

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 21, 2024 | The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR MISSION

St. George Parish in Waimanalo is a community of many diverse people joined together to proclaim God's Word in Holy Scripture by celebrating the Liturgy and building a faith community. Uniquely embraced by the majestic Koolau and rolling seas, we strive to be a welcoming parish and commit ourselves to serve the people of God through outreach, unity and renewal.

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Suppose today is the last day of our lives. How would we want to live? The Lord tells us that now is the time. The days are short. He calls us to reform our lives and to live completely for Him. Let us not fall back into lethargy and indifference. Let us resolve to live completely for the Lord Jesus Christ.

1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The Book of Jonah is a story to teach a lesson. It was written when Jews hated pagan foreigners; and the worst were the Assyrians. Yet God loves even them! He sent an unwilling Jonah, to preach repentance to them. If God is willing to forgive everyone, then we must likewise be willing to show mercy to others.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

One of the favorite themes of St. Paul's early epistles is that the time is short. Christ will come in glory very soon. Therefore, nothing else matters. We must be good stewards of time as we are passing through this world to eternity.

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Jesus calls us to salvation. But there is a new theme: He calls for reform of lives. He calls us to leave all things to follow Him. Although not everyone is called to enter a monastery or convent, everyone is called to sacrifice for the love of God. As we hear the words of the gospel, let us ask that Christ may be the true center of our lives.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin
Deacon: John Tolentino
Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues
Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva
Maintenance: Paul Burnett
Music: Celia Wright

OFFICE HOURS

Tue—Fri, 9 a.m.—noon

MASS TIMES

Saturday at 6 p.m. Sunday Liturgy
Sunday at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Monday at 7 a.m. Communion
Service
Tuesday thru Saturday at 7 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5:15–5:45 p.m. or by
appointment

BAPTISM

Please call the office to register for
classes which are required for
parents and godparents.

MARRIAGE

Call for an appointment with the
Pastor at least six months prior to
wedding date.

ANOINTING THE SICK

Call the parish office to schedule.
Communion may also be arranged
for the homebound.

The pastor will do home visits on a
regular basis on the 2nd Friday of
every month. Call the parish office
to schedule a visit.

FUNERAL

Please contact the parish office
upon death and before making
burial arrangements with the
mortuary and cemetery.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Sunday, 8:15—9:30 a.m.
Please register at the parish
office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K – 5, 8:15—9:15 a.m.
Grades 6 – 12, 10:30 a.m.—noon
Please call the parish office for
more info.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration forms are available in
the church, on our website, or
from the parish office.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Rosary

Monday—Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Second Sunday of the month at
11 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m.

Respect Life Rosary

First Wednesday of the month at
noon in the Meditation Garden

Fatima Rosary

13th day of the month at noon in
the Meditation Garden

Novena to St. Joseph

19th day of the month at noon in
the Meditation Garden

Dear Parish Ohana,

Last Sunday we saw the call of Samuel and also of two disciples and we considered the nature of God's call and how he calls each one of us. Today, we again look at Jesus calling disciples and see how they responded to that call. He called Simon and Andrew, then James and John: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Once they heard the call, Peter and Andrew left their nets (the means of their livelihood) and followed after Jesus. James and John, likewise, leaving their father Zebedee and his hired men, followed him. Their response teaches us about the dimensions of every Christian life. The Lord called them for a purpose, just like he calls each of us for a reason. The call of the Lord in Baptism is not just generic but very personal.

When you think about it, it was a complete act of trust and a total surrender of themselves. To what were they being called? They had no idea where they were going. They had no idea of what the future held. This was the extent of their great trust in this man who came out of the blue into their lives and challenged them to leave behind their security and throw in their lot with him. They would, in fact, go through many unexpected experiences, some of them joyful, some of them painful. But they never regretted that day they walked away from their security. They found experiences that transcended all their dreams.

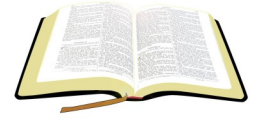
The call is still going out to each one of us. Am I ready to answer and to follow? What are my nets, limiting my freedom to follow him? What personal relationships are blocking my way? What anxieties? What self-centered ambitions? Cheer up, respond like they did and say YES!

Mahalo nui loa

Offerings for January 14, 2024

- Sunday Offertory—\$3083
- First Offering—\$105
- Filipino Ministry—\$30
- Funerals—\$400
- Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$100
- Mass Intentions—\$10
- Ohana in Christ—\$140
- Outreach—\$66
- Repair & Maintenance—\$56
- T-shirt Sales—\$2402
- Total—\$6392**

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, January 28, 2024

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

A Stewardship Moment

In today's letter from Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he calls upon people of faith to disengage from the world's way of living. He wants the community to step back and see how being entangled with the outside world can be a captivity preventing them from living authentic lives in Christ. Yet, to his way of thinking, disengagement is not an end in itself. Rather, being disengaged and set free, a person can engage the world from the perspective of being one who is "in Christ." Good stewards recognize that they live in a troubled world. Knowing the certainty, however, of God's ultimate kingdom beyond human history, how can we work as good stewards of our daily lives to align the present and the future with that kingdom?



Question of the Week

How do I go about inviting others to journey to the kingdom with me?



Fr. Raymund Ellorin and our Parish Respect Life Coordinator Jeremy Kwock hands over gift bags filled with baby notions to Amber Granite, the WIC coordinator at Waimanalo Health Center, on Friday, January 12th. There are 23 mothers from WHC who received gifts for their newborn babies from our 70th Anniversary Opening Celebration and Baby Shower. Thank you to all who gave generously to support the families and their precious gifts of life!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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Introductory Rites continued . . .

Last Sunday we took a look at the Entrance Procession. This procession ends at the altar where all bow, and after climbing the steps, both the priest and deacon kiss the altar as a sign of respect for the sacred sacrifice that will be presented there.

The Sign of the Cross

After the procession, the priest and deacon go to the presider's chair. When the music ends, he makes the Sign of the Cross on himself, and the people do also. The reason he does this is because the entire Mass is a prayer, and as Catholic we usually begin prayers by reminding ourselves of whose name we are praying in.

Afterwards, he greets the people by saying a variation of "the Lord be with you." This is an ancient greeting found throughout the Old Testament, and we respond with, "and with your spirit."

Penitential Rites

Then the priest invites us to call to mind our sins and ask for God's pardon, so as to prepare ourselves to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At this point the priest has a little leeway in how he chooses to proceed. He can either lead the people in the recitation of the Confiteor (I confess to almighty God...) or he can go straight to the Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy).

Whichever one he chooses is followed by him granting absolution to the people. It must be noted though, that the absolution granted by the priest during the penitential rite does not bring about efficacious absolution. It is a common misconception that the Confiteor or Kyrie Eleison cleanses us from mortal sins, thus making sacramental Confession nothing more than redundancy. This is not so. If you are not in a state of grace, by knowingly committing a sin of grave matter (also known as a mortal sin) then you still may not receive communion even after the penitential rite. This is then followed by the "Gloria" and then the "Collect."

Next Sunday we will look at the importance of the Gloria and the Collect.



70th Anniversary Calendar

The theme of the Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration is "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe" and the theme song is "We Remember" from Marty Haugen.

Sunday, January 21

Last day to place order for 70th Anniversary shirts. 11 a.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

St. George 70th Anniversary Santo Nino Celebration.

4 p.m. Mass followed by Sinulog cultural presentation and fellowship potluck in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Kalua Pig Fundraiser for Outreach Ministry

Tickets on sale in January 2024 for pickup on February 3 & 4.

Recruitment for Deacon Formation

Please see the below poster on the bulletin board or go online to www.CatholicHawaii.org/Formation

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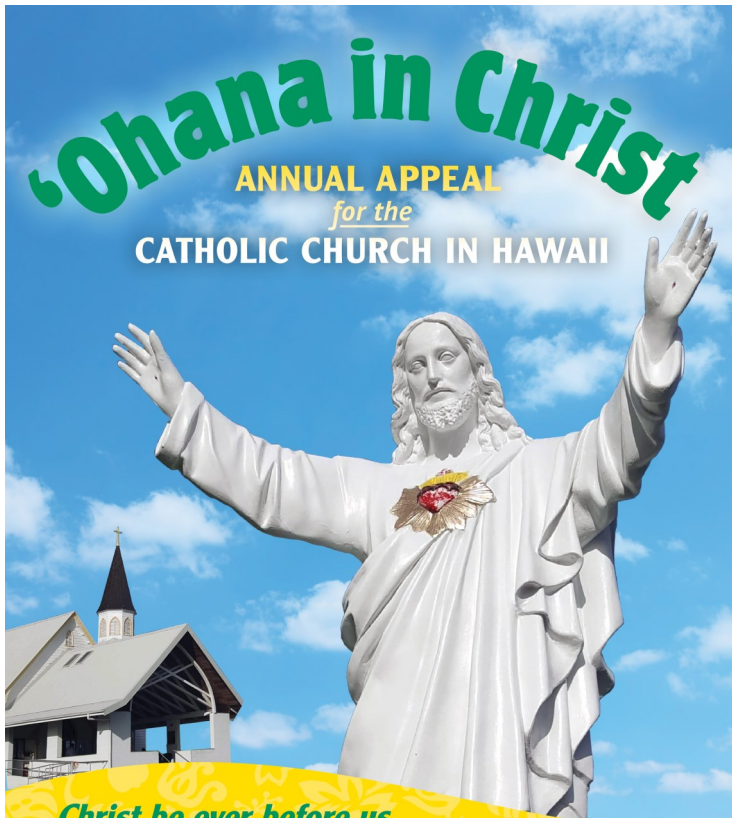
DEACON FORMATION

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The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is a five-year intensive program that prepares men spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally for Ordination. Men (and if married, their wives) will be formed and sent to teach, to guard and to bear witness to, and to serve the Church through their witness to Jesus, and their diaconal ministries of Word, Service and Charity.	These weekend retreats offer a spiritually enriching encounter, filled with valuable information, providing men and their wives a profound experience to deeply explore the diaconate vocation. Whether you've felt a diaconal calling or have just a faint inkling of one, you should attend. To be considered for the next cohort, applicants must attend one of these mandatory weekends, with their spouses if married. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 12 - 14 • May 3 - 5 • June 14 - 16 	We invite you to reserve a space online at our website:
		catholichawaii.org/formation
		For questions and concerns: deaconformation2@rechawaii.org
		Or call us at: (808) 203-6777
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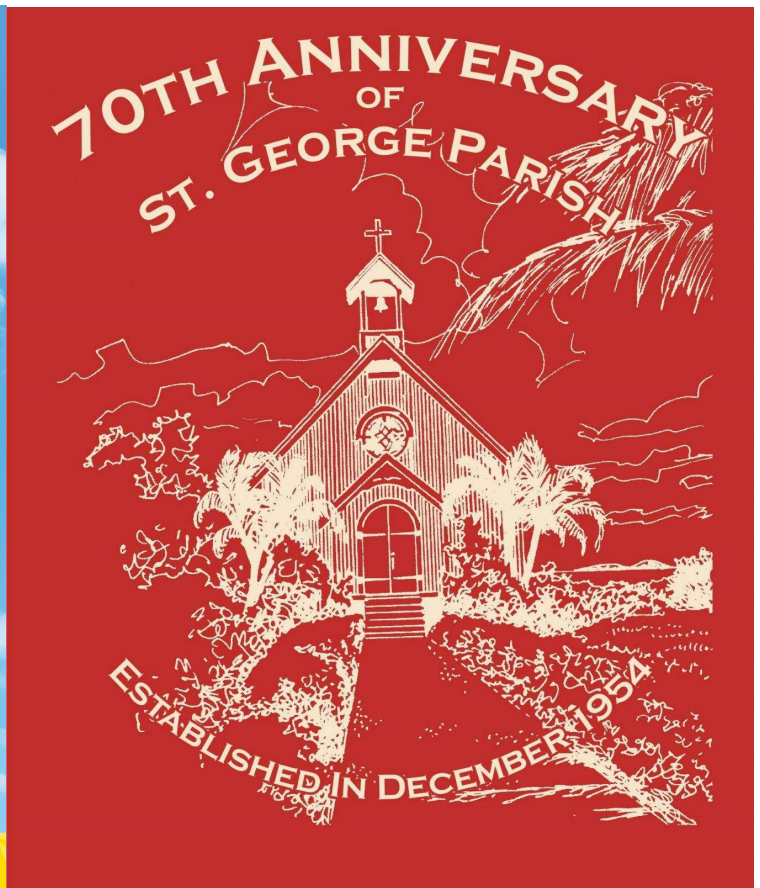


Christ be ever before us
Christ be ever behind us
Christ be ever within

Please support your Diocesan Church and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Appeal. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Give online at CatholicHawaii.org

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GEORGE PARISH



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