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St. George Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 4:00pm-4:45pm; **Sundays** 30 minutes before all Masses; **1st Friday** 9:45-10:30am, **1st Saturday** 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	July 28	9:00am	No Mass	Joyce Blackwell
Wed	July 29	9:00am	No Mass	Bob Gallo
Thur	July 30	9:00am	No Mass	Caitlin Frauenfelder
Fri	July 31	9:00am	Tricia Thacker (L)	Bob Gallo
Sat	Aug 1	9:00am	Vocations	Marie Goldsmith
		5:00pm	Parishioners of St. George	Gianna Frauenfelder
		7:00pm (SFX Chapel)	✙ Ben Goddard	Amy Rossi
Sun	Aug 2	7:30am	Intentions of St. George	Dan Bogan
		10:30am	Families and deceased loved ones	
			✙ Fr. Matt Siekierski	Tess Pugay
		12:30pm	Unity of Families	



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:

KGS 3:5, 7-12; PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; ROM 8:28-30; MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. Today's readings remind us of the importance of recognizing that Kingdom in our midst and ordering our lives around what truly matters.

In our first reading from the First Book of Kings, God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites him to ask for whatever he desires. Rather than requesting riches, power, or long life, Solomon asks for "an understanding heart" to distinguish right from wrong. In other words, he asks for wisdom — the ability to recognize what is true and valuable and to live accordingly.

It is no surprise that God is pleased with Solomon's request. In fact, Solomon becomes known throughout history for his wisdom. The same gift is available to us if we ask for it sincerely. We need wisdom to live the stewardship way of life because stewardship requires us to make choices every day about how we will use the gifts God has entrusted to us.

When our priorities are aligned with God's will rather than the values of the world, we can live with confidence and peace. As St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading, "all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." This promise applies not only to life's major decisions, but also to the countless daily choices we make as disciples striving to serve the Lord and advance His Kingdom.

In today's Gospel, we arrive at the conclusion of three weeks of Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of Heaven. Through a series of brief but powerful parables, He reveals the extraordinary value of that Kingdom.

First, Jesus compares it to a treasure hidden in a field. The man who discovers it joyfully sells everything he has in order to obtain it. Next, He describes a merchant who finds a pearl of great price and willingly gives up all he possesses to make it his own.

These images remind us that life in Christ is worth any sacrifice. The Kingdom is not merely one priority among many. It is the greatest treasure we can possess.

Notice, too, that in both stories the treasure is initially hidden. We must actively seek it. We need the wisdom

of Solomon to recognize the presence of God's Kingdom amid the noise, distractions, and competing priorities of daily life.

Jesus then compares the Kingdom to a net cast into the sea that gathers fish of every kind. The invitation to the Kingdom is universal. God desires all people to share in His life and His love.

Yet the Lord concludes with a sobering reminder that each person will ultimately be judged. The angels "will separate the wicked from the righteous." Jesus wants us to understand that our response to His invitation matters.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst and to pursue it with all our hearts. There is no greater treasure, no greater source of joy, and no greater purpose than living as faithful stewards and disciples of Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Collection Weekend	July 19, 2026
Offertory Collection	ParishSoft Giving \$2,127.00
	\$55.00
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	\$2,182.00

Financial Report unavailable at the time of bulletin transmission to the printing company.

Thank you for your faithful parish support

PARISH NEWS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

12noon - 4PM

There are signup sheets in the vestibule.

Last Names:

A-M - Desserts

N-Z - Side Dishes

SAVE THE DATE

CRAB CAKE DINNER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Pope Leo's Mass Intentions for July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel on St. George Island is open for the Summer for the Saturday 7pm Mass. Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Mass.

ONLINE GIVING

St. George is excited to be able to partner with **ParishSOFT Giving** to provide convenient and secure online giving.

If you would like to enroll:
Visit our parish website
Text "GIVE" to 301-479-6010
Scan the QR Code



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

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



FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2026/27

Registration will open soon!

Catechists are needed for the coming year! If interested, please contact Therese Thacker - email: religioused@stgeorgerc.org



Thanks to all the volunteers and for all gave donations that made our Radical Ride VBS a success this year. It was such a wonderful and blessed week!

Bible Study

Bible Study has concluded for the Summer. It will resume in the Fall. More information will be forth coming.

A Minute in the Church - The Sacrifice of the Mass

Why does the Catholic Church refer to "the sacrifice of the Mass?" After all, in Hebrews 7:9-10, the sacred author talks about the "once for all" sacrifice of Christ, never to be repeated.

In the Old Testament, in Malachi 1:10-11, the prophet tells of a pure sacrifice being offered everywhere, from the rising of the sun to its setting. The Council of Trent says that this anticipates the "pure offering to be sacrificed in messianic times..." the universal Sacrifice of the Mass.

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Catechism number 1366 says that the Eucharist is a sacrifice because it makes present the sacrifice of the cross. You see, the Mass is not just a representation but a re-presentation, of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. We truly participate in that once-for-all sacrifice. So, Christ is not killed again and again on Catholic altars, as some have said. The Catechism, number 1368, says it best... "Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering." For further study: Malachi 1:10-11, CCC 1366-1368 - Gus Lloyd

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL



Little Flower School
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Want your child to experience a Catholic education at Little Flowers? Contact Mrs. Lupita Rivera, LFS Admissions Director (lrivera@littleflowercatholic.org), for a tour today!

Want to support the great work Little Flower is doing? Consider a donation to the Little Way Fund (<https://littleflowercatholic.org/the-little-way-fund>), which supports special education and students with special needs at LFS.

Little Flower's Early Learning Center has openings for two-year-olds starting in June! Call or email for more information.

Little Flower School is looking for the following positions, starting in August:

-Pre-K Aide

-Early Learning Center Aide (full-and part-time available)

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.littleflowercatholic.org/jobs>.



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!

07/28/2026 - Planning Meeting 6:30 PM in the Community Center

08/04/2026 - Officer Installation 6:30 PM in Community Center followed by Regular Monthly Business Meeting

08/16/2026 - Parish Picnic 12noon – 4 8:00 PM

08/21/2026 - K of C Dinner at Elks Club appreciation of Fr. John

08/28/2026 - Planning Meeting 6:30 PM in the Community Center

09/02/2026 - Regular Meeting 6:30 PM in the Community Center

09/14-19/2026 - Work Preparation for the Crab Cake Dinner 8AM-12 noon

09/20/2026 - Crab Cake Dinner 11:30AM - 4PM (till Sold out)

09/21/2026 - Clean-up Day at St. George 8am-12noon

NEWS IN OUR AREA

4TH ANNUAL BEACH PARTY

August 29th - 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. – at the SDVFD RS Fire and EMS Station, 19330 Piney Point Road, Valley Lee, MD; Featuring - Food, Games, Prizes, Waterslide; Free Entry; Cash Only for Food Purchase; For more information contact: Dee Dee Johnson 240-561-2750 or email fundraising@sdvfdrs.org.





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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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