

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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 and to reconcile ourselves with God and one another.*



## Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

## WELCOME STATEMENT

*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 ([www.stgeorgerc.org](http://www.stgeorgerc.org)).*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*  
Deacon Joel Carpenter, *Permanent Deacon*  
Matthew Hendrick, *Parish Secretary*  
Barbara Carpenter, *Business Manager &*  
*Director of Liturgy and Music*  
Kimberley Browne, *Minister of Religious Education*  
Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance Supervisor*

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:00AM-2:00PM  
Tues., Thur. 10:00AM-5:30PM

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses  
**Tuesday — Friday 9:00 AM**  
**First Saturday 9:00 AM**  
Weekend Masses  
**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday — 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**  
St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (St. George island)  
**Saturday 7:00 PM (May to September) \***  
\* Memorial Day to Labor Day  
Holy Day Masses — 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](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

**REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Little Flower School** (*pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades*)  
For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online [www.littleflowercatholic.org](http://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 (Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De-Piazza) at [YouthGroup@stgeorgerc.org](mailto: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](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:**

Saturday 4:00-4:30PM, or by appointment  
First Friday during Eucharistic Adoration (10-10:30am)

**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.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall and requires a 2-year preparation in our Sunday Youth Faith Formation.

**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.

**RCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of inquiry and discernment for prospective converts to the Catholic faith who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are held every Saturday at 10:00am-11:30am in St. George Community Center beginning in October and ends in May. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Paul at the church office or email: [fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com)

**DEVOTIONS**

**Holy Rosary:** After Daily Masses & Sat. 4:30 PM

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tues April 16 9:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bom Dong**  
**Wed April 17 9:00 am Lisa Sheridan**  
**Thu April 18 7:00 pm Vocations**  
**Sat April 20 8:00 pm New Catholics**  
**Sun April 21 7:30 am Easter Flower Fund**  
**Sun April 21 11:00 am Easter Flower Fund**

**WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Daily Lector:** J. Blackwell, T. Buckler

**Meals-on-wheels:** P. Bowes, M. Goddard, M. Springer,  
J/J Lenderman

**Altar Preparation:** L. Dean

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

**Thurs. April 18 – Holy Thursday**

**Fri. April 19 – Good Friday**

**Sat. April 20 – Holy Saturday**

**Sun. April 21 - Easter Sunday**

**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.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

Sun. April 14 Apologetics **9:30am-CC**  
YFF **9:30am- CC**

Mon. April 15 Choir Rehearsal **7pm-C**

Wed. April 17 Tenebrae **7pm – C**

Thurs. April 18 Office Closed

Fri. April 19 Office Closed

Stations of the Cross **12:00pm - C**

Sat April 13 RCIA **10am-CC**

*\*C: Church, CC: Community Center*



**Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward**

*IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-34; PHIL 2:6-11; LK 22:14-23:56 or LK 23:1-49*

We now enter a week in our liturgical year that is like no other — Holy Week. The complete name for this Sunday's liturgy is "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose passionate love for us knows no bounds — culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death — all for us.



Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a

certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Still unconvinced? Let the words of this Sunday's Gospel this week speak to you personally:

"The chief priests and scribes... stood by accusing him harshly" and He did not defend Himself, for love of me.

"Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him" and He stayed quiet, for love of me.

The crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us" and He let Himself be led away, for love of me.

"With loud shouts they persisted in calling for his crucifixion" and He did not object, for love of me.

"Even the soldiers jeered at Him" and He endured it patiently, for love of me.

"They crucified Him and the criminals there" and He died, for love of me.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week — attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit — and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other.

**STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT**

	4/7/2019* (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	4/8/2018* (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)	
<b>General Collection</b>	\$3662.00	\$3955.04	
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$1172.00	\$1022.00	+\$986.96
<b>E-Giving (Monthly)</b>	\$1130.00	----	
Identifiable Gifts	126	132	-6
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$2390.00	\$945.00	+\$1965.00
<b>E-Giving (Maint.)</b>	\$520.00	----	
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$367.00	\$140.10	+\$226.90
<b>Donations</b>	\$1120.73	\$240.00	+\$880.73

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

**PARISH NEWS**

Pope Francis has asked that our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic School and offer Religious Education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the Sacred Shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides Humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION**  
**TIMES/LOCATIONS**

Parish	Location	Ending Time
Holy Angels	Church	12:00
Holy Face	Church	12:00
Immaculate Conception	Parish Center	12:00
Our Lady of the Wayside	Church	11:00
Our Lady's Church	Church	11:00
Sacred Heart	Church	12:00
St. Aloysius	FAW Gym	12:00
St. Cecilia	Rectory	12:00
St. Francis Xavier	Parish Hall	10:00
St. George	Community Center	10:00
St. John F.R.	Msgr. Harris Center	12:00
St. Joseph	Church	10:00
St. Michael	St. Joseph Chapel	12:00
St. Peter Claver	McKenna Center	12:00

	George's Island – parking and seating is limited)	
Sun. April 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> (Mass takes place at St. George)	11am
Sun. April 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> (We will sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and continue to celebrate the Easter Season with a small reception)	3pm

Coming **November 9, 2019**....

....**St. George Biennial Christmas Bazaar!**



What we need now:

- Please start making those crafts – we need lots of great crafts for people to buy! We don't accept vendors, so it's really important to have lots of things made by our parishioners. (Wondering what to make? Google 2018 Craft Fair bestsellers for some great ideas!)
- Raffle Basket donors – we will once more feature a basket raffle, so we will need donors of themed baskets. Some suggestions are: game night, movie night, Maryland, beach, etc.
- Mystery Gift Card donors – one very popular raffle is the gift card raffle. Gift cards of all kinds and amounts are needed – we pull a winner every ½ hour!
- Kitchen help, both prep and during the Bazaar. This year, we will feature a carry-out only Chicken Dinner.

Please call Barbie Carpenter at the parish office or email [bazaar@stgeorgerce.org](mailto:bazaar@stgeorgerce.org) for more information, or to volunteer your help!

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS**

**“Palm Sunday:**

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ's Death and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Beginning in the fourth century in Jerusalem, Palm Sunday was marked by a procession of the faithful carrying palm branches, representing the Jews who celebrated Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. In the early centuries, the procession began on the Mount of the Ascension and proceeded to the Church of the Holy Cross. As the practice spread throughout the Christian world by the ninth century, the procession would begin in each church with the blessing of palms, proceed outside the church, and then return to

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Wed. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tenebrae</b> (an emotional liturgy where we extinguish candles, representing 'the light' leaving the world)	7pm
Thurs. April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> (Mass that includes the Washing of the Feet and concludes with a procession to the Community Center, where Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament lasts until 10pm. Night Prayer will take place at 9:45pm)	7pm
Fri. April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	12pm
Fri. April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday Liturgy</b> (A solemn liturgy that includes Veneration of the Cross)	7pm
<b>EASTER AND OTHER EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED</b>		
Sat. April 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Vigil</b> (Mass begins outside with the lighting of the New Fire, and we will welcome new Catholics to our Church)	8pm
Sun. April 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> (Mass takes place at the St. Francis Xavier Chapel on St.	7:30am

the church for the reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of Matthew. The faithful would continue to hold the palms during the reading of the Passion. In this way, they would recall that many of the same people who greeted Christ with shouts of joy on Palm Sunday would call for His Death on Good Friday—a powerful reminder of our own weakness and the sinfulness that causes us to reject Christ. In different parts of the Christian world, particularly where palms were historically hard to obtain, branches of other bushes and trees were used, including olive, box elder, spruce, and various willows. Perhaps best known is the Slavic custom of using pussy willows, which are among the earliest of plants to bud out in the spring. The faithful have traditionally decorated their houses with the palms from Palm Sunday, and, in many countries, a custom developed of weaving the palms into crosses that were placed on home altars or other places of prayer. Since the palms have been blessed, they should not simply be discarded; rather, the faithful return them to their local parish in the weeks before Lent, to be burned and used as the ashes for Ash Wednesday"

*Richert, Scott P. "Palm Sunday." ThoughtCo, Jun. 22, 2018, thoughtco.com/what-is-palm-sunday-p2-54247*

**OUR FAITH FORMATION**

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8**

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,  
[kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

Children Faith Formation Class is held every Sunday at 9:30am-10:45am in the Community Center.

**Adult Faith Formation**

**APOLOGETICS: 9:30-10:45AM in Community Center**

**Sun. April 14<sup>th</sup>** Did Vatican II Really Say That

**Sun. April 28<sup>th</sup>** Why Should I Fast?

**BIBLE STUDY**

**"A Lent To Remember".**

Friday classes, 10-11:30am: **April 26 and May 3**

Sunday, 9:30-10:45am: **May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**OUR YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL**

**Bingo** every Wednesday, doors open at **5:30 pm**; early bird special starts at **6:45pm**. Cash prizes! Food and drink are also for sale.

**Are you on social media?** Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic](http://www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic)) and "follow" us on Twitter and Instagram (@LFSpatriots)!

**Interested in learning more about Little Flower School?** Call (301)994-0404 or check out the information online ([LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)).



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** Planning Meeting at St. George (CC)

**NEWS IN OUR AREA**

**VENERATION OF THE RELICS OF CHRIST'S PASSION**

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites the faithful on Good **Friday, April 19**, to participate in the Exposition of the Relics of the Passion in the Crypt Church from 7:00AM to 6:00PM. The relics will be displayed for veneration by the faithful throughout the day except for the hour between 12 noon and 1:00PM, at which time the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated. Following the Stations, the relics will be returned for veneration until 6:00PM. The relics include a particle from the table of the Lord's Supper, stone particles from the Garden of Gethsemane, particles of the pillar of the scourging, the purple garment worn by Jesus, a spine from the crown of thorns, stones particles from Mount Calvary, a particle of the inscription tablet, shavings of the nails or spikes, particles of the sponge and reed, particle of the seamless linen garment worn by Jesus, the lance which pierced his side, the bindings and cloths used in the burial of Jesus, stones from the Holy Sepulcher, and a particle of the True Cross. Also displayed are relics of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; her sister, Mary, wife of Clopas; Mary of Magdala; the Twelve Apostles; and Saint Paul. This event is open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This prayerful walk through the mystery of Christ's passion and death is a **spiritual work of mercy** for the souls at the cemetery who await their own fulfillment in his Resurrection from the dead. In addition to the Good Friday services here at the parish, you are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross at a Catholic cemetery of the Archdiocese at **12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 19, 2019**. For more information on Good Friday Stations, visit [ccaw.org](http://ccaw.org).