

St. George Catholic Church

Established 1851



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY JUNE 13, 2021

COVENANT

“This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”

MATTHEW 14:24

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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.

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

10:30am

1:00pm (in Vietnamese)

St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (on St. George's Island)

Saturday — 7:00pm *After 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**

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

19199 St. George's Church Rd.
Valley Lee, Maryland 20692

Phone: 301-994-0607
Fax: 301-994-1793

Website: www.StGeorgeRCC.org
Email: secretary@stgeorgerrcc.org

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) meets in the Community Center 9:00-10:15 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 11:00am-12:30pm 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 is taking a break for the Summer. We are looking for teen leaders and Youth Group Coordinator for the coming Fall. Please call the office or speak to Father Paul for more information: 301-994-0607 or email fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made in advance with Deacon Joel Carpenter by at least one parent for children under the age of seven. A Baptismal preparation class is required for 1st time parents.

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:

1st Friday 9:45am-10:30am, Saturday 9:45am-10:30am & 4:00pm-4:45pm, 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 the Sacrament of anointing of the sick and Holy Communion.

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	Jun. 15	9:00am	Robena Keatley
Wed	Jun. 16	9:00am	Linda Slade
Thu	Jun. 17	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Fri	Jun. 18	9:00am	Rose Marie Bean
Sat	Jun. 19	9:00am	Felix Tuazon (L)
		5:00pm	All Fathers & Godfathers
		7:00pm	All Fathers & Godfathers
Sun	Jun. 20	7:30am	All Fathers & Godfathers
		10:30am	All Fathers & Godfathers
		1:00pm	All Fathers & Godfathers

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Sat, Jun. 19

St. Romuald, Abbot

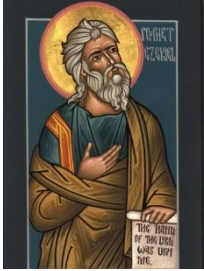


Remember in our Prayers

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

[EZ 17:22-24](#); [PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16](#); [2 COR 5:6-10](#); [MK 4:26-34](#)



As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance.

In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it... And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree."

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "This is the way I want it." We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it. We are "in control."

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done — but, oh, how freeing it would be.

What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"? What if we allowed God to be our problem solver or trusted in His plans for our lives? What if, instead of pushing away suffering, we actually resided in it with Christ Himself?

We would become free from attachment and more blessed than we could ever imagine.

Only God can do all that He promised in our First Reading. We need Him. All we need to do is surrender. To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender, "Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family and friends."

Our Second Reading reminds us that we are not at home in this life, but in the next, as St. Paul says, "We would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord." This message is easy to say, but difficult to believe with our whole heart. We might look at our lives and think, "I like my home, I love my family and friends, and I enjoy the little comforts in my life. I don't want to give that up."

Eternal life will surpass anything we could ever imagine and hope for. It will fulfill our deepest desires and aching hearts, and we will be filled with lasting peace and pure joy. If we only knew how incredible our heaven is, then we would give God everything to get there. But as St. Paul reminds us, it is not something we can see — "We walk by faith, not by sight." We are called to have eyes of faith and hearts of trust. Pray for the grace to have overwhelming faith.

In our Gospel, Jesus expresses two parables about the Kingdom of God. The first mentions a man scattering seed on the land. As time passes, the seed sprouts and grows — yet, the man does not know how it happened.

This parable reminds us of our call to scatter seeds of faith to others. Over time, God will work with those seeds and produce fruit. It is not our doing, but God's doing. We need Him to produce the effects — all we can do is be good stewards of the knowledge and love for our faith.

We must ask ourselves, what are the ways I am scattering seeds of faith to others?

There are countless ways to do just that — teaching a faith formation class, leading RCIA or a Bible Study; reading saint stories or discussing the Sunday readings with your kids; praying with your spouse; openly discussing your faith with those around you, both Catholics and non-Catholics; actively living out your faith through service, prayer and sacraments. God will not only produce fruit from the seeds you scattered by your witness, but He will also grow more fruit in your life.

Jesus' second parable relates the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. It is one of the tiniest seeds, that grows rapidly into a field of weeds. However, in the parable, Jesus compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into the largest of plants.

The beginnings of the Kingdom started out small, but have grown and continue to grow into something grand. This seems unlikely, since Jesus is comparing it to a mustard seed, but we have to recognize that He is describing the Kingdom of God — something that is out of this world and beyond what we can imagine.

As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	June 6, 2021 (Week 49 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$3,934.75	\$217,052.22	\$238,062.50
Misc	\$100.00		
Maintenance	\$741.00	\$26,346.00	\$30,000.00
E-Giving	----		
Poor Box	\$297.00	\$12,429.07	\$10,312.50
E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$3,060.00	\$99,979.38	\$56,250.00
Misc	\$70.70		
Peter's Pence	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.*

LITURGICAL NEWS

Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5 pm**Saturday: 7pm** (SFX Chapel)**Sunday: 7:30 am****Sunday: 10:30 am** (Live-streamed

to YouTube, Communion available in parking lot.)

Sunday: 1 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****The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Catholic Church has a long history of helping couples to prepare for marriage. It has learned a great deal that can benefit any couple, regardless of religion.

Because the Catholic Church wants couples to form strong, lasting marriages, couples who wish to marry in the Catholic Church are asked to:

- Contact and meet with your parish priest as soon as you are engaged.
- Take at least six months to intensively prepare for your marriage. This goes beyond choosing a date and church, reserving a place for the reception, and picking out dresses. It means using this time to delve more deeply into your relationship and approach this momentous day with prayer and reflection.
- Attend an approved marriage preparation program. There are many different formats for marriage preparation programs ranging from intensive weekends, to a weekly series, to “in home” mentor couple programs. Check out the most common national programs here. To find what programs are available near you, contact your diocesan family life office. Catholic marriage preparation programs are usually presented by a team of lay married couples and a priest or deacon. They are not restricted to Catholics, but they are always in keeping with Church teaching.
- Most dioceses ask couples to take a marriage preparation inventory (such as FOCCUS, PMI, or PREPARE). These are not “tests” to determine whether you can get married in the Church, but rather discussion starters to assess what issues you already agree on and what you might need to discuss further.

FOR YOUR
MARRIAGE

Marriage is a vocation to holiness. Whether you are just starting out in marriage or have fifty years under your belt, the advice, real life stories, and Church teaching here can help strengthen and bless your marriage. Explore resources from For Your Marriage! <https://www.foryourmarriage.org>

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

St. George Vacation Bible School**St. George Vacation Bible School**

ROCKY RAILWAY - Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

July 26 - 30, 9:00am-12:00pm

Registration: vbspro.events/p/stgeorgerc21

or after 7:30 and 10:30 Mass in the church vestibule

Fee: \$27 paid online, \$25 paid in person

Scholarships Available

VBS DONATIONS

Choose an item from the VBS Display in the vestibule and return by July 12.

Thank you for helping us gather supplies!

VBS Work Days: Come help us create a Rocky Railway

All Welcome! Service hours awarded

Sundays beginning June 13, 11:30am-1:30pm

For information, email

kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.org

PARISH NEWS**We invite you to join us!**

THE GREAT ADVENTURE...our up-coming Bible Study of The Book of Psalms. The Great Adventure Series is "specifically designed so that anyone can make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. At the core of **THE GREAT ADVENTURE** is the concept that there is a story running through the 73 books of the Bible that ties all of Scripture together and makes sense not just of the Bible, but of our lives as well." This 11-week course will be offered on Friday mornings at 10:00AM (except 1st Fridays when class starts at 10:45) and Sundays at 9:00AM starting **June 4th** and **6th**. Each class will consist of home preparation, small group discussion, video presentations and review. We hope you will consider joining us in our continual journey as we fellowship, share refreshments and grow in our understanding of God's Word. For more information, contact;

*Friday Class: Joyce Blackwell, 856-842-2667
joyway4@gmail.com*

*Sunday Class: Dave Reumont, 240-338-1672
reumontcpa@aol.com*

Quilts of Valor Sew-In

The Pax Sound of Freedom will hold their Quilts of Valor Sew-In on Saturday, **June 12th**, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Community Center. Anyone can come to learn to sew or how to piece together a quilt. If you are interested in learning how to sew, they can provide instructions and teach you how to make a quilt. They will provide fabric and all the proper tools to use.

STEAMED SHRIMP DINNER

There will be a Drive-Thru Steamed Shrimp Dinner in front of the community center sponsored by Fr. DeRose Council on Friday, **June 18th** from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Or until sold out. Dinner includes: Steamed Shrimp, French Fries, Pancit. Cost is \$15, cash or check. Pre-orders are recommended by calling Chris at 301-904-6209 or Jim at 240-925-4242.

SAVE THE DATE - CHAPEL CLEANUP

Cleanup of the grounds and cemeteries outside St. Francis Xavier Chapel on St. George Island is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, **June 26th**, from 10:00 AM to Noon. Weeding, adding mulch and power washing are on the agenda if a water supply can be arranged. More to follow as the date draws near.

LOCAL NEWS**Annual June Drive-Thru Dinner at Sacred Heart Church**

Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood is hosting their Annual June Drive-Thru Dinner on Sunday, **June 27th**, from 11am until the food is gone. Menu includes: Fried Chicken, Crab Cakes, Country Ham, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Beets and Rolls. Carry-outs are \$28, Cash or check only. We will have a bake table outside. 23080 Maddox Rd. Bushwood, MD 20618

NEWS FROM ARCHDIOCESE**Lifting the General Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass**

The Archdiocese of Washington, give thanks to Almighty God for the progress our country has made in curbing the coronavirus pandemic. The average number of new cases of COVID-19 continues to decline due to the many places in our region are enjoying a return to some sense of normalcy. Therefore, we are lifting dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation and reinstating that obligation beginning on Saturday, June 26, 2021 and Sunday, June 27, 2021. We welcome and encourage the Faithful to return to full in-person participation of the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions.