

Established 1851

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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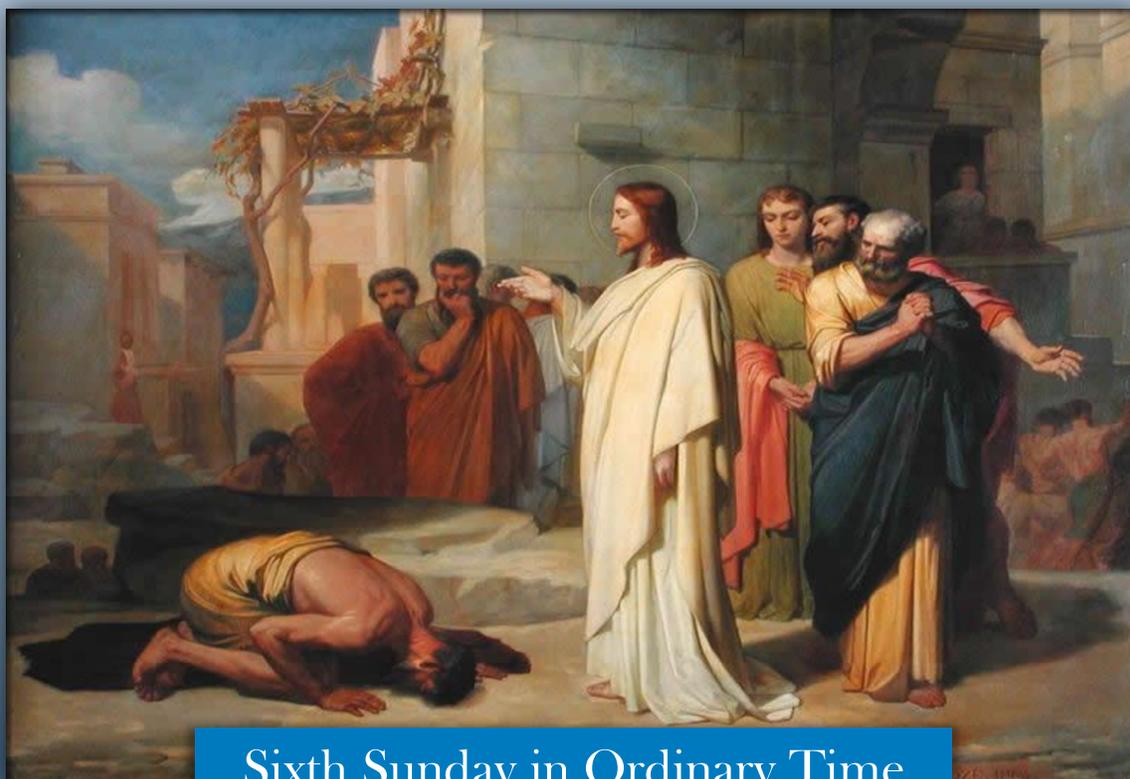


WELCOME

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.



Sixth 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. 16	9:00am	Nicole Heisey (L)
Wed	Feb. 17	9:00am	Melvin E. Smail
		7:00pm	Susan Carlson
Thu	Feb. 18	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Fri	Feb. 19	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Sat	Feb. 20	9:00am	John Re
		5:00pm	Imelda Hardy (L)
Sun	Feb. 21	7:30am	Charlie Springer
		10:00am	John Re
		2:00pm	Maria Tran Thi Ngoc Yen

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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



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

LV 13:1-2, 44-46; PS 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 COR 10:31-11:1; MK 1:40-45

Our readings today prepare us for the penitential season of Lent that we are about to enter. They call us to consider what our Lenten journey might be like — an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ.

Our First Reading and our Gospel are tied closely together. In the book of Leviticus, the Lord tells Moses and Aaron in regard to a person with leprosy that “As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean... He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” It was said that if a man had visible skin diseases, he would have to show himself to the priest who would declare him clean or unclean. If declared unclean, he would reside outside the community, separating himself from the rest.

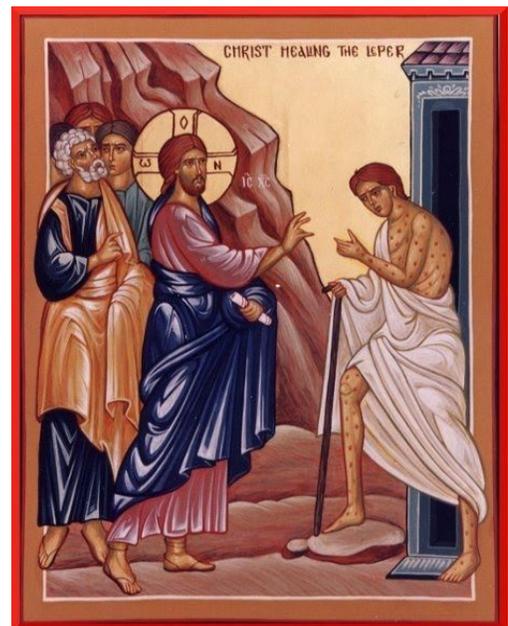
Now in our Gospel, a leper came to Jesus, knelt before Him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstated into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. We are filled with sores and wounds — namely, our sins. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of

reparation through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, who sacrificed His life for our sake. Let us commit to spending extra time with our Lord in prayer — He will purify the heart that has been wounded. Let us fast from something that competes for our attention or holds us back from our relationship with God. As we offer that sacrifice to the Lord, we will be filled with freedom and peace, and will be strengthened in the face of temptation. And let us give alms to God in thanksgiving for His gifts that He has poured out on us. It will remind us that everything we have is a gift from God — everything good comes from Him, and we want to share every aspect of our lives with Him.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent as an opportunity to be healed and cleansed. As we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week, reflect on the sores and wounds that we can bring to the Lord during this season. He is ready to stretch out His hand to heal us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	2/7/2021 (Week 32 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$10,665.00	\$146,670.37	\$154,062.50
E-Giving			
Maintenance	\$595.00	\$18,085.00	\$19,333.32
E-Giving	----		
Poor Box	\$161.00	\$7,332.07	\$6,645.82
E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$1,185.00	\$64,351.86	\$36,250.00
E-Giving	----		
Ch. in Dev. World	\$20.00	\$20.00	N/A
E-Giving			

***E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.*

Flowers on the altar are offered by Amy and Thomas Tran's family and are in memory of the deceased members of the Tran and the Mai families.



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.



Lent begins this week!

Ash Wednesday Masses:
9am & 7pm (live-streamed)

Stations of the Cross: Fridays @ 7pm (2/19 – 3/26)

Fasting: Fasting is a great spiritual discipline, one that can bear much fruit. For Catholics, there are only two days each year where fasting is required: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to observe

the fast. On fast days, one full meatless meal may be taken, and two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics over 14 years of age on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. Fasting is an ancient practice and very clearly taught in Scripture. In Matthew 6:16-18, Jesus tells His disciples, "When you fast..." and tells them not to be showy about it. And in Luke 9:23, Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Fasting is simply a way of denying ourselves. In fasting, we imitate Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the desert before beginning His public ministry. It is meant to bring our hearts and minds closer to God. When we feel those pangs of hunger, we turn to God in prayer and ask for the strength to carry on. And we offer up our small sufferings to unite with the sufferings of Christ. For further study: Matthew 4:1-11 • Matthew 6:16-18 CCC 538-540 • CCC 1434, 1438

-excerpted from A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ by Gus Lloyd

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email

kim.browne@stgeorgecc.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.stgeorgecc.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.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Drive through the circle at the Community Center for your fish dinner this Lent starting on Feb 19th from 4:30 - 6:30 PM and every Friday until March 26! Get yours before Stations of the Cross.

Vocations Tree

Parishioners may choose a seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during Lent. Cards will be displayed on the *Vocations Tree* in the vestibule. Each card has a name of a seminarian, along with his photo, biography information, and a suggested prayer. Parishioners who are not able to come to church in person may participate by going online to <https://dcpriest.org/vocations-tree-project-1> or www.saintjohnneumann.org/vocations-tree, choose the name of the seminarian they wish to pray for, and download and print a prayer card for him on their home computer.

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**. 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

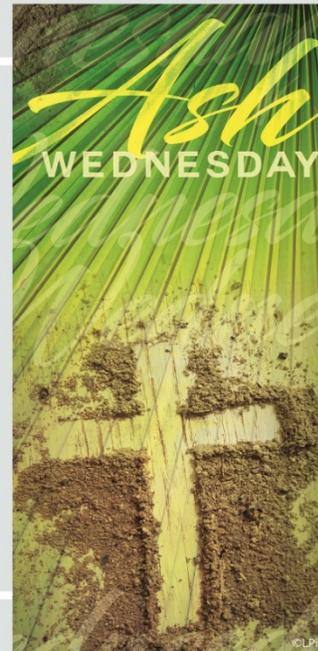
ADW YOUTH MINISTER NETWORK

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



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

SECOND READING

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

GOSPEL READING

The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so?

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

