



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI

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Liturgical Schedule

Thursday and Friday

10:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite)

10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6:00 pm– 8:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptism & Confirmation

One month in advance with the
Pastor.

Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made by
couples six months prior to the
wedding date.

Reconciliation:

One hour before liturgies, or by
appointment.

Please call the office or email
frtonysaab@gmail.com


Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office if a
member of your family is ill,
hospitalized, or homebound and
would like to receive Holy
Communion at home.

**December 14, 2025
Revelation to Joseph**



Liturgical Intentions

12/13 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for Peter Michael, Mary Michael, and Richard Solomon , requested by their loving family.	
12/14 8:30 am 10:30 am	Two-year anniversary for Angela Spirito , requested by her daughter Angela. Forty-day liturgy for Jennie A DiLullo . requested by her loving family .	
12/20 4.00 pm	Memorial liturgy for Samira Thomas , requested by her loving family.	
12/21 8.30 am 10.30 am	Twenty-year anniversary for Marie Iacobucci , requested by her loving family. Memorial liturgy for Jamil, Dgranohi and Janet Yousif , requested by their loving family.	
12/24 4:00 pm	Glorious Birth of the Lord	
12/25 8:30 am 10:30 am	Glorious Birth of the Lord	
12/27 4:00 pm	Anniversary liturgy for Elias, Geryes, and Rached Saab , and the deceased members of the Saab family.	
12/28 8:30 am 10:30 am	One-year anniversary for Siham Khoury , requested by her loving family.	
1/3 4:00 pm	Third-anniversary liturgy for Anthony Budway , and Fifteen-year liturgy for Kay Murphy , requested by Maureen Budway, her children, and her grandchildren.	
1/4 8:30 am 10:30 am		<p>Would you like to stay informed and receive the weekly bulletin by Email in full color?</p> <p>Please email the church office at stgeorger1@gmail.com</p>

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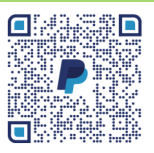
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Weekly Collections

\$1,392.00

Thank you for your love and
support to your parish family!



Young Adults Bible Study



Join us every other
Thursday for Bible Study

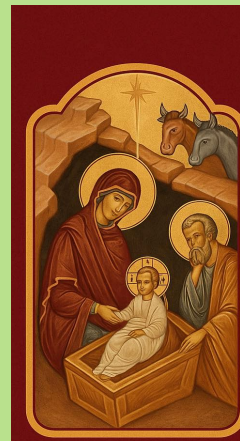
7:30 pm

In the Church Hall

All adults are welcome!

Isaiah 7:10-15

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as Sheol, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then he said: Listen, house of David! Is it not enough that you weary human beings? Must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. Curds and honey he will eat so that he may learn to reject evil and choose good.



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7:00 PM

Ephesians 3:1-13

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



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Men's Game Dinner

Sunday, January 18, 2026

12:00pm – 4:00pm

(First course served promptly at 12:30pm)

Santa Maria Di Prata Hall

29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI

Raffles ~ Cash Bar

Tickets: \$60 per person

All tickets **MUST** be reserved in advance.

There will be **NO** new tickets sold at the door.

Menu:

1st Course: Venison Chili

2nd Course: Antipasto served with game calzones

3rd Course: Venison meatballs and sausage, Pasta, Wild Boar and Peas

4th Course: Game Hen Ala Mama, Venison Marsala

For tickets or to become a table captain, please contact:

Tony Simon (401) 465-1858 or tony@simonconsults.com

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George Thomas (401) 480-8812 or 401gtrealty@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to: St. George Maronite Catholic Church

***All proceeds benefit St. George Maronite Catholic Church.**



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CHRISTMAS **POTLUCK** *Dinner*

DEC 19TH



7:30 PM

1493 Cranston St, Cranston, RI 02920

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Church Hall

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



\$30 Max Budget

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**Don't forget to wear something
Christmas-y!**



As we enter the final days before the celebration of Christmas, the Glorious Birth of our Lord, the Church gently invites us to prepare not only our homes, but our hearts. These days are not meant to increase our stress or fill our calendars, but to slow us down so that Christ may find a place within us. God enters the world quietly. He is born not in a palace, but in a manger; not surrounded by power but wrapped in humility and love. Christmas asks us a simple but profound question:

Is there room for Him?

In this sacred time of preparation, we are invited to guard what matters most. We protect prayer from being rushed. We reclaim silence in a noisy world. We honor Sunday as a holy day. Even small moments, a psalm, a whispered prayer, a moment of gratitude, become places where Christ begins to be born again.

Saint Joseph shows us how to prepare. He does not have all the answers, yet he trusts. He does not speak much, yet he obeys. Through patience, work, and quiet faithfulness, he prepares a home for the Savior. Like Joseph, we are called to guard Christ from what pushes Him aside: constant distractions in the name of being busy, bitterness, cynicism, fear, and other distractions that leave us spiritually empty.

These days also invite us to look honestly within. Are there fears we cling to? Resentments we have not surrendered? Habits that leave little room for peace? Preparing for Christmas may mean letting go, forgiving, or stepping away from what hardens the heart.

Above all, Christmas preparation is lived in ordinary faithfulness. Joseph prepares by working, providing, protecting, and staying present. We prepare when we live with integrity, forgive patiently, serve quietly, and love generously, especially within our families and parish community.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.

Amen.

(Prayer of Saint Francis)



Make space for silence today, even if only for five minutes.

Pray slowly, one psalm, one Our Father, or one Hail Mary.

Protect Sunday this week as a day for God and family.

Let go of one resentment you've been holding.

Perform one hidden act of kindness without telling anyone.

Forgive someone, even silently, in your heart.

Work today with honesty and care, offering it to God.

Reach out to someone who may feel lonely this season.

Ask Saint Joseph to help you guard Christ in your daily life.

Prepare your heart as a manger and pray: "Come, Lord Jesus."

IT IS CHRISTMAS EVERY TIME
YOU LET GOD LOVE
OTHERS THROUGH YOU.
YES, IT IS CHRISTMAS
EVERY TIME YOU SMILE
AT YOUR BROTHER AND
OFFER HIM YOUR HAND.
**MOTHER
TERESA**



**“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.”** *(Isaiah 9:2)*

There is **no evil** to be faced
that Christ does not face with us.
There is **no enemy** that Christ
has not already conquered.
There is **no cross** to bear that Christ
has not already borne for us,
and does not now bear with us.

— *Pope John Paul II*



How can I be Jesus' Guardian in my personal life?

Saint Joseph teaches us that guarding Jesus doesn't begin with strength or certainty, but with "making room". Before Joseph understood the mystery unfolding in his life, he opened his home to Christ. In our own lives, **being Jesus' guardian begins the same way, by protecting time and space for Him.** When we guard prayer from being rushed, Sunday from becoming "just another day," and our conscience in the quiet choices no one sees, we create a home for Christ in our hearts.

Joseph also teaches us how to **protect Jesus from what threatens Him.** Herod represents fear, pride, control, and anything that seeks to push Christ out. Joseph does not argue or hesitate, he leaves. In our daily lives, Herod often appears quietly: cynicism that hardens us, bitterness we carry too long, constant busyness, or small compromises we excuse for comfort. Being Jesus' guardian sometimes means walking away without explanation from habits, environments, or conversations that slowly weaken our faith. Finally, Joseph guards Jesus through ordinary faithfulness. He protects Christ by working honestly, providing stability, and quietly doing his duty. We do the same when we **live and work with integrity**, refuse shortcuts that damage our soul, and take responsibility for those entrusted to us. Christ lives where integrity lives.

Saint Joseph reminds us that holiness is often hidden, faithful, and steady, and that God entrusts His greatest treasures to those willing to protect them with love.



Prayer: Lord, help me guard Your presence in my heart,
in my home, in my work, and in those You entrust to me.
Teach me to protect what belongs to You, not for recognition, but out of love. Amen.



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