

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 25, 2024 | The Second Sunday of Lent



Dear Parish Ohana,

This Sunday's readings remind us of mountain-top experiences. In the first reading, on the mountain in the land of Moriah, Abraham is put to the test by God to see if he could sacrifice his own son Isaac, and without hesitation he faithfully obeyed. But in a dramatic fashion Isaac's life is spared and a substitute instead is found for the holocaust. And Abraham is rewarded for his unstinting faith. In the second reading, St. Paul alludes indirectly to another small mount. The evangelists call it Golgotha. From this mount, the Lord would bring salvation to the human race. And in the Gospel, on an unnamed mountain, Jesus appeared in his glory, transfigured along with Moses and Elijah.

Perhaps, you and I can see clearly that the transfiguration is a foreshadowing of the Resurrection. Yet Peter, James, and John see things differently. At this point in their lives, the disciples had been following Jesus for quite some time. They had already endured many trials, and yet they still weren't sure where this journey would take them. It is for this reason they were invited by Jesus to see the reason for following Jesus. This splendid episode offered a hint of where they were headed, heaven. Peter, mesmerized by the sight he saw did not want to go down the mountain to painful moments. Who wouldn't?

Each of us is like Peter at times, wanting a life that is pain-free and trouble-free. However, as He does continually throughout the Gospel, Jesus corrects Peter. He basically says to him: "You cannot stop on this mountain; we have work to be done down in the community before we can finally taste heaven eternally." Lent is a time when we are reminded that our true homeland is to be with God eternally in heaven. In the meantime, like the faithful Abraham, we have work to do.

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, 9am—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 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

A STORY OF HOPE FROM UGANDA



Adolf and his wife, Florence, are farmers in Akwangagwel, Uganda. The couple is dedicated to fighting hunger so that their family and others in their community can build thriving lives. They do this by farming, which helps their family to eat three nutritious meals a day, and by assisting others in their community to grow successful crops.

Each member of their household has an important role, like gardening, cleaning, preparing meals and caring for the animals. In the evenings, they enjoy spending time together as a family. Adolf is thankful for the free time to sit and relax with his children.

In the area where they live, the climate is very dry. Lately, the rainy season has been coming later than it used to. And sometimes, it rains too much all at once and causes flooding.

"It rains so heavily and destroys things," Adolf says. "So, the goodness of rain is taken away."

In addition, people come through their community and steal their food or tools. It makes it difficult to farm with these challenges—and that means food is harder to come by.

To overcome these obstacles, Adolf and Florence joined a Catholic Relief Services program where they learned new farming methods that help them grow crops even when it is hot and dry. They planted seeds that grow quickly, so that they can still have vegetables to harvest, even if there isn't much rain. This provides enough food to eat and to sell at the market for extra income.

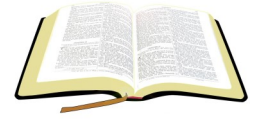
"I have seen my children are happy because they are well fed," Adolf says.

Because of the successful life that he and Florence have built, they are sharing the knowledge they learned with their neighbors. As a leader in his community, Adolf works with others to increase their harvests, improve the land and build a safe and thriving community.

CRS RICE BOWL



I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, March 3, 2024

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

A Stewardship Moment

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.



Question of the Week

How do I think God would want my life to be transfigured this Lent? Am I willing to say "hineni" to accept that change to my life?



Offerings for February 18, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$2982

Ash Wednesday—\$943

Baptism—\$100

Mass Intention—\$10

Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$50

Outreach—\$40

Religious Education—\$30

Repair & Maintenance—\$2210

Total—\$6365

Online Giving for January 2024—\$1361.02



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Following the first reading, there is a period of silence to reflect on what has been proclaimed. This silence helps us to better understand the reading. When we use silence for this purpose, we participate more completely in the Liturgy of the Word. After this period of silence, we raise our voices in song through the Responsorial Psalm. The Psalms that we proclaim at Mass come from the book of Psalms in the Old Testament. From the time of the Jews, Psalms were a regular part of worship—you could even call the book of Psalms the Bible’s song book! The early Christians continued this practice of singing psalms in their worship, although now with a clearer understanding of how those psalms spoke of Jesus Christ.

THE SECOND READING: The tradition of semi-continuous reading of the Bible at Mass goes back to the earliest centuries of the Church. When the end of the reading is reached, our response should be filled with joy at hearing God’s Word: “Thanks be to God!” The Second Reading is a semi-continuous reading taken from the Letters in the New Testament of the Bible. Because the second reading follows a semi-continuous pattern, the second reading doesn’t always tie in with the first reading or the Gospel. Why, then, do we proclaim this reading at Mass? The Letters in the New Testament were written to the early Church by St. Paul and the Apostles. These letters offered support, encouragement, correction and guidance to a young Church finding its way in a society that did not support them. We also need the direction of the Apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, as we make our way through a society that doesn’t always support us in living our faith! Listen to the second readings as you would listen to the sage advice of a grandparent, mentor, or teacher.

The only exception to the semi-continuous second reading is during the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter. During these seasons, the readings are selected to highlight the theme of the season.



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.

Every Sunday

3 p.m. Divine Mercy prayers in church

Every Wednesday in Lent

7 p.m. Taize Prayer in the church

Every Friday in Lent

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church

Sunday, February 25

11 a.m. Parish’s 70th Anniversary Celebration of Married Couples in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place. Open to everyone in the parish. Lunch provided.



Friday, March 1

8 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by 10 hours of Eucharistic Adoration.
6 p.m. Benediction and Reposition.

Sunday, March 3

11 a.m. Respect Life Ministry Meeting



February 14 - March 24 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. www.40daysforlife.com/en/honolulu

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LENTEN FISH FRY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8

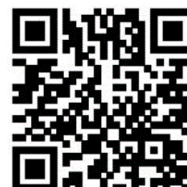
Knights of Columbus Council 6307 is having a fish fry to raise money for students of St. Anthony and St. John Vianney Schools who are in financial need, and for Ho'ola Na Pua, a local organization that is committed to the renewal of girls trafficked in the sex trade, through health, education, advocacy, and reintegration.

Enjoy the Best Fish Fry Ever and make some new friends while supporting two great causes.

The Fish Fry will be held in the Saint Anthony Parish Hall on Makawao Street in Kailua on Friday, March 8, 2024.

You can eat in the Parish Hall between 5—7:30 p.m. or pick up your meals at the drive thru between 4:30— 6:30 p.m. and eat at home.

To purchase tickets, you can use the QR code or URL below. See the yellow flyer the Knights have left in the foyer to go to the Ticket Tailor web site where you can purchase tickets. Only a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.



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