



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

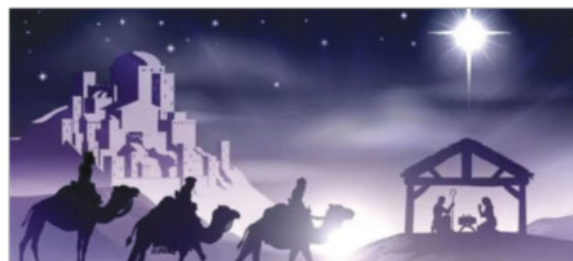
Adoration after Daily Mass for 10 minutes. Followed by Divine Mercy

Holy Days: Special Schedule

Video Masses available online for Sundays and Holy Days for the Homebound

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The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025



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 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

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(for ON-LINE giving questions)
800-348-2886

The Baptism of the Lord

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	January 13, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 2)
5:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Officers
Tuesday	January 14, 2025
Wednesday	January 15, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Rosary Makers (Social Hall)
1:00 p.m.	Our Lady of the Desert Guild Get Acquainted party (Social Hall)
Thursday	January 16, 2025
9:30 a.m.	Grief Support (Room 3)
6:00 p.m.	Catholics Returning Home (Room 3)
Friday	January 17, 2025
Saturday	January 18, 2025
Sunday	January 19, 2025

Baptism, Death & Resurrection

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life & community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

2025 Mass for Marriage Anniversaries Sunday, February 16, 2025 2:30 p.m. St. Augustine Cathedral.

Celebrated by Bishop Edward Weisenburger

Questions? Contact Ofelia James
ojames@diocesetucson.org

Register by: **Friday, February 7, 2025**

ONLINE REGISTRATION:
<https://forms.office.com/r/KmvdLX6Kbi>



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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MASS INTENTIONS INFORMATION

PLEASE, if you want to schedule a Mass Intention for someone, CALL the parish office to see if a certain date is available. DO NOT just put money in an envelope and put it in the collection. If you HAVE scheduled a mass over the phone and wish to put the money in the collection basket, PLEASE mark the date that you scheduled it so we are able to credit it properly.

EDGE & Life Teen Annual Orange Picking Service Project

Our annual orange picking event will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025. This is a mandatory service project for our Confirmation Candidates. Permission slips will be sent home the week of January 12, 2025.

For more information:
Christine Ollive
Director of
Religious Education

collive@stgeorgeaj.com



Readings for the week

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/
Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk
1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-
9/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk
1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk
2:1-12

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 will have it ready for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday January 13, 2025**
8:00 a.m. Chuck & Grace Vozel
+John Farrell
+Larry Gonnering
- Tuesday January 14, 2025**
8:00 a.m. Lolly Lindemann
+Mary Kay Lamoureux
+DeWayne Wilkerson
- Wednesday January 15, 2025**
8:00 a.m. Paul Piotrowski
+Helene Desfoss
- Thursday January 16, 2025**
8:00 a.m. Lenny Frankus
Deceased members of the
Hennessey Family
+Charlene Reinpold
- Friday January 17, 2025**
8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday January 18, 2025**
11:30 a.m. +Dorothy Boyle
+David & Shawn Peters
1:15 p.m. The John Hennessey Family
Deceased members of the
Bauer Family
+Ronald Wooley
3:00 p.m. +Lois Hardy
+Gordon Hoffard
4:30 p.m. +Scott Kalvoda
+Jim Kottsick
+Linda Reichow
- Sunday January 19, 2025**
6:30 a.m. The Wegrzyn Family
+Maggie Czerwinski
8:15 a.m. +Eugene & Mary Farrell
+Gordon Hoffard
+Gene Ripplinger
10:00 a.m. +Don Amiot
+Jim Kennedy
+Thomas Bencivenga
4:00 p.m. +Joseph Mohs
+Sally Salerno

Our Lady of the Desert Guild Reopens this Weekend

Saturdays from 12 to 2:30
Sundays from 7:30 to 11:15 a.m.

For the month of there will be a 10% off sale storewide with the exception of the clearance cart.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, February 7, 2025
St. George Social Hall



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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
February 1st & 2nd

Price \$15.00

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 (sponsor code P1BP5). Appointments are not required. Walk-ins are welcome!”

2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The Collection envelopes for 2025 have been out since November. They are in alphabetic order on the tables in the back of the church. They will be removed on January 20th. If yours are not there, call 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 12, 2025

Break the Ice

This evening we're leaning into the literal side of icebreakers with this engaging and high energy Life Teen Social Night. Our night concludes by thawing out around a 'bonfire' before taking a moment to reflect on the coming year.

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



Tuesday, January 14, 2025

The Death of Jesus

Our class this evening identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and "Suffering Servant." Jesus overcomes sin and death through the Paschal Mystery so that all might be raised to new life and spend eternity with God.

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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

Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

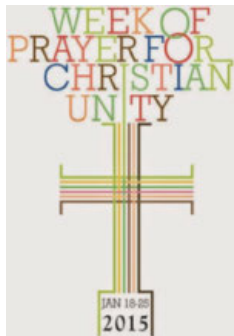
January 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer for Unity

God grant us the patience to work together,
bring us all together as a family.

Let us work together
with understanding and compassion
in our hearts.

Let us not be rude or arrogant
towards one another,
as we light the way
to your heavenly kingdom.



Help for the Needy Pantry

Hours of Operation

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

You need to bring photo ID and proof that you live in Apache Junction or Gold Canyon. Our Help for the Needy is open to parishioners also.

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.



St. Hilary Bishop and Doctor of the Church January 13 Patron against Snake Bites

St. Hilary was born at Poitiers, France, of one of the most noble families of Gaul. He was brought up as a pagan. His own philosophic inquiries and the reading of the Bible led him to the knowledge of the true Faith and the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. He then regulated his life according to the rules of the Faith he had embraced, and, though a layman, zealously endeavored to confirm others in true Christianity.

His wife, to whom he had been married before his conversion and by whom he had a daughter named Apra, was still living when he was chosen Bishop of Poitiers, about the year 353. According to the practice which then existed, married men were sometimes promoted to the episcopacy, but as St. Jerome clearly testifies, they ever after live in continence.

The Arian heresy principally occupied his pen, and he became one of the most strenuous defenders of the Divinity of Jesus Christ. At the Council of Seleucia, in 360, he bravely defended the decrees of Nicaea, and then retired to Constantinople.

St. Hilary died at Poitiers in the year 398. He was the mildest of men, full of condescension and affability to all, but against Emperor Constantius, who showed himself an enemy of the Church, he used the severest language. He is invoked against snake bites.



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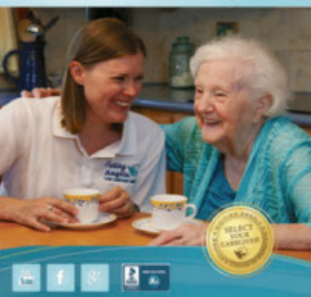
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