

St. George

Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Adoration Chapel remains closed

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: Confessions: 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Masses: 11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Masses 6:30, 8:15, 10:00 a.m.

Communion for those who are compromised and cannot attend Mass:

Sunday: 9:00-9:30a.m. (front parking lot)

DAILY MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Holy Days: Special Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—*Luke 1:35*



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 the office at 480-982-2929 for more information.

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

Reverend Monsignor Domenico Pinti, Pastor

Father Stanley Nadolny, Parochial Vicar

Caroline Hodges, Bookkeeper

Ext. 103

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Ext. 102

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Ext. 100

Denis McDonald, Maintenance

WINTER & ASSISTING PRIESTS

Fr. Vince Lieser

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PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Bill Jones

Finance Council

Susan Insalaco

Caroline Hodges

Will Bublitz

Arlene Showers

Ray Kimble

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday & Friday
December 24 & 25, 2020

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

You may enroll any one person, Catholic or non-Catholic, for one year at .25¢ each. Enrollment forms, medals and information on the Miraculous Medal and Saint Catherine Laboure are available on the table at the back of the church.



COMMUNION

**For those who are compromised
and cannot attend Mass)**

SUNDAY: 9:00-9:30 a.m.
South Parking Lot

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**For those who can not come Sunday
Morning for Communion**

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.**

**I love You above all thing, and I desire to
receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,**

come at least spiritually into my heart.

**I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be separated from You.
AMEN**

Follow Mass

You are still encouraged to pray for the end of this illness season, and you can continue to participate in Mass either online or through television.

St. George Sunday & Daily Masses

www.stgeorgeaj.com OR

YouTube directly by typing:

St. George Apache Junction

www.diocesetucson.org



Merry Christmas

From

Reverend Msgr. Domenico Pinti E.V.

Father Stan Nadolny

Christine, Caroline, Grace,

Debbie & Denis



THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

SPECIAL NOTICE

Starting the weekend of January 2 & 3

Adding Masses on SUNDAY:

11:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 21, 2020
8:00 a.m.	+Calvin Noble +Garry Noble
Tuesday	December 22, 2020
8:00 a.m.	+Bob Plum +Marilyn & Dan Sullivan
Wednesday	December 23, 2020
8:00 a.m.	Bishop Edward Weisenburger +Margaret Roberts
Thursday	December 24, 2020
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00a.m.	Souls in Purgatory +Eugene & Mary Farrell
12:00p.m.	+Michael Hiveley Deceased members of the Martinsen Family
2:00 p.m.	+Hope Crowley Robert +Maria Crowley Spaeth
4:00 p.m.	+Marge Daniels +Carl Martin
6:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory +Mrs. Jessie Collins
8:00 p.m.	Priest Intention
Friday	December 25, 2020
8:00 a.m.	+Anne & Joe Kirkpatrick +Marquerite Peterson
10:00 a.m.	+Maria Celestino Abdegano +Norbert Dobrolecki
Saturday	December 26, 2020
11:30 a.m.	+Terry Ellis +Alvin Roach
1:15 p.m.	The Wegrzyn Family +Clare & George Webster
3:00 p.m.	+Maria Celestina Abdegano +Evan Belman
4:30 p.m.	+Shirley Buzzin +Richard Reiter
Sunday	December 27, 2020
6:30 a.m.	+Charles Roble +Lois Rudin
8:15 a.m.	Jerry & MaryEllen Ashburn & Family Lynn Cole & Family
10:00 a.m.	+Al Bonagofski +Al LeClair

Mass Intentions will be said privately by Msgr. Pinti for the daily Masses.

ENVELOPES ARE ALL OUT

ALL envelopes are out on tables in the social hall. They are separated according to winter visitors and year round parishioners.

ON SALE NOW!!!!!!

2021 St. Joseph Sunday Missals
(November 29, 2020—November 21, 2021)
Available in Parish Office
Cost \$7.00

St. Benedict Door Hangers
Also available in Parish Office
Cost \$7.00

(cash or check to Our Lady of the Desert Guild)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

HELP FOR THE NEEDY

The Help for the Needy pantry is currently in need of pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, beans, tuna, jelly, size 4 diapers, wipes, toothpaste and shampoo. Thank you for your support.

For those in need in the parish, the Help for the Needy pantry is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We are here to help during these troubling times.

St. George Giving Tree

ALL gifts should have been returned by now. Gifts are being distributed this Monday by drive up. Thanks to all your generosity, we were able to assist over 200 families (over 350 children!). There will be many happy children this Christmas.

God Bless You All



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: Winter begins
Wednesday: St. John of Kanty
Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas
Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Saturday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

R.C.I.A.

The program for R.C.I.A. will start with Reverend Monsignor Domenico Pinti. If interested, please call the parish office to sign up.

REVISED HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Thursday, December 24
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.,
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule for New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31
1:15 & 3:00 p.m. Vigil
Friday, January 1, 2021
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

(The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holy day of Obligation)



Our St. George Knights of Columbus are holding a competition for our younger parishioners. They are asking for the youth to create a poster on the topic: **"Keep Christ in Christmas."**

There are three age divisions:

Grades K – 2

Grades 3 – 5

Grades 6 – 8

There will be one winner from each division, and the winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card from Amazon.

Each poster must have a copy of the entry form attached when it is turned in. Poster Contest Entry Form and Judging Fact sheet are available on the

St. George Website www.stgeorgeaj.com – then go to Formation – then to Fees and Forms.

Paperwork is available to download on the bottom right of the screen.

Posters will be 11" x 17" in size. If you have a requirement for posterboard, you can stop by the Parish Office to pick up. Finished posters should be returned to the office no later than **Tuesday, December 22, 2020** with their completed entry form attached. Office hours are: 8:00 a.m. – noon, and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine in the Parish Office.

Together We are Saving Catholic Education

Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) wants to "thank" all the parishioners that have supported Catholic education and ask you to **renew** your support to the students in our Catholic Schools through CTSO. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution. **Together we are saving Catholic education...and it does not cost you a dime!**

THANK YOU

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