



# ST. GEORGE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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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*

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Masses: 11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00 & 4:30 p.m. Confessions @ 10:00 a.m.

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

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## The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025



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### INFANT BAPTISM

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### 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.

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# The Epiphany of the Lord

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	January 6, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 2)
3:00 p.m.	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner ("to go")
Tuesday	January 7, 2025
Wednesday	January 8, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Rosary Makers (Room 2)
9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of the Desert Guild (Social Hall)
Thursday	January 9, 2025
Friday	January 10, 2025
Saturday	January 11, 2025
	Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales
Sunday	January 12, 2025
	Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales

## SUNDAY READINGS

### **First Reading:**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
(Is 60:1)

### **Psalm:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
(Ps 72)

### **Second Reading:**

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.  
(Eph 3:5-6)

### **Gospel:**

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
(Mt 2:2)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15—Ladies Guild Get Acquainted Party  
January 16—Catholics Returning Home  
January 20—Parish Office CLOSED  
February 1 & 2—Spaghetti Dinner ticket sales  
February 5—Our Lady of the Desert Guild  
February 1 & 2—K of C Baby Bottle Distribution  
February 7—Spaghetti Dinner  
February 10—Our Lady of Desert Guild Tea  
February 17—K of C Blood Drive

## The Epiphany of the Lord



The feast of the Epiphany is one of the oldest in the Church and one of the greatest in the ecclesiastical year. The word *Epiphany* is a Greek term which signifies a manifestation or revelation. During the first three centuries the manifestation of Christ to the chosen people, and His manifestation as the Savior of all races and nations, were celebrated on the same day, but since the 4th century, December 25 has been the feast of the Nativity, or Christmas, and January 6 the feast of the Epiphany, or the feast of the Three Wise Men. It is so called because the Gospel of the day tells us that *Magi* (now considered to be astrologers) came from the East to Jerusalem saying: "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come pay Him homage.

They may have come from Arabia, Chadea or Persia. Tradition says that there were three, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The prophecy that "a star shall rise out of Jacob," and the teaching of the prophet Daniel at Babylon, had spread throughout the East. When the mysterious star appeared, learned men recognized it as a sign that the coming of the Messiah was at hand and that He would be born in Judea. Following the star they reached Bethlehem. On entering the house, they found the child with Mary, His Mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION!

**Monday, January 6, 2025**  
**"Take home dinner & a gift"**  
**Stop in from**  
**3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## Readings for the week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt  
4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-  
44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk  
6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,  
17/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk  
5:12-16

## Our Lady of the Desert Guild

The next Ladies Guild meeting is on Wednesday, January 8th at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is the “Pantry Shower”, bring perishable food items to replenish the pantry. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



The Ladies Guild Tea is scheduled for Monday, February 10th and tickets will be available at this guild meeting for members of the guild. The theme this year for the tea is “My Cup Runneth Over”. Psalm 23:5

## Tax Statements

The office does not automatically send out a tax statement. If you would like to receive one, you must contact the office. Let us know if you want it sent out, emailed or if you would rather pick it up and we would have it ready for you.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday January 6, 2025**  
8:00 a.m. The Hodges Family  
Joe Lindberg  
+Susan Mohr

**Tuesday January 7, 2025**  
8:00 a.m. The Dworshak Family  
+Jane Marie Downey

**Wednesday January 8, 2025**  
8:00 a.m. The BK Fellowship Group  
Thanksgiving to St. Joseph  
+Richard Polfliet

**Thursday January 9, 2025**  
8:00 a.m. +Marcelina Ayala  
+Maryann Griego  
+Willie Vallejas  
+Rosie Varisco

**Friday January 10, 2025**  
8:00 a.m. The Kenney Family

**Saturday January 11, 2025**  
11:30 a.m. +Jim Andreyka  
+David & Shawn Peters  
1:15 p.m. +Ronald Wooley  
+Karen Wright  
3:00 p.m. +John & Tops Barr  
+Clarence & Lila Hunt  
4:30 p.m. +Richard Harden  
+Dorothy Miller

**Sunday January 12, 2025**  
6:30 a.m. The Wegrzyn Family  
+Maggie Czerwinski  
8:15 a.m. +Ruth Murphy  
+Gene Ripplinger  
10:00 a.m. +Donald Amiot  
+Alex Farrar  
+Donald Whiteaker  
4:00 p.m. +Josephine Arendt  
+Mary Burghart  
+Henry Korczak

## Our Lady of the Desert Guild Gift Shop CLOSED This weekend

We will reopen the weekend of January 11th & 12th. The hours will be the same:

Saturday 12:00-2:30 and Sunday 7:-11:15.

There will be a 10% off sale storewide during January with the exception of the clearance cart.

We look forward to seeing you when we reopen on the 11th.



# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, February 7, 2025  
St. George Social Hall



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



**Tickets available:**  
**Through the parish office beginning January 13th**  
**And after Masses on January 11th & 12th**  
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## Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we have a special ministry for people just like you who have been away from the Church. Please join us for a four-week series which will be held on consecutive Thursdays beginning on January 16th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in classroom 3. We would like to address your questions and help you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. Please call the office ahead of time to register or to have someone contact you about any concerns you may. Deacon Paul will lead the class.



“The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, February 17, 2025 between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The blood donations will take place in the social hall. Donation appointments can be scheduled online at [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) (sponsor code P1BP5). Appointments are not required. Walk-ins are welcome!”

## 2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The Collection envelopes for 2025 have been out for over a month. They are in alphabetical order. Please take your envelopes as soon as possible. If your envelopes are not there, please contact the parish office.

## 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.
3. 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>



The children of the parish are welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They will gather and go to the Atrium, rejoining their parents after the readings, at the collection.



## LIFE TEEN

Sunday, January 5, 2025  
**NO CLASS**

Class Resumes January 12, 2025  
NOT  
January 5, 2025  
(as previously posted)

For more information:  
Christine Ollive, Director of Religious Education  
[collive@stgeorgeaj.com](mailto:collive@stgeorgeaj.com)  
Or call the parish office: 480-982-2929



Tuesday, December 7, 2025

### Jesus Heals

This evening we share with our students that Jesus' miracles offered evidence for the truthfulness of Jesus' claim to be God. His miraculous healing of both body and soul were special signs of the presence and power of God in human history. Jesus provides the example and empowers his Church to continue his mission to heal, animated and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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## 2025 St. George Roman Catholic Parish Scholarship Applications Available from website or parish office

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate from high school in the Class of 2025
- 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 noon Friday, March 28, 2025.

## Observances for the week

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious  
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest  
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

### Prayer for Humility To St. Raymund of Peñafort

Saint Raymund,  
your numerous gifts  
were noticed by many,  
but above all  
you sought not recognition  
but humility  
and the salvation of souls.  
Please pray for me,  
that I may always place my gifts  
at the service of God  
and obey His holy commands  
with perfection and love.

AMEN

### Help for the Needy Pantry

#### Hours of Operation

Tuesdays, Wednesday, & Thursdays  
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

If you are a parishioner and need assistance, please come during those hours and we can help you. You need to bring photo ID and proof that you live in Apache Junction or Gold Canyon.

Our pantry has been very busy during this time and we are currently trying to restock everything. You may drop off donations at the east or west vestibules, at the parish office during office hours, or at the Help for the Needy pantry hours.

Thank you for supporting our pantry.



## Sir Raymund of Peñafort January 7 Patron Saint of Lawyers, (especially Canon Lawyers)

Born into a noble family in the kingdom of Catalonia (eastern Spain) around 1175, Raymund was educated in Barcelona. A brilliant student, Raymund moved to Bologna in 1210 to study at the newly founded university there. Universities were a fairly new idea in Europe. What had once been schools attached to cathedrals now became universities, with courses in medicine, law, philosophy and theology. Oxford, Paris and Bologna all became famous centers of learning.

Raymund remained in Bologna for nine years, devoting himself to the study of law, especially canon law. When he returned to Barcelona in 1219, the bishop of the city appointed Raymund to the post of archdeacon. His mission was to care for the poor.

In Barcelona, Raymund spent many hours in contemplation and study, and began a lifelong passion for converting the Moors, who were Muslims, and Jews of Spain to Christianity. In 1221, he joined the Order of Preachers, commonly known as the Dominicans.

In 1230, Raymund was summoned to Rome to serve as confessor to Pope Gregory IX. He urged the Pope to do penance by acting on petitions he received from the poor. While in Rome, Raymund also supervised the compilation of various papal decrees known as the "Decretals" a job that took him three years. In 1235, Raymund returned to Bologna and rejoined the Dominicans. Soon after his arrival, a reluctant Raymund was elected master general of the Dominicans, a post he held until his retirement in 1240 at age 65. He died on January 6, 1275, and was canonized in 1601.



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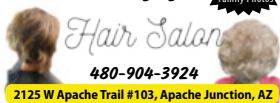
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