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St. George Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Easter



And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Luke 24:30-31

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	April 21	9:00am	✙ Virginia Royston	Joyce Blackwell
Wed	April 22	9:00am	✙ Jack Lenderman	Bob Gallo
Thur	April 23	9:00am	✙ Anna	Colette Damon
Fri	April 24	9:00am	✙ Vitaly Zarouba	Bob Gallo
Sat	April 25	5:00pm	Therese & John Indjeian (L)	Terri Evans
Sun	April 26	7:30am 10:30am	Intentions of St. George Families and deceased loved ones Danny Dean, Jr. (L)	Dan Bogan Amy Egeli



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 2:14, 22-33; PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 PT 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35

Today’s readings focus on a theme of “sojourning.” As Christian stewards, we know that our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to “conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ.” What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our “why” for embracing the stewardship way of life — we have been ransomed by our Lord’s saving death and Resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him — as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

Our Gospel passage today describes a sojourn as well — the familiar Easter season story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus’ death. These men knew Jesus personally. They were believers. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They talked with Him, traveled with Him, and ate with Him. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered our Lord’s empty tomb and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. And if that were not enough, they had also been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own walk of faith, doesn’t it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God. The life of a disciple — even for us modern-day disciples — is truly a sojourn, with valleys and mountaintops, wrong turns, and course corrections required regularly.

Our Lord offers a course correction to the two disciples who have lost their way, opening their eyes to the reality of His presence and the truth of His Resurrection. What happens when their eyes are

opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — “the breaking of the bread”? They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and for their faith. They recall that their hearts began “burning within” as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them.

So, what can we do when we become discouraged, when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on the journey toward heaven, with a renewed sense of joy and gratitude as we go!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Collection Weekend	April 12, 2026
Offertory Collection \$2,452.00	ParishSoft Giving \$1327.00
Maintenance \$1,255.00	0
Poor Box \$70.00	0
Donations 0	0
Total: \$3,777.00	\$1,327.00

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PARISH NEWS

Second Collection - April 25/26



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need.

Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Sunday, April 26th

CELEBRATION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH with Mass and Potluck Luncheon

There are sign-up sheets for the potluck luncheon in the vestibule to let us know the how many will attend and what dish you will bring.



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!

Pope Leo's Mass Intentions for April For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes

The envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please return by May 1st.

FAITH FORMATION



First Communion Mass May 3rd at 10:30 AM

Please come and celebrate with our first communicants as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.



**VBS 2026
JULY 13-17, 2026**

RADICALLY RIDE ON THE WINGS OF PRAYER

Registration will be open this weekend! Camper Registrations Forms and sign-up sheets for volunteers will be in the vestibule! We need adult and teen volunteers!

The Bible TimelineWE WELCOME ALL TO OUR STUDY!

It's time to conclude our Bible Study, "The Bible Timeline" by Jeff Cavins. The Sunday Morning Class will continue and finish up by June 2026.

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

A Minute in the Church-The Hail Mary

Many non-Catholics find it distasteful, if not downright offensive, to pray or even hear the Hail Mary. Most people don't realize the whole first half of the prayer is simply quoting Scripture! Imagine that! Let's break it down.

"Hail, Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you." These are the words of the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:28. The next line of the prayer contains the words of Mary's cousin Elizabeth from Luke 1:42, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." So there you go...the first half of the Hail Mary is taken directly from the pages of the Bible.

And the second half? Simply a request for the mother of God's only Son to pray for us. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen." Some may even take issue with the term "Mother of God." But, really, that makes no sense. If you're a Christian, you proclaim Jesus as true God and true man. And since Mary is the mother of Jesus, then she truly is the Mother of God. And, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, she is the Mother of all Christians. For further study: Luke 1:28, Luke 1:42 - Gus Lloyd



They KNEW him IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL



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Little Flower School presents Seussical, Jr. April 24-25 at 7pm in the LFS gym. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, Free for children 4 and under. We hope you can join us!

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!

04/22/2026 - 04/26/2026 Sacred Heart ICON in Church Sanctuary

4/25/2026 - 9 AM Mass, Adoration and Confession (Sacred Heart Icon)

04/26/2026 - St. George 175th Anniversary Celebration

04/28/2026 - 6:30pm Planning Meeting - in the Community Center

05/05/2026 - 6:30 pm Regular Monthly Meeting - in the Community Center

05/10/26 - Mother's Day

5/16/2026 - St. Francis Xavier Chapel Clean-up 8am-12pm

TBD - Bus trip to National Bible Museum open to all parishioners



NEWS IN OUR AREA

To Benefit the Ladies Auxiliary of Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
Sunshine Fund

SPRING YARD SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
7 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Price per space: \$20

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Rain or Shine

Bring your own table or tarp. Payment will be collected the day of the yard sale.

To reserve your space, please contact Amy Hall
301-904-7239

24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood MD 20636

Sunday, April 26th, 2026
5 pm to 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration & Worship Night

St. Aloysius Church
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*Adoration, Reflection
Prayer & Quiet Time*

Music provided by Youth

Let it be divine...

I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly!
John 10:10 BSB

This event is offered to you through the Bread of Life Center for Peace, serving our Catholic community. Contact us at: (301) 478-7238
www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org

St. Mary's Chapel of Perpetual Adoration Fundraising Gala Evening

Friday, May 8, 2026 | 6:00 - 10:00 PM
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

An elegant evening to build Southern Maryland's first free-standing Perpetual Adoration Chapel in the Archdiocese of Washington, 2873

The Evening's Highlights

- 6:00 PM - WELCOME RECEPTION**
 - Hors d'oeuvres, open bar, and live music by a string quartet as guests gather and reconnect.
- DINNER**
 - A beautifully served dinner with continued live musical accompaniment.
- FOLLOWING DINNER**
 - A keynote address and the live auction of dedication rights to twelve antique stained glass windows, with a special opportunity to support chapel's construction.
- THROUGHOUT THE EVENING**
 - Curated Silent Auction featuring exceptional items (bidding closes at the end of dinner).
- CLOSING HOUR**
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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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