

Established 1851

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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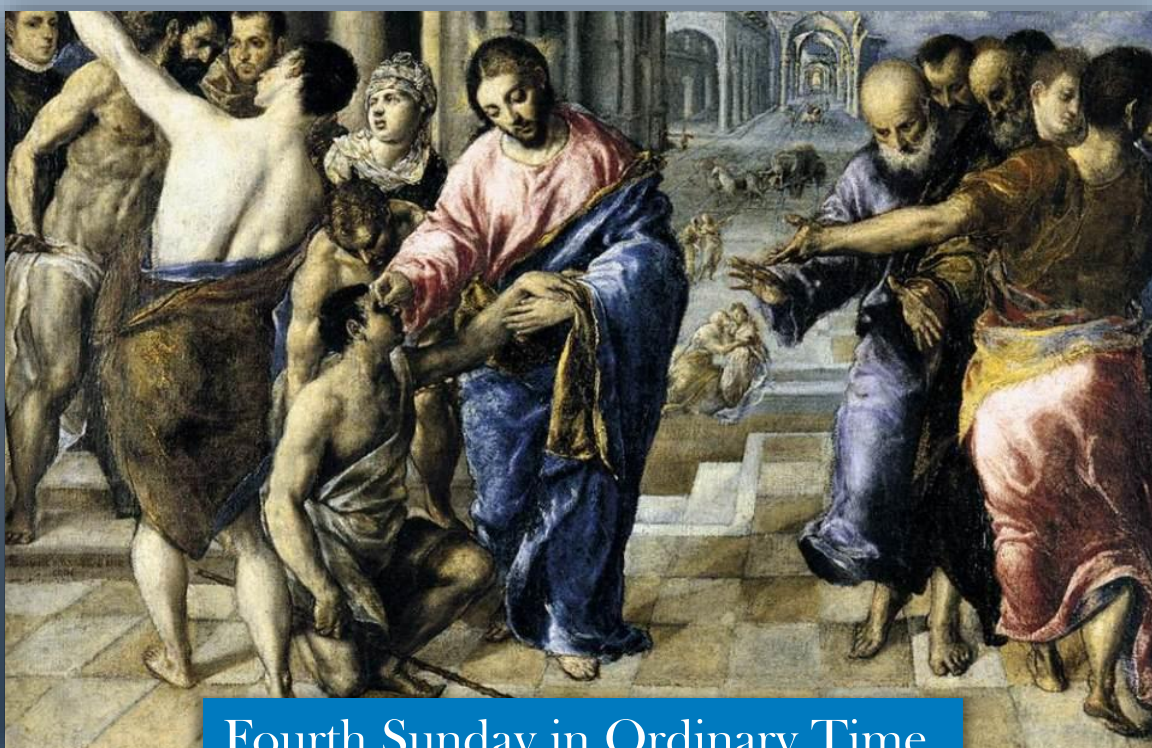


## WELCOME

*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.



## Fourth 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](mailto: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](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerrcc.com)

## 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@stgeorgerrcc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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	Feb. 2	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Wed	Feb. 3	9:00am	Betty Lou Stone
Thu	Feb. 4	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Fri	Feb. 5	9:00am	Fr. Paul Nguyen (B-Day)
Sat	Feb. 6	9:00am	Vocations
		5:00pm	Linda Slade
Sun	Feb. 7	7:30am	Dr. John Fenwick
		10:00am	Elizabeth Egeli
		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, Feb. 3      St. Blaise, *Bishop and Martyr*  
St. Ansgar, *Bishop*

Fri, Feb. 5      ST. AGATHA, *VIRGIN AND MARTYR*



### 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

**DT 18:15-20; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28**

Our readings today remind us of God's authority. If we willingly give God authority over our lives and trust in His provision, He will take care of us no matter what.

In our First Reading, Moses announces to the Israelites that God will send them another prophet through whom He will communicate His commands. Regarding the prophet, the Lord says, "Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle I have not commanded... he shall die."

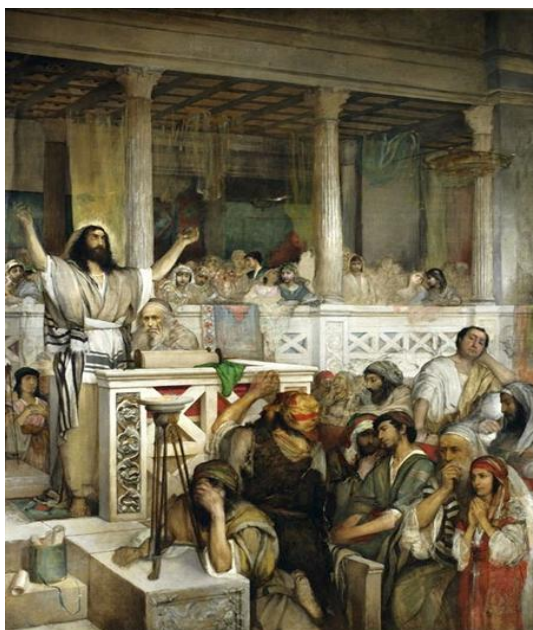
These are tough words to hear from our Lord, but they are a good reminder for us. We, too, will answer to the Lord one day as to how well we listened to His words and lived by His commands. The thought of our final judgment may cause us to cringe in fear. And while it is good to have a holy fear of being separated from God for all eternity, fear is not to be the motivating factor on our faith journey. As Christian stewards, it is our job to imitate Christ and follow His commands out of gratitude for all that He has given us. We are more willing to live by God's commands when we are motivated by love and gratitude.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul tells us how to give God authority over our lives. St. Paul was preaching to the people of Corinth regarding Christ's Second Coming. Because he thought the Second Coming was approaching fast, he encouraged them, if unmarried, to remain that way so they might fix their hearts on Christ with the time they have left. It might seem that St. Paul's message cannot apply to us in our present-day — however, what he said has great value to us. No matter our state of life — bishop, priest, deacon, religious, married, single — we are called to put Christ first in our lives and to strive to please Him in all that we do. We are inviting God to have authority over our lives when we make Him our top priority. As a result, we will be more prepared to meet Christ at His Second Coming, and we will have an overwhelming peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel today reminds us why we want to give God this authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ, when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.





## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	1/24/2021 (Week 29 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$2,648.00	\$134,169.88	\$144,500.00
E-Giving	\$2,575.00		
Maintenance	\$80.00	\$17,490.00	\$18,133.34
E-Giving	\$175.00		
Poor Box	\$190.00	\$7,079.07	\$6,233.34
E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$390.00	\$62,466.86	\$34,000.00
E-Giving	\$10.00		
No National Collection this month.			
**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.			

St. George Catholic  
Church Wish

Father Paul a Happy  
Birthday!



## 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.**

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email  
[kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

2/6/2021: 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Penance Retreat

## PARISH NEWS

## 2020 DONATION STATEMENTS

In the interest of being good stewards of our financial gifts, we do not send statements in the mail. You can request that we print a statement for you to pick up from our office, or we can email you a copy of your statement. If you wish to receive your statement via email, please send a request to: [accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org](mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org).

To retrieve your electronic statement:

1. Please visit the church website ([www.stgeorgerc.org](http://www.stgeorgerc.org)).
2. On the home page, scroll down to "Parish News".
3. Click the headline "How to Access Your 2020 Contribution Statement"
4. Follow the instructions to download your statement.

## JANUARY NEWS – FROM USCCB



JANUARY 31, 2021

## Catholic Schools Week

January 31- February 6

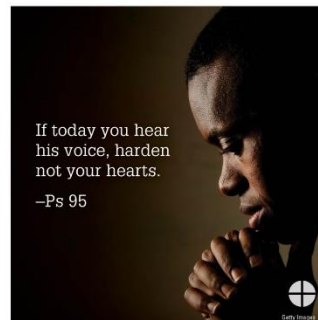
It's Catholic Schools Week! We're grateful for all of our wonderful teachers and students who contribute so much to the life of our parish.

## The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2021

"We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice." —Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light of the nations" and the "glory of Israel," but also "a sign that is spoken against." The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has "prepared in the presence of all peoples" (CCC, no. 529).



If today you hear  
his voice, harden  
not your hearts.

—Ps 95

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, cash or check only.

The Car Raffle ticket sales will happen again after the Masses on Feb 6th and 7th, but will now sell tickets until April and the drawing will be on Sat May 1st.

**GRAND PRIZE:** 2021 Ford Mustang (or \$18,000 cash option)  
**2nd Prize:** Apple iPad  
**3rd Prize:** \$200 Gift Card

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



### 2021 Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is *Seeking Christ* to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Though our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://WWW.ENCOUNTERGRACE.CO)

### Virtual Bake Auction Fundraiser

Pre-Valentine's Virtual Bake Auction **will include a Super Bowl Party Cooler for Auction (MUST BE 21 TO BID ON COOLER, viewing will start Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> after 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m., Go to: SDVFDRS Auxiliary Facebook Page to View and Bid, Winners will be posted online, Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> after 4:00 p.m., All WINNERS can pick-up their items on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District VFD & RS (AKA Company 6 / Valley Lee) address: 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692.; Cash or check accepted (Make checks payable to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. VFD & RS Aux.); For more info / to donate bake good for auction contact: Robin at 240-577-0270. Proceeds gained from this event are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District VFD & RS at Valley Lee to continue to provide emergency services to the community.**

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

