

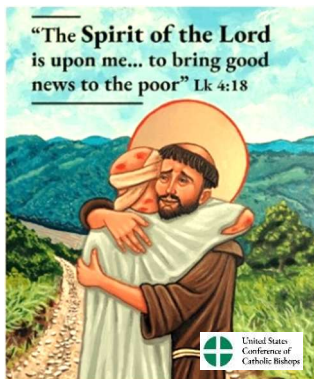
FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027

REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) TODAY!!!

Our DRE and Catechists need to plan for classroom and supplies. Forms are in Church Foyer and our website at st-george-parish.org. Thank you. See your child soon!

FIRST DAY OF CLASS

Sunday, August 16



Here are some important dates to look for on the FF Calendar:

- **Parent Meeting** for First Communion** (children in 2nd Year): September 13
- **Parent Meeting** for Youth Confirmation:** September 20***

***IMPORTANT: First Year of Confirmation is for students in the 9th grade. Second Year of Confirmation is for 10th graders.

**Please plan to BRING with you to the meeting your child's proof of sacraments:

- Students receiving First Communion will need their baptismal certificate (we can make a copy of original).
- Students receiving Confirmation will need copies of Baptismal and First Communion certificates (if unsure, please check with the office).

Catechetical Sunday: September 20, 2026

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Collection Baskets for: August 9, 2026	\$5,185.00
Children's Collection	\$15.00
Catholic School Development Collection	\$857.00
Building Fund	\$290.00

This weekend, the 2nd Collection is for our St. George Charities. Next weekend, the 2nd Collection is for our Youth Ministry Program (ABLAZE). Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate you.



Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

One Body of Christ, Together Sent to Serve

We have kicked off the 2026 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal and we're already meeting our goal of \$26,633.00. As of August 7, 2026, 53 of our families donated a total of \$20,051. We're now at 75% of our goal. Thank you to all who've made this possible. If you have yet to make a donation, please take time this weekend. We still have envelopes in the pews, or you can donate online by scanning the QR code.

Together, as Catholics across the Diocese, let's continue to make a difference in helping the many diocesan ministries in our wider community.



2026



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
8AM SATURDAY
22 AUGUST 2026

PREP DAY
8AM THURSDAY
20 AUGUST 2026



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Lorenzo Garcia, Sr., Stephanie Caron, James Stanley Pawlik, Becky DeLeon, Ramona Torres, Jesse Valverde, Charles Snider, Maria Marroquin, Yvonne Godwin, Larry Jurica, Simon Pena, Carmen Molina, Betty LaBay, Derilynn Huff, Amelia Salas, Fidel Salas, Javier Gonzalez, Julie Wasicek, Noelia Martinez, Joshua D. Garcia, James Johnson, Emma Garcia, Bill Holland, Carol Taylor, Susan Clifton, Maria & Luis Cortez, Jason William Garcia, Michael Hooper, Olin Welch, Christi Tupa, Austin Lovington, Stevie Garza, Elisa Valadez, Laura Carvajal, Joe Naranjo, Cheryl Gideon, Tommy West, Mike Troell, Alma Gomez, Richard Bludeau, Lynn Repka, Will Hardwick, Jube Guajardo, Katie Boeck, Floyd Clifton, Cathy White, Annie Belle Cheatham, Mary Gonzales, Elia Chapa, Macky Alvarez, Lupe Garcia, Donald Henicke, Lupe Reyna, Leonard Tupa, and Kayla Stewart Sheffield.

The Prayer List has been updated. If your loved one still needs to be on the prayer list, please call the parish office or email us at: info@saintgeorgecatholicchurch.net

Bulletin Courtesy of George West Branch #104

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- ANNUITIES • TAX DEFERRED

Call Noemi Aguilar at 361-960-1786 for more information.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: *A Great Faith That Reaches Out*

In today's Gospel we experience the Canaanite woman's deep faith in Jesus. St. Francis de Sales expands on her confident and persevering response of faith in Jesus.

If God gives us no indication of hearing our prayers or of promptly answering them, we lose courage. We cannot persevere in prayer. We quit it completely, then and there. This is not the case with the Canaanite woman. At first, our Lord was paying no attention to her prayer. Since He did not respond to her, He seemed to do her an injustice. Nonetheless, the woman persevered in crying out after Him, even after the apostles told Him to send her away.

She had great confidence when she made her request amidst squalls and tempests that ordinarily shake one's certainty. Like the Canaanite woman, we ought to have firm confidence in Our Savior's power and will, particularly in tribulations. Will God, who makes houses for the snails and turtles, not have care and mercy for you, a child of God? Such confidence always accompanies attentive faith.

Attentive faith is what the Canaanite woman had. She stood among Jesus' listeners, carefully observing Him. Her faith was great, not only because she was so attentive to what she had heard spoken about Him. But she also decided to believe what others said of Him. We make our faith in God livelier by reflecting attentively on the mysteries of our Savior. These reflections make our heart desire the innumerable virtues of Jesus.

Perseverance is a virtue that flows from a faith attentive to the mysteries that Scripture and Tradition teach us. Our happiness is grounded on perseverance. If Our Lord seems not to hear us, it is to compel us to cry out louder and to draw us closer to God who gives us our power to persevere. Courage then! Like the Canaanite woman, let us walk faithfully with confidence in the way of our Savior and we will eternally be happy.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially *Sermons*, ed. L. Fiorelli).
(<https://www.oblates.org/gospel-reflections/20th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-august-16-2026>)



This week's
Altar Flowers are donated
in Memory & Honor of

*Cecil & Virginia
Williams*

by
Tisha & Kyle Williams.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

LECTORS—THIS WEEKEND

Sat 5:00pm Mary Pate
Sun 7:30 am Kat Bisbey
Sun 9:00 am Maria Tellez
Sun 11:00 am Amy Clark

LECTORS—NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 5:00pm Bobby McKinney
Sun 7:30 am Sonia Carrera
Sun 9:00 am Maria Tellez
Sun 11:00 am Kelsie/Brielynn L.

ALTAR SERVERS—THIS WEEKEND

Saturday @5:00 pm

Zeke Pate
Zoey Pate
TBA

Sunday @7:30 am

Gael Cantu
Brynlee Muniz
Henley Muniz

Sunday @9:00 am

Pedro Campos
Ezequil Colunga
John Guzman
Leo Rangel

Sunday @11:00 am

TBA



St. Stephen the Great

Feast Day: August 16



*Patron Saint of Kings, Stonecutters,
Bricklayers & Children.*

Find out more at:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/saint-today>

SAT	AUG 15	5:00 PM	† Dario Garza	By His Family
			† Lorenzo "Chito" Garcia	By Sylvia & Lorenzo Garcia
			† Alejandro (Alex) Garza	By His Family
			Raul Castillo, Jr. (Healing)	By His Family
			† Charlie Porter	By Betty Pawlik
			† Jolean Becker	By Andrea & Colton Becker
			† Oscar Martinez	By Ida Flores
SUN	AUG 16	7:30 AM	Tommy West (Healing)	By Cindy & Charles Snider
			Thanksgiving & Continued Healing for Bill	By The Holland Family
			Jackie & Allan L. Johnson & Family	
			† Primitivo Gonzalez	By His Family
			† Manuel Chapa, Jr.	By His Wife & Sons
		9:00 AM	† All Souls in Purgatory	By Nancy Aldavera Rangel
			Juan Carlos Barajas y Familia	By Carmen Barajas
		11:00 AM	Missa Pro Popula	
			† Norma Villarreal	By Tessie & Bill Doblar
MON	AUG 17	7:00 AM	Philip Crawford (Birthday)	By Virg & Charles Crawford
TUES	AUG 18	7:00 AM	No Mass	
WED	AUG 19	5:30 PM	† Ronnie Dischinger	By Maugie Freiley
			† Carlos Rene Buenteo	By Ashley Neal
			Maria Marroquin (Healing)	By Sylvia Garcia
			† Roberto Flores, Jr.	By Ida Flores
THURS	AUG 20	7:00 AM	Annie Belle Cheatham (Healing)	By Virg & Charles Crawford
FRI	AUG 21	7:00 AM	† All Poor Souls in Purgatory	
			† Mary Helen Flores	By Florida & Frank Combs
SAT	AUG 22	5:00 PM	Missa Pro Popula	
			† Wesley M. Guzman	By Dolores Guzman
			† Becky Pawlik	By Her Family
SUN	AUG 23	7:30 AM	All People Suffering from Cancer	By The Holland Family
			† Sandy Freeborn	By Cindy & Charles Snider
			William Hardwick (Healing)	By Brynley & Brent Becker
			† Coronado, † Filiberto & † Jaime Chapa	By Eloisa Chapa
			† Alejandro (Alex) Garza	By His Family
		9:00 AM	† All Souls in Purgatory	By Nancy Aldavera Rangel
			Juan Carlos Barajas y Familia	By Carmen Barajas
		11:00 AM	† Joe Simonson	By The Simonson Family
			† Mary Lou Doblar	By Tessie & Bill Doblar
			Living & † Deceased Members	By Catholic Life Insurance #104
			† Linda Bednorz	By Her Family
			† Olga Diaz	By Mary Chapa
			† Bill Skorrupa	By Kathy & Rodney Kolb

MASS INTENTIONS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

MONDAY–AUGUST 24, 2026

PRESENTER: Bishop Mario A. Aviles, C.O.

TOPIC: Bishop will choose the topic.

EVENTS:

5:30pm-6pm – Confessions

6pm – Dinner; \$20/Plate

6:30pm-7:30pm – Presentation and Q&A

- If you reserved your seat(s) in July, and plans have changed or you still want to attend, please confirm by calling the parish office at 361-447-2893 to let us know.
- If you didn't reserve seats but would like to, we still have openings. So, please call the parish at 361-447-2893 to reserve your place. Thank you.

The Barn @ Katzfey Ranches
199 County Road 440
George West, Tx 78022



Student Teacher Masses

Fridays at 6:50AM
Church

The new time starts this month and will run through the last Friday of the school year, May 28, 2027.

This will allow Students and Teachers to attend Mass before starting their school days.

If you can make it, we'd love to see you there!



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
FOR SOFTWARE TRAINING
TUESDAY MORNINGS
AUG 25 & SEP 1

WE WILL OPEN AT 1PM ON BOTH DAYS

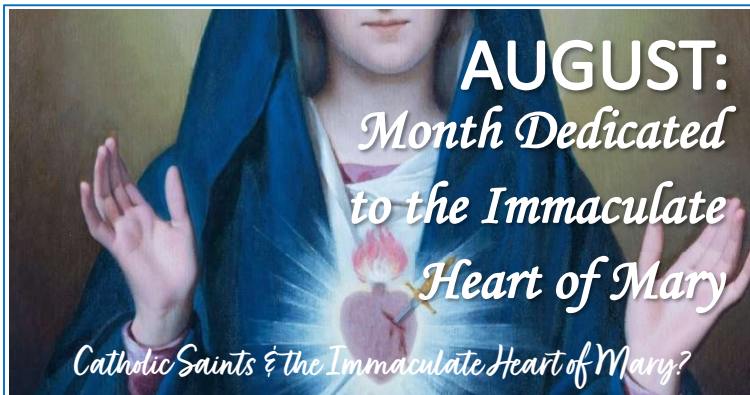
The Wisdom Well

Catholic Helps, Facts & Traditions

During the so-called Dark Ages, monasteries and religious institutions preserved texts and learning from antiquity, which later helped fuel the Renaissance. Many universities trace their roots to these monastic efforts.

Today, globally, the Catholic Church runs thousands of schools, hospitals, orphanages and universities. It remains one of the largest non-governmental providers of education and healthcare. Many people are unaware of the sheer scale of this social-service arm.

Source: <https://trustingodsplan.com/little-known-catholic-facts/>



Veneration of the Heart of Mary dates back to the earliest days of the Church, with saints and theologians writing of Her sorrows and ardent charity for sinners as she stood under the cross of Christ, offering Her Divine Son to the Father. Throughout the centuries numerous saints have held a deep devotion to the Immaculate Heart – often referred to as the Sacred Heart of Mary until Our Lady's apparition at Fatima. Among the saints most devoted to this pure Heart are St. John Eudes, St. Louis de Monfort, The Children of Fatima, and St. Maximilian Kolbe.

St. John Eudes was a French missionary priest known for his tireless efforts to convert sinners to the Faith and form priests in devotion to the Sacred Hearts. He is called the Apostle of the Devotion to the Admirable Heart of Mary and credited for the propagation of widespread devotion to the Her Heart. St. John authored an in-depth work, *The Admirable Heart of Mary*, explaining the glories of this Heart, the foundation for the devotion, and outlining the reasons and methods for practicing it. In it, he exclaims:

"Blessed art thou, O most Holy Heart, for having loved and desired nothing but Him who alone is amiable and desirable! Blessed art thou for having established thy joy and thy contentment in loving and honoring Him, who alone is capable of satisfying the heart of man, and for having known no other grief than that caused by the offenses committed against His Divine Majesty!" (Eudes, p. 17).

St. Louis de Montfort, a prominent figure in Mariology, was a French priest of the 17th and 18th centuries. He is renowned for his dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his teaching of the faithful to go to Jesus through Mary. His famous work, *True Devotion to Mary*, instructs the faithful on the attributes and privileges of Mary and emphasizes the importance of consecration to Mary Immaculate, as the way to grow closer to Jesus and live a life of holiness. To Mary's heart, he prayed,

"That I would have no other heart but Thine to love God with a love as pure and ardent as Thine."

At **Fatima**, Our Lady appeared multiple times to the little shepherd children, **Blessed Lucia, St. Francisco, and St. Jacinta**. She spoke of the sins of the world greatly offending God and asked for the children to do penance and offer sacrifices, for the love of Jesus, *"the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."* The Blessed Virgin shared with them warnings and requests from Heaven. The requests included the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, the Five First Saturdays devotion, and the daily Rosary. The visions she granted these young saints were at times grave and frightening, but She assured them that,

"In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph."

St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar, ordered his entire ministry to the praise and glory of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to the ever more militant Luciferian force of the Freemasons against the Church, he established a spiritual army called the Militia of the Immaculata to win souls for the Queen of Heaven. St. Maximilian consecrated all its activity to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart and worked to spread devotion to Her Miraculous Medal. He carried a pocketful of them at all times and called them his spiritual "bullets." St. Maximilian believed and taught,

"If anyone does not wish to have Mary Immaculate for his Mother, he will not have Christ for his Brother."

Source: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/august-dedicated-to-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary/>

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Sunday, August 16, 2026 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs: 9AM—12NOON; 1:00PM—5:00PM | Closed for Lunch: 12:00—1:00PM & Fridays

PARISH & RECTORY STAFF

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Groundskeeper: Robert Arciba

MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM
Sunday	*9:00 AM
	*Spanish
Sunday	11:00 AM
Monday	7:00 AM
Wednesday	5:30 PM
Thursday	7:00 AM
Friday	*7:00 AM
1 st Friday	*7:00 AM
	*Aug-May @6:50AM
1 st Saturday	7:00 AM

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Bible Study: Meets Fall to Spring, 9:15AM; see FF calendar dates.

Altar Society: Meets as needed.

Building Committee: Meets as needed.

Catholic Daughters of America #2528: Meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month unless announced otherwise.

Food Pantry: Monthly handout every 4th Saturday at 8AM, Jan-Oct; call parish office or see bulletin for Nov/Dec dates; workday on the Thursday prior to handout.

Jail Ministry: Call parish office to request visit for a loved one.

Knights of Columbus Council #3499: Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:15PM.

Parish Finance Council: Meets four times each year.

Pastoral Council: Meets 3-4 times each year.

EN ESPANOL

Sundays—Misa para 9:00 AM.

1st Friday—Adoración al Santísimo en la Chapel.

Every Thursday—Rezo el Rosario en Español.

For bulletin in full-color, please visit our parish website at: st-george-parish.org

SACRAMENTS

Adult Sacraments: Please contact Cherish at the Parish Office.

Infant Baptism: Please contact Virg at the Parish Office.

Holy Matrimony: Make arrangements with Father Romeo at least six (6) months in advance.

Reconciliation/Confession: Wednesday, 4:30—5:30PM; Saturday, 3:30—4:30PM; or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Adoration: Wednesday, 4:30—5:30PM; Thursday, 6AM-6PM.

Holy Day of Obligation: 7:00AM, 12:00 NOON & 6:00PM.

Welcome

Welcome, new parishioners! If you are new to our parish, please fill out a Parish Registration form and turn into the office. Newcomer packets can be found in our church foyer and parish office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office staff during business hours. Thank you and welcome!