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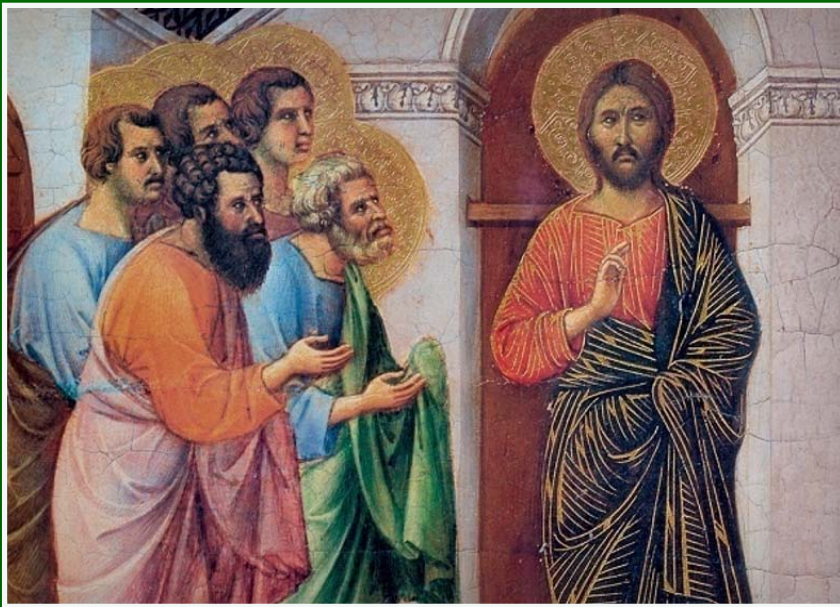
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“And Moses said, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!’ ... ‘There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, surely will not lose his reward.’”

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, 12:30PM (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 and Confession: Saturday 9:30-10:30am

First Friday Holy Hour: 9:30-10:30am

Holy Rosary: After Daily Masses and before Weekend Masses

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Daily Mass

Parish Staff

Fr. John Nguyen, *Pastor*

Emergency - Please call: 240-755-4813

Mrs. Tricia Thacker, *Parish Secretary*

Ms. Therese Thacker, *Coordinator of*

Religious Education

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 on Sunday. Contact Therese Thacker 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. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. John at the church office (301) 994-0607 or email: secretary@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

BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made in advance with Father John 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 Therese Thacker 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 Therese Thacker 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.	Oct. 1	9:00am	✙ Jean Corcoran	Joyce Blackwell
Wed.	Oct.2	9:00am	✙ Opal Leet	Bob Gallo
Thur.	Oct. 3	9:00am	Charlotte Hepp (L)	Flora Grider
Fri.	Oct. 4	9:00am	Gutierrez -Torres Family (L)	Bob Gallo
Sat.	Oct. 5	9:00am 5:00pm	Vocations ✙ Rosene Hodges	Marie Goldsmith Joseph Krowitz
Sun.	Oct. 6	7:30am 10:30am 12:30pm	✙ Cathy Pielmeier ✙ Edward Greenstreet Intentions For St. George's Families and Deceased Loved Ones	Dan Bogan 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

NM 11:25-29; PS 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; JAS 5:1-6; MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Our readings this week encourage us to not only be good stewards of all that God has given us, but also to rejoice in the good stewardship of others.

In our First Reading, a young man approaches Moses to inform him that Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the camp. Joshua, who is Moses’ aide, encourages Moses to stop these men. Moses responds, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!”

Essentially, Moses is telling his men to stop being jealous that others too have the gift of prophecy bestowed on them from the Lord.

A similar situation occurred in our Gospel as John told Jesus about someone driving out demons in His name. John explains that he tried to prevent him since this man does not follow them.

Jesus responds by saying, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

Eldad, Medad, and the man driving out demons were all doing the work of God. They had been entrusted with a gift and used it to glorify the Lord. Joshua and John should have responded in joy and appreciation for another’s gifts and talents.

If we apply this scenario to our modern-day lives, we might find it extremely relatable. We oftentimes look at another’s strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families. We are left with a bitter heart and a negative attitude when we become jealous of another. And when we view others in this light, we not only diminish their good works but also overlook the gifts God has given to them and us.

Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God’s gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

We do not want to end up like the rich in our Second Reading from St. James. “Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries...You have lived

on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.”

The rich in this reading stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clenched tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbor. They misused the gifts God bestowed on them.

We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next. We cannot take our fancy pair of shoes, newly renovated house, or our bank accounts to heaven, but we do take our refined hearts.

How do we prepare ourselves for eternal life? It simply starts with being a good steward of what God has given us. It is not bad to have those things; however, we cannot let them rule our hearts. Rather, we are called to share what God has entrusted to us.

He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection Weekend	September 22, 2024
Offertory Collection	\$1,329.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Poor Box	\$85.00
Donations	\$170.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support



PARISH NEWS

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers in helping to make the crab cake dinner a success. Again thanks!!

Bible Study Opportunities

Is the Mass biblical? Why do Catholics do what they do at Mass? In ten beautifully produced lessons, *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass* will answer these questions and more!

We offer two opportunities for you to learn and fellowship with us.

Suggested Donation: \$20

Friday morning - 10-11:30 (1st Friday - 11-12:30). Starts 9/27 Contact: Joyce Blackwell. 856-842-2667/
Joyway4@gmail.com

Sunday morning - 9-10:15. Starts 9/29 Contact: Dan Bogan 240-481-2570/Dan.Bogan@gmail.com

Cantors Needed

We are looking for new Cantors to lead the congregation in singing for the 5:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday Masses. Rehearsal available for all volunteers.

A Minute in the Church — RCIA

If you know someone who became Catholic as an adult, they probably went through RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is a process of learning and growing in the Catholic faith which culminates in reception of one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. The RCIA process is typically a bit less than a year, but can be shorter or longer depending on the individual.

There are generally two categories of people who go through RCIA, Catechumens and Candidates. Catechumens are those who have never been baptized and will therefore receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Candidates have been baptized, but did not receive one or both of the other Sacraments of Initiation. Most often, Candidates and Catechumens are received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil, a beautiful - and often long - service that takes place on the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday.

If someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or perhaps becoming Catholic, have them contact a priest or the Director of RCIA at a local parish. Oh, and by the way, RCIA classes are not just for people wanting to become Catholic. Any Catholic can join in if they would just like a little refresher course in their faith! - Gus Lloyd

FAITH FORMATION



YFF Class Schedule

Sundays 9:00-10:15 AM - K-7th

Sunday 6:00-7:15pm - Confirmation Class

To register: [http://](http://www.saintgeorgeromancatholicchurch.org/yff-registration-2024-2025)

www.saintgeorgeromancatholicchurch.org/yff-registration-2024-2025 or registration forms are available in the vestibule

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL



Little Flower School
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Little Flower School is proud to announce the opening of its **Early Learning Center** serving two-year-olds. Infants and toddlers will be added in Summer 2025. Please visit our website for more information or to register. Thank you.

FALL FESTIVAL AT LFS

We hope you can join us for our **2nd Annual Fall Festival** on **Saturday, October 5 from 10am-4pm**. We will have carnival games, a petting zoo, face painting, silent auction, raffles, prizes, a cake walk, food trucks, craft vendors, and more. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Questions? Email LFSfallfestival@gmail.com

LFS IS HIRING

A **teacher's aide** for our new **two-year-old** classroom and for our **PreK-3**. Please email Ms. Keeton for details at ckeeton@littleflowercatholic.org

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**.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

09/29/2024 - Donut Sunday after 7:30 and 10:30 AM Masses

09/29/2024 - 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Knight led Bible Study

10/04/2024 - Coat Drive for Helping Hands in Church Vestibule begins

10/04/2024 - 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Special Needs Tootsie Roll Drive at Weis Market Callaway MD

10/05/2024 - 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Special Needs Tootsie Roll Drive at Weis Market Callaway MD

10/12/2024 - Knight Delta Drive after 5:00 pm Mass

10/13/2024 - Knight Delta Drive after 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses

10/19/2024 - 6:30 pm Family pot-luck dinner and movie night

10/20/2024 - Church Picnic (times to follow later)

10/26/2024 - 9:00 - 5:00 PM Food for Families - Pax NAS Commissary

environment. Exact location and participation are confidential. For more information, contact: Helpline 301-982-2008 or email: For women: ProjectRachel@adw.org For men: prmwashington@adw.org



2024 CATHOLIC COLLEGE FAIR @ ST. JOHN'S

A Cardinal Newman Society sponsored Catholic College Fair for Newman Guide Colleges

Schools presenting:

Ave Maria University	The Collegium	☑ Lunch and snacks will be available
Belmont Abbey College	Thomas Aquinas College	☑ 10am Mass
Benedictine College	Thomas More College	☑ 10:30-11:30am Adoration
Catholic International Univ.	University of Dallas	☑ Questions? Rich Olson - rolon@sjchollywood.org
Christendom College	University of Mary	
Franciscan University	University of Navarra	
John Paul the Great Univ.	Wyoming Catholic College	
The Catholic University of America		

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 11am-2pm
St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church
43950 St. John's Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636
More info - www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCF

NEWS IN OUR AREA

Friends of the Poor Walk – Save the Date

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society's (SVDP)** 17th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held **October 12, 2024**. The goal of the Walk is to raise money to assist our neighbors with basic needs including rent, utilities, medicine and food. Starting at Father Andrew White School, the walk route goes through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post-walk brunch, music, theme baskets for a silent auction, balloons for children, and door prizes. **Registration begins at 7:30 am, Walk begins at 9:00 am.** There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or donate. The Walk is sponsored by the SVDP Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Churches. Go to www.svdpsusa.org/fop-walk and click "Maryland" to take you to our web site. For further information, contact Patty Belanger at (301) 904-7990.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Are you suffering the loss of a child from abortion? Come experience God's peaceful presence and His mercy through the Project Rachel Ministry retreat program.

Men's Day of Prayer and Healing on **Saturday, November 9, 2024.**

Women's Day of Prayer and Healing on **Saturday, October 26, 2024.**

These retreats include: Witnessing, Sharing, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Mass in a safe and non-judgmental

Fall Craft Fair and Yard Sale

Fall Craft Fair & Yard Sale Located at the St. Mary's County Fair Grounds. **Yard Sale Saturday, October 5th 7 am to 1 pm. Craft & Vendor Fair 8am to 1pm - Food and Baked Goods for sale! 50/50 raffle!** Great seasonal crafts and gifts, food seasoning, homemade items and many more. 43 local vendors & crafters, there will also be food trucks! POC: Diana at Beaconplus@verizon.net or call 240-298-1780 or Becky at dbksk@atlanticbb.net or call 301-904-1656

Firehouse Breakfast

The Second District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue would like to invite you to breakfast on **Sun., Oct. 13th from 8am - 11am.** The menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage Links, Ham, Bacon, Cream Chipped Beef, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Grits, and Spiced Applesauce. Drinks: Assorted juices, milk and coffee will be available. Adults: \$13; Children \$6; Children 5 and under are free. Social Hall of 2nd District VFD & RS 45245 Drayden Rd, 20692





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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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