 Joy Mongano Hard Sided Carry-On Luggage with Leather Tote.
- Large Remote Control Truck
- Electric Mini Bike
- Apple iPad—WiFi 32 GB
- Guided Helicopter Ride for 4 (over the Superstitions)
- Gold Canyon Golf Resort Stay & Play Laughlin Weekend for Two
- Hotel 3 days & 2 nights plus Dinner and \$200 Spending Cash
- (Two prize packages available)
- Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20
- Prizes have no cash value
- LAST CHANCE THIS WEEK!**
- Winners selected **Friday, March 29th.**
- Need not be present to win.
- Tickets also available through the parish office.

**SPRINGTIME**

**Came the Spring with all its splendor  
All its birds and all its blossoms  
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses**



**LENTEN CANS**

The San Solano Missions/Parish covers over 4,450 square miles in the Sonoran Desert of Southern Arizona. There are over 40 villages and Chapels that the Franciscans of the St. Barbara Province of Oakland, CA. serve.

The Lenten Can Program is the main fundraiser for the year that supports a variety of ministries among the Tohono O'odham Nation in Arizona.

The Lenten Coin Cans are available throughout the Church. Please return them BEFORE Easter.

**"Jiosh si s-em-ho'ige'el"**

**God Bless you for your generosity**



**St. George Roman Catholic Parish**

*Spring Break!*

**No Religious Education Classes:**

Sunday, March 10 & 17 & 24, 2019 - 1-3

Tuesday, March 5, 12 & 19, 2019 - EDGE, SPC 6-12

Wednesday, March 13 & 20, 2019 - K-3, SPC 3-5 & God's Angels

*Enjoy your  
Spring Break!*

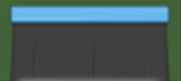


**2019 St. George Roman Catholic Parish  
Scholarship Applications  
Available from website or parish office**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate in the Class of 2019
- Confirmed in the Catholic church.
- Demonstrate leadership in church, school, or community-related activities
- A practicing Catholic in St. George Roman Catholic Parish.

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019



**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. **Discontinues in May.**

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