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# St. George Catholic Church



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## The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Authority of Jesus



## 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.

## Liturgical Schedule

**Weekday Masses:** Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat.: 9:00AM

**Weekend Masses: Saturday — 5:00PM**

**Sunday — 7:30AM, 10:30AM, 2:00PM (in Vietnamese)**

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

Saturday — 7:00PM (\*May–September: after Memorial Day to Labor Day)

**Holy Day Masses — 9AM & 7PM...or as announced**

**Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction & EP:**

**Tuesday to Friday 5-6PM and Saturday 9:30-10:30AM**

\* except First Friday: Holy Hour & Devotion is 9:45-10:45 AM (NO 5-6PM)

**Holy Rosary:** After Daily Masses, Sat. 4:30pm, Sun 7:00am & 10:00am

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Daily Mass

## Parish Staff

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*

Mrs. Jennifer Hepp, *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Nicole Heisey, *Min. of Religious Ed.*

Mrs. Laura Lancaster, *Bookkeeper*

Mr. Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance*

## Office Hours

Closed on Mondays

**Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am – 4:00pm**

**Wednesday & Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm**

## **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) meets in the Community Center 9:00-10:15 AM. Contact Nicole Heisey for class enrollment and for more information: (301) 994-0737 or email: [ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.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 Wednesdays at 6:30pm 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@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgercc.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 Faith Formation (YFF) meets in the Community Center 9:00-10:15 AM. Contact Nicole Heisey for class enrollment and for more information: (301) 994-0737 or email: [ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.org)

## **BAPTISM:**

Arrangements must be made in advance with Father Paul by at least one parent for children under the age of seven. A Baptismal preparation class is required for first time parents. Children over the age of 7 will need instructions in RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) and will receive the sacraments of initiations at Easter Vigil.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST:**

Contact Mrs. Nicole Heisey for more information: [ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.org)

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall and requires a 2-year preparation in our Sunday Youth Faith Formation. Contact Mrs. Nicole Heisey for more information: [ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@stgeorgercc.org)

## **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:**

**Saturdays** 9:45am-10:30am & 4:00pm-4:45pm; **Sundays** 30 minutes before all Masses; **1st Friday** 9:45-10:30am

## **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 the Sacrament of anointing of the sick and Holy Communion.

## **MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the parish office and priest to make arrangement **at least 6 months** in advance of the wedding date. Pre-Cana Classes or Engagement Encounter is required.

Day	Date	Time	WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS	LECTORS
Tues.	Jan. 30	9:00am	Eddie Garcia (L)	Joyce Blackwell
Wed.	Jan. 31	9:00am	Milagros Tuazon (L)	Caitlin Fauenfelder
Thur.	Feb. 1	9:00am	Merryl Pedriguez (L)	Flora Grider
Fri.	Feb. 2	9:00am	Frances Roof (L)	Bob Gallo
Sat.	Feb. 3	9:00am 5:00pm	Vocations ✙ Molly Rae McKay	Marie Goldsmith Rita Santiago
Sun.	Feb. 4	7:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	✙ Mike Sacco Grace Phan (L) Parishioners	Joyce Blackwell Bob 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 of the Sunday’s Readings**  
*DT 18:15-20; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28*

Our readings today remind us of God’s authority. If we willingly give God authority over our lives and trust in His provision, He will take care of us no matter what.

In our First Reading, Moses announces to the Israelites that God will send them another prophet through whom He will communicate His commands. Regarding the prophet, the Lord says, “Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle I have not commanded... he shall die.”

These are tough words to hear from our Lord, but they are a good reminder for us. We, too, will answer to the Lord one day as to how well we listened to His words and lived by His commands. The thought of our final judgment may cause us to cringe in fear. And while it is good to have a holy fear of being separated from God for all eternity, fear is not to be the motivating factor on our faith journey.

As Christian stewards, it is our job to imitate Christ and follow His commands out of gratitude for all that He has given us. We are more willing to live by God’s commands when we are motivated by love and gratitude.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul tells us how to give God authority over our lives. St. Paul was preaching to the people of Corinth regarding Christ’s Second Coming. Because he thought the Second Coming was approaching fast, he encouraged them, if unmarried, to remain that way so they might fix their hearts on Christ with the time they have left. It might seem that St. Paul’s message cannot apply to us in our present day — however, what he said has great value to us. No matter our state of life — bishop, priest, deacon, religious, married, single — we are called to put Christ first in our lives and to strive to please Him in all that we do. We are inviting God to have authority over our lives when we make Him our top priority. As a result, we will be more prepared to

meet Christ at His Second Coming, and we will have an overwhelming peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel today reminds us why we want to give God this authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone’s attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, “Quiet, come out of him!” and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, “Quiet, come out of Him!” Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Collection Weekend	January 21, 2024
Offertory Collection	\$2,857.00
Maintenance	\$160.00
Poor Box	\$250.00
Donations	\$265.00

**Thank you for your faithful Parish support**



## PARISH NEWS



**St George Catholic Church  
Invites you to attend the  
2024 Vietnamese Lunar  
New Year Celebration  
(Tết Giáp Thìn)**



**Sunday, February 18, 2024 (4:00pm – 8:00pm)**

St George Catholic Church Community Hall  
(19197 St George Church Rd, Valley Lee, MD 20692)  
Door Opens at 3:30pm

**Get Your Free Tickets Today – Seating Limitations!**

Donation and/or Sponsorship are welcome!

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Contact: Thomas Tran to reserve your tickets today,  
713-309-0505 (m); [thomastran21245@gmail.com](mailto:thomastran21245@gmail.com)

- First and Last Name
- # of adults; # of children Under 10
- Cell # (contact info)

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of  
February, 2024**

**For The Terminally ill**

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life,  
and their families, receive the necessary medical and  
human care and accompaniment.

**Second Collection for the Church in Latin  
America, January 28th, 2024**

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports  
pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the  
Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization,  
formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as  
youth ministry and catechesis.



**2024 Annual Appeal  
United in Purpose**

Next weekend, parishioners will be asked  
prayerfully to make their commitment to the  
2024 Annual Appeal. Please take a brochure  
after Mass this weekend or visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org), to learn  
more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish  
and serves people in need throughout the Archdiocese, as  
well as to guide your own level giving. It is our goal that  
every parish family will participate this year, no matter the  
amount. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal.

Thank you in advance for your generous response to the  
2024 Annual Appeal.

**Annual Appeal Prayer**

*Provident Father  
from whom all good things come,  
we give you thanks and praise for the success of the  
Annual Appeal, and we ask you to guide the ministry of  
the Archdiocese so that it bears much fruit, helps to build  
the Kingdom of God on earth, and proclaims  
the Gospel to all peoples.*

*We thank you also for all of the friends, families,  
and benefactors of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of  
Washington; and pray that they might know the kind light  
of your Holy Spirit, the peace of your Son's Cross, and be  
given wisdom and insight to do your holy and perfect will.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Children's Faith Formation (Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grades)**

are held every Sunday. Lower grades meet in the morning  
from 9:00am to 10:15am. Eighth grade meets at 6:00pm  
to 7:15pm on Sunday. For more information, please  
contact Nicole Heisey at: [ReligiousEd@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@stgeorgerc.org)

**Adult Faith Formation & Bible Study**

Sunday's Bible Study (9:00AM-10:15AM) in St. George  
Community Center. Please join us to study the Gospel of  
St. John.

**Friday's Bible Study**

Please join us on our continual spiritual journey as we  
fellowship, share refreshments and learn as we delve  
deeper into the bible. Fridays 10:00am-12:00 noon in the  
parish hall. For more information, please contact Joyce  
Blackwell at 856-842-2667 or email: [Joyway4@gmail.com](mailto:Joyway4@gmail.com)

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more  
about the faith? Catholic, but in need of a sacrament?  
RCIA class will be held every **Wednesday at 6:30pm** in the  
**Community Center**. For information and registration,  
please contact the Parish office at 301-994-0607.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

The *Heart of the Revival* email newsletter helps you  
enkindle, rekindle, and deepen a living relationship with  
Jesus in the Eucharist. It's the simplest way to stay  
connected to what the National Eucharistic Revival is all  
about: responding to Our Lord's personal, loving two-fold  
invitation: to **remain with him** in the Eucharist at Mass

January 28, 2024

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and in prayer and to go out with him on mission for the life of the world!

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

## LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL



Little Flower School  
20410 Point Lookout Rd.  
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(301) 994-040

### Open House



Little Flower School is holding its Winter Open House on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 9-11am. Come and see what makes our regional Catholic school a great option for your child! Pre-register on our website or using this QR code. Thank you!

### Little Flower Auction

**Save The Date!**

Little Flower School, Great Mills, MD  
Food & Drinks, Silent & Live Auction, Raffles  
Saturday, March 2nd - 5PM

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights are making a difference in our Church and community. Gentlemen, consider becoming a Knight - Make a difference in you life and others, to join, go to <https://www.kofc.org> and look it over. You may join for free there, be sure to enter our council #13091. Stop by the church vestibule after Mass for more information.

**1/13/2024** - Knights of Columbus Financial Planning Booklets will be in the Church Vestibule for you to organize your New Year. Contact our KofC Insurance Field Agent, Mark Mergner for planning consultation (240)577-2663 or [Mark.Mergner@KofC.org](mailto:Mark.Mergner@KofC.org). This is definitely a good family idea leading into 2024.

**1/31/2024** - 6:30 PM KofC PLANNING MEETING in the St. George Community Center, light dinner, snacks and refreshments will be available.

**2/6/2024** - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM KofC COUNCIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING in the St. George Community Center, light dinner and snacks after the meeting, 50/50 raffle.

## NEWS IN OUR AREA

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VENERATION BEGINS: 1:00 pm  
SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:00 PM  
VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR OTHER LOCATIONS

[www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com](http://www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com) FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

### Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday, February 12th - A blood drive will be held from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the 2nd District Social Hall, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee. For more information / schedule your life saving donation, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to download the blood donor app. FH POC: Dee Dee [blondee2rn@gmail.com](mailto:blondee2rn@gmail.com)



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<https://www.chestertonstmarys.org/events>

## Letting Go - Forgiveness Lenten Retreat

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Sign up now - registration has begun and closes Sunday  
January 28, 2024. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/letting-go-forgiveness-lenten-retreat-february-10-2024-registration-742899631797?aff=erelexpmlt>  
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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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