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St. George Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent



While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matthew 17:5

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.: 9:00AM

Adoration and Confession on every Wednesday after 9 am Mass

First Friday and Saturday Mass at 9 am and Holy Hour and

Confessions 9:45 am -10:30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays after Daily Mass

Weekend Masses: Saturday — 5:00PM Sunday — 7:30AM, 10:30AM,
12:30PM (1st and 3rd Sunday in Vietnamese)

Confessions on Saturday: 4-4:50PM, Sunday: half-hour before each Mass

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

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

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

Holy Rosary: After Daily Masses and before Weekend Masses

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	Mar 3	9:00am	✙ Maria Tran Thi Phuong	Joyce Blackwell
Wed	Mar 4	9:00am	✙ Virginia Royston	Bob Gallo
Thur	Mar 5	9:00am	Rico Romero (L)	Caitlin Frauenfelder
Fri	Mar 6	9:00am	✙ Greg Adams	Bob Gallo
Sat	Mar 7	9:00am 5:00 pm	Vocations Intentions of St. George Families and deceased loved ones	Marie Goldsmith Joseph Krowitz
Sun	Mar 8	7:30am 10:30am	Parishioners of St. George ✙ Joseph F. Greger	Dan Bogan Tess Pugay



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:

GN 12:1-4A; PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 TIM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God’s call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram’s response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him, saying, “I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

To “be a blessing” is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

St. Paul encourages us on this path in our second reading taken from his letter to Timothy. “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel...” adding this critical phrase, “with the strength that comes from God.” On our own, we are weak and inclined towards selfishness and comfort seeking. Relying on God’s strength, however, we can persevere in the fight to attain holiness. Paul reminds us that we were made for this! “[God] saved us and called us to a holy life.”

To be “holy” means to be set apart for God. This means that our lives as Christian stewards will look different from those around us who do not know the Lord — but different in a way that is attractive, that draws them to the Lord as well. It is a way of life that is counter-cultural in our individualistic, “me first” day and age. The generous offering to God of our time, talent, and treasure at times can feel like the “hardship” Paul mentions in our second reading. But this way of life is a path to holiness.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel

passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus when our Lord takes His key apostles up to a high mountain and reveals Himself in His true glory. “He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” And not only that, but the voice of the Father was revealed to them with the words, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” This revelation of the glory of God was so overwhelming to the apostles that they fell to the ground in fear when they saw Him this way. But our loving Savior is quick to reassure them to “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, “Listen to Him,” “Rise, and do not be afraid” to heart. Let us rely on God’s strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God’s gifts to us.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Collection Weekend	February 22, 2026
Offertory Collection \$3,043.00	ParishSoft Giving \$887.00
Maintenance \$300.00	0
Poor Box \$165.00	0
Donations 0	0
Total: \$3,508.00	\$887.00

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PARISH NEWS



Please join us for Stations of Cross: Fridays during Lent at 7pm. Holy Hour and Confessions from 7:30-8:30pm

Come join our Knights for Lenten Dinner

St. George's Catholic Church Lenten Fish Fry or Shrimp Dinner. *Fresh Caught Local Catfish or Steamed Shrimp* \$20 per dinner, Children under 10 free. Includes: Pancit, French Fries, Vegetable Fritter OR Soup of the Day, Vietnamese Shrimp Egg Rolls - 2 for \$5 (available Feb 27th). Every Friday: February 20th - March 27 From 4-6:30pm (Or Until Sold Out). 19199 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee MD, US, 20692

SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Cardinal Robert McElroy to St. George Friday, March 6th

The Cardinal will be celebrating the 9 am Mass and will be followed by a Potluck Reception in the Community Center. There are sign up sheets in the vestibule for how many will be attending and what meatless dish you will be bring.

Pray for Our Seminararians

Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in the church vestibule, where you'll see cards for each of the seminararians of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one ore more cards and pray for your chosen seminararian(s) each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in serve for the Church.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 26th CELEBRATION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

There will gifts given for the anniversary so all parishioners need to sign up. The sheets will be in the vestibule starting this weekend. There will be a Mass and potluck reception — those sign up sheets will be available in March.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Any children from Grades 3rd and up are welcome! If interested please, contact Angel Luna at 609-346-4093 either text or call!

Spring Cemetery Bulletin Notice

As we move into the season of Lent and prepare for spring blooms, we want to ensure that our parish cemetery remains a peaceful and safe place of visitation and prayer. Please remove fall and winter arrangements by March 15th. Items remaining after this date will be removed to allow for spring maintenance. There is no room to store items placed at the cemetery and we want to ensure that your cherished mementos are not damaged by spring maintenance equipment.

For the safety of visitors and cemetery maintenance crews, glass containers and ornaments are not permitted on the grounds from March through October 2026 because they can easily break creating a hazard. Help protect the grounds crew from hazards and ensure that the final resting place of our loved ones remains beautiful and hazard free. Glass items will be removed immediately for safety reasons. Mementos should be designed to fit on cemetery monuments – consider saddles if the monument does not hold a granite vase for an arrangement.

Thank you for helping to keep our sacred grounds beautiful.

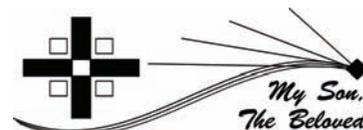
FAITH FORMATION



YFF Schedule

Sundays - 9AM-10:15AM - K-5th Grade Sundays - 11:45AM-1:15PM - 6th and 8th Grade

More information contact Therese Thacker at 301-994-0737 or email: religiouused@stgeorgerc.org





SAVE THE DATE
VBS 2026
JULY 13-17, 2026
RADICALLY RIDE ON THE WINGS
OF PRAYER

If you are interested in being on the Decoration Committee for VBS, please contact Therese Thacker at 301-994-0737 or email religioused@stgeorgerc.com

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 Communion of Saints

Saint So and So, pray for us. Familiar words to Catholics. But to many non-Catholics, those words are foreign. And to some, maybe even offensive. Have you ever had someone close to you die? Maybe a parent? A family member? Or a friend? And you believe that that person is now in heaven with God. Do you think that your loved one, having become one with God, has forgotten all about you? No longer cares about your life? Your happiness? Or your well-being? Or do you think that that person cares about you even more deeply and is lifting you up in prayer before the throne of God?

If you believe that your deceased loved ones still love you and care about you and pray for you, then you believe in the Communion of Saints.

In Mark 12: 26-27, Jesus says of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who were all "dead," that "God is not God of the dead, but of the living." The Catholic Church teaches that Saints are not dead people but are even more alive and closer to God, than you and me. They hear our prayers through a special grace from God. Remember, they are no longer limited by our finite and fleshly senses. As it says in Hebrews 12:1 "...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...". The Communion of Saints. All holy men and women, pray for us. For further study: CCC 954-959, Mark 12:18-27, Hebrews 12:1 - Gus Lloyd

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL



Little Flower School
20410 Point Lookout Rd.
Great Mills, MD. 20634

Night of Mystery

LFS invites you to A Night of Mystery, its annual Spring Benefit Auction, on Saturday, March 7, from 5–10 p.m. Guests (21+) will enjoy a Southern Maryland–style dinner by Rita B. Catering, drink specials, silent and live auctions, games, and raffles. Tickets are \$100 (single), \$175 (couple), or \$650 (table of eight). Visit littleflowercatholic.org/auction or call 301-994-0404 for tickets and details.

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

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!

03/03/2026 - Regular Monthly Meeting - in the Community Center 6:30 PM

03/06/2026 Friday Night Lenten Fish and Streamed Shrimp Dinner 4:00-6:30PM

NEWS IN OUR AREA

St. John's Summer Program 2026

St. John's Summer Program, SOMD's largest summer camp, will open online registration on Sunday, March 1st at 1:00pm. 85 unique camps are being offered this summer, with many of them being new camps for 2026. Some of the camps include 3D Design, Babysitter Training, Lucky Dog Camp, Smitten Kittens, Combat Archery, Cake Boss, and Aprons and Appetizers, among many others. The Program aims to help children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an engaging and fun summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. We open every day with song and prayer and Fridays with Mass. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland-licensed summer camp. Please visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com to view the new summer schedule and to find more information about St. John's Summer Program.



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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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