

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 26, 2025 – The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



## TODAY'S READINGS:

We often answer "Amen" to prayers and creeds. The word "Amen" means much more than "So be it." "Amen" is a total commitment of one's person and life to the prayer of profession of faith. "Amen" means "With all my heart and soul, I commit myself to this." Let us always mean what we say with our "Amen," and live as we profess.

### **First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

After the devastation of the Babylonian Captivity, God brought His people back to their land. They had been punished because of their infidelity to the covenant. Today's first reading tells how they renewed their covenant with the Lord. With all their heart, they pledged to serve Him alone.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12-30** - The Church is the living Body of Christ. There can be no divisions, jealousies or dissension in the Church if we all realize that we are one Body of Christ. We were baptized into Christ's living body by one sacrament. We share one living Body of Christ through Holy Communion. All our gifts and talents must be used to build up the unity of the one Body of Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21** - In Luke's gospel, the first sermon of Jesus takes place in the synagogue of His home town of Nazareth. Jesus simply quotes the signs of the Messiah from Isaiah. He states that these have been fulfilled in Him. The New Covenant has come. If we are faithful members of Christ's body, the signs of the Messiah must be found in our lives.

## 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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## 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, 8:15—9:15 a.m.  
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 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



## Divine Mercy Every Sunday at 3 PM

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.'"



### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office to schedule  
**(808) 259-7188**

### Monthly Devotions



Our Lady of Fatima  
Rosary & Novena  
12 PM  
Meditation Garden



St. Joseph  
Rosary & Novena  
12 PM  
Meditation Garden

## 'Ohana in Christ THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

St. George Church is once again participating in 'Ohana in Christ, the annual appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawai'i. 'Ohana in Christ tends to the spiritual and material needs of the church.

This year, St. George Church's goal is \$7,565. Your donations are critical in assisting the many ministries and services throughout the Diocese of Honolulu.

<https://www.catholicohawaii.org/ohana-in-christ/>

## Evening of Praise, Worship, Healing and Bible Teachings

Every **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month at 6:30 pm in Church

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February 4, 2025

Fellowship follows in the parish hall.  
"Come and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life."

## I love to read the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, February 2, 2025

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

## Happy Baptism & Congratulations to our newly members of the Catholic Church!



**Martin Arius Escalante**

**Sophia Amariah Aglugub**

**Santiago Euspicio Gallardo**

**Izaiah Jayce P. Vallejo**

May God Bless you & the Holy Spirit guide you!

### Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children

Father and maker of all,



You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

Prayer from USCCB

### Offerings for January 19, 2025

Sunday  
Offertory—\$3177

Religious Ed—\$50

Repair & Maintenance—\$576

Mass Intentions—\$120

Mary Lou  
Scholarship—\$50

First Offering—\$97

Santo Niño Feast  
Day Mass—\$682

Outreach—\$47

Total: \$4799

**Mahalo** 



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

## What a Prayer Life for Couples Looks Like—Nell O’Leary

He leaned over his glasses, over our new baby snoozing, over my laptop screen, and asked, “Do you want to pray Night Prayer together?” And he knew the answer before I said, “I’d love to, I just really need to finish these few emails, and then...” The truth was that I *wouldn’t* love to and the emails *could* wait, and that I’d prefer my productivity over trying a new prayer practice where I was the novice. We didn’t pray it that night, or for many years to come.

Early marriage looked like me as a drowning-at-home mom with many children close in succession and my husband working hard to build a career to support our family. So while he turned to his routine of the Liturgy of the Hours for spiritual nourishment, I would opt for a book about prayer or a podcast on how to pray better—something that kept me busy on the outside but unavailable for the deeper interior work.

It’s easy for couples to say a few rote prayers together. It’s harder to be intentional in praying with and for the other, to truly “will the good of another,” as Saint Thomas Aquinas has reminded us is the nature of love (CCC, no. 1766). And a real grace of the sacrament of marriage is that our souls are more closely bound than even our bodies in marital intimacy, as Pope Pius XI wrote in *Casti Connubii* (no. 7). So it would follow that our prayer lives are meant to be united as well. I’m finding now, at sixteen years into marriage, that a united prayer life *does* look like praying together, but it also looks like going to Mass together, making time for the other to go to Eucharistic adoration while one holds down the fort, encouraging each other to take a silent retreat, and bringing our spouse with us when we receive Holy Communion and Christ joins us to himself in the Eucharist.

If I want to put on the love of Christ and not take it off, then I want the heart of my beloved to draw closer and closer to Jesus. I want what God wants for my husband: a heart fully alive for and with Love. And I want to be God’s hands and feet to help the graces move to make that happen (which means encouraging with my words, but mostly my example!).

## Tips on Prayer for Couples

For people whose spouses aren’t practicing or are struggling in their faith, it can be helpful for the practicing spouse to make intentional little sacrifices for the other, like fasting from treats or screen time. These little offerings are entrusted to God so that he might continue to show the struggling spouse his deep and abiding love for them.

Create spaces of stillness in this new year. Seek intimacy with Jesus in the Eucharist. Encourage your spouse to step deeper into a relationship with God through your own loving example. This year, may your spiritual union as a couple be enkindled! *Lord Jesus, bring to us your light that is life to guide us ever closer to you!*

## Calendar of Events

- January 26, 2025—Divine Mercy Chaplet. 3 PM
- February 2, 2025—The Presentation of the Lord
- February 4, 2025—Praise & Worship 6:30 PM
- February 7, 2025—First Friday Blessed Eucharist Adoration 8 AM-12 PM

## —FOR OUR SAINTS IN THE MAKING—

Saint of the Week: St. Marianne Cope

Patron Saint of: Lepers, outcasts, those with HIV/AIDS

Feast Day: January 23

In 1883, St. Marianne answered the call to minister the people with Hanson’s Disease in Hawai’i. St. Marianne *cheerfully accepted the work* to minister and care for those who were considered outcasts from the disease.



*“I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease, hence, it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned “lepers.” ”*

~Letter of Mother Marianne Cope





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