

Established 1851

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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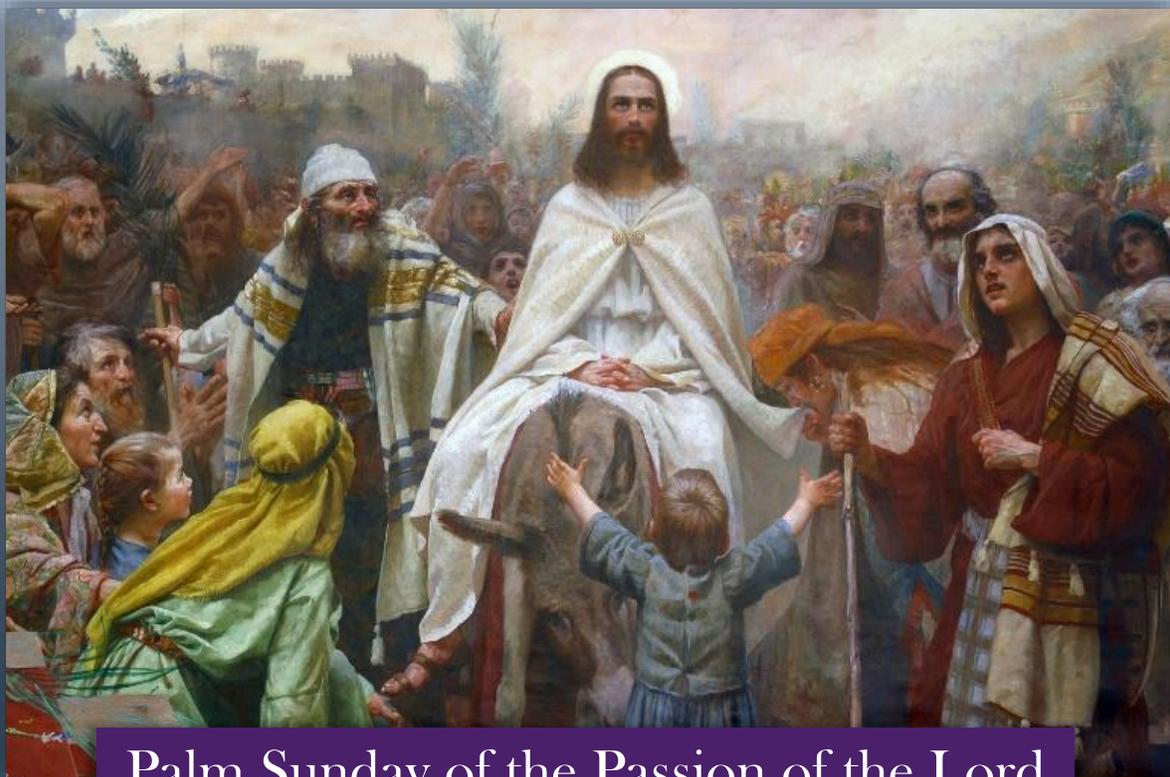


## WELCOME

*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.



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@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 (Maddie Mushrush, Omotayo Ojo and Darren Rogers) 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)

### **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](mailto: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. 30	9:00am	Linda Slade
Wed	Mar. 31	9:00am	Gabriel Heisey (L)
Thu	Apr. 1	7:00pm	Vocations
Fri	Apr. 2		No Mass
Sat	Apr. 3	8:00pm	All New Catholics
Sun	Apr. 4	7:30am	Those Listed in the Flower Memorial
		10:00am	Those Listed in the Flower Memorial
		2:00pm	Those Listed in the Flower Memorial

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith

## LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Thu. Apr. 1	Thursday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday
Fri. Apr. 2	Friday of Passion of the Lord, Good Friday
Sat. Apr. 3	Holy Saturday



## 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

*IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MK 14:1-15:47*

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday — the beginning of our Holy Week. Our liturgy starts with the account of Jesus humbly entering into Jerusalem riding a donkey. People put cloaks and palm branches in His pathway crying, “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” It is with great joy that Christ was being honored as king, still in the same breath, we are filled with sorrow as we reflect on Christ’s passion and death. Thankfully, we know the glorious outcome of this painful journey. Today, as we read about the climax of Christ’s mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion — “I gave my back to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.” Christ endured such tortures, knowing that He did not deserve them, but still He humbly submitted to them.

We see that throughout Christ’s life, His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father’s mission. He became man for a reason, and He humbly and obediently submitted to that mission for each one of us. We, too, play a unique role in our Father’s mission by bringing souls to Christ. And it simply begins with the witness of our lives. Let all that we do, including the way we speak and act, reflect our mission in this life.

This message is re-echoed in our Second Reading, from St. Paul to the Philippians. St. Paul says, “Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself... he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” We see again that although our Lord deserved every honor and praise from man while on earth, He chose the path of service and humility, sacrifice and love. He gave us everything in that moment. This truly was an overflowing gift for each one of us. So how can we

share our gratitude with the Gracious Giver? We can bring service, humility, sacrifice and love into all areas of our lives — our homes by the way we treat our family members, into our church by the way we welcome and serve our neighbors, and into our workplaces by the way we speak and act.

Our Gospel today shares the account of Jesus’ last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He first hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He then intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors in the various ways God is calling us to do so. No matter our state in life, we are all called to be faithful stewards through prayer and service.

As we embark on this Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.



**STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT**

	3/21/2021 (Week 38 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$2,311.00	\$169,903.25	\$185,937.50
E-Giving	----		
Maintenance	\$110.00	\$21,540.00	\$23,333.34
E-Giving	----		
Poor Box	\$58.00	\$9,564.07	\$8,020.83
E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$20.00	\$82,194.68	\$43,750.00
E-Giving	----		
Cath. Rel Serv.	----	\$502.00	N/A
E-Giving	----		

*\*\*E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Holy Week Mass Schedule**

**Tenebrae:** This year, Tenebrae will be a virtual event, please watch our YouTube channel during Holy Week.

**Holy Thursday:** April 1, 2021.

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Community Center until 12:00am

Night Prayer, 10:00pm

**Good Friday:** April 2, 2021.

Morning Prayer, 9:00am.

Stations of the Cross: 12:00pm (Outside in cemetery, weather permitting).

Liturgy with veneration of the Cross: 3:00pm.

Confessions will be heard between each of the events.

*\*\*Please plan ahead – there will not be an evening liturgy on Good Friday\*\**

**Easter Vigil:** April 3, 2021 8:00pm.

**Easter Sunday:** April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday Masses 7:30am

10:00am (Live-stream)

2:00pm Mass in Vietnamese



**Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion:** As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to a close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.

**Meet Me in the Desert**

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter, as you went into the desert So do I follow Putting aside that which distracts me Grabs at me Falsely claims me. To search inside to confront myself My best, my worst My good works and my sins. And each time, I find you there to call to me again with words of challenge and words of mercy. And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting in sacrifice and penitence Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach out and gently lift me to renew me to claim me as nothing of this world can claim me. Meet me in the desert, Lord. Claim me anew. Amen.

**The Easter Triduum**

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum— from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of

Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email

[kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

## PARISH NEWS

### 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](http://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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com)

For more information-contact

[alice.case@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org) or call

Alice Case (301)-392-0819

### NEW Bible Series for Women

This 5-week, in-person series for women is the next installment of The Encounter Grace Bible Series. Join us as we spend time each week with the parables - learning more about why Jesus used them and how they bring to life complex and difficult teachings in a relatable way. Two session locations to choose from: Mondays: 3/29-5/3 (no session on 4/5) at St. Mary's Church, Bryantown MD. 7 pm - 830 pm. Tuesdays: 3/30-5/4 (no session on 4/6) at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD. 7 pm - 830 pm. \$49.00. **Register:** [www.encountergrace.co/events-1](http://www.encountergrace.co/events-1)

#### PALM SUNDAY

