

Established 1851

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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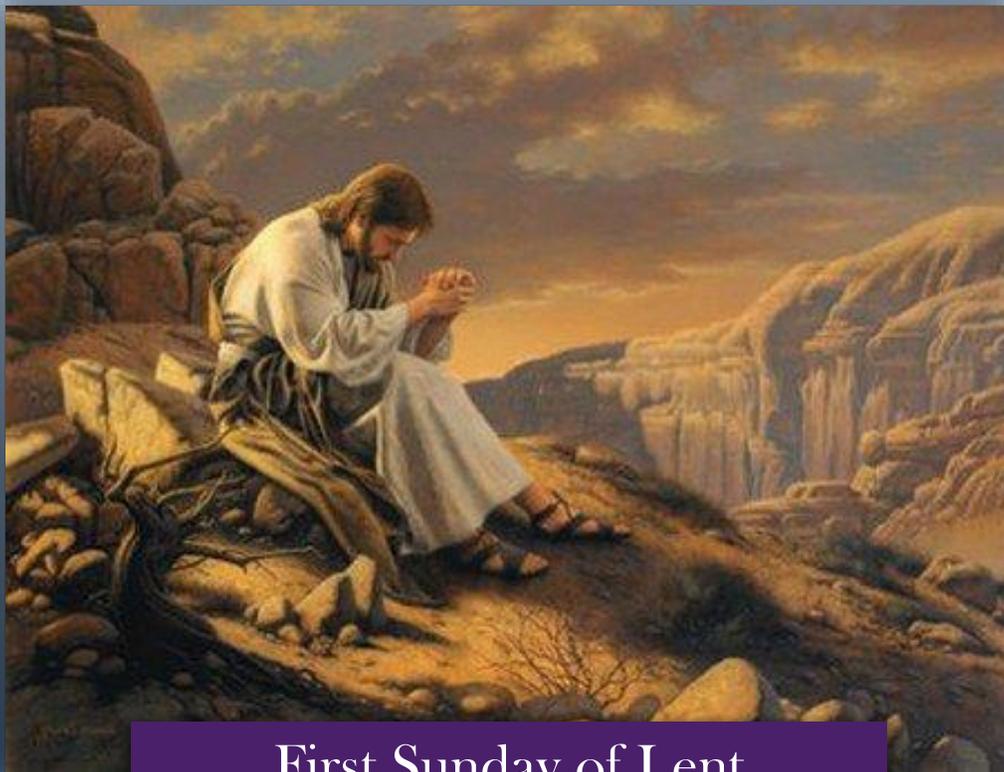


WELCOME

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.



First Sunday of Lent

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. 23	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Wed	Feb. 24	9:00am	Julius Owens
Thu	Feb. 25	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Fri	Feb. 26	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Sat	Feb. 27	9:00am	Linda Susan Slade
		5:00pm	Linda Susan Slade
Sun	Feb. 28	7:30am	Ethel Taylor
		10:00am	Howard Britton, Sr.
		2:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Feb. 22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Tue, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp, *Bishop 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

GN 9:8-15; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 PT 3:18-22; MK 1:12-15

As we celebrate our first Sunday of Lent, our readings today remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on the glorious Easter morning.

Many times throughout Scripture, God presents great blessings after 40 days of purification. We see an example of this in our First Reading from Genesis. In the story of Noah and the flood, Noah preserves his family and animals on an ark for 40 days and 40 nights. There is no doubt that this journey was filled with a great deal of sacrifice and prayer as those days dragged on and the earth was swallowed up by waters. Yet, after that time of trial, Noah and his family received a covenant from the Lord. God says, "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you... that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood." And the sign of this covenant between God and man is a rainbow, "When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between men and you and all living beings." Without the 40-day journey in the ark, Noah would not have been able to receive this covenant with a grateful heart. God presents great blessings to those who are prepared to receive them.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the many blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death and resurrection. He proclaims, "Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." These are the many blessings God has shared with us through the gift of His Son.

In order to more readily receive the blessings from Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are called endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel

from St. Mark, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified. But it was necessary for Him to go into the desert to endure temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experience temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin. Once He was finished, He began proclaiming the Gospel, saying, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." The Good News of Jesus Christ was announced.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. If we willingly choose to spend this Lent like Jesus, we will be ready to receive the glorious gift of Himself and partake in the riches that pour forth from that Gift.

Let us strive to purify our hearts for the remainder of these 40 days so that we might be ready to receive all that God plans to bless us with on Easter.



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	2/14/2021 (Week 33 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$3,236.00	\$154,629.37	\$159,375.00
E-Giving	\$4,723.00		
Maintenance	\$555.00	\$19,275.00	\$19,999.99
E-Giving	\$635.00		
Poor Box	\$190.00	\$7,827.07	\$6,874.99
E-Giving	\$350.00		
Misc. Donations	\$956.73	\$65,833.59	\$37,500.00
E-Giving	\$525.00		
Ch. in Dev. World	\$25.00	\$45.00	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.*

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

Confessions: Saturday: 9:45-10:45am and

4:00pm-4:30pm (*Or by*

appointment; heard outside on office porch until further notice.)

Holy Hour (*w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction*): **Tuesday – Friday: 5 pm**

1st Friday, following daily Mass

Saturdays, following daily Mass.



Lent has begun!

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

Confessions during Lent can be heard on Sundays after the 7:30am Mass.

Confession to a Priest: The Church says that confessing serious sins to a priest in the Sacrament of Penance must be done “at least once a year.” (CCC 1457) Many people ask the question, “Why do I need to confess my sins to a priest? Why can’t I just go directly to Jesus?” The answer is simple. In the Sacrament of Penance, we do go directly to Jesus!

You see, in the Sacrament of Penance (also called Confession or Reconciliation), the priest is acting “in persona Christi.” This is a Latin phrase that means “in the person of Christ.” This means that Christ is truly present in the sacrament in the person of the priest. The priest is conformed in a special way to Christ through the sacrament of Holy Orders. Thus, only a priest can hear confessions and offer absolution. Many parishes will have Penance services during Lent and Advent. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 1482) says this: “Here, the personal confession of sins and individual absolution are inserted into a liturgy of the word of God with readings and a homily, an examination of conscience conducted in common, and communal request for forgiveness, the Our Father and a thanksgiving in common.” Know that these Penance services do not offer general absolution. Individual confession is still required. While general absolution can be administered in very rare cases, the Catechism (paragraph 1484) says, “Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession. Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church.” For further study: CCC 1422-1498

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

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email

kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.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.stgeorgercc.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

LOCAL NEWS**Ignatian Weekend Retreat Schedule*****We Journey in Hope***

February 26-28 (Men) • March 5-7 (Men)

March 12-14 (Women) • March 19-21 (Men)

April 9-11 (Women) • April 16-18 (Men and Women)

April 23-25 (Spanish-Men and Women)

Fee: \$245, \$195 for first time retreatants or young adults (35 and younger)

To Register go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

For more information-contact

alice.case@loyolaretreat.org or call

Alice Case (301)-392-0819

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**

ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department **ANNUAL SPRING DINNER** Saturday March 6th 2-5 pm (or until sold out) **CARRY-OUT ONLY** \$26.00/per person pick up in the Social Hall. *Menu:* Fried Oysters, Stuffed Ham, Chicken Salad, Parsley Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll. Stuffed Ham by the pound \$13.00/lb. Bake Sale: ATM on site. Any questions contact Elaine Quade 301-373-2695

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Our parish will conduct Lenten Food Drives after masses February 20/21 and March 20/21 to support food distribution at Saint Aloysius who is establishing a monthly food distribution to our community. Distribution packages will include non-perishable items. Donation items include: oatmeal, spaghetti noodles/sauce, crackers, canned (vegetables, meat, fish, stew, soup, fruit), apple sauce, peanut butter & jelly and rice. Tubs will be in the vestibule for contributions. Please contact Rosemary Fann 301-577-0733 if you have questions. Thank you in advance.