

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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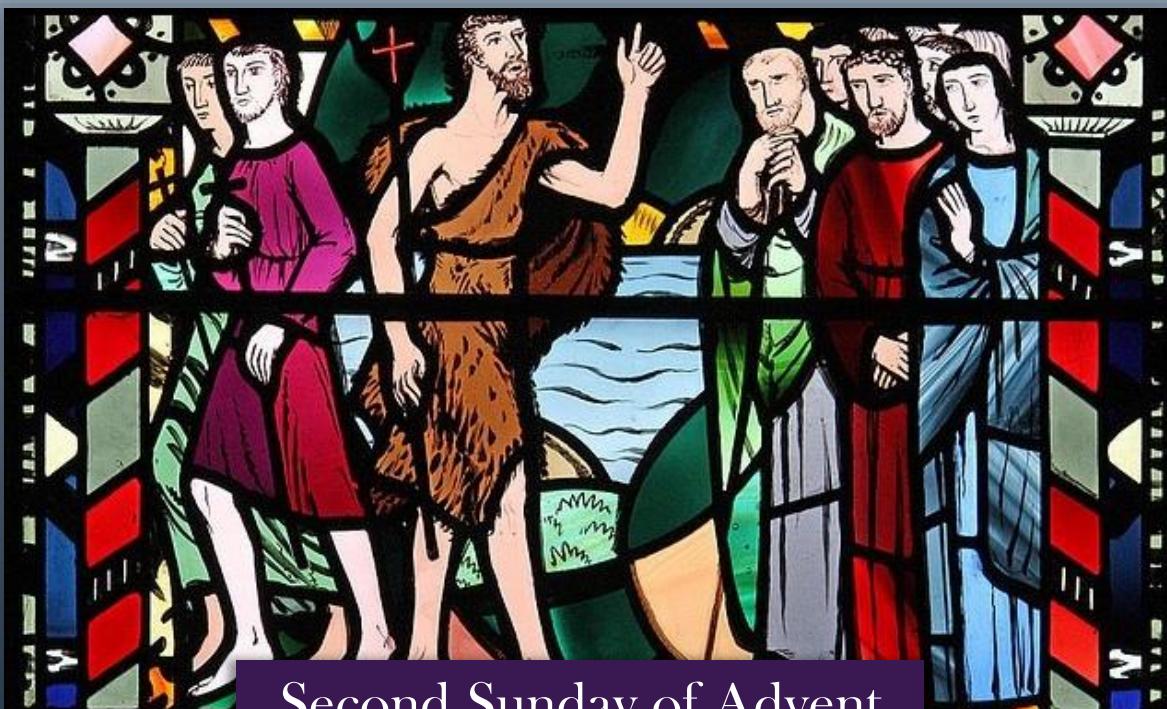


WELCOME

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.



Second Sunday of Advent

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 39 households that reside together)

Tuesday — Saturday: 9:00 am

Weekend Masses: (all Masses limited to 39 households that reside together)

Saturday — 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

10:00am

2:00pm (in Vietnamese)

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

Saturday — 7:00pm *Memorial Day - Labor Day

Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Tuesday — Friday: 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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.com

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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgerrc.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@stgeorgerrc.org

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSON:

Saturday 4:00-4:30PM, or by appointment (outside).

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	Dec. 8	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
		7:00pm	Mary Ann Hammett
Wed	Dec. 9	9:00am	Genevieve Berry
Thu	Dec. 10	9:00am	Julius Owens
Fri	Dec. 11	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Sat	Dec. 12	9:00am	Joseph Knott
		5:00pm	Parishioners
Sun	Dec. 13	7:30am	Joseph Knott
		10:00am	Wallace Berry
		2:00pm	Maria Nguyen Thi Dao

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Dec. 7	ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Tue, Dec. 8	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wed, Dec. 9	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Fri, Dec. 11	St. Damasus I, Pope
Sat, Dec. 12	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



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

IS 40:1-5, 9-11; PS 85:9-14; 2 PT 3:8-14; MK 1:1-8

Today's readings on this Second Sunday of Advent can be summed up as equal parts comfort and warning for the Christian steward. We serve a merciful and patient God — in His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own son, whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

Our First Reading from Isaiah is filled with messages and images of the Father's tender love for us. "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end." In other words, Israel's time of exile and captivity is over and freedom is coming. Our freedom from the captivity of sin has come as well, through the saving power of Jesus.

In this passage we also read this description of the Father. "Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care." What tender love He has for us. And it is out of this love that we are told to "prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"

St. Peter reiterates the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today. He says that God "is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out."

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion" and that we should be "eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to (or intensify) living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

Our Gospel passage from Mark takes up the cry of Isaiah from the First Reading, this time through the prophet John the Baptist. John instructs us just as Isaiah did to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." In practical terms, this means that we Christian stewards must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of the Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.





*Flowers on altar are in memory
of Gertrude Britton*

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Current Week: 11/29/2020 Wks 22 of FY2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Offertory	\$2,174.46	\$98,425.34	\$106,250.00
Reconciled	\$400.00		
Maintenance	----	\$13,265.00	\$13,333.33
Reconciled	-350.00		
Poor Box	\$190.00	\$4,052.25	\$4,583.33
Thanksgiving	\$401.00		
Misc. Donations	\$555.00	\$45,940.23	\$25,000.00
Reconciled	\$52.23		
ADW Priest Ret.	----	\$1,315.28	N/A
*E-Giving	----		
**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2 nd and 4 th weeks of the month.			

LITURGICAL NEWS

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Tuesday, December 8. Masses will be offered at 9am and 7pm.

Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am

Sunday: 10 am (Live-streamed to YouTube, Communion available in parking lot.)

Sunday: 2 pm (In Vietnamese)

Daily Masses: Tuesday – Saturday: 9 am

Holy Hour (w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction): Tuesday – Friday: 5 pm

**1st Friday, following daily Mass
Saturdays, following daily Mass.**

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

What is the GIRM and why is it important?

"November 27, 2011, marks a significant date in the liturgical life of the Church in the United States as the Roman Missal, Third Edition, is introduced and put into use for the celebration of the Eucharist. This

brings to conclusion the work of more than ten years of research, translation, preparation, and study. The implementation of the new translation of the prayers of the Mass is probably the most significant change in the liturgy since the introduction of the novus ordo Missal of Pope Paul VI in 1969.

The text of the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)** from the Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia, was translated and approved for the Dioceses of the United States in 2003 and was subsequently published as part of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Liturgy Documentary Series. The final text of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, for use in the Dioceses of the United States and approved in 2010, includes a new translation of the GIRM. The 2003 text was intended as a provisional translation, and in subsequent years other English-language Conferences of Bishops issued their own translations of the GIRM. The translation contained here and also in the ritual edition of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, is now the single official translation for the English-speaking world.

Also included in this edition are two other valuable documents: The Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Roman Calendar and the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds for the Dioceses of the United States of America, both of which also appear in front matter of the Roman Missal, Third Edition. Together with the GIRM these documents provide a comprehensive overview and instruction for the celebration of the Mass.

Pope Benedict XVI reminds the Church that the Liturgy follows the ancient axiom, Lex orandi, lex credendi ("the law of faith is the law of belief"). **Not only is it a matter of words that communicate the faith of the Church, but the way in which the Liturgy is celebrated witnesses to what we believe.**

Pope Benedict explains: These texts contain riches which have preserved and expressed the faith and experience of the People of God over its two thousand-year history. Equally important for a correct ars celebrandi is an attentiveness to the various kinds of language that the liturgy employs:

words and music, gestures and silence, movement, the liturgical colors of the vestments. By its very nature the liturgy operates on different levels of communication which enable it to engage the whole human person. (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 40)

May our study and observance of liturgical norms and rubrics continue to foster prayerful and fruitful celebration of the Eucharist, that this moment in the renewal of the Liturgy will strengthen us for the ongoing renewal of the Church.

Rev. Richard B. Hilgartner
Executive Director
USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship" – *from the Foreword of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.*

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email
kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Decorations

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of our Christmas Poinsettias and decorations in memory of a loved one, envelopes are available in the vestibule. They are due no later than December 20 if you wish to be included in the printing.

Steamed Shrimp Dinner

There will be a Drive-Thru **STEAMED SHRIMP DINNER** sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council on December 11th from 4-7 or until sold out. Dinner includes: Steamed Shrimp, French Fries and Pancit. Cost is \$15.00. Cash or Check. Pre-orders are recommended by December 4th. Call Roland Demers at 301-904-3672 to place your order in advance.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

51st Annual KoC Maryland State Council Car Raffle
Knights from our own Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council 13091 will be selling tickets after each Sat & Sun Mass **on the first weekend of the month only** from October 2020 to March 2021. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, cash or check only. The drawing will take place on Sunday, March 21, 2021

GRAND PRIZE: 2021 Ford Mustang (or \$18,000 cash option)

2nd Prize: Apple iPad

3rd Prize: \$200 Gift Card

LOCAL NEWS

Breakfast with Santa

December 13, Sunday Breakfast with Santa, Drive-Thru (Carry-Out) Home-Made-Home-Style, 8am - 11am; Modified MENU: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Sausage Links, Hot Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, and Spiced Applesauce; COST: \$10/Breakfast; For more information, call 301-994-9999

Red Cross Blood Drive

December 14, A blood drive will be held on from 1:30pm - 6pm at the 2nd District Firehouse, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee, MD. For more information/schedule your life saving donation, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to download the blood donor app.

Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

Present date - December 20th, 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 receive 10% of bill for fundraiser). Call Robin for more information and teammate card at 301-737-4366 (H) or 240-577-0270 (C)

Stuffed Ham for Sale

Pre-Order your Stuffed Ham now for Christmas; (SOLD BY THE POUND - \$13/LB); Orders will be taken until the 18th of December. Contact Robin to pre-order: 301-737-4366 (H) or 240-577-0270 (C); Stuffed Ham Pick-up is Wed. Dec 23rd; Time 5pm - 7pm; Where: 2nd District VFD & RS, Company 6, 45245 Drayden Rd.; Valley Lee, MD 20692. **PRE ORDER EVENT ONLY. No orders after the 18th of December.**