

Established 1851

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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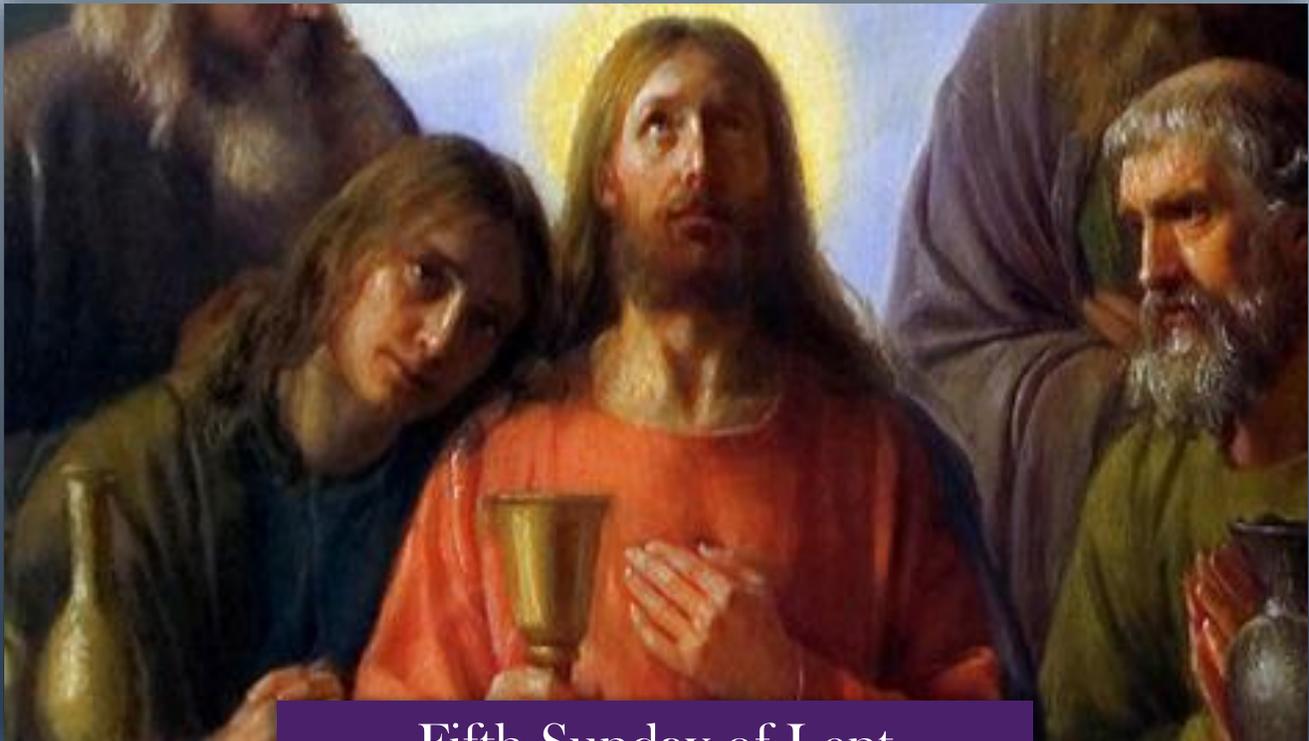


WELCOME

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.



Fifth 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	Mar. 23	9:00am	Julius Owens
Wed	Mar. 24	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Thu	Mar. 25	9:00am	Matteo Luca Galli (L)
Fri	Mar. 26	9:00am	Joseph Earl "Fuzzy" Knott
Sat	Mar. 27	9:00am	Don & Melanie Doherty (L)
		5:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Sun	Mar. 28	7:30am	Deacon Jack Vassallot
		10:00am	John & Rose Slade (L)
		2:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Liturgical Feast Days

Wed, Mar. 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, *Bishop*

Thu, Mar. 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



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

JER 31:31-34; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; HEB 5:7-9; JN 12:20-33

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Jeremiah, foretells the coming of the new covenant. Because man failed to remain faithful to God's covenant requirements, the Lord declares that a new covenant will be made. This covenant is unique because it will be written within the hearts of man, as the Lord says, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." This covenant will transform man's relationship with God and it will be through our Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Once we begin Holy Week, we receive the sign of this new covenant at the Last Supper — the Eucharist. And it is in the Eucharist that we commemorate Jesus' sacrifice on the cross — the moment when God "forgives our evil-doing and remembers our sin no more." And although this covenant was established many years ago, it is still new for us today. As this Lenten season comes to a close, let us strive to partake in the richness God has offered to us through this covenant by more faithfully living out our call as disciples of Christ through prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, and service to our families and neighbors.

In our Gospel today, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He states clearly, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to "die" to ourselves by detaching from our own desires and entrusting our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without this practice of self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce

good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether it be waking up 15 minutes earlier to spend time in prayer with the Lord, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis, or taking the time to call to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important to die to ourselves so that we might continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

Jesus also states, "whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." God should have our entire heart, not just a portion of it. When we regularly practice the discipline of detachment by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord, we are also better preparing our hearts for the ultimate happiness in eternal life.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, let us strive to more faithfully live out our covenant with God by actively living as disciples of Christ. And may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	3/14/2021 (Week 37 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$2,711.72	\$167,592.25	\$180,625.00
E-Giving	\$4,593.00		
Maintenance	\$70.00	\$21,430.00	\$22,666.67
E-Giving	\$635.00		
Poor Box	\$78.00	\$9,506.07	\$7,791.66
E-Giving	\$350.00		
Misc. Donations	\$545.00	\$82,174.68	\$42,500.00
E-Giving	\$525.00		
Cath. Rel Serv.	\$467.00	\$502.00	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.

Reading Scripture: At a Catholic church, you won't find a Bible in the pews. Yet Scripture is an integral part of the Mass. In fact, Scripture should be an integral part of every Catholic's life. It used to be thought that Catholics were not allowed to read Scripture. That myth arose from the fact that Bibles used to be chained up in Catholic churches. That's because before the printing

press, Bibles had to be copied by hand and were very rare and valuable. The Church was simply protecting God's word, as it has from the beginning. Rest assured that the Church encourages the faithful to read Scripture. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church takes it up a level as it says in paragraph 133: "The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful...to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ,' by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.'" There are so many ways to read Scripture. Some people start at Genesis 1:1 and read through to the end of Revelation. Others use what is jokingly called "Bible roulette," where they randomly open to a page of Scripture and start reading. Perhaps the best way to read Scripture daily is to follow the readings of the Church. Over the course of three years, you'll read from every book in the Bible by following the liturgical cycle. However, you choose to do it, you can never go wrong getting more and more familiar with God's written word! For further study: The whole Bible! CCC 131-133 -*excerpted from A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ by Gus Lloyd*

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email

kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

PARISH NEWS

Lenten Fish Dinners

Drive through the circle at the Community Center for your fish dinner this Lent 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.

Cemetery Update

Spring is just around the corner! To comply with cemetery guidelines, arrangements should be placed on monuments (not on the ground) from March 15 through November 15 to facilitate grounds maintenance. Flowers of any type will be removed when they become unsightly or the particular holiday season ends. Decorations, containers, wire frames,

etc., currently on the ground that you want to reuse must be removed by March 15. Items remaining on the grounds after that date will be discarded by the Cemetery Committee during routine maintenance prior to Easter. Remember, memorials with glass containers are prohibited at gravesites and are subject to immediate removal. St. George and St. Francis Xavier cemeteries still allow solar lights and metal staffs/flags as long as they are placed as close to the monument as possible to facilitate mowing. Thank you for complying with the guidelines established by The Catholic Cemeteries.

PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Our parish annual Spring cleaning of the church, grounds & cemetery in preparation for Easter is Saturday March 27th from 9:30am to 1pm * Please bring rakes, trimming and gardening tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided.



Family Movie Night

Come join us! St. George will be having Family Movie Night every Saturday during Lent at 6:15pm (immediately followed by the 5pm Vigil Mass). The movie and dinner will be provided by our Knights of Columbus.

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

- 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

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Lenten Food Drive will be collecting through the 21st of March. Please bring donations to the church. Items will be collected weekly & delivered on your behalf. Thank you in advance. POC: Rosemary Fann 240-577-0733

Drive-Thru Shrimp Dinner

On March 26th from 4:00pm-7:00pm, The Hollywood Fire Department will be having a Drive-Thru Shrimp Dinner. The Meals will include: 1 pound of steamed shrimp, French fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and Dessert. Meals will be \$18 per person: Cash or Check. ATM on site. Pre-orders are highly encouraged. All proceeds benefit the Hollywood Fire Department. Contact Elaine Quade at 301-373-2659 until March 23, 2021.

St. John's Summer Program 2021

St. John's Summer Program, SOMD's largest summer camp, will open online registration on Sunday, March 21st at 1:00pm. This year's new classes include Babysitter Training, Lucky Dog Camp, Coaster Park Design, Paintball, Combat Archery, Cake Boss, Camper vs. Wild, among others, as well as many favorites from previous years. The Program's goal is to help our children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an amazing summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. We open every day with song and prayer and Fridays with Mass. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland licensed summer camp. Please visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com to view the new summer schedule and to find more information about St. John's Summer Program.



IHM Drive Thru Lenten Seafood Dinner

Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Lexington Park is having a Lenten Seafood Dinner Drive-thru on March 26th from 4:30pm-6:30pm. All dinners are \$15 with a choice of Fried Rockfish, Baked Haddock, and Steamed Shrimp dinners. Each dinner includes French Fries, Green Beans, and Cornbread sides. Soft drinks or water and two brownies will also be sold for \$5.

