



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

www.stgeorgeaj.com

2nd Sunday of Lent March 16, 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.

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

Second Sunday of Lent



**One Body, One Mission:
SERVING IN CHRIST**
Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

Our Goal this year is \$ 183,000
We are currently at 20%

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	March 17, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 2)
5:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus (Room 3) (Council & Members both)
Tuesday	March 18, 2025
1:00 p.m.	“Divine Mercy” movie “Second Greatest Story Ever Told” Sessions 9 & 10 (Room 3)
	March 19, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Rosary Makers (Social Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday	March 20, 2025
9:30 a.m.	Grief Support (Classroom 3)
1:30 p.m.	Mystery of the Shroud of Turin (Church) 3rd Session
6:00 p.m.	Music Bingo (Social Hall) (SOLD OUT—must have ticket)
Friday	March 21, 2025
4:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Followed by Soup & Bread (Rosary Makers & Prayer Shawls Makers)
Saturday	March 22, 2025
Sunday	March 23, 2025

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.” (Gn 15:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent
Starts Friday, March 7th
4:00 p.m.

Followed by SOUP & BREAD
(please bring bread & leave at kitchen window)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18th—*Divine Mercy Movie (9 & 10)*
March 20—*Music Bingo*
March 21—*Soup & Bread*
(Rosary Makers & Prayer shawl makers)
March 25—*Help for the Needy Meeting*
March 27—*Penance Services*
(8:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.)
March 28—*Soup & Bread (Lectors)*
April 1—*Divine Mercy movie*
April 2—*Our Lady of the Desert Guild*
April 2—*Confirmation Rehearsal*
April 4—*Soup & Bread*
April 5th & 6th—*Knights of Columbus*
(selling charity raffle tickets at exits)
April 6—*Confirmations*
April 6—*Relics of the Crucifixion*

In Loving Memory of

**Lorinne Staker &
Monica Schrier**

**Our Lady of the Desert Guild
Gift Shop Hours **NEW HOURS****

Saturdays: 11:30—4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 6:30—11:30 a.m.

March Special: 10% off all Holy Water Fonts

Readings for the week

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



St. George Roman Catholic Parish

Thursday, March 27th
8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT Relics of Christ's Passion Sunday, April 6, 2025 4:00 p.m.



Reserve the date! St. George Roman Catholic Church is hosting The Relics of Christ's Passion on **Sunday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m.** We encourage you to join us with family and friends to take advantage of this special opportunity to venerate these holy relics and participate in a program that allows you to engage in a meditative experience highlighting the Passion of Our Lord. For most, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The program includes a set of unique meditations with accompanying Eucharistic Exposition, music, prayer and veneration that promises to be a heart-touching experience.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

We would like to extend an invitation to any winter visitors or others who would like to join the adult choir. On Sunday, we meet at 9:15 a.m. in the atrium to warm up and then we sing at the 10:00 a.m. mass. Come and share your voice in praise of our Lord.



MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | March 17, 2025 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Fr. Charles Flynn
The Leddy Family
+Elaine Granata |
| Tuesday | March 18, 2025 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory
+Mary Winifred Dobbin
+Vincent Dobbin |
| Wednesday | March 19, 2025 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Phillip & Dorothy Rychlak
+Fr. Howie McGraw
+Rick Merrit |
| Thursday | March 20, 2025 |
| 8:00 a.m. | +Maria Celestina Abdegano
+Ted Malancon |
| Friday | March 21, 2025 |
| 8:00 a.m. | +Robert Bowyer
+Sadie Bowyer
+Ken Hodges |
| Saturday | March 22, 2025 |
| 11:30 a.m. | Frank Donald
+Jan Cotroneo
+Margaret Donald |
| 1:15 p.m. | +Mary Fran Pietig |
| 3:00 p.m. | Deceased members of the
Johnson Family |
| 4:30 p.m. | +Ronald Cruz
+John Ryan
+Harriet Salzer |
| Sunday | March 23, 2025 |
| 6:30 a.m. | The Wegrzyn Family
+Maggie Czerwinski
+Thomas Tuthill |
| 8:15 a.m. | +Todd Ashker |
| 10:00 a.m. | +Don Amiot
+Dallyn Garcia
+Monica Schrier
+Leonard Vierra |
| 4:00 p.m. | Chuck Vozel |

Irish Blessing

May the road rise up
To meet you
May the wind be
Always at your back
May the sun shine
Warm upon your face
The rains fall soft
Upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you
In the palm of his hand



THE CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

To keep up to date with The Diocese of Tucson news, go to;
<https://news.diocesetucson.org>

Lent



LENTEN ENVELOPES

The San Solano Missions/Parish covers over 4,450 square miles in the Sonoran Desert of Southern Arizona. There are over 40 villages and Chapels that the Franciscans of the St. Barbara Province of Oakland, Ca. serve.

The Lenten Program is the main fundraiser for the year that supports a variety of ministries among the Tohono O'odham Nation in Arizona.

The Lenten Envelopes are available throughout the Church and also are in the boxed envelopes. The envelopes are being used now instead of the cans that we once used. Donations go directly to the San Solano Mission and should be returned by the end of Lent.

“Jiosh si s-em-ho'ige'el”
God Bless you for your generosity

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Charity Drawing Tickets



Ticket prices are 1 ticket \$5.00
5 tickets for \$20.00
30 tickets for \$100.00

***It would help if parishioners bring return address labels (include phone #) when purchasing tickets.**

Tickets available:

After Masses at the East & West Entrances:

April 5th & 6th

Tickets may be purchased with cash, check or credit card. You may also go to

KofC7243.square.site

To purchase tickets on line

St. George Parish will receive half of the proceeds from the sales. The other half will go to charities in

Arizona after deducting expenses.

\$30,000 in cash prizes will be awarded:

1st Prize: \$10,000

2nd Prize: \$7,000

3rd Prize: \$5,000

4th Prize: \$3,000

5th Prize: \$2,000

6th Prize: \$1,000

And (4) Prizes of \$500

The drawing will take place Saturday, May 3, 2025

Winner MUST be 21 years old to win

Winner need not be present

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The parish office has an overflowing bin of lost items. Some of these items have been in the box for YEARS. If you have keys, rosaries, glasses, single earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces, water bottles, a hearing aid, sweaters, clothes, hats, and books. If you wish to call and describe an item, we can look and see if we have it or stop in the office.

We did have one person come in and claim a pendant that was very special to her that she lost several years ago and we were able to reunite her with it! Also, a special rosary was returned to its rightful owner.

“O glorious Saint Anthony, finder of lost things, I humbly seek your intercession to find what I have lost”.



Sunday, March 16, 2025

**NO LIFE TEEN
SPRING BREAK!**
Class resumes next week, March 23rd

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

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 on Friday, March 28, 2025**

Spring Food Drive

The Help for the Needy Spring Food drive has started. There are bags at the exits with a list attached for the items that are needed in the food pantry. If you bring a ham, please do not put it in the collection bins. They need to be refrigerated. Thank you in advance for your support.



St. George Roman Catholic Parish



Spring Break!

No Religious Education Classes:

EDGE, SPC 6-12
Tuesday, March 11 & 18, 2025
Classes resume: March 25th

Grades K-3, SPC 3-5 & God's Angels—
Wednesday, March 12 & 19, 2025
Classes resume: March 26th

Life Teen Sunday—March 9 & 16, 2025
Classes resume: March 23rd

*Enjoy your
Spring Break!*



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.

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>

Get to Know the Apostles.....



Hopefully by now, you have seen the 12 new statues on the west loft in the church. We have the 12 Apostles! This is the first of the series giving you a little bit of information about them. The first statue is of St. Peter.

St. Peter's feast days: February 22, June 29, & November 18

Patron Saint of Fishermen, locksmiths, builders, sailors & shoemakers

He is also called Simon, Cephas, Simon Peter, or Prince of the Apostles. Fisherman & brother of St. Andrew the Apostle, who led him to Christ. Was renamed 'Peter' (Rock) by Jesus to indicate that he would be the solid foundation on which the Church would be built. Contributed to the content of the Gospel of Mark and wrote First and Second Letters of Peter. Our first Pope and a miracle worker. Martyred circa 64 by upside-down crucifixion, declaring himself unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus.

Statues of St. Peter are often depicted holding a key and a staff because the key symbolizes the authority Jesus gave him to "bind and loose" on earth, representing his power to open the gates of heaven, while the staff signifies his role as the "chief shepherd" of the Church, signifying his leadership over the flock of believers; both symbols stem from the Bible where Jesus tells Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday—April 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's supper

Good Friday—April 18, 2025

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
(inside & out)
3:00 & 5:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—April 19, 2025

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Easter Vigil & O.C.I.A.
10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Food
11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00 & 4:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday—April 20, 2025

Mass Times:
6:30, 8:15, 10:00, *11:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

*This 11:30 a.m. Mass is only added on Palm Sunday, April 13 & Easter Sunday, April 20

St. Joseph—March 19th Patron Saint of Fathers

Joseph holds a place of particular honor in the Church as the guardian of the Holy Family. He faithfully trusted in the astonishing news given to him by the Archangel Gabriel that his betrothed had conceived by the Holy Spirit and would give birth to Jesus, the Savior (Matt 1:20-21). Joseph cared for Mary during her pregnancy and childbirth and bravely led his family into Egypt (Matt 2:13) to keep them safe from the persecution of King Herod. Both a humble carpenter and a descendant of King David (Matt 1:17), Joseph proved himself a worthy foster father for the Son of God.



Prayer to St. Joseph
O glorious St. Joseph,
You were chosen by God
To be the foster father of Jesus.
Protect us and our loved ones
From all harm and danger.
Amen

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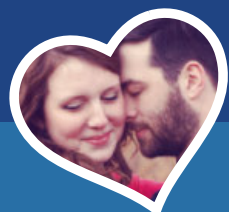
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