

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

October 5, 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary time Respect Life 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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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday October 6, 2025 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 2) 5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers October 7, 2025 Tuesday Wednesday October 8, 2025 Rosary Makers (Social Hall) 9:00 a.m. Thursday October 9, 2025 Friday October 10, 2025 Saturday October 11, 2025 11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets

(West Courtyard)

Sunday October 12, 2025

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".

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
November 18—DVD St. Catherine Laboure

October is Respect Life Month



O Blessed Mother,
you received the good news
of the incarnation of Christ, your Son,
with faith and trust.
Grant your protection
to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Amen

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

Holiday Food Drive

Our Help for the Needy Holiday Food Drive has begun. The following are the needed items to put into our Thanksgiving Food Boxes:

> Frozen Turkey or Ham Canned or jarred Gravy Stuffing Mix Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes Canned Cranberry Sauce Canned Chicken Broth Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Cream of Mushroom Soup Pasta (any kind) Canned milk Peanut Butter & Jelly

Please do not put any frozen turkeys or hams that need refrigerated into the collection bins. Give them to an usher or bring to parish office during office hours. Thank you for your support.



Readings for the week

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk

11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: J1 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/ Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk

11:27-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 6, 2025

8:00 a.m. +James Voutour

+Helen Wegrzyn

Tuesday October 7, 2025

8:00 a.m. Patti Lindberg

Alfred Macciocca

+Michael & Delores Lawson

Wednesday

October 8, 2025

8:00 a.m. +Mary Fran Pietig

+Helen Wegrzyn

October 9, 2025 Thursday

8:00 a.m. Kelcie's Baby Fossett

+Gil Conte

Friday October 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. +Vincent Meany

+Helen Wegrzyn

Saturday October 11, 2025

2:00 p.m. Irene Hurst

+Nancy Blickensdorf

+Vincent Meany

+Charlie Kirk 4:00 p.m.

+Linda Snvder

October 12, 2025 Sunday

6:30 a.m. +Betty Bublitz

+Maggie & John Czerwinski

+Darla Kuntz

+Ioe Peters

8:15 a.m. +Karen Groh

+Eugene Ripplinger

+Harriet Salzar

10:00 a.m. Jacob Chavez

+Gretchen Huyard

+Chad Sheard

4:00 p.m. Andy & Paulina Lindberb

+Fr. Stanley Nadolny

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

St. George Roman Catholic Church, 300 E. 16th Ave. Apache Junction, AZ Contact Person: Joe Lorden 480-773-8707

Cost-\$25.00 The first 75 pre-registered entries receive a free T-Shirt and dash plaque Make checks payable to Joe Lorden

> Plaques awarded by "Peoples Choice" No Classes Registration check in time—8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Early entrants can mail check to Joe Lorden, 556 E. Montebello Ave. Apache Junction, AZ. 85119

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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.
- 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

Eucharistic Ministers



There will be a mandatory meeting for all Ems on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the church to review guidelines for distribution of the Eucharist. Anyone who is interested in joining this ministry should stop by the Sacristy and get an application. A separate training session will be immediately after the general meeting for new EMs.

There will be a second mandatory meeting on January 12, 2026 for winter visitors arriving after the holidays and those who are unable to attend the November 3rd meeting.



DVD Fall Series

Tuesday, October 21 1:00 p.m. in Room 2 St. John Paul II Feast day: October 22





Sunday, October 5, 2025

Out of Bounds - An Issue Night on Freedom

What does it mean to be free? Do my choices really matter? This Life Night tackles the question of freedom head-on. Contrary to the popular notion that freedom means we get to do what we want, when we want, teens will come to see that freedom is a gift from God that enables us to choose him and his goodness—the only thing that will ultimately satisfy us.

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

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 Rokosz 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 Czestochowa.

All are welcome to join this spiritual journey. Attendees must pre-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.,PhD. Which includes chapters 5 & 6 with an in-depth analysis of the apparition events.

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



Tuesday, October 7, 2025

God's Plan for Salvation

In this session, our students see that from the beginning of Creation God has had a plan of salvation for the whole human family. This plan can be found throughout Sacred Scripture. We will discuss salvation history from Creation to the founding of the Christian Church. Students will see that they too have a role to play as members of Christ's Church in sharing the good News of Salvation in Christ Jesus.

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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

St. George Catholic Church

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

Observances for the week

Monday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Du

rocher, Virgin

Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,

Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest Saturday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Month of October Dedicated to the Holy Rosary

In the Catholic Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and the meditative prayer that focuses on the life of Jesus and Mary. The month includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on October 7, which commemorates a pivotal 1571 Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto after the faithful prayed the Rosary. The dedication was formally established by Pope Leo XIII in 1884 to encourage prayers for the Church's needs.

How to Observe the Month

- 1) Pray the Rosary daily
- 2) Meditate on the Mysteries: The Rosary involves meditating on the significant events in the life of Jesus and Mary, categorized into the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, & Glorious Mysteries.
- 3) Watch EWTN (daily) @ 12:30 p.m. The Holy Rosary with Mother Angelica
- 4) Check EWTN schedule for October 22nd to watch the Holy Rosary from Lourdes
- 5) Attend either the Tucson Rosary Celebration on Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church OR attend the Phoenix Rosary Celebration, Sunday, October 19th from 2:00 to 4:15 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center. (The bus from St. George is full so you would have to go on your own)

Saint Denis Bishop of Paris & Patron of France Feast Day: October 9th

Denis, or Dionysius, was born in Italy during the third century, as recorded by the Church historian Gregory of Tours. He was clearly respected by Pope Fabian for his virtue, faith and knowledge of the Church. Around the year 250, the Pope sent Denis and six other bishops on a difficult mission to restore Christianity in Gaul, which had suffered persecutions by the Romans.

Denis settled on an island in the Seine near the city of Paris. With the help of companions, the priest Rusticus and the deacon Eleutherius, he bult a church on the island and began preaching the Gospel. The three were so successful in converting pagans and spreading Christianity that the local heathen priests angrily pressed the governor to put an end to their work.

Denis and his companions were arrested and jailed. After suffering torture, they were beheaded. Although their bodies were thrown into the river, they were recovered and buried by a pious woman named Catulla. A small chapel was built over the graves where, four centuries later, the great Benedictine abbey of Saint-Denis was erected. According to one legend, Denis did not die immediately but was led by a choir of angels as he carried his severed head from his place of execution at Monmartre to the site of the future abbey.

During the Middle Ages, Denis was so popular with many rulers that his veneration grew into a national devotion. Today, he is known as the patron of France. He was also one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints who were invoked for their powerful help during times of adversity, although their feast is no longer celebrated.





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