

# St. George Catholic Church

Established 1851



## 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.*

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Where jealousy and self-ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy and insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”

### 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**

**10:30am**

**1:00pm (in Vietnamese)**

St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (on St. George's Island)

**Saturday — 7:00pm** \*After 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**

### PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Paul Nguyen, Pastor**

**Deacon Joel Carpenter, Parish Deacon**

**Mrs. Kimberley Browne, Minister of Religious Education**

**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**

19199 St. George's Church Rd.  
Valley Lee, Maryland 20692

Phone: 301-994-0607  
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Website: [www.StGeorgeRCC.org](http://www.StGeorgeRCC.org)  
Email: [secretary@stgeorgerrcc.org](mailto:secretary@stgeorgerrcc.org)

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) meets in the Community Center 9:00-10:15 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 11:00am-12:30pm 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 is taking a break for the Summer. We are looking for teen leaders and Youth Group Coordinator for the coming Fall. Please call the office or speak to Father Paul for more information: 301-994-0607 or email [fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.org)

## SACRAMENTS

### **BAPTISM:**

Arrangements must be made in advance with Deacon Joel Carpenter by at least one parent for children under the age of seven. A Baptismal preparation class is required for 1<sup>st</sup> time parents.

### **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:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9:45am-10:30am, Saturday 9:45am-10:30am & 4:00pm-4:45pm, 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 the Sacrament of anointing of the sick and Holy Communion.

### **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	Sept 21	9:00am	William Patrick Hardman
Wed	Sept 22	9:00am	Rose Marie Bean
Thu	Sept 23	9:00am	John & Rose Lynch
Fri	Sept 24	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Sat	Sept 25	9:00am	George Hackathorn
		5:00pm	John Madel
Sun	Sept 26	7:30am	Rose Marie Bean
		10:30am	Floradeliza Grider (L)
		1:00pm	Peter Chuong Pham

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, F. Grider

## LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, Sept. 20	STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST AND PAUL CHONG HANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Tue, Sept. 21	ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
Thu, Sept. 23	ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST



### *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 50:5-9A; PS 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; JAS 2:14-18; MK 8:27-35*

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through wisdom and gratitude.

“Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?”

In our Second Reading, St. James is reminding us to not become enslaved to our passions. In a moment, it might feel good to jab back at someone in an argument or selfishly do what you can to gain the upper hand in life or even overindulge in earthly pleasures. But when we step back outside of that moment, we realize we have not gained anything and lost the ability to do something great. These are moments where we must decide between good and evil.

“But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits...”

Instead, St. James encourages us to seek wisdom from above. When we seek the Lord, we will have the strength to choose good and the wisdom to properly use what we have received from Him.

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

We can imagine the twelve apostles spent significant amounts of time together as they followed Jesus and learned from Him. The apostles were human — they had imperfections, clashing personalities, jealous and competitive natures just like we do. There were bound to be some arguments that rose among them.

If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies—we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another’s faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

There is much for us to take away from the example of a child, but ultimately it is centered around gratitude.

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded on something that really did not matter and because of this, they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior Jesus Christ and were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

And gratitude does not stop with the acknowledgment of our blessings. It should ultimately transform how we live our lives. In gratitude, the raging wars will subside within us, and we can begin to use the many blessings God has already given to us for His glory.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.



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LITURGICAL NEWS

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday: 5 pm  
 Sunday: 7:30 am  
 Sunday: 10:30 am (Live-streamed to YouTube, Communion available in parking lot.)  
 Sunday: 1 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

A Minute in the Church. Life of Christ.  
 Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions

**Anointing of the Sick**

Jesus spent much of His time healing the sick and infirm. He has a special place in His heart for those who suffer. As such, He instituted the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



It used to be thought that this sacrament was only for those near death. That is not the

case. In Face, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1514 says this. The Anointing of the Sick “is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.”

The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament that one can only receive once. Again, from the Catechism, paragraph 1515: “If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person’s condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.” Only a priest can administer the Anointing of the Sick. So, the next time you or someone you love is seriously ill, call a priest and allow the graces of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to bring the healing touch of Jesus

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email  
[kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.org)

PARISH NEWS

**Book Keeper Needed**

St. George Catholic Church is seeking a *part-time* Parish Book Keeper to assist in maintaining the system of internal control over the parish accounting and financial reporting. If you or anyone you know might be interested in this part-time position, please contact the church office at (301) 994-0607 or email Father Paul at [fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgegcc.org](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgegcc.org). For a complete job description, please go to our parish website: [www.stgeorgegcc.org](http://www.stgeorgegcc.org).

**Part-Time Music Coordinator**

The parish is currently seeking a part-time Music Coordinator to lead and play for Saturdays 5:00PM and Sundays 10:30AM Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. The ideal candidate will be an energetic, creative person,

participating faithfully in the sacramental life of the Church, interested in making music and leading the parish choir/cantor. Please call the church office for more information.

## LOCAL NEWS



### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470 WHEN: Saturday, 16 October 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

WHERE: Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. HOW: Sign up at: [WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG) then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) After registering for your donation appointment, use Rapid Pass the DAY of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." Go to: [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to learn more.

### Blessing of the Fleet

All are welcome to Join a Roman Catholic Mass on St. Clement's Island in Colton's Point, Maryland on Sunday, October 3, 2021 beginning at 3:00 PM. This is the site of the Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634 and the birthplace of religious freedom in America. The Mass will be celebrated by - Father Stephen Wyble, Pastor of Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD and Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood, MD. Join us for a special celebration Blessing of the Fleet Admission: \$10.00 (children 10 and Under: Free) Includes: Free Boat rides to St. Clements Island to attend the Mass as well as Free Admission to St. Clements Island Museum. Sponsored by the Optimist International Friend of the Youth. For more information Contact: John Laychak, Blessing of the Fleet Chairman at 410-610-3457 or [gamehunter.md@yahoo.com](mailto:gamehunter.md@yahoo.com).

## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

### Celebration of 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of St. Andrew Kim Taegon

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to join us for a Mass to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St. Andrew Kim Taegon that will take place on September 26, 2021, at 10:30AM at the Korean Catholic church that bears his name, located in Olney, MD. After the Mass, there will be a special ceremony to bless the new St. Andrew Kim Exhibit Hall. The Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will be the Principle Celebrant. For more information, contact the

Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach via email at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org)

### Healthy or Abusive? Teen Dating Abuse Workshop for Youth Group Leaders Two-part workshop: Wednesdays October 6 and 20, 7-8:30 pm by Zoom.

Catholic Charities is inviting parish youth groups leaders, youth and adults, to attend a two-part workshop about teen dating abuse. Come learn how to identify signs of dating abuse and how to facilitate group discussions with teens about healthy and abusive relationships. Learn how to respond to a disclosure of abuse in a supportive way. Learn resources teens can use to evaluate their relationships and find help. Key trainers will be from the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse AWARE teen dating violence program. To register and receive the Zoom link, email [Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org](mailto:Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org) or call (202) 315-9440.

### Food Ministry Gathering by Zoom 9/22/21 at 10 am

Catholic Charities is hosting a Food Ministry Best Practices workshop by Zoom on Wednesday September 22 at 10 a.m. We will share challenges and successes in food ministry during COVID-19. Please come prepared to share steps your parish ministry is taking to serve those in need and keep volunteers and families safe. To register and receive the zoom link, please contact Cindy Finamore at [Cynthia.Finamore@cc-dc.org](mailto:Cynthia.Finamore@cc-dc.org).

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- ★ 97% of families surveyed take at least one bulletin home each week.
- 74% of families surveyed read each bulletin.
- 62% of families surveyed keep the bulletin in their home for one week.
- 70% of all family members surveyed consciously look at the ad page of the bulletin.
- ★ 41% of all family members surveyed patronize a business specifically because it advertises in the bulletin.
- 68% of the families surveyed are more inclined to patronize a business that does advertise in the bulletin rather than a non-advertiser.
- ★ 22% of the families surveyed go out to lunch, brunch or dinner after church each week.

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