

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Masses: 2:00 & 4:00 p.m. Confessions: 2:30 p.m. (after the 2:00 Mass) Sunday: Masses: 6:30, 8:15, 10:00 a.m. and 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 28, 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priesthood Sunday

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 3:00 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.



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday September 29, 2025 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 2) Tuesday September 30, 2025

1:00 p.m. DVD St. Therese of the Child Jesus

(Classroom 3)

Wednesday
9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Desert Guild

(Social Hall)

1:00 p.m. DVD Blessed Seelos (Room 3)

Thursday October 2, 2025

9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Classroom 3) 1:00 p.m. DVD St. Faustina (Classroom 3)

Friday October 3, 2025 Saturday October 4, 2025 Sunday October 5, 2025

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

Gift Shop is NOW Open!

Hours for September & October Saturdays: 1:30—4:00 p.m. Sundays: 6:30—11:30 a.m.

All of October will have Rosaries for 10% off. Come see the many new items we have. We also have many Our Lady of Guadalupe items to coincide with Deacon Paul's program "Study of Marian Shrines".

Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is celebrated this Sunday, September 28th. The day is a national event to honor and express gratitude for priests in the Catholic Church, with activities like writing thank you cards, creating spiritual bouquets, or offering prayers and sacrifices to show appreciation for their service.

Gracious & loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen (from the USCCB)

Our Lady of the Desert Guild First meeting of the season:

THIS Wednesday, October 1, 2025 Donuts & Bagels @ 9:00 a.m. Meeting starts @ 9:30 a.m. (Social Hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11—Pet Blessings
October 16—Study of Marian Shrines begins
October 17—Women's Retreat
October 19—Bus to Rosary Celebration
October 21—DVD St. John Paul II
October 25—Car Show
October 27—K of C Blood Drive
November 1—Knights of Columbus Charity Chips
November 3—EM Meeting
November 5—Our Lady of the Desert Guild
November 11—Veteran's Day—Office Closed

50th Annual **Arizona Rosary Celebration**

PHOENIX CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 19th in Phoenix 2:00-4:15 p.m.

Phoenix Convention Center, South Building (Doors open at noon for adoration, confession and exhibits)

There will be a bus going from St. George's to the PHOENIX Rosary Celebration. It will leave St. George's parking lot at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 19th and will return approximately around 6:00 p.m. Please call the parish office to reserve a seat on the bus. The bus is almost filled.



Fall Food Drive

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will be starting next weekend! Bags will be at the exits with a list of needed items for the Thanksgiving boxes. Our Help for the Needy will start taking applications for families in the area for both Thanksgiving food box AND for the Christmas Giving Tree on October 1st.



Help for the Needy Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Roseanne Kerzman & Dennis Kneib

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday **September 29, 2025** 8:00 a.m. +Wanda Borman +Charlie Kirk Tuesday **September 30, 2025** 8:00 a.m. +Juaniece Hamilton **October 1, 2025** Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Lydian Gonzalez Tom & Mary Clare Gibbs 65th Anniversary +Ina Rollins +Ann Rush Thursday **October 2, 2025** 8:00 a.m. +Jack C. Hall Friday October 3, 2025 8:00 a.m. Eliana Rose Carranza The Gibbs Family +Frank & Martha Dolezal +Ed & Sally Woita October 4, 2025 Saturday Rev. Msgr. Domenico Pinti 2:00 p.m. Ann Frigot +John Johnson 4:00 p.m. +Hope Crowley Roberts +Maria Crowley Spaeth +Linda Snyder Sunday **October 5, 2025** 6:30 a.m. +Mary Jucius +Maggie & John Czerwinski +Joseph Peters **Baby Fossett** 8:15 a.m. +Donna Rieber +Eugene Ripplinger 10:00 a.m. Irene Hurst Gina Rankin +Tony Kopf

Readings for the week

+Fr. Stanley Nadolny

+Richard Wiles

Gina Rankin

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51

4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13 -16



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is done at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The children are gathered up by the Altar before the readings begin and are taken to the Atrium to read & talk about the day's readings. They return to the church after the readings. We hope to have your children join us, allowing them to fully understand the Word of God on their level. For more information, call Christine in the parish office: 480-982-2929

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

DVD Fall Series

Tuesday, September 30th

1:00 p.m. in Room 2 St. Thérèse of Lisieux (St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus) Feast Day: October 1st



Wednesday, October 1

1:00 p.m. in Room 2 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Feast Day: October 5



Thursday, October 2

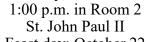
1:00 p.m. in Room 2 St. Faustina Kowalska Feast Day: October 5

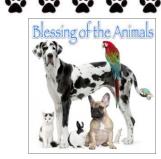


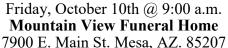
Tuesday, October 21

St. John Paul II Feast day: October 22











Saturday, October 11th @ 11:00 a.m. St. George Roman Catholic Church (West side of the church)



ALL pets are welcome! Msgr. Pinti will be presiding at both.

















Observances for the week

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,

Archangels

Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the

Church

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin

and Doctor of the Church Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday - October 17, 2025

8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Coffee & fellowship 9:00 am to 4:30 pm - Retreat

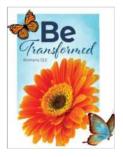
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300 East 16th Street Apache Junction

Cost is free. Bring your bible and a sack lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

TO REGISTER ONLINE:

www.vineofgrace.org or call 520-631-1408.
Please register by October 14th.
A love offering will be requested on retreat.



Do Not call the parish office to register

Grief Support Has Resumed....

Our Grief Support has returned on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in room 3. If you are struggling with grief or a devastating loss and need a support group, come and share, socialize and be comforted with others.

"Blessed are those that mourn, for they will be comforted" Matthew 5:4

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus) Patroness of Missionaries, France & Others Feast Day—October 1

The much-loved youngest daughter of a religious French family, Marie Francoise Thérèse Martin was born in 1873. Even as a youngster, precocious Thérèse was aware of her spiritual vocation. At age 14, she asked her widowed father to let her enter the cloistered order of Carmelites. Although her father agreed, the Carmelite superiors and the Bishop insisted she wait.

So, on a pilgrimage to the Vatican in 1887, Thérèse pleaded directly to Pope Leo XIII, begging him to allow her to enter the convent at 15. Although impressed by her fervor, the Pope advised patience, saying "You shall enter if it be God's will." Nearly a year and many prayers later, she joined the order. She was named Sister Thérèse of the Infant Jesus; later "and of the Holy Face" was added.

Sister Thérèse spent her days in penitence, meditation and work. In her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, she described herself as "the little flower of Jesus" in God's garden of souls. As she reached her twenties, Thérèse desperately wanted to join the Carmelites in French Indochina. Tragically, incurable tuberculosis dashed any chance for her to serve as a missionary. Instead, she counseled two missionaries, writing them often to offer spiritual encouragement.

As she lay dying in great, constant pain at age of 24, Thérése could see the roses she loved blooming outside. Confident of God's love, she promised, "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my Heaven in doing good upon earth." Through the years, some of Thèrèse's petitioners have said that they smell or see roses when their petitions are answered.

If you would like to learn more about St. Thérèsa of the Child Jesus, There is a DVD being shown on Tuesday, September 30th at 1:00 p.m. Room 2.











Four-Week Study of Marian Shrines Thursdays: October 16th, 23rd, 30th and November 6th) Social Hall from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an inspiring four-week study led by Deacon Paul as we explore the spiritual significance and history of four major Marian shrines: Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Our Lady of Częstochowa. Each week, we will dive into the history, miracles, and spiritual messages of these sacred sites, deepening our understanding of and devotion to Our Lady. Discover messages of hope, faith, and devotion that continue to inspire millions worldwide.

Here's a brief overview of each shrine:

- Our Lady of Lourdes (France): Known for the 1858 apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette Soubirous, this shrine is a global destination for healing, with millions visiting its spring waters for spiritual and physical renewal.
- Our Lady of Fatima (Portugal): The 1917 apparitions to three shepherd children delivered messages of prayer, repentance, and peace. This shrine remains a vibrant center for devotion and pilgrimage.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico): In 1531, Mary's apparition to St. Juan Diego left an enduring image on his tilma, symbolizing unity and faith, especially in the Americas.

Our Lady of Częstochowa (Poland): The Black Madonna, housed in Jasna Góra Monastery, is a powerful symbol of resilience and faith, with a rich history of miracles and national significance.

All are welcome to join this spiritual journey. Attendees must register for this free course by calling the parish office. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of *Christ, Science, and Reason* by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. which includes chapters five and six with an in-depth analysis of the apparition events at Lourdes, Fatima, and Guadalupe.

21st Annual Show Your Ride Car Show Saturday, October 25, 2025 Benefit for AJHS Special Ed Kids

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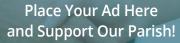
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