

Established 1851

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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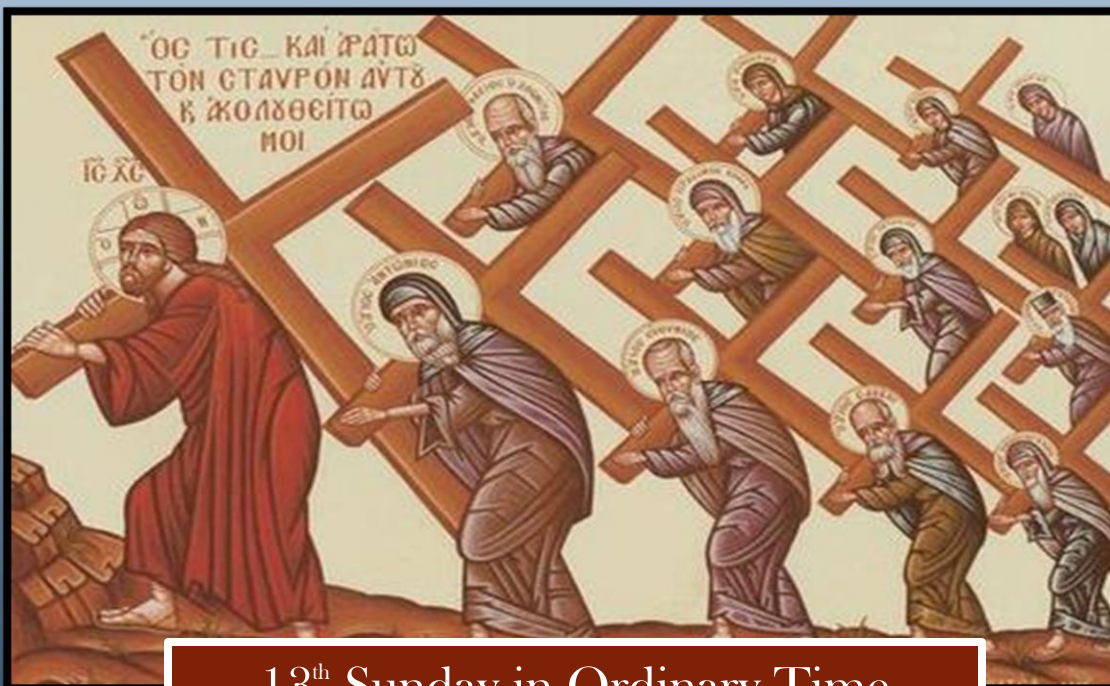


WELCOME

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.



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

First Saturday: 9:00 am

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 30	9:00am	Robert Lynch
Wed	Jul 1	9:00am	Jim & Cecilia Cooney
Thu	Jul 2	9:00am	Rudy Baliko
Fri	Jul 3	9:00am	Patrick O'Donald
Sat	Jul 4	9:00am	Vocations
		5:00pm	St. George Parishioners
Sun	Jul 5	10:00am	Rudy Baliko

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Meals on Wheels: No volunteer deliveries until further notice

Altar Preparation: No Altar preparation until further notice

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Jun 29 STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Tue, Jun 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wed, Jul 1 St. Junípero Serra, Priest

Fri, Jul 3 ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE



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

2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A; PS 89:2-3, 16-19; ROM 6:3-4, 8-11; MT 10:37-42

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living. The First Reading shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. The Second Reading reminds us what it is that makes us disciples and Christian stewards in the first place (hint: it's our Baptism). Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ teaches us how to live daily life as His stewards.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, tells the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome. That is the essence of Christian hospitality. As it turns out, this man was none other than the prophet Elisha. He rewarded her kindness by interceding with God to obtain for her the miracle of a baby boy after long years of infertility.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how it is that this sacrament makes us disciples and therefore stewards. He says that through Baptism "into Christ Jesus" we were both buried with Christ and now are alive in Christ. We are literally new creations, marked for all eternity as one of His own. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord Himself proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever loves father or mother... son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." And, "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." How can all all-loving Lord say such things? Precisely because He is the source of all love — He is love incarnate. We can only love others, and even ourselves truly, if we allow ourselves to be emptied of self-love and filled with God's love.

This is why our Lord tells us we must "lose our lives." Putting ourselves or others — even those dearest to us — above God simply cannot give us the ultimate fulfillment and peace of soul that we all want. Only God can do that. Only loving God first and living for Christ — "losing our life" — can do that.

But how do we know if we love God more than "father or mother or son or daughter"? Jesus tells us in the next verses. And the fascinating genius of it all is that it is precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ, that we demonstrate our love for Christ! "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

So, we have come full circle to the importance of hospitality, and to putting God first in our lives because we have become disciples of Christ through our Baptism. We put God first by serving others as if we were serving Christ Himself, thus losing a self-centered life and finding our true fulfillment.

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	6/21/2020 (Week 51 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$1,801.79	\$224,224.96	\$255,000.00
**E-Giving	\$2,312.00		
Maintenance:	\$220.00	\$32,239.00	\$31,416.00
**E-Giving	\$150.00		
Poor Box:	----	\$11,410.30	\$10,812.00
**E-Giving	----		
Donations:	\$570.00	\$65,650.43	\$55,896.00
**E-Giving	\$120.00		
**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2 nd and 4 th 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!!



*Flowers on the altar are in memory
of John Springer
Flowers at the statues are in honor of
the wedding anniversary of
Jim & Celia Cooney*

LITURGICAL NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US!

Beginning next weekend: We will enter Phase 2 of opening our parish. Masses will be offered at 5pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday. The 10am Mass will continue to be live-streamed for those at home.

Registered parishioners should continue to call the parish office Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 2pm to sign up to attend Mass. All others may call on Fridays from 10am – 2pm and if there is space available, may sign up to attend.

Reminder: the side vestibule doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. On Saturdays, the doors will not open early for the group rosary devotion – for the time being, we still must limit the amount of time spent in groups indoors.

All parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist, but are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, are most welcome to call the office and either Father Paul or Deacon Joel will visit you at your home, outdoors or indoors, however you are comfortable.

Spiritual Talks on PRAYER by our Summer Seminarian

All are welcome to join Caleb in this weekly series of talks about Prayer in the St. George Community Center (with social distancing) or in a virtual meeting via Zoom. *(All in-person attendees will be required to wear a mask while in our buildings, in accordance with archdiocesan policies.)*

WEDNESDAYS 7:00pm-8:00pm

THE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, July 1: MENTAL PRAYER

In this talk, we will be discussing the need for silent, mental prayer, why it is so essential for sanctity, and how it aids in hearing and understanding the will of the Triune God. We will discuss guidelines or suggestions given for mental prayer that have existed in our beautiful tradition for hundreds of years. Then we will go through step by step of how to enter intimately with Jesus into a Holy hour of prayer in front of our Lord Jesus Christ in Eucharistic adoration. The Holy hour can also be done in front of the tabernacle in Church or simply any free moments that exist at home dedicated to those times of prayer. Hopefully this will help anyone, no matter what

their vocation is, to enter more deeply into a more intimately loving relationship with God.

Wednesday, July 8: IGNATIUS PRAYER

We will look at a few Ignatian forms of prayer. St. Ignatius of Loyola's spiritual exercises are great tools for growing in love for God and understanding His will in our day to day lives. The exercises require discipline, and are designed for all the faithful to practice every day no matter what their vocation is. We will look at the exercises Ignatius gave us to pray with scripture, Holy texts, and/or Divine truths. Then we will go through how one goes about praying the Examen prayer which Ignatius saw as a magnificent spiritual exercise in growing in awareness of God in our day to day lives.

Wednesday, July 15: IGNATIUS DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

Ignatius gave us the famous Discernment of Spirits as a way to understand what is from God and what is from the evil one. The Rules in which Ignatius gave us, help us to follow the will of God and to not be led astray by the evil one. The Rules are ways for us to detach and free ourselves from the lies and deceptions of the Evil one. Most importantly they give us the freedom to live as beloved Sons and Daughters of God!

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AT HOME THROUGH THEIR MOBILE DEVICES OR COMPUTER

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

WHY DO WE DO 'THAT' DURING MASS?

(Quoted from The Elements of the Catholic Mass, available on FORMED)

Question: Why do we go to Mass? What's the purpose of the Mass?

In everything we do in life, it is essential to understand the goal or purpose, if we want to participate in a fruitful manner. In the Catholic Mass, the goal of our worship is quite clearly directed at the praise of God and the sanctification of the world. In fact, the Church puts these very words on the lips of her ministers and faithful at every celebration of the Eucharist:

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Some mistakenly believe that the goal of Mass is to develop community. We must be clear, however, that while the tradition teaches that the greatest manifestation of the church is at Mass celebrated by the bishop with his priests, deacons and all the faithful, this community, in fact, is a by-product of the authentic worship of God and care for neighbor.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy:

The liturgy in its turn moves the faithful, filled with “the paschal sacraments,” to be “one in holiness”; it prays that “they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith”; the renewal in the Eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and man draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire. From the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, as from a font, grace is poured forth upon us; and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God, to which all other activities of the Church are directed as toward their end, is achieved in the most efficacious possible way. (nº. 10)

... therefore the liturgical life of the parish and its relationship to the bishop must be fostered theoretically and practically among the faithful and clergy; efforts also must be made to encourage a sense of community within the parish, above all in the common celebration of the Sunday Mass. (nº. 42)

The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the body of Christ, and, finally, to give worship to God; because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it; that is why they are called “sacraments of faith.” They do indeed impart grace, but, in addition, the very act of celebrating them most effectively disposes the faithful to receive this grace in a fruitful manner, to worship God duly, and to practice charity. (nº. 59)

General Instruction of the Roman Missal:

The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and the People of God arrayed hierarchically, is the center of the whole Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful individually. In it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit. In it, moreover, during the course of the year, the mysteries of redemption are recalled so as in some way to be made present. Furthermore, the other sacred actions

and all the activities of the Christian life are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it. (nº. 16)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Want to know more about your local Knights of Columbus Council? Join us on-line for an informational/insurance discussion on Sunday, June 28th at 7PM. The meeting will be virtual and the password is 13091. So join us via zoom meeting and discover what we are and how our insurance program can help protect your family. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83536407546?pwd=ZXJsTjZSZUxPZ0FnVIBITE12RDJDdz09>

AUGUST DINNER NEWS

Plans for a **CARRY-OUT only** August dinner are in the works for **August 16, 2020!** Many people will be needed to help throughout the week, as well as the day of the dinner. Please watch the bulletin and Flocknote emails for details and sign up information. PLEASE NOTE: We will be continuing to limit the number of people indoors, therefore, we do not plan on selling baked goods or white elephant items this year. We will hold a 50/50 raffle.

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: visiblesign@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!