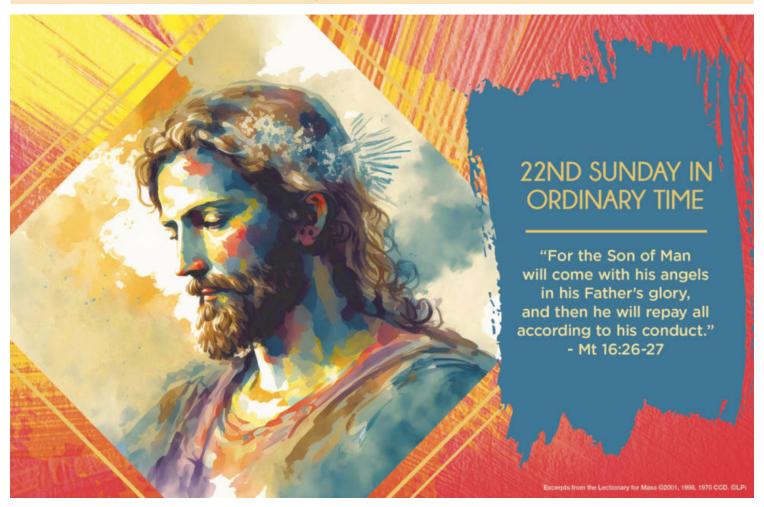


ST.GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:15am Mass Tuesday: 6:15am Mass

12:00pm Mass

Wednesday: 6:15am Mass

12:00pm Mass

Thursday: 6:15am Mass Friday: 6:15am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm Mass

6:00pm Spanish Mass

Sunday: 7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass LIVESTREAM

11:30am Mass 6:00pm Mass

OUR MISSION

St. George Catholic Church Parish is an open loving parish community united by our faith in Jesus Christ. Located within the Diocese of Baton Rouge, we are closely bound to our diocesan family and the universal Roman Catholic Church. Our prayerful liturgies are community celebrations shaped by a tradition of over one hundred years of Eucharistic worship on this site. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to use our gifts to express our praise, love, and thanksgiving to God. We challenge and support one another in humbly living the gospel message and serving the common good as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

September 3, 2023

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A number of years ago, contractors were cleaning up after painting our parish hall in Donaldsonville. I asked them to rehang the large crucifix back above the entrance. One of the contractors, who used to be Catholic but attends a Baptist church, said, "Fr. Paul, I still hang a crucifix in my house, but the church I'm attending says that we should not hang a crucifix. They explained that Christians serve a Risen Christ, not a bloody, suffering victim, as seen on Catholic crucifixes. Can you explain why we hang a crucifix instead of a cross?"

A 4 year old attending Mass for the first time with his Maw Maw turned to her and asked. "Maw Maw, who is that man? Why is he on that thing? He looks scary." The child had his first encounter with crucifixion, a cruel and horrible method that Romans devised to execute criminals. So naturally, any person seeing a crucifix for the first time would likely react negatively. We hear a similar reaction in Peter in today's Gospel. Peter did not understand what Jesus was about to do as he entered Jerusalem. Jesus, peering ahead with prophetic vision, foresaw a chain of events that would cause him to suffer greatly and ultimately be killed on the cross. The disciples were shocked by what Jesus had revealed to them, and even though Jesus mentioned being raised from the dead on the third day, they did not understand. Peter would have none of this talk about doom and gloom awaiting Jesus as he said, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." Peter's words were not a result of spiritual discernment; instead, Peter yielded to human dislike for suffering. Then, Peter was struck by thunderous words from Jesus, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an

obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Once, I visited a parishioner at a hospital room in the newly-built section of Our Lady of the Lake. On the wall of the hospital room hung prominently a crucifix. I wondered what the patient was thinking as she looked at the crucifix. Have you done that recently, to sit and meditate looking at the crucifix? Who is Jesus for me? Who put Jesus there on the cross? Why did he choose to suffer, and what does his suffering mean for me? What is he inviting me to?

When we pray with a crucifix, we receive a special invitation from Jesus. First, Jesus invites us to reflect on our own life; he reminds us of the seriousness and consequences of our sinsconsequences which he willingly took on by carrying the cross and sacrificing himself on it. Yet he did this for us because he considers us an intimate friend whom he loves so much. We

know from St John's Gospel that on the night Jesus was to be arrested and taken away to be crucified he said to his disciples, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) So clearly, we need to read into this passage Jesus' sacrifice -- his love for his disciples, and indeed all of humanity, for which he was willing to lay down his life.

Second invitation: The crucifix inspires us to bear our suffering patiently. Heavenly Father chose suffering for His Son from His birth to His death, and Jesus reminded us that the servant is not

above the master. If He, as God-Man, had to suffer to enter into His Glory, then we too must suffer to prepare ourselves for our glory. The sufferings of this life not only make our temperament more like the Divine Personality of Jesus but detach us from the things of this world. This Divine preparation opens our souls to the working and pruning of the Father.

Third invitation: The crucifix shows us the model of true love. Crucifix doesn't hide the reality that love is sometimes painful, for true love requires forgiveness. St. John Vianney instructs us, "O what inspiration there is in the Crucifix! Who could find it hard to persevere at the sight of a God who never commands us to do anything which he has not first practiced himself?" If Jesus cried out from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do," are we not also invited to do the same, to forgive those who did not know what they were doing as they hurt us?

These invitations are a few reasons why we place a crucifix and not a plain cross in the center of our faith life. Pope Pius XI explained,

"A plain cross has no blood and no nail holes - it has no trace of suffering - yet It was the love of a suffering God that saved the world. When a cross is plain, we are deprived of seeing this truth...we are deprived of being reminded of how much God loves us and how He has proved his love...we are deprived of the comforts of seeing this, and we may turn in towards ourselves rather than to our Crucified Lord."

Jesus made this invitation to love in today's Gospel, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." We follow Christ on the cross to get to the resurrected Christ. The crucifix is a reminder that it alone is the way of life that brings us ultimate happiness. It reminds us that the path to resurrection requires us to love as he loved.



WORSHIPING TOGETHER

September 3, 2023

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03

9:30am | RCIA Dismissal, Ch Mtg Rm 9:30am | Adult Faith Formation, Ch Off Conf Rm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 04

No events scheduled. Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05

10:00am | Scripture Study, KAC 6:00pm | Council of Ministers, Ch Off Conf Rm 6:00pm | Men's Club, Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06

6:30pm | Choir, Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 07

7:00am | Adoration, Chapel 9:30am | Prayer Blanket, KAC 5:30pm | Marian Servants, KAC 6:00pm | Ushers, KAC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 08

5:45am | That Man Is You!, KAC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

6:00am | Adoration, Chapel

THE CHURCH PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPT. 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

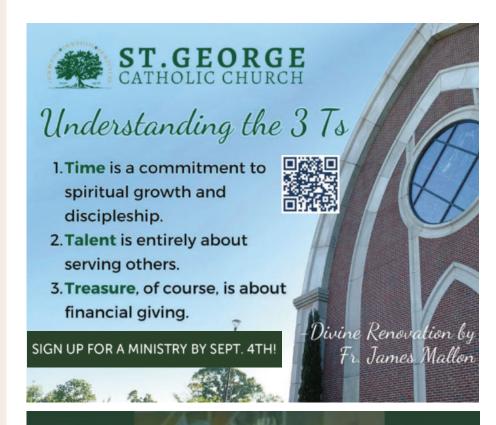


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If you feel called to commit to a scheduled hour of adoration at St. George Catholic Church, please sign up using the QR code.

A weekly commitment is not necessary to sign up for Adoration. We invite all who wish to experience this powerful space for prayer to join us in adoring the Eucharist.





WORSHIPING TOGETHER

September 3, 2023

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 09/03

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b) Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

MONDAY, 09/04

Labor Day

1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY, 09/05

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, 09/06

Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY, 09/07

Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY, 09/08

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

SATURDAY, 09/09

St. Peter Claver

Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Lk 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAY, 09/10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

VOCATIONS

The Lord is calling people from the East and West and North and South as priests and deacons, sisters and brothers. Are you one of them? If you feel God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

PAPAL INTENTION

SEPTEMBER: FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

 4:00pm
 7:30am
 9:30am
 11:30am
 6:00pm

 Fr. Yi
 Fr. Burns
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Ever Wonder About...

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON LABOR

Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer:

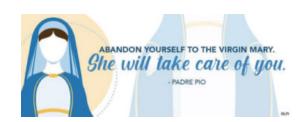
One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: Rerum Novarum (1891) by Leo XIII, Quadragesimo Anno (1931) by Pius XI, Laborem Exercens (1981), and Centesimus Annus (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work.

In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in Laborem Exercens #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

September 3, 2023



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL #4030

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 6:30 pm** at the Council Hall, located at 10049 Kinglet Drive across from the Youth House.

COFFEE & DONUTS

On **Sunday, Sept. 10th**, the Knights of Columbus will be serving Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses.

Interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus, or becoming a member: www.kofcc4030.org or contact Dave Goldsmith, 225-287-0889 or dave.w.goldsmith@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN OUR CHURCH TEAM!



BLOOD DRIVE

Sept. 10th, 8am-1:30pm in KAC Donors should eat before donating and bring a picture ID. Info: 225-765-8843

PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Louisiana's incarcerate rate, per capita, is one of the highest in our country. Our faith teaches us that every person is made in the image of God and every person needs God's mercy. Our St. George prison ministry visits the men at Angola on the 2nd Saturday of each month to show God's mercy and the power of forgiveness. "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36)

Because of our faithful volunteers, we can bring the Holy Eucharist to our incarcerated brothers and pray with them. This ministry shows God's unconditional love and brings hope where there is despair.

This ministry NEEDS more good men. To learn more, contact Kristel in the church office: kristeln@st-george.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WILDFIRE RELIEF

Catholic Charities USA is collections donations to help the island of Maui.

This collection will help provide lifesaving resources, and 100% of your gift will be sent where it's needed most! To donate, visit: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org or call: 571-527-3289.

BOOK STUDY SUPPORT GROUP

St. George will host a monthly book study/support group on the spiritual aspects of struggling with anxiety with a focus on, "Struck Down, BUT NOT Destroyed" by Pierce Taylor Hibbs. He presents biblical direction, which does not discount other therapeutic methods. **Begins Wednesday, Sept. 13th from 6-7pm** in the KAC St. Elizabeth Room. More info: melindamariesanford@gmail.com or 225-333-8129

PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY



CCDB in partnership with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank provides food to underserved residents throughout the Diocese. Our Faith-Full Mobile Pantry provides 30-pound boxes of food to qualifying applicants. Pantry distribution sites are currently in East Baton Rouge, Albany and St. James.

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

In affirmation of our vocation as stewards of creation, St. George has adopted these initiatives:

- Paper coffee cups are now being used for all St. George Parish functions in place of Styrofoam cups
- All people attending St. George parish meetings are asked to bring their own reusable water bottles.

This month we invite your family to consider using reusables rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins.

QUOTES FROM POPES ON GOD'S CREATION

POPE BENEDICT XVI

"Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because "creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works," and its **preservation has now become essential** for the peaceful coexistence of mankind."



"The deterioration of nature is in fact closely connected to the culture that shapes human existence; when 'human ecology' is respected within society, **environmental ecology also benefits**."

"Respect for the human being and respect for nature are one and the same, but they will both be able to **develop and to reach their full dimension** if we respect the Creator and his creature in the human being and in nature."

IF YOU WERE BAPTIZED AT ST. GEORGE & NEED YOUR OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE, YOU MAY NOW REQUEST THAT ONLINE:

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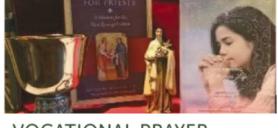
CALLED TO BE A MOM

Called to Be a Mom (CTBAM) is a ministry of St. George Church that provides spiritual growth and fellowship to mothers of the St. George community. Some of our activities include: Moms' Night Out, events for families, couples events, and opportunities for prayer.



Our annual dues are \$20. https://st-george.org/ctbam-dues or scan the QR Code to become a member.

For more information you can email us at saintgeorgectbam@gmail.com



VOCATIONAL PRAYER MINISTRY

Will you welcome the vocation prayer materials into your home for one week and pray for the current future vocations (religious, sisters, deacons, and priests)?

Join the Vocational Prayer Ministry to receive the vocational prayer materials (Chalice, Statue of St. Therese of Lisieux and Vocational prayer materials) in your home for a week! At this time, please limit your signup to one week so we can bring the materials into as many homes as possible to pray for an outpouring of vocations.

Sign up is for one week, receive the materials at the weekend Mass of your choice and bring the materials back to the Church Office the following Friday afternoon by 3pm for another family to receive the next weekend Mass. Sign up poster board in the Narthex for Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30am, 11:30am or 6pm.

Thank you! Questions: 225 333 8129. The Vocational Prayer Ministry is sponsored by the Marian Servants of the Eucharist.

DRAGON HEARTS & DIVINE MERCY GIRLS

Dragon Hearts Club (KG -5th) & Divine Mercy Girl (Middle School)



Registration is now open until Sept. 15th!

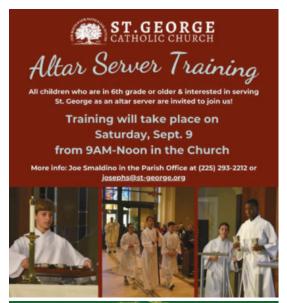
Dragon Hearts Club and Divine Mercy Girls are service clubs for girls in grades KG-5th and 6th -8th. Our motto is "Do small things with great love" from Saint Teresa. We are focused on friends, having fun while serving others and learning about our faith. Financial assistance is available.

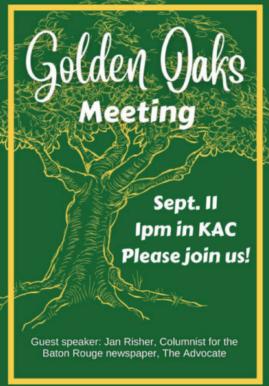
Please see www.st-george.org/dragon-hearts for registration, volunteer & calendar info. Questions? sgsdragonheartsclub@gmail.com

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MORE INFO:







Music Ministry

Do you like music? Do you like to sing?

Do you enjoy community?
Do you catch yourself

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For more information, please contact Joe Smaldino: (225) 293-2212 or josephs@st-george.org





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Registration will ensure that you will receive details about 9/8.







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Volunteers must be:
• Child Protection Certified

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