

Established 1851

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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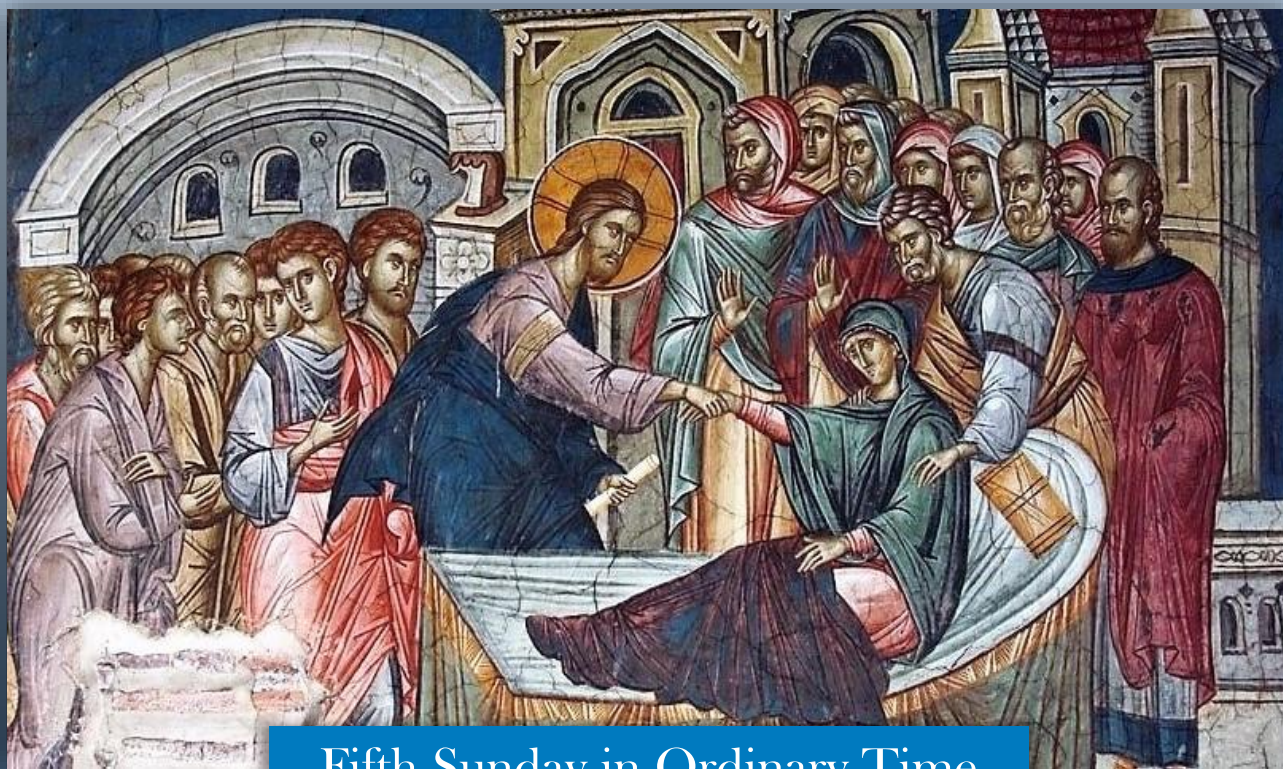


WELCOME

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.



Fifth 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@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 (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. 9	9:00am	Merriane Hackathorn
Wed	Feb. 10	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Thu	Feb. 11	9:00am	Ruth & George Hackathorn
Fri	Feb. 12	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Sat	Feb. 13	9:00am	Mary Lillian & Freeman Owens
		5:00pm	Linda Slade
Sun	Feb. 14	7:30am	Peter Heisey (L)
		10:00am	Robert "Bob" Bowes
		2:00pm	Rosa

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita, *Virgin*

Wed, Feb. 10 ST. SCHOLASTICA, *VIRGIN*

Thu, Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes



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

JB 7:1-4, 6-7; PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 COR 9-16, 22-23; MK 1:29-39

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. The world often encourages us to look inward — for ways that someone or something can better serve us. Countering this typical mindset, Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. And He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants. This is made evident in our Gospel today. Let us recall that as disciples of Christ, we are called to be imitators — to labor for our Father's mission by becoming a humble servant.

Healing people was a central part of Jesus' ministry. In today's Gospel, He heals Simon's mother-in-law from a fever, in addition to those who are diseased and possessed. Jesus was becoming well known from these miracles as Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did deserve all glory and honor — yet, He did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we too are called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate Christ — the Perfect Steward — Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. It does not need to be complex, but rather, very simple — to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us. When we intentionally live each moment for Christ, even the ordinary moments are made significant.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul exemplifies becoming a humble servant for Christ. He says, "I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak... All this I do for the sake of the gospel." He, like Christ, handed his life over to God in service to the

salvation of mankind. He has become an imitator of Christ. And he tells the people of Corinth, "If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast." This mission has been entrusted to him and it is by God that it is made possible.

And how might we live in awareness of our Father's mission? Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to "go on to the nearby villages" so that He might preach there too, He first "went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him so that He could perfectly accomplish His will. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord. We will also recognize that it is He Who gives us the strength as a steward — therefore, He should receive every ounce of gratitude.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? How can I make more time for You that I may better know your plans for me? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord."



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	1/31/2021 (Week 29 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$1,735.49	\$136,005.37	\$148,750.00
E-Giving	\$100.00		
Maintenance	----	\$17,490.00	\$18,666.65
E-Giving	----		
Poor Box	\$92.00	\$7,171.07	\$6,416.65
E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$700.00	\$63,166.86	\$35,000.00
E-Giving	----		
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.			

The altar flowers this weekend are offered by Hung & Ngoc Nguyen's family for those families with sick loved ones.



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

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.

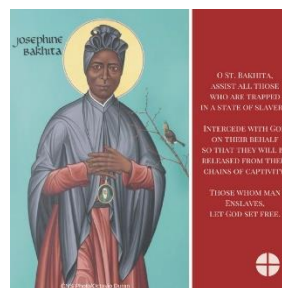
To retrieve your electronic statement:

1. Please visit the church website (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.

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated February 8th as an annual day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods.



February 8th is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted

her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

February 7 Carry Out Breakfast 8:30am – 11:30am

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. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at 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 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

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

