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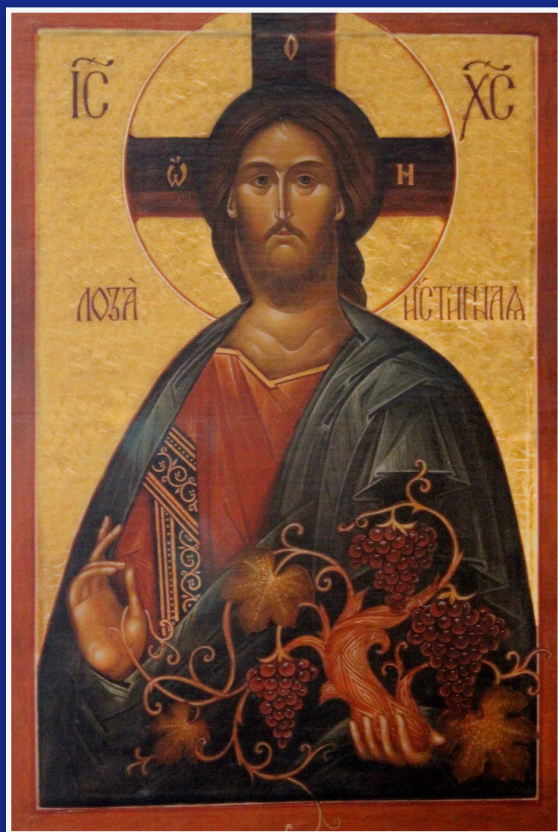


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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

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

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

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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

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

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.	April 30	9:00am	MaryLou Hepp (L)	Joyce Blackwell
Wed.	May 1	9:00am	Mike Quinn (L)	Bob Gallo
Thur.	May 2	9:00am	✙ Patricia Hutchison	Caitlin Frauendfelder
Fri.	May 3	9:00am	✙ Catherine Johnson	Bob Gallo
Sat.	May 4	9:00am 5:00pm	Vocations ✙ Barbara Chapman	Emily Hepp Joseph Krowitz
Sun.	May 5	7:30am 10:30am 2:00pm	✙ John and Mary Ehler ✙ Margaret Greenstreet All Priests	Jerri Howland Children's Liturgy



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

ACTS 9:26-31; PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 JN 3:18-24; JN 15:4A, 5B

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about Saul and the other apostles that were preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ and defending the faith. These disciples knew that they were doing the will of God by the good effects of their work, as it states, “The church throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria was at peace,” and again, “It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.”

We must take note that the work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God. They spread the Good News in His name and with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

If we take this reading and apply it to our lives today, we must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in my life?’ The reality is, the more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel, as He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, setting aside time for intentional prayer, smiling at those we see on the street,

asking God for help as we begin our work day, cleaning up after the kids in gratitude, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that—as a branch never separated from its vine—God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

And thankfully, all that does not bear fruit will be taken away. As Jesus tells us, “He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” By remaining in Christ, our Lord will remove all the ugly in our lives and form us into more fruitful disciples.

Let us begin this week reflecting on these questions, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in my life?’ Then let us consider the areas of our days that we can more fully invite the Lord into. May we strive to stay connected to the Vine.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Collection Weekend	April 21, 2024
Offertory Collection	\$1,802.00
Maintenance	0
Poor Box	\$88.00
Donations	\$280.00
Faith Direct (March)	\$10,990.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support



PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Deacon Joseph Heisey for receiving the Call to Holy Order of the Priesthood.

Save-the-Date: Saturday, June 15

Priesthood Ordination at 10:00am @ the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

Second Collection April 28th - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of missions parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

Second Collection for the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass Celebrated Inside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

On the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2024, our parish will participate in a collection to commemorate the centennial celebration of the First Mass being celebrated inside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. For generations, America's Catholic Church has served as the heart of spiritual comfort in our Nation's Capital for local, visitors, and pilgrims. This National Shrine was built by and for the faithful of our country, in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Since 1924 more than 800,000 Masses and more than 7,000 Ordinations to the Priesthood have been celebrated in the National Shrine. Please help to preserve Mary's Shrine for generations to come and honor our Blessed Mother through your generous gift to her shrine. We will have special envelopes available, or you can visit adw.org/Shrine100 to make a contribution.

MAY CROWNING

Throughout history, Catholics have long honored the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. To symbolize her significance in the Church and in our lives, the "May Crowning" is set up to display her queenship as the mother of Jesus.

From May through October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month. News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children recounted that the Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for every man, woman, and child living in the century.

May 13th is the Feast Day of our Lady of Fatima and her three messages to the children are: Prayer, Peace, and Penance.

May Crowning at St. George will take place at 10:30am Mass on the First Sunday of May. A child from First Holy Communion class will crown Mary and lead us in praying a decade of the Joyful mystery at Mary's garden.

First Holy Communion Mass Sunday, May 12, 2024 10:30AM Mass

FAITH FORMATION

A Minute in the Church - Anointing of the Sick II

If you or someone you love is very ill, there are special graces available through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes the Council of Trent and says, "This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord."

In the paragraph 1510, it quotes James 5:14-15, "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

The Catechism lists the effects of the sacrament:

A particular gift of the Holy Spirit, which includes the forgiveness of sins.

Union with the passion of Christ, where one's suffering "becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus."

An ecclesial grace, where the whole communion of saints "intercedes for the benefit of the sick person.

And a *preparation for the final journey*. The Catechism says, "This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house." The Anointing of the Sick does not guarantee physical healing, rather, it fills the sick person with the graces that God will use to heal them in every way He sees fit. For Further study: CCC 1499-1532

-Gus Lloyd

Children's Faith Formation (Pre-K to 8th 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@stgeorgercc.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

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.



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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights are making a difference in our Church and community. Gentlemen, consider becoming a Knight - Make a difference in your 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.

JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS - every Saturday at 4:30PM and Sundays at 7:00AM and 10:00AM. Please come early and spend some time in this powerful prayer. Pray the Rosary often.

04/30/2024 - 6:30 PM KofC Planning Meeting

05/07/2024 - 6:30 PM Regular Monthly KofC meeting

05/11/2024 - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Stuff The Truck at Base Commissary

NEWS IN OUR AREA

COSMIC Symphony Free Concerts
Sounds of the Screen

Featuring International Vocalist Lisa Harman with music from movies including Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean, James Bond, Titanic and more.

May 4, 2024 3:00 PM

Nancy R. And Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center
St. Mary's College of Maryland

May 5, 2024 3:00 PM

Patuxent High School, Lusby, MD

Mass Schedule Change- St. Joseph's, Morganza

Starting in May, there will be no 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. Please visit <https://masstimes.org> to find local Mass times. Parishes that have Sunday afternoon/evening Masses include Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons, St. Ignatius, Chapel Point, St. Peter's, Waldorf, Our Lady Help of Christians, Waldorf, and St. Michael's in Ridge.

2024 Father Alexander Gala

Saturday, May 4th, 5pm | OLSS Providence Room

Join us for an evening of dinner, food, dancing, and friendship as we honor Fr. Maurice Alexander and this year's Fr. Alexander Award recipients, Cindy Grater and Kim Weber. Tickets are \$75 per person, to include hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet, dessert, beer & wine, assorted non-alcoholic beverages, and dancing! You will also have the opportunity to bid on some incredible items, generously donated by our own parishioners, and potentially win a 50/50 raffle! All proceeds will benefit the OLSS School! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/OLSSGala24> for more info and to purchase tickets. Deadline is Sunday, April 28th.



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Survey Results from the University of Missouri

- ★ 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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