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St. George Catholic Church

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18: 14

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)

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

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

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

Holy Hour and Confession: Saturday 9:30-10:30am

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

Confessions: Saturday: 4-4:45PM, Sunday: half-hour before each Mass

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 - Friday 10:00am – 3:00pm

Office Phone Number: 301-994-0607

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

OCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)

The **Order 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 OCIC (Order 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 at the beginning of 9th grade and requires a 2-year (7th and 8th) 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 28	9:00am	✙Bridget Nkwontah	Joyce Blackwell
Wed.	Oct 29	9:00am	Omotayo Ojo (L)	Bob Gallo
Thur.	Oct 30	9:00am	✙Deceased Members of the Marcellana & Tolentino Families	Caitlin Frauenfelder
Fri.	Oct 31	9:00am	Hans Nkwontah & Family (L)	Bob Gallo
Sat.	Nov 1	9:00am	Faithful Departed	Marie Goldsmith
		5:00pm	Faithful Departed	Amy Rossi
Sun.	Nov 2	7:30am	Faithful Departed	Dan Bogan
		10:30am	Faithful Departed	Children's Liturgy
		12:30pm	Faithful Departed	



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:

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18; PS 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 TM 4:6-8,16-18; LK 18:9-14

One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

The first reading, from the Book of Sirach, gives us the confidence to turn to God with all our needs, assuring us that "the Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed." Whether rich and powerful or poor and obscure, our loving Father delights in hearing from all His children. We are all His favorites!

But we learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus Himself gives further instruction on the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer, as He tells a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training, and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by all those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest

way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds, and God is glorified!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection Weekend	October 19, 2025
Offertory Collection \$2,266.00	ParishSoft Giving \$797.00
Maintenance \$125.00	0
Poor Box \$155.00	0
Donations 0	0
Total: \$2,546.00	\$797.00

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PARISH NEWS



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. If interested, please approach a cantor or call the office.



This months of October and November we will be participating in the Box of Joy ministry, a Christmas shoebox outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage everyone to pack a Box of Joy! Deadline to return boxes is Sunday, November 16th. For more info check out boxofjoy.org.

Save the Date: Festival of Saints

Youth Faith Formation will be having the Festival of Saints on November 2nd after the 10:30 am Mass. Bring the family and play games and guess the Saints. There will also be a potluck during this event. Please bring a dish to share!

All Souls' Day Envelopes are available in the vestibule to remember your deceased loved ones for the month of November. Please submitted the names by October 26th.

Stuffed Hams for Thanksgiving

Order sheets will be in the vestibule the first weekend of November. We also need workers to help with preparing the hams - sign up sheets will be in the pews the first weekend of November.

FAITH FORMATION



YFF 2025-26

Sundays 9:00-10:15 AM - K-5th

Sunday 6-7:30 pm - 6th and 8th

Registration is available on the church website or contact Therese Thacker 301-994-0737 or religioused@stgeorgerc.org

There is one opening for a volunteer to teach 4th Grade. If interested, contact Therese Thacker 301-994-0737 or religioused@stgeorgerc.org

The Bible TimelineWE WELCOME ALL TO OUR STUDY!

It's time to continue our Bible Study, "The Bible Timeline" by Jeff Cavins. We started this study last Fall and would LOVE to have new participants join us in our on-going study. We offer two opportunities for you to learn and fellowship with us.

Friday morning: Joyce Blackwell.....856-842-2667/
joyway4@gmail.com

10:00– 11:00 (no class on 1st Friday due to Holy Hour)

Sunday morning: Dan Bogan.....240-481-2570/
Dan.Bogan@gmail.com
9:00 – 10:15

A Minute in the Church-The Institution NarrativeThe Major Elevation

During the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, the priest lifts up the host as he pronounces the words of consecration. "This is my Body, which will be given up for you." He then raises the chalice as he says, "This is the chalice of my Blood...do this in memory of me."

This moment in the Mass is called the major elevation. When the priest elevates the host, it is no longer just bread, but is truly the Body of Christ. And in that chalice is no longer just wine, but truly the Blood of Christ. It should be an awe-filled moment for all who witness this great miracle and mystery.

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In John 8:28, Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." When the priest lifts up the host and the chalice, we must realize that we are gazing upon the Author of Life, the Alpha and the Omega, the great I AM, the very God who created us!

This is a moment of utmost reverence for Catholics. Many people will bow their heads or say a brief prayer. After each elevation, the priest will genuflect out of reverence to the true presence of Christ. Upon each elevation, many parishes will ring bells. The purpose of the bells is to honor Jesus our King, and to snap us to attention; to remind the congregation of the magnitude of what is happening right before our very eyes – Jesus is here! The Bridegroom has come! Stay awake! For further study: John 8:28, John 3:14-15 - Gus Lloyd

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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.

DONUTS and COFFEE - Sundays after 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, All are welcome to come and meet and catch up. We have coffee cups with lids to go!

Collection for winter coats, hats, scarfs, gloves for Charity collected in Church Vestibule

10/28/2025 - 6:30PM Planning Meeting in Community Center - everyone welcome

11/04/2025 - 6:30PM Regular monthly Meeting in the Community Center

NEWS IN OUR AREA

Sacred Heart Church Annual Fall Dinner

Sacred Heart Church in Brushwood, MD is sponsoring its annual Fall Dinner on **Sunday, October 26th** from 11 am til sold old. Menu includes fried oysters, stuffed ham, turkey with stuffing & gravy, parsley potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, Cole slaw, green beans, and rolls. DRIVE-THRU CARRY-OUT \$30 per dinner, cash or check only. Baked goods will be available for purchase.

St. Mary's Youth Memorial All Souls' Day Candlelight Vigil

St. Mary's Youth Memorial will hold a Candlelight Vigil, **Sunday, November 2nd, 7 pm** at the Memorial, 20016 Point Lookout Rd, Great Mills, MD. All are welcome to support those who lost dear young family members. In case of inclement weather, the service will take place at Holy Face Church, 20408 Point Lookout Rd, Great Mills, MD, Email any questions to: smyememorial@gmail.com

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Open House - November 5, 2025 6pm
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Old-Fashioned Christmas Bazaar

Historic St Francis Xavier parish invites you to its annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Bazaar. **Sat, Nov 22, from 10am-3pm** in the Parish Hall. Featuring traditional & unusual hand-crafted & homemade arts & crafts. Bake Table, Cafe-style luncheon & carryout, Cooler Full of Cheer & 50/50 Raffles. Take a chance on a beautiful queen-size quilt, made by the St Francis Xavier Parish Quilters. SFX Parish Hall, 21370 Newtowne Neck Rd, Leonardtown MD. Questions? Call Loretta Vallandingham, 301-904-0282.

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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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