

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.



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### 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@stgeorgerc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.org)

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL (pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online [www.littleflowercatholic.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

### **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:**

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. 29 | 9:00am  | Mary Anne Hammett         |
| Wed | Dec. 30 | 10:00am | Hieu Thi Cao              |
| Thu | Dec. 31 | 9:00am  | Joseph Earl "Fuzzy" Knott |
|     |         | 5:00pm  | Special Intention         |
| Fri | Jan. 1  | 10:00am | John Springer             |
| Sat | Jan. 2  | 9:00am  | Vocations                 |
|     |         | 5:00pm  | Linda Susan Slade         |
| Sun | Jan. 3  | 7:30am  | Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Paduana |
|     |         | 10:00am | Joe Browne                |
|     |         | 2:00pm  | Hieu Thi Cao              |

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

### Liturgical Feast Days

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| Mon, Dec. 28 | THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS   |
| Tue, Dec. 29 | Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. St. Thomas Becket <i>Bishop and Martyr</i> |
| Wed, Dec. 30 | Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord   |
| Thu, Dec. 31 | Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. St. Sylvester I, <i>Pope</i>             |
| Fri, Jan. 1  | SOLEMNITY OF MARY, <i>THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>  |
| Sat, Jan. 2  | ST. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, <i>BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH</i>                 |



### 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

**SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; COL 3:12-21; LK 2:22-40**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are a model for all families! And just as the Holy Family is holy, our families, too, are called to be holy. This may seem like a daunting task at times! Yet, as Christian stewards we know that this holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

Our First Reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches us about reverence and honor of the members of our family, particularly the elders. “My son, take care of your father when he is old... even if his mind fail, be considerate of him.” No matter our age, we are called to serve and honor our family members. Sometimes loving and serving those closest to us can be the hardest. But we have to remember that our families are a gift from God, and it is in serving them that we show our gratitude for this gift.

What more can we do to honor the blessing of family? St. Paul shares in our Second Reading a word of advice on how we can do just that. He calls us to put on “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” This is how we ought to treat our family — with the love, compassion and mercy that God gives to us. If God can see every thought in our mind and every action we commit, good and bad, and never change His love for us, can we not share that same love and mercy with our family members? God has been so generous to us, so let us “[give] thanks to God the Father” by being good stewards of His love and mercy in our homes, and to our family members both near and far.

Our Gospel today says a great deal about trust and surrender to our Lord — two trademark words of a steward. As the Holy Family brought the Infant Jesus to the temple, they encountered two key individuals, Simeon and Anna. Upon seeing the Infant, both praised the Lord, rejoiced in the coming of their Savior and prophesized about what was to come. It says, “the

child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him.” We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, through all this, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan. Thankfully, they did, because the fulfillment of this plan meant salvation for man!

Believe it or not, God has a plan for our lives, too. Oftentimes, we get in the way of what He has in store for us. Although our plan might be “good,” God’s plan is great and will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God’s voice.

As we celebrate this Christmas season with joy and gladness for our Savior, let us deepen our commitment to Him through the love and service we give our family members, and the trust and surrender we place in God to take care of us each day.



## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

| STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT  |  |  |  |
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| Offertory   |  |  |  |
| Reconciled  | <p>Due to printing deadlines, the financial report is unavailable.</p> |  |  |
| Maintenance   |  |  |  |
| Reconciled  |  |  |  |
| Poor Box  |  |  |  |
| Thanksgiving  |  |  |  |
| Misc. Donations   |  |  |  |
| Reconciled  |  |  |  |
| ADW Priest Ret.   |  |  |  |
| *E-Giving   |  |  |  |
| <p><i>**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month.</i></p> |  |  |  |

## LITURGICAL NEWS

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday, following daily Mass**

**Saturdays, following daily Mass.**

Mass Schedule for

**The Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**

Thursday, December 31: 5:00pm

Friday, January 1: 10:00am



## QUESTIONS OF FAITH

**In honor of the Solemnity of Mary, what are the Mysteries of the Rosary?**

“Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries : On Wednesdays and Sundays, we reflect on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

The five **Glorious** Mysteries are:

- **The Resurrection**, recalling Christ Jesus rising from the dead and defeating death and sin forever. (See Luke 24:1-12, Matthew 28:1-10)
- **The Ascension**, where the risen Jesus ascended into heaven to take His seat at the right hand of the Father. (See Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:6-12)
- **The Descent of the Holy Spirit**, which recounts Pentecost, where the Holy Spirit was sent to guide and strengthen believers for all time. (See Acts 2:1-13)
- **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**, reminding us of Mary’s special place in the plan of salvation and her Assumption into heaven, “a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.” (See the Catechism of the Catholic Church 966)
- **And the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, which assures us of Mary’s place in heaven where she is “exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.” (See Revelation 12:1, Catechism of the Catholic Church 966)

Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries: On Mondays and Saturdays, and on Sundays during the Advent and Christmas seasons, we meditate on the Joyful mysteries of the Rosary.

The five **Joyful** Mysteries are:

- **The Annunciation**, where the angel Gabriel tells the Virgin Mary that she has been chosen to bring the Son of God into the world. (See Luke 1:26-38)
- **The Visitation**, which recalls Mary’s visit to Elizabeth and John the Baptist leaping in his mother’s womb. (See Luke 1:39-45)
- **The Nativity**, recounting the events surrounding the birth of Christ Jesus. (See Luke 2:1-14)
- **The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**, where Simeon, as told to him by the Holy Spirit, was able to hold the Messiah in his arms and blessed the Holy Family. (See Luke 2:22-38)
- **And The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**, when twelve year old Jesus, after being “lost” by his

family for three days, was found in the temple teaching. (See Luke 2:41-52)

Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries: These focus on the public ministry of Jesus, and are said each Thursday.

The five **Luminous** Mysteries are:

- **The Baptism in the Jordan**, which recounts the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. (See Mark 1:4-11)
- **The Wedding at Cana**, where Jesus, at the prompting of His mother, performed His first public miracle, changing water into wine. (See John 2:1-11)
- **The Proclamation of the Kingdom**, which recalls the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and His proclaiming, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (See Mark 1:14-15)
- **The Transfiguration**, where Jesus goes up on Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John, converses with Moses and Elijah and is transfigured, revealing to them His glory. (See Luke 9:28-36)
- **And the Institution of the Eucharist**, reminding us of the greatest gift ever given to mankind, Jesus truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. (See Luke 22:14-27)

Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries: The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary are meditated upon on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The **Sorrowful** Mysteries are:

- **The Agony in the Garden**, where Jesus was in such agony that He sweat blood, yet found His disciples sleeping and asked them, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" (See Matthew 26:36-46)
- **The Scourging at the Pillar**, recalling the brutal lashing that Jesus took before He was handed over for crucifixion. (See Mark 15:6-15)
- **The Crowning with Thorns**, remembering the mocking of Jesus by the soldiers charged with crucifying Him. They put a crown of thorns on His head and, striking Him with a reed, cried,

"Hail, King of the Jews!" (See Matthew 27:27-31)

- **The Carrying of the Cross**, reflecting on how Jesus, just as He told us to do, carried His cross to the end. (See Luke 23:26-32)
- **And The Crucifixion**, recounting the fact that Jesus hung on the cross until He breathed his last, giving up His life for you. (See John 19:17-30)

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email  
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## 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

### Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 29<sup>th</sup> - January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org)