

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 12, 2025 28th 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 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.



PASTORAL STAFF

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday October 13, 2025

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

(Council Members)

Tuesday October 14, 2025

1:00 p.m. DVD St. Carlo Acutis (Room 3)

Wednesday October 15, 2025

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

Thursday October 16, 2025 9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Room 3)

1:30 p.m. Marian Shrines Program

(Social Hall - must have registered)

Friday October 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. Women's Retreat (Social Hall)

(must have registered to attend)

Saturday October 18, 2025 Sunday October 19, 2025

11:00 a.m. Bus leaves for those signed up to

The Rosary Celebration

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

(Ps 98)

Second Reading:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel:

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

THE CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

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The Diocese of Tucson news, go to;
https://news.diocesetucson.org



National Boss Day Thursday, October 16th

Rev. Msgr. Domenico C. Pinti From your staff



A Prayer for Life

O Jesus, you came that we might have life
—and have it in abundance.
Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you form us in our mothers' wombs
and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life
is attacked, draw us ever closer
to your Real Presence in the Eucharist.
Dispel the darkness of the culture of death,
for you are the light that shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21—DVD St. John Paul II
October 25—Car Show
October 27—K of C Blood Drive
October 28—DVD St. Pier Giorgio Frassati
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

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: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk

11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/

Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-

18/Lk 10:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 13, 2025

8:00 a.m. +Martin Cistaro

+Ben Fellows +Celia Heltmach

Tuesday October 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. +Dorothy Borman

+John & Mary Commers

+Judy Pagel

+Nyle Rollins

Wednesday October 15, 2025

8:00 a.m. Eliana Rose Carranza

Jade Lucin

+Teresa Denogean

Thursday October 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. Tom Coffield

+Adri & John Hubbard

Friday October 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. David Kale

+Nancy Blickensdorf

+Marlene Kramer

Saturday October 18, 2025

2:00 p.m. +Patricia Ann Burns

+John P. Ryan

+Harriet Salzer

4:00 p.m. +Abby & Jessie Hipple

Sunday October 19, 2025

6:30 a.m. +Mary Jucius

+Lloyd Smith

+Helen Wegrzyn

8:15 a.m. Mark & Londa's 52nd Anniversary

+Eugene Ripplinger

+Joanne Rasmussen

10:00 a.m. +Don Amiot

+Charlie Kirk

+Gretchen Huyard

4:00 p.m. +Tony Castillo

+Kasmer Holzer

+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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Sunday, October 12, 2025

A Life Night on the Story of Scripture

The Bible can seem like a vague collection of unrelated texts from different time periods written with different intentions and styles. What unified message can we garner from this collection of books? This Life Night will dive into the overarching story of Scripture as God's redemptive plan to save human beings from sin and bring them to eternal life with him.

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

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle,
Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan
and the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.

AMEN

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



Tuesday, October 14, 2025

This evening students will appreciate the importance of the Jewish Scriptures in the life of the Christian community and identify the four major divisions of the books of the Old Testament: the Pentateuch, the historical books, the wisdom and poetry books, and the books of the prophets.

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Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the children will be invited to gather just before the readings begin. They will be taken to the Atrium to read & talk about the day's readings. The children will return to their parents after the readings at the collection. For additional information, call Christine in the parish office: 480-982-2929

FALL DVD Series Continues

Just Added!
Tuesday: October 14th
1:00 p.m. in Room 3
The Newly Sainted Carlo Acutis!
Feast Day: October 12
Patron Saint of the Internet



Tuesday, October 21st
1:00 p.m. in Room 3
St. John Paul II
Feast Day: October 22
Patron Saint of World Youth Day,
young people, families & Poland



Tuesday, October 28
1:00 p.m. in Room 3
St. Pier Giorgio Frassati
Feast Day: July 4
Patron Saint of youth, young adults, athletes & mountain climbers



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.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

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



Knights of Columbus Council #7243 Charity Chips Fundraiser

Our 2025 Charity Chip fundraiser has begun..

Charity Chips may be purchased by calling:
Doug Hughes @ 480-980-9143
Or
Online credit card store purchase@

https://kofc7243.square.site/

Knights will be available after Masses on November 1st & 2nd to receive orders for Charity Chips.

Sales limited to 100 chips, each at \$100.00 per chip purchase. Drawing follows close of sales. There are 12 separate drawings of 2 chips per drawing with 1st chip paying \$300.00 and second chip paying \$100.00. The chips are then returned to the pool for subsequent drawings. All 12 drawings will be held on the same day.

Proceeds of this fundraiser go to Faith, Family and Community programs such as Seminarian/Postulate support, CCD support, Wheelchairs, Sacramental programs, Rosary programs, Food for Families programs and others.

Please consider helping.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday – October 17, 2025

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

300 East 16th Street
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St. George Catholic Church

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

Gift Shop

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".

The term ROSARY initially referred to a circular enclosed garden, and later to a garland of roses. Since Mary is invoked as Mystical Rose in traditional litanies, Catholics find it easy to associate this beautiful, sweetsmelling and wonderfully enfolded flower with the woman we call Mother. When Mary appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego, she filled his tilma with roses in December. So the association seems to be as appealing to Mary as it is to those who honor her.

As we hold in our hands the strung roses of wood, glass, marble or plastic, the scent of peace arises. Like children caressing a smooth shell or a brilliant marble, we feel the quiet stirring on contentment. John Paul II reminds us, "The rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is 'our peace' (Ephesians 2:4; RVM, #40)

The pope corrects those who would label the rosary an escape from the world's harsh realities. Instead, by focusing our awareness on Christ, the rosary opens our eyes to the necessity of being peacemakers and justiced doers according to his example.



Harold Wirth

Observances for the week

Monday: Columbus Day;

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and

Martyr

Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist

St. Callistus I Feast Day: October 14 Pope & Patron Saint of Cemetery Workers

According to Hippolytus, Callistus was a slave in Rome, whose Christian master had placed him in charge of a bank that served other Christians. But when the bank failed, Callistus feared he would be blamed, so he fled to Portus, where he was later apprehended, tried and sentenced to hard labor. Callistus convinced his master to release him so that he could recover the lost money, but he was unsuccessful. Instead, Callistus was arrested for pestering some Jewish moneylenders, and he was sent to Sardinia.

Some time later, Callistus was given his freedom when he was accidentally released with a group of Christians. Callistus moved to Rome, and in 199, Pope Zephyrinus appointed him caretaker of a Christian burial ground on the Via Appia.

In later years, Callistus was ordained a deacon and eventually became the Pope's close friend and advisor. Then in 217, Callistus was elected Pope.

Callistus was compassionate toward slaves and other people who were ignored. Despite opposition from Hippolytus, who rigidly adhere to early Church rules, Callistus absolved sinners who repented and offered communion to those who did public penance for serious sins. He also recognized marriages of free people to slaves, hoping to reduce the number of illicit relationships with Christian slaves.

It is believed that Callistus was martyred during an uprising in 222. Although he served as Pope for only a few years, Callistus's faith and forgiving nature opened the Church to everyone.









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