

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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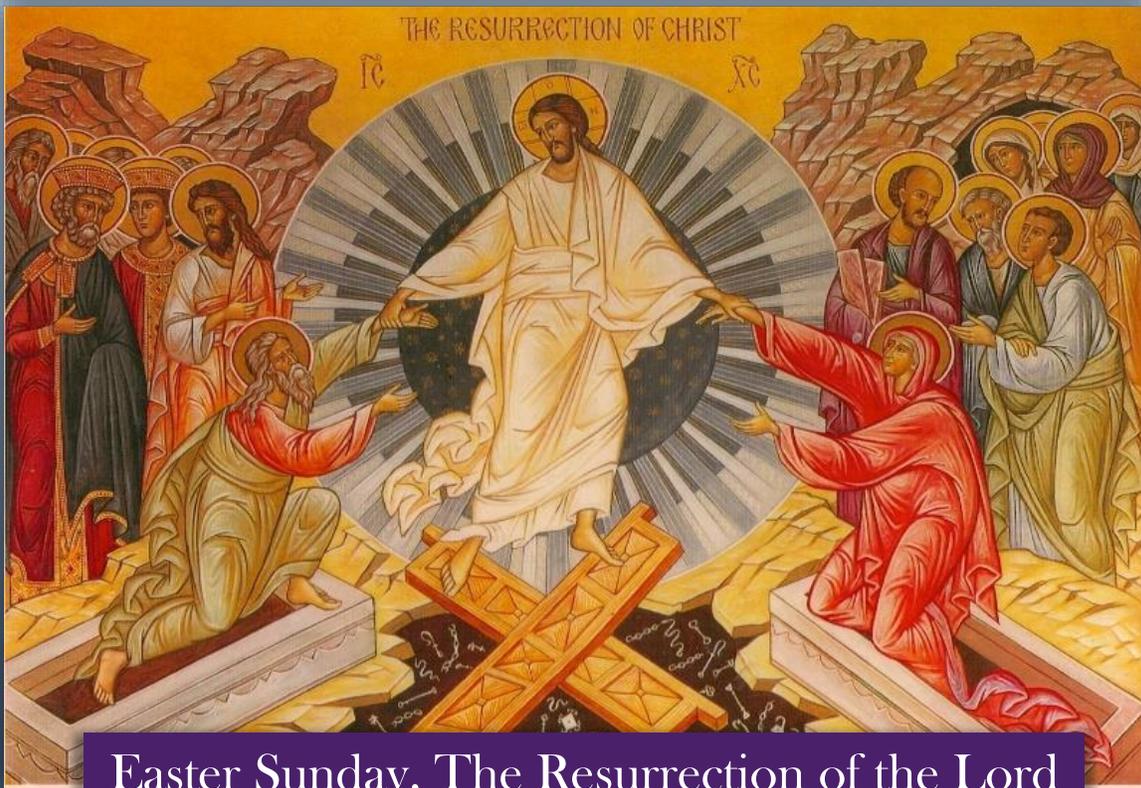


WELCOME

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.



Easter Sunday, The Resurrection 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

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	Apr. 6	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Wed	Apr. 7	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Thu	Apr. 8	9:00am	Maria Heisey (L)
Fri	Apr. 9	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Sat	Apr. 10	9:00am	Rosine & John Hodges
		5:00pm	Linda Susan Slade
Sun	Apr. 11	7:30am	Linda Susan Slade
		10:00am	Mayowa Ojo
** this week		12:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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



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

ACTS 10:34a, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4; JN 20:1-9

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! This event is the greatest event in our Catholic faith. It is through the resurrection that Christ defeated sin and death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. All of God's promises are fulfilled through this glorious event. We have been preparing for 40 long days, through prayer and penance, so that we might be better prepared to receive Christ this day, and to better prepare our hearts to one-day rise with Christ in eternal life. Today, we do not fast, but rather, celebrate and rejoice because of our great and merciful God!

The meaning and joy of Easter is not just a "one-day" affair, but is an essential element of our Catholic faith. We are called to live out the joy of Easter all year long. Our readings today reveal how we can do this here and now in our day-to-day lives.

In our First Reading, St. Luke preaches the Good News to us. He gives a synopsis of Who Christ is and what He did for us. He opens the door for people to partake in all that God wants to give us by saying, "everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." He radically educates and invites people into a life with Christ.

St. Luke's vocation was to evangelize to the ends of the earth, and as Catholics, that is our vocation, too. If we step back and think about how incredible our faith is, how could we not want to share this goodness with others? Oftentimes, we can focus on life's many hardships, but if we recognize how truly blessed we are — we have a God who died and rose for us, and we have the most intimate way of receiving Him through Holy Communion — then we can become a people of joy, an Easter people. And if we are living our lives with this joy, then every moment becomes a moment of evangelization — how we greet people on the street or in our parish; how we do chores around the house; how we respond to our spouse. We are blessed with the knowledge of our faith — it is our job to faithfully share it in word and with the witness of our lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb early in the morning. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John in fear that someone had taken Jesus' body. Simon Peter and John ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. Each figure in our Gospel today "ran." We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him. Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it in a little bit." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus.

As we reflect on this Gospel, we must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded with willingness and eagerness is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first — "I am too busy now, but I will pray later" or "I will eventually get around to spending less on material things and increase my gifts to the church." Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by the way we live our lives and how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory		
E-Giving		
Maintenance		
E-Giving		
Poor Box		
E-Giving		
Misc. Donations		
E-Giving		
Cath. Rel Serv.		
E-Giving		

**UPDATE
UNAVAILABLE
AT TIME OF
PRINTING**

***E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.*

Our staff here at St. George Catholic Church wish our parishioners a blessed Easter Sunday!



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.

What is Easter?: The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death,

expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14).

“What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also, is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it “Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.” is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being,’ the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one” (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

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PARISH NEWS



**Next Sunday
3:00pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
with
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament**

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

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE CAR RAFFLE TICKETS

This weekend, April 10 & 11, is your last opportunity to buy tickets to win a car or cash, and other prizes. Be sure to see a member of the Knights in the lobby after each Mass. Chances are 1 ticket for a dollar, or 6 tickets for \$5. Drawing held on May 1st. No prior driving experience required to win. To drive if you win - follow the law!

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

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

SCRATCH-OFF FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Scratch-Off Fundraiser Raffle, PRIZE; \$250 Scratch-Offs & \$100 Cash; \$5.00 Per Ticket – (MUST BE 18 TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS); Purchase in Person: *At SDVFD & RS, Valley Lee - Wednesday (630pm - 830pm); *At Dyson's Lumber, Great Mills - Saturdays (8am-2pm); or *At WEIS, Callaway – Sundays (9am-1pm); For more information contact: Robin Dove (240)577-0270, Drawing: Tuesday, May 18, 2021@ SDVFD RS Auxiliary Meeting; **Winner need not be present to win!**

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