

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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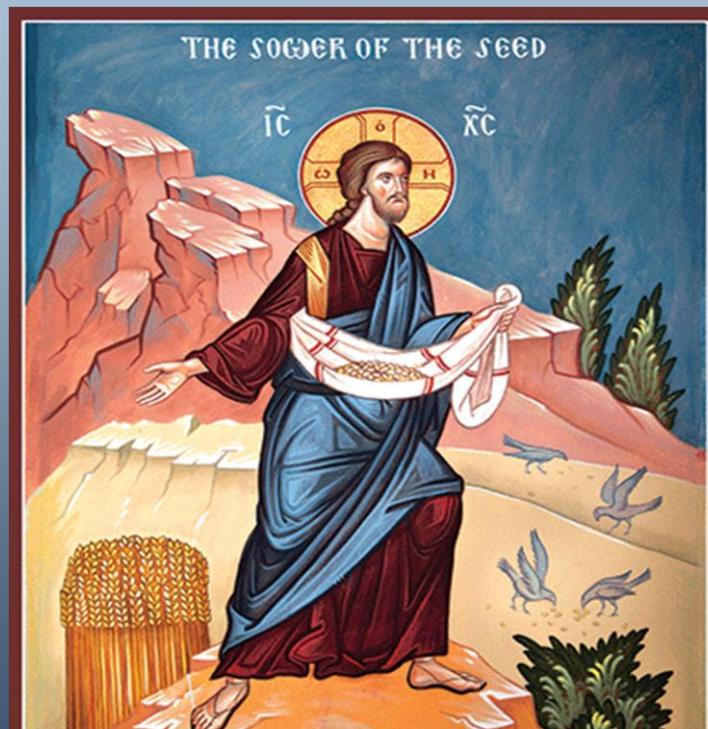


WELCOME

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.



16th 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 – Saturday: 9:00 am

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

Saturday — 5:00pm (beginning July 4, reservation required)

Sunday — 10:00am (beginning May 31, reservation required)

St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (on St. George's Island)

Saturday CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE *Memorial Day - Labor Day

Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &

Benediction: **Tuesday – Saturday: 5:00 pm**

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: Tuesday-Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturday 9:30am-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	Jul 21	9:00am	Rudy Baliko
Wed	Jul 22	9:00am	Caleb Gaeng (L)
Thu	Jul 23	9:00am	Brandon Matthis (L)
Fri	Jul 24	9:00am	Robert Springer
Sat	Jul 25	5:00pm	Brenda Hanson
Sun	Jul 26	10:00am	Caleb Gaeng (L)

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith, C. Galli, B. Gallo
Meals on Wheels: No volunteer deliveries until further notice
Altar Preparation: No Altar preparation until further notice

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Jul 20 St. Apollinaris, *Bishop and Martyr*
Tue, Jul 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, *Priest and Doctor of the Church*
Wed, Jul 22 ST. MARY MAGDALENE
Thu, Jul 23 St. Bridget, *Religious*
Fri, Jul 24 St. Sharbel Makhluof, *Priest*
Sat, Jul 25 ST. JAMES, *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

WIS 12:13, 16-19; PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; ROM 8:26-27; MT 13:24-43
OR 13:24-30

Today’s readings are filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward.

Our first reading, from the book of Wisdom, reminds us that our God is just as well as kind, all-powerful as well as merciful. “For you show your might when the perfection of your power is dis-believed... But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency.” God is indeed kind and loving, but He is also a just judge, and the day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us during our life-time. We will be judged by God for the part we played — or did not play — in the building of His kingdom.

We are never alone in this work, however, as we are reminded in our second reading from the letter to the Romans. “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning.” We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom. He will reveal to each of us the unique mission the Father has given us, as individuals and as a parish family, in the building of the kingdom of heaven. And He will give us the strength we need to remain faithful to our mission.

Jesus uses several parables to describe this Kingdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. First, He compares it to a man who sows wheat in his field, but in the darkness of night an enemy comes and sows weeds in the same field. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or “judged” — the wheat gathered into the sower’s barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

But Jesus also gives us comfort and hope in this passage. He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. In a similar vein, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed,

“the smallest of all the seeds.” But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where “birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”

It is those latter two descriptions that are especially encouraging to the Christian steward. So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and the mustard seed, that is not the truth!

Far from it.

God sees and treasures and “grows” our offerings of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. If we are but faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, the day will come when we “will shine like the sun in the kingdom of [the] Father.”

In justice, in gratitude, in love, then, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Current Week: 7/5 – 7/12/20 Wks 1-2 FY2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Offertory	\$5,246.58	\$9,979.58	\$9,807.70
*E-Giving	\$4,733.00		
Maintenance	\$1,535.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,230.76
*E-Giving	\$415.00		
Poor Box	\$40.00	\$390.00	\$423.00
*E-Giving	\$350.00		
Misc. Donations	\$2,329.00	\$2,722.00	\$2,307.70
*E-Giving	\$327.00		
<i>No National Collection this month</i>			
<i>**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.</i>			

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

LITURGICAL NEWS

NEW additions to Liturgical Schedule

Every Saturday morning, Daily Mass @ **9:00 am**, followed by Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition and Benediction.

Tuesday – Saturday: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition and Benediction **5:00pm-6:00pm (DAILY, except Mondays and Sundays.)**
NO reservation needed, ALL are welcome.

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am

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. **NEW:** You may now register on-line by visiting the home page of our website and clicking the link to sign up. On-line sign-ups will be available by Tuesday morning prior to the weekend.

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.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

WHY DO WE DO ‘THAT’ DURING MASS?

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

Question: Why do I see ministers bowing to the altar during Mass instead of the tabernacle?

The altar is the central feature of every Catholic church. It is the most significant element in the church building. (It is even more significant than the

tabernacle, since without altar, there is no reserved Blessed Sacrament.)

The altar is the focal point of every liturgical celebration. The Church teaches us that Christ himself is the Victim; Christ is the Priest; Christ is the Altar of Sacrifice.

The Order of the Dedication of a Church can teach us much about the meaning of the altar. Until the altar is consecrated, it is treated as an inanimate object. At the beginning of the ceremony, the altar is ignored: there is no bow, no kiss, not even lighted candles. ("The Bishop, without kissing the altar, goes to the chair " n^o, 35) Before its consecration the altar is merely an object, a hunk of stone, a chunk of wood.

When it is put into service for the worship of God, the altar is first sprinkled with holy water. This constitutes a kind of washing or baptism; it is then anointed with Sacred Chrism. The altar is honored with incense, it is dressed with a white cloth, analogous to the garment of the newly baptized. Candles are brought and, in the celebration of the Eucharist, the altar receives the Body of Christ. The altar, like the Christian at Baptism, is made another Christ. The altar is the permanent symbol of the presence of Christ for the Christian community.

The Roman Missal:

The altar on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is convoked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist.

General Instruction, n^o. 296

The altar should be built separate from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people, which is desirable wherever possible. Moreover, the altar should occupy a place where it is truly the center toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns. The altar should usually be fixed and dedicated.

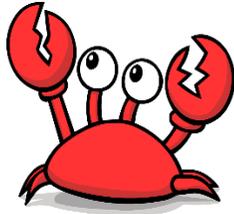
General Instruction, n^o. 299

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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. **TO SIGN UP TO HELP, please visit:** <https://stgeorgevl.flocknote.com/signup/6369>

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.



Local News

Steamed Shrimp Drive Thru

Friday, July 24, 2020, 4pm-7pm. Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department main Entrance. \$15.00 per dinner which includes: 1 pound Steamed Shrimp, French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll, and Dessert. For information call, Elaine Quade 301-3763-2695

Spaghetti Dinner

25th July, Saturday, Drive-Through Carry-out SPAGHETTI DINNER; 4:00pm-7pm. MENU: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Green beans, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert; COST: \$12.00 PER DINNER, For more information call: 301-994-9999. The 2nd District Firehouse & Rescue Squad. 45245 Drayden Rd. Valley Lee, MD 20692.

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

Present date to 20th December 2020, Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings located at 46370 Lexington Village Way, Lexington Park, MD; Anytime during hours of operation.; 10% of bill goes to 2nd District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad; TEAM F (Teammate Card must be shown to water to receive 10% of bill for fundraiser); Call Robin for more information and teammate card at 301-737-4366 (H) or 240-577-0270 (C)

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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!



Everyone is welcome to visit our parish website:
www.stgeorgercc.org

Everyone is welcome to 'like' our public Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Saint-George-Catholic-Church-296247904623/

Registered parishioners can join our private Facebook group:
www.facebook.com/groups/510933319058344/

Registered parishioners can join our Flocknote group to receive weekly emails from the parish:
<https://flocknote.com/> (Click find my parish.)