

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.



Second 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 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@stgeorgerrcc.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@stgeorgerrcc.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@stgeorgerrcc.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@stgeorgerrcc.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@stgeorgerrcc.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	Jan. 19	9:00am	Carl Guy
Wed	Jan. 20	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Thu	Jan. 21	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Fri	Jan. 22	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Sat	Jan. 23	9:00am	Betty Lou Stone
		5:00pm	Linda Slade
Sun	Jan. 24	7:30am	Frieda Wright
		10:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
		2:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Liturgical Feast Days

Wed, Jan. 20 St. Fabian, *Pope and Martyr*
St. Sebastian, *Martyr*

Thu, Jan. 21 ST. AGNES, *VIRGIN AND MARTYR*

Sat, Jan. 23 St. Vincent, *Deacon and Martyr*
St. Marianne Cope, *Virgin*



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

1 SM 3:3b-10, 19; PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 COR 6:13c-15a, 17-20; JN 1:35-42

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

Our First Reading from Samuel unfolds the relationship between Samuel and the Lord. Samuel, who is serving under the priest Eli, hears Eli call him while he is sleeping. Samuel goes to Eli, yet Eli is not the one who is calling him. This happens three times before Eli realizes it is the Lord who is calling Samuel. Eli encourages Samuel to respond next time with, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

If we put ourselves in Samuel's shoes, we can wonder how many times the Lord has spoken to us but did not recognize His voice. God's voice might already be present in the quiet of our hearts, in Scripture, or even in speaking through someone else. He speaks to us in various forms, but to recognize that it is Him, we must give Him a portion of our time by being still and listening to what He is calling us to do or not do.

We can also put ourselves in Eli's shoes, as Eli recognized it was the Lord speaking to Samuel, and he encouraged him to respond. Once Samuel responded to the Lord, "Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him." Without Eli, would Samuel have ever understood it was the Lord who was speaking? We can only hope! Thankfully, Eli was a good steward of his own wisdom and knowledge of the Lord.

Often, we find ourselves in circumstances where we could share our knowledge of the Lord. Yet, we hold back. We cannot allow opportunities to share our faith pass us. To be a disciple of Christ means we are a good steward of the knowledge that has been gifted to him or her by God, sharing it with others.

Our Gospel today bears witness to Jesus first disciples. The two that were with John were his

followers, which means they had heard of Jesus and believed in Him. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover. This title of Jesus reveals Him as Savior. Once they heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. They had to be with Him. Jesus turned to them and asked, "What are you looking for?" They responded with, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" Or "What do you seek?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, and God wants us to come to Him with everything — yet, as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus question in the same way the first disciples responded by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome. A disciple of Christ seeks the Kingdom of God first in his life.

Our story of Jesus first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother, Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced. This is a reminder for us. We are called to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and to share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others. A disciple of Christ is a good steward of the Good News.

Our journey as disciples of Christ is an ongoing adventure. To grow on this journey, we can seek first the Kingdom of God, listen to God's voice in our lives, and be good stewards of what He has gifted us. With that, the Lord will respond with, "Come, and you will see!"

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	1/10/2021 (Week 28 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$2,368.68	\$126,090.03	\$136,000.00
E-Giving	\$5,335.00		
Maintenance	\$395.00	\$17,155.00	\$17,066.68
E-Giving	\$515.00		
Poor Box	\$51.00	\$6,889.07	\$5,866.68
E-Giving	\$350.00		
Misc. Donations	\$130.00	\$61,796.86	\$32,000.00
E-Giving	\$600.00		
No National Collection this month.			
**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

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.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email
kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

1/10/2021: 9am 1st Penance Parent Mtg

PARISH NEWS

STEAMED SHRIMP DINNER

There will be a Drive-Thru **Steamed Shrimp Dinner sponsored** by our Knights of Columbus Council on Friday, January 22nd from 4-7 PM or until sold out. Dinner includes: Steamed Shrimp, French Fries and Pancit. Cost is \$15.00, Cash or Check. Pre-orders are recommended by January 21st. Call Roland Demers at 301-904-3672 to place your order in advance.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Begins this week!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!



JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



3 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Hantz)
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

January 26 6:30pm Officer's Planning Meeting

February 2 6:30pm Council Meeting

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

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

ADW YOUTH MINISTER NETWORK

The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting monthly online gatherings with youth ministers to develop a network of support and sharing of ideas and best practices. The gatherings are on the 4th Thursday of each month and offered during the day from 11:00-Noon and the evening from 6:30-7:30 to accommodate as many people as possible. If you would like more information or to register for these gatherings, please email phelpst@adw.org.

LOCAL NEWS

Encounter Grace

Ladies! Looking for way to connect with other women of faith in the area? **Encounter Grace** has 3 events scheduled between January and March that may be of interest to you! A workshop/retreat, an online Bible series and an in-person Bible series. All the details can be found on their website, WWW.ENCOUNTERGRACE.CO

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 29th - January 31st, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org

St. Aloysius SVDP Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Aloysius Church is seeking volunteers to help establish and support a monthly food distribution program for the community. There will be a meeting on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at 8:15 AM at St. Aloysius Church Parish Hall for anyone interested in assisting with this ministry.

Anyone interested but unable to attend should contact the Society at 301-481-2942 or email svdp@santalloysiuschurch.org.

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should "glorify God in your body" by avoiding immorality. What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

Gospel Reading

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, "What are you looking for?" In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus?



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

