

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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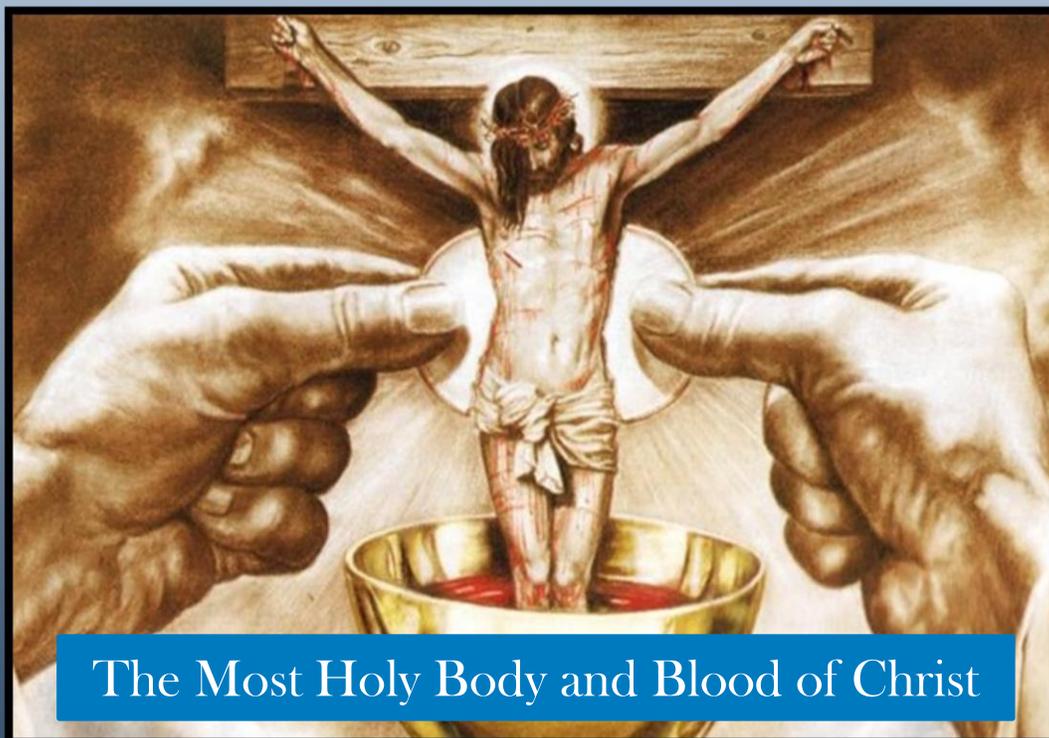


WELCOME

Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship, guidance or instruction. If you are new to the area or coming home, we invite you to register and make St. George Catholic Church your parish. Registration forms can be obtained in the church vestibule, at the office or online.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Gospel calls all people to holiness of life. Saint George Catholic Church is a family of faith, committing ourselves as a welcoming Catholic community to worship God in Word and in Sacrament; to live and to share our faith; to serve the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need; and to reconcile ourselves with God and one another.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

PARISH STAFF

- Fr. Paul Nguyen, Pastor**
- Deacon Joel Carpenter, Parish Deacon**
- Mrs. Kimberley Browne, Minister of Religious Education**
- Mrs. Barbara Carpenter, Business Manager**
Director of Liturgy and Music
- Mrs. Divine Stachowski, Parish Secretary**
- Mr. Rico Romero, Facility Maintenance Supervisor**

OFFICE HOURS

Closed on Mondays
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday & Friday 10:00am-2:00pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses: (all Masses limited to 20 households that reside together)

Tuesday — Friday: 9:00 am (beginning June 2)
First Saturday: 9:00 am (beginning June 6)

Weekend Masses

Saturday — CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Sunday — 10:00am (beginning May 31, attendance limited to registered parishioners, reservation required)
St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (on St. George's Island)

Saturday CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
**Memorial Day to Labor Day*

Holy Day Masses — **9am & 7pm...or as announced**

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) meets in the Community Center 9:30-10:45 AM. Contact Kim Browne for class enrollment and for more information: (301) 994-0737 or email: kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

RCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of inquiry and discernment for those who wish to come into full communion with the Catholic faith and are above the age of infant baptism. Classes are held Saturdays at 10-11:30am in the Community Center beginning in October and ending in May. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Paul at the church office or email: fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.org

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL (pre-K – 8th grades)

For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online www.littleflowercatholic.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets on Sundays, 5:00-8:00PM in St. George Community Center. All teens grade 6 and up are invited and welcome to attend our weekly meeting. For more information, please contact the church office (301) 994-0607 or contact one of our Youth Group Team Leaders (Maddie Mushrush, Omotayo Ojo and Darren Rogers) at YouthGroup@stgeorgerc.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made in advance with Deacon Joel Carpenter or Father Paul by at least one parent for children under the age of seven.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST:

Contact Mrs. Kimberley Browne for more information: kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall and requires a 2-year preparation in our Sunday Youth Faith Formation. Contact Mrs. Kimberley Browne for more information: kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:

Saturday 4:00-4:30PM, or by appointment. And First Friday during Eucharistic Adoration (10-10:30am)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY EUCHARIST:

Parishioners unable to attend Mass on the weekends or who are ill are encouraged to call the parish office to receive these Sacraments.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office and priest to make arrangements as soon as possible, **at least 6 months** in advance of the wedding. Pre-Cana Classes or Engagement Encounter (Marriage Prep.) is required.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: After Daily Masses & Sat. 4:30pm + **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30am

We can no longer share books, pamphlets and resources. Please bring your own if you have them. If we make resources available, please take them with you or we will be forced to discard them.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Jun 16	9:00am	Robert Springer, Sr.
Wed	Jun 17	9:00am	The Hammett Family (L)
Thu	Jun 18	9:00am	The Baliko Family
Fri	Jun 19	9:00am	Rudy Baliko
Sat	Jun 20	6:00pm	All Fathers & Godfathers
Sun	Jun 21	10:00am	All Fathers & Godfathers

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, M. Goldsmith

Meals on Wheels: No volunteer deliveries until further notice

Altar Preparation: No Altar preparation until further notice

Liturgical Feast Days

Fri, Jun 19 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sat, Jun 20 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those in the nursing homes and hospitals, and all in need of our prayers, especially those who serve our country and their families, and all who are listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

DT 8:2-3,14B-16A; PS 147:12-15,19-20; 1 COR 10:16-17; JN 6:51-58

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life.

Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God’s glory. Aside from life itself, the most precious gifts God has given us are His Word and His Body and Blood. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of these two sublime gifts.

In our first reading, from Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people that God “let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna... in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord. Do not forget the Lord your God.” Our Heavenly Father is such a good teacher. He reminds His people that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important.

God’s Word is alive and He intends for us to feed on it daily. Yet, it is a gift that is easy to neglect. In this noisy modern world, it can be challenging to even recognize our spiritual “hunger pangs.” And it is easier to feed them with the junk food of mindless distraction and entertainment. As Christian stewards, we must recognize our dependence on God’s Word, and treasure this priceless gift — out of gratitude to the Giver and so that we can share it with others.

Our Lord reveals the full meaning of this gift in our Gospel passage from John. He says to the crowds, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” In the Old Testament, God fed His people with manna. Now, He feeds us with the very Flesh and Blood of His Son.

And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist.

Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal

life.” Notice that Christ does not say those who partake of His Body and Blood will have eternal life, but that they have eternal life — right here and right now! It is no wonder then, that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Eucharist as the “source and summit of our faith” (1324).

<https://www.stgeorgegcc.org/donations>

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	6/7/2020 (Week 49 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$2,892.18	\$216,176.27	\$245,000.00
**E-Giving	\$3,858.00		
Maintenance:	\$750.00	\$30,849.00	\$30,184.00
**E-Giving	\$385.00		
Poor Box:	---	\$11,350.30	\$10,388.00
**E-Giving	\$100.00		
Donations:	\$1,030.00	\$63,175.43	\$53,704.00
**E-Giving	\$840.00		

***E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.*

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who has continued to donate to the parish - we truly cannot do anything without your support!!

LITURGICAL NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US!

St George will continue live-streaming Sunday Masses at 10:00am each week.

‘In-person’ Masses began on May 31st at 10:00am for **registered parishioners only**. Registered parishioners may call to reserve a spot Tuesdays – Thursdays, 10am – 2pm. All others may call on Fridays 10am – 2pm. We ask that if you have already attended in person, you wait until Thursday after 12pm if you wish to attend again. If you have the ability to stream to your vehicle, you may attend Mass in the parking lot and communion will be brought out to the side vestibule door.

Fr. Paul and many of our parishioners are joining spiritually to pray the rosary each day at 11am. To join, all you have to do is pray a rosary at that time!



Reflection: Corpus Christi
by Caleb Gaeng

As we approach, this Sunday, the solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us be reminded of the words Christ gave us in Matthew 26:26 during the last supper, “take, eat; this is My body” and “Drink from it (the cup) all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.” Even though these words are not stated in the Gospel for Mass this Sunday, it is important to remind us that Christ was not talking figuratively but LITERALLY. It is without a doubt His flesh and His blood that is resurrected and divine given to us as a sacrificial gift. There have been hundreds of documented eucharistic miracles given to us by Christ in which the Eucharistic bread and wine, upon transubstantiation, turned into visible human flesh and visible human blood! Some, such as the miracle in Lanciano, Italy, are still preserved to this day and can be visited and adorned there. Christ says in John 6:51-58, this Sunday’s Gospel, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” Jesus does not mince words or speak in allegory during this passage but says exactly what He means leaving no room for misinterpretation. Christ wants us to know that the reception of the Eucharist is essential for eternal life. Upon receiving Christ’s body and blood, we participate in the Divine.

So, if we are supposed to believe that Christ’s body and blood are necessary for salvation, then why do so few Catholics actually believe that the Eucharist is the real presence of Christ? I think the answer to why so few Catholics believe in the true presence is super long and wide-ranging, but I will try to give my perspective as a 24-year-old cradle Catholic who had a deepening of his faith in college and how I came to know the person of Jesus Christ through the Eucharist. My experience is shared by so many of my peers and others who have found a deeper relationship with Christ.

For me, Eucharistic adoration has purified my unbelief and brought me to a deeper love for Christ. As a cradle Catholic, I went to Mass and said that I believed that the Eucharist was the body and blood of Christ but I never contemplated it. Then in college, after wanting to find a deeper purpose in life, I decided to take up a friend’s invitation to sit for 1 hour in front of the Eucharist. I had never sat in Eucharistic adoration for more than 5-10 mins. I barely knew what it was. It was so difficult at first and caused me great stress and anxiety sitting in this prolonged silence. Although it was difficult at first to sit in front of our Lord in silence, over time it became easier and more peaceful. I also noticed a purification happening within me. I started wanting to go to Confession every two weeks, praying the rosary more often, going to daily mass, and desiring more virtue. I began speaking to Christ in that silent adoration about the truths of our faith and asking questions I needed answers to with regards to my faith. He gave me answers and I grew in my love for the person of Jesus. This love experienced in adoration was resurrecting my heart to love and see how God sees His creation.

Eventually, I would go on spending more and more time in that prayer with our Lord by committing myself to doing a daily holy hour in front of the Lord in Eucharistic adoration. I started to ask the big questions such as “why I was put on this earth?” or asking God, “what do You want me to do with my life?” God led me deeper in my relationship with Him and He showed me His plan for me through my prayer and daily discernment. Then one day in adoration, after I had gone on a mission trip to Panama, I asked the question, “Lord do You want me Your priest?” This was something I knew I was probably called to eventually but wasn’t exactly sure. Then after I asked that question, I was brought to a peace and love during that holy hour that was unexplainable and I heard God’s voice say so clearly, “Be my priest!” I tell you all this not show anything I accomplished but rather to give glory to God’s good work in purifying me with His sanctifying Grace. I want you all to experience this

sanctifying Grace through the Eucharist. With that in mind, Father Paul and I are coming up with dates and times for a series of talks I am going to give that will provide guidelines for mental prayer, some tips for making a fruitful holy hour in Eucharistic adoration or wherever is most realistic to do prayer, and how to make one's life more Eucharistic centered. I hope you all have a joyous and peaceful Corpus Christi Sunday. God Bless each one of You!

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, November 22, 2020 Jubilarian Mass

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. To register, couples should contact their parish office by September 30. For more information, call the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4546 or send an email to: visibleign@adw.org

- Name of the Couple (as you want it printed on the certificate):
- Anniversary (number of years married):
25 30 35 40 45 50
More than 50? _____ years
- Will you attend the Mass at the Basilica?
- Mailing Address:

If you have never attended this Mass, please consider doing so – it is truly a wonderful way to celebrate your marriage!

Catholic Charities Legal Network Seeking Volunteer Lawyers

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

Stress Reduction Workshop Offered by Catholic Health Ministry Leader

Donna Chacko, a St. Mark Catholic Church Health Ministry leader and a retired physician, is offering a faith-based stress reduction workshop online, Three Keys to Less Stress During the COVID-19 Crisis. It is free and open to all.

<https://www.serenityandhealth.com/covid19guide> For more information contact Donna Chacko dc@serenityandhealth.com.

Virtual Spiritual Retreats, with Spiritual Direction

During this time of physical separation, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is providing virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul. Currently, these programs are being offered at no cost, and a suggested donation of only \$75 per person is greatly appreciated. [Click here to find more information and upcoming dates.](#)

Nightly Rosary

The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health - challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090# at 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions, please email us at archdiocesecw@gmail.com. For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/> See the tab: Coronavirus Prayer Resources, which lists many opportunities for daily Mass and meditations.

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

