

ST. GEORGE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH 300 E. 16th Avenue

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Parish Office open Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ONLY

Adoration Chapel
(across from the office)
Monday through Thursday:
8:00 a.m. to 11:45 & 1:00 to 2:45 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 to 11:45 a.m. only

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Current Mass Schedule (for the Summer)

Saturday: Masses: 2:00 & 4:00 p.m. Confessions: 2:45 p.m. (AFTER the 2:00 p.m. Mass)
Sunday: Masses: 6:30, 8:15, and 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass
Adoration after Daily Mass for 10 minutes. Followed by Divine Mercy
Holy Days: Special Schedule
Video Masses available online for Sundays and Holy Days for the Homebound

www.stgeorgeaj.com

September 8, 2024 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 <u>mandatory</u> preparation class along with the Godparents. Please call the Parish Office for current requirements and to register for the class and the baptism. Class and baptisms are in English only.

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	
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Our Sunday Visitor (for ON-LINE giving questions) 800-348-2886

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



2024

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

(subject to change)

Monday September 9 2024

9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 2) 5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers

Tuesday September 10, 2024 Wednesday September 11, 2024

9:00 a.m. Rosary Makers (Social Hall)

Thursday September 12, 2024 Friday September 13, 2024 Saturday September 14, 2024 Sunday September 15, 2024

Knights of Columbus final Breakfast for the year

(after the morning masses)

SPECIAL NOTICE Morning Mass Times

Temporary Change for the following dates:

Tuesday, September 17th Wednesday, September 18th Thursday, September 19th Friday, September 20th

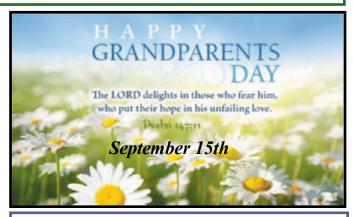
Schedule for those dates ONLY: 7:00 a.m. Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass time (Adoration after Mass)

Also Mark your calendars for:

Friday, September 27th & Monday, September 30th

There will be no morning Mass those days There Will be a Communion Service @ 8:00 a.m.

(Any mass intentions that had been requested will be said privately by Msgr. Pinti and also put at another mass close to the date requested.)



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the World to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

Help for the Needy Volunteer Meeting Monday, September 23rd 9:00 a.m. Social Hall

Sign up for October, November & December office & pantry will be at this meeting.

No new volunteers at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23—Help for Needy meeting September 27—Parish Office CLOSED October 2—Our Lady of the Desert Guild October 5—Blessing of Pets October 5—Program Relics of St. Faustyna October 14—Parish office CLOSED October 19—Show Your Ride Car Show

Readings for the week

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and

9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/ Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Triumph of the Cross—September 14

When the Sacred Body of Jesus was taken down from the Cross and carried to the grave on Calvary, the Cross on which He died was thrown into a ditch or well, and covered over with stones and earth, so that the followers of the Crucified Redeemer might not find it. Almost three hundred years later (312 A.D.), Constantine the Great, not yet a Christian, while battling with Maxentius for the throne of the Roman Empire, prayed to the God of the Christians to aid him in his struggle.

In answer to his prayer, a luminous cross or monogram of Christ appeared in the heavens bearing the inscription: "In This Sign You Will Conquer." In gratitude for victory, under this banner, over Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge, on October 28, 312, Constantine had the Sign of Christianity placed on the Roman standards and on the shields of his soldiers. Then came the finding of the True Cross at Jerusalem by St. Helena in 326, commemorated by a feast on May 3.

In the year 614, Chosroes II, King of Persia, invaded Syria and Palestine; he took and sacked Jerusalem, carrying off with other treasures the great relic of the True Cross. The Emperor Heraclius of Constantinople, at the head of a large army, invaded Persia, and forced the Persians to sue for peace and to restore the Sacred Cross, which Heraclius piously brought back to Jerusalem in 629. When he reached the city gate on the way that led to Calvary, the Emperor laid aside every robe and mark of royalty, and, clothed in sackcloth of penance and barefoot, carried the Cross up the ascent of Calvary and restored it to its place in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This event is commemorated by the Church on September 14 in the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross.

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God of all nations,
look with favor upon this great nation
as we remember the tragic
terrorist attacks of 9/11.
Be our source of strength,
healing and comfort
as our wounds still bleed.
God of wisdom and compassion,
You create eventual blessings
out of every kind of evil.
Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 9, 2024	
8:00 a.m.	Renee Romyewski	
	+Sharon Hirman	
	+Julia Schwarce	
Tuesday	September 10, 2024	
8:00 a.m.	Leeah Holle	
	+Fr. Howard J. Johnson	
	+Garry Noble	
Wednesday	September 11, 2024	
8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
	+Peter Castorano	
	+Edward Wilson	
Thursday	September 12, 2024	
8:00 a.m.	+Francis Bragg	
	+Fr. Howard J. Johnson	
Friday	September 13, 2024	
8:00 a.m.	+Juan Palacios	
	+Fr. Santan Pinto	
	+Maria Siegue	
Saturday	September 14, 2024	
2:00 p.m.	Ruben Carlos	
	Javier Carranza	
	+Andy Anderson	
4:00 p.m.	+Jim Andreyka	
	+Hope Crowley Roberts	
	+Maria Crowley Spaeth	
Sunday	September 15, 2024	
6:30 a.m.	+Fr. Howard J. Johnson	
8:15 a.m.	+Bill Kkoenig	

+Joanne Rasmussen

+Conrad Gorney

+Ronald Wooley

4:00 p.m. +Fr. Howard McGraw

10:00 a.m. Dawn Hill



"Messages of Divine Mercy" Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. (in the Church) A Program with Relics of St. Faustina Kowalska

Messages of Divine Mercy: A Program with Relics of St. Faustyna Kowalska is a one-hour presentation provided by the Apostolate for Holy Relics (AHR).

The program allows the faithful to engage in meditative review of messages provided to St. Faustyna Kowalska as noted in her Diary. The program features the following major elements:

- Christ's Passion
- The Holy Eucharist
- Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Special music that allows for a meditative atmosphere and engages the faithful
- Veneration for each of the relics (relics of St. Faustyna, the Relic of the True Cross and a 1st Class Relic of Blessed Seelos)
- Exposition of the holy Eucharist as part of the meditative portion of our presentation. Its purpose is to highlight that time-transcending gift that connects us from his Passion to his Presence with us today.
- The delivery format is narrative given by a female voice, representing St. Faustyna integrated with a male voice representing Jesus in their conversations.

A collection of holy relics such as this can rarely be seen together with a full supporting program. When the relics and program are brought together in a singular capacity highlighting St. Faustyna's interactions with Jesus, the faithful engages in a memorable experience that provides for a new or renewed perspective on the Divine Mercy of Jesus. All are welcome to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Phoenix Arizona Celebration

49th Anniversary in Phoenix
Sunday, October 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Phoenix Convention Center, Halls F & G
33 S. 3rd Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Most Rev. John P. Dolan
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There will be a bus going from St. George's to the PHOENIX Arizona Rosary Celebration. It will leave St. George's parking lot at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 27 and will return approximately around 6:00 p.m. Please call the parish office to have your spot on the bus reserved.

Our Lady of the Desert GIFT SHOP

The gift shop will open on Sunday, September 22nd. The hours will be 7:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Sundays only. In celebration, we are offering 10% off all garden plaques and statues for the month of September. Don't forget to check for bargains of the fully replenished clearance cart!



Friday, October 4, 2024 At Mountain View Funeral Home & Cemetery 10:00 a.m.



Saturday, October 5, 2024 At. St. George Roman Catholic Parish (West Side of the Church) 10:00 a.m.

Help for the Needy Pantry Needs

Our current needs for the food pantry are syrup, pancake mix, instant potatoes, Ramon noodles, soup, jelly, crackers, deodorant & shampoo.

Thank you for your continued support of those in the area who are struggling. Without your help, we could not help them.

2024-2025 Religious Education Classes Begin:

Sunday: September 8th
Life Teen
Mass begins at 4:00 p.m. to 6:30

Tuesday: September 10thEdge & SPC Grades 6-12
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: September 11th Grades K-5 & SPC Grades 3-5 6:00-7:15 p.m.



Confirmation 2025





Confirmation will take place in the Spring of 2025. Confirmation Candidates must be in at least 10th grade and have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Students wanting to be Confirmed will have had 2 continuous years of religious education. i.e. students must have been registered and attending Life Teen (or Sacrament Prep Class) during the 2023-2024 religious education year.

Confirmation candidates must be attending Life Teen and actively working the *Called to Mercy* on -line Confirmation course (to be explained at our information meeting), and attend retreats. A Confirmation information meeting will take place on August 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Life Teen Registration forms can be located on the parish website: stgeorgeaj.com, in the east and west vestibules of the church or through the parish office.

For more information, please contact Christine in the parish office.



We are excited to announce that the Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin taking place THIS Sunday, September 8th at our 10:00 a.m. Masses. Children will be invited to gather up by the Altar just before the readings begin. They will be taken to the Atrium (classroom near the church restrooms) to read and talk about the day's readings. Children will be returned to the church to rejoin their parents after the readings at the Collection. We hope to have your children join us, allowing them to fully understand the Word of God on their level.















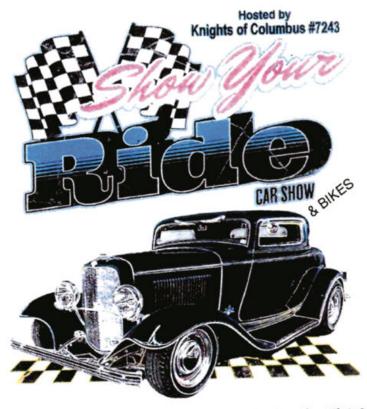
O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) (formerly R.C.I.A.)

O.C.I.A. is a time of formation and guidance aimed at training the participants in the Christian life leading to the reception of the sacraments of initiation which are baptism, confirmation and communion.

The formation sessions start this week, Tuesday September 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and run until Easter on April 20th. All those who are interested, please call the parish office at 480-982-2929 for further details.

How to Report Abuse

- 1. Call 911 to make a police report
- 2. If the abuse happens in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 1-800-234-0344 and/or the
 Office of Child Adolescent and Adult Protection
 at 520-838-2513
- 4. Go to the Diocese of Tucson link: https://diocesetucson.org/our-call-to-protect-1



Supporting The Special Needs Children At Apache Junction High Sshool SATURDAY Oct. 19th, 2024 8:00AM to 1:00PM St George's Catholic Church 300 E. 16th Ave. Apache Junction AZ

Contact Person: Joe Lorden 480-773-8707

Cost - \$25.00 Includes hotdogs and water. The first 75 entries receive a dash plaque and T-Shirt.

Enjoy music, raffles and time to Show Your Ride to all

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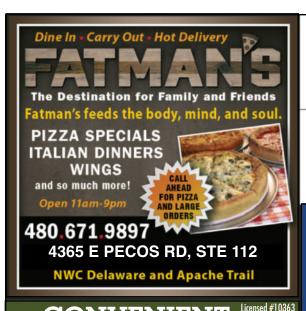
(Make checks out to Joe Lorden)

Early entrants can mail check to Joe Lorden at 556 E. Montebello Ave, Apache Junction 95119

Show Your Ride 20th Annual Car Show Registration Form

Name	-
Address	
Phone	
Make and Year of Vehicle	T-Shirt Size

Liability Clause: Liability in consideration of this right to particip0ate, entrants, participants and spectators by execution form, rlease and discharge St. George Catholic Church, their officers, directors, employees, agents representatives and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the benefit car show from any and all known or unknown injuries, losses, judgements and/or claims from any cause whatsoever by any entrant, his person or property, furthermore each entrant expressly agrees to indemnitfy it's entrants, participants or spectators.







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