

St. George Catholic Church

Established 1851



SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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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@stgeorgerc.org

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.com

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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgerrc.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@stgeorgerrc.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. 22	9:00am	John Hodges
Wed	Jun. 23	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Thu	Jun. 24	9:00am	Brent Robrecht
Fri	Jun. 25	9:00am	Rose Marie Bean
Sat	Jun. 26	9:00am	Deacon Joel Carpenter 11 th Anniversary
		5:00pm	Joseph “Fuzzy” Knott
		7:00pm	Anna Nguyen
Sun	Jun. 27	7:30am	Robena Keatley
		10:30am	John Springer
		1:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, Jun. 21	ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, <i>RELIGIOUS</i>
Tue, Jun. 22	St. Paulinus of Nola, <i>Bishop</i> Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, <i>Martyrs</i>
Thu, Jun. 24	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



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 38:1, 8-11; PS 107:23-24, 24-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 COR 5:14-17; MK 4:35-41

Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests in mind. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us.

Our First Reading is from the end of the book of Job. The book of Job is an incredible story of God allowing trial and suffering to occur in Job's life. The devil thinks that the only reason Job is faithful to God is because the Lord has blessed him with wealth, family, etc. God knows that Job is a faithful man and will not turn away from Him despite hardships. So, the Lord allows destruction in Job's life.

Let's think for a moment what it was like to be Job. He lost all that he had, including his children. He must have felt completely alone and confused as to why all of this happened to him.

During his trials, Job laments and wallows, but never completely loses faith in God. Our First Reading finds us at the end of his trials. After questioning God, the Lord responds to Job, "Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb... When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but not farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!"

Finally, the Lord responded to his questioning heart. God essentially responds by reminding Job to have faith in His power.

It is the Lord who has the power to create, power to allow suffering, and the power to calm the storms of life. It is in this response that we are reminded God is in control and God is always with us. He sees us in every moment, whether we are rejoicing or suffering.

This is re-echoed in our Gospel today. Jesus and His disciples are traveling in a boat when heavy winds and violent waves begin to overwhelm the boat. Jesus was there sleeping in the boat in the midst of this horrific storm.

The disciples woke Jesus and questioned Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus calms the wind and the waves, and then asks them in return, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

Think back to a time that you endured great suffering, a hard trial or felt overwhelmed with life. You might be living it right now.

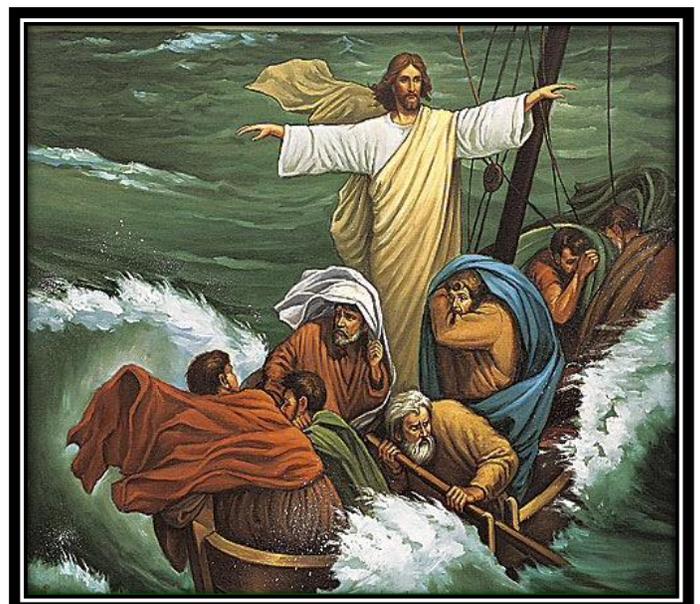
How did you respond?

In moments of trial, we often live our days in a panic. It is as if our life is like the life of those disciples. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We aimlessly try to throw the water overboard, and we become exhausted because it is thrown right back into our face. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it might feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with us.

Our First Reading and Gospel remind us that God won't allow anything that we cannot handle. He sees the whole picture. We can only see the right now. And in a moment of suffering, we might feel trapped. Yet, God sees the way out. He sees the moment of peace and still waters.

Therefore, during our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whether we see the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation.

Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	June 13, 2021 (Week 50 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$2,445.62	\$224,340.84	\$242,375.00
Misc	\$4,834.00		
Maintenance	\$210.00	\$27,191.00	\$30,666.67
E-Giving	\$635.00		
Poor Box	\$129.00	\$12,908.07	\$10,541.67
E-Giving	\$350.00		
Misc. Donations	\$784.00	\$101,393.38	\$57,500.00
Misc	\$630.00		
Peter's Pence	----	\$210.00	N/A
E-Giving	\$210.00		

***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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy Father's Day!

On Father's Day weekend, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph. As we celebrate the gift of fathers and honor St. Joseph, we also recognize that Father's Day can be a difficult holiday for many. We hope this spiritual bouquet

provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions brought to your heart by the occasion.

Today is World Refugee Day

Today, we pause and remember the 25 million people who have had to flee their countries in search of safety for their families. According to the 1951 Refugee Convention, a refugee is one who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country." The Catholic Church has for decades taken seriously the plight of these vulnerable refugees and through advocacy, education efforts, and service provision sought to provide increased protections for them. Visit www.Justiceforimmigrants.org to learn how you can assist the Church in this effort.



Religious Freedom Week Begins June 22



All people desire to enjoy communion with God, and this desire gives rise to the search for religious truth and finds expression in the formation of religious culture. Even people who claim no religious affiliation cannot help but need ritual, belonging, and truth. Why?

Because we all long to know and love the One in whose image we are made. "For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him."

The Church's promotion of religious freedom expresses her solidarity with all people who seek the good and hope for fulfillment in the truth. As Pope Francis teaches:

Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile (Fratelli tutti, 55).

Join us throughout the week as we pray, reflect, and take-action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

St. George Vacation Bible School

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ROCKY RAILWAY - Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through
July 26 - 30, 9:00am-12:00pm

Registration: vbspro.events/p/stgeorgegcc21
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@stgeorgerc.org

PARISH NEWS



*FURTHER DETAILS FORTHCOMING St. George Catholic Church, Valley Lee, MD

SAVE THE DATE - CHAPEL CLEANUP (POSTPONED)

The cleanup of St. Francis Xavier Chapel on St. George Island for June 26th has been postponed. If you know of anyone having the capability to supply a water source to power wash the exterior of the chapel, please contact Chris at 301-904-6209 or Jim at 240-925-4242 (leave message). We will revisit this endeavor at a later date.

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

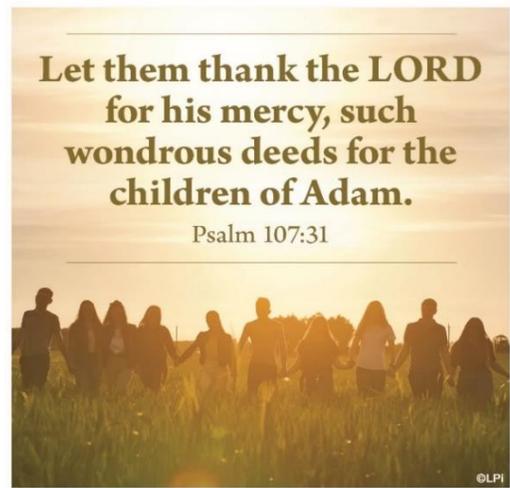
Pulled Pork BBQ Drive-Thru Dinner (Carry Out Only)

On Saturday, **June 26th**, the 2nd district Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad (aka Company 6/Valley Lee) located at 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692 will be hosting their Pulled Pork BBQ Drive-Thru Dinner (Carry Out Only). Menu: Pork BBQ, Cole-Slaw, Baked Beans and Roll. Cost: \$12 a dinner. Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm.

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.



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