

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 5, 2023 | Second Sunday of Lent



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

The glory of Christ's divinity was apparent only once during his earthly life: in his Transfiguration. But Christ was divine at all times. Through baptism, we are truly children of God, sharers in his life, temples of his Spirit. Let us pray that our divine dignity may always shine forth in our lives.

First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Abraham is the father of God's people. God promised blessing to the entire world through Abraham. Those promises are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

God saved us solely because of his mercy and not because of any good deed we have done. In response to such mercy, let us pledge that we shall be loyal to God, even when it means hardship and suffering.

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

During his entire life on earth, Jesus allowed the glory of his divinity to shine through his humanity only once. And only three living persons saw it. At all other times, even the apostles were called upon to have faith, to be absolutely loyal to Christ even though they did not understand — and even when it meant suffering.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday, 6pm Sunday Liturgy
Sunday, 7am and 9:30am
Monday, 7am Communion Service
Tuesday thru Saturday, 7am

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Saturday, 5:15—5:45pm or by appointment

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

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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—8:45am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K – 5, 8:15—9:15am
Grades 6 – 12, 10:30am—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 6pm

Rosary

Monday through Saturday at 6:30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Second Sunday of the month at 11am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena
Tuesday at 6:30am

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,

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration on top of the mountain. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. The Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. "He is my beloved Son, listen to him," are God's words to Jesus' disciples and all would be followers. Lent is a time when we are challenged and called to keep listening to what the Lord wants us to do.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples. Later, Jesus would ask them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest and eventual crucifixion. Will you allow him to make you part of his inner circle?

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Question of the Week

What crosses have I found difficult to carry or been unwilling to carry? What crosses have I not even thought to carry, but my taking them up could ease the burden for someone close to me or someone else in need? What cross can I carry that will transfigure my life this Lent?

I love to read 
the Scriptures 

Readings for next Sunday, March 12, 2023

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42



Respect Life Ministry Meeting

Sunday, March 5

After the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Meeting Room



**Thank you to the Church Cleaners from
Saturday, February 26th**

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Lenten Communal Penance Services

7 p.m. at all Churches

Tuesday, March 14 at St. Roch, Kahuku
Thursday, March 16 at St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua
Monday, March 20 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
Waikane
Wednesday, March 22 at St. John Vianney, Kailua
Thursday, March 23 at St. Ann, Kaneohe
Thursday, March 30 at St. George, Waimanalo

A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

A Prayer for Lent

God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, embrace the Good News and draw closer to You.

During this season of Lent, help us use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in our hearts and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer.

And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.



Upcoming Events

February 22—April 2

40 Days for Life spring campaign. Pray to end abortion in Hawaii. 40daysforlife.com/honolulu

Sunday, March 5

10:30am (After the 9:30am Mass) Respect Life Ministry Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Monday, March 6—Wednesday, March 8

Lenten Missions for St. Anthony of Padua and St. John Vianney Churches in Kailua. Featured guests are Paulist Father Steven Bell and award-winning speaker and writer, Jeremy Rivera. See their websites for more info.

Tuesday, March 7

9:30am Funeral Mass for Karen Bingo-Duggins

Wednesday, March 8 (all Wednesdays in Lent)

7pm Taize Prayer in Church

Thursday, March 9

10am Burial at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery for Karen Bingo-Duggins

Friday, March 10

10:30am Funeral Mass for Hubert McKeague with 2pm Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Park

7pm Stations of the Cross (All Fridays in Lent)

Sunday, March 12

11am Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers in Church

Wednesday, March 13

Fatima Rosary in the Meditation Garden

Thursday, March 30

7pm Lenten Communal Penance Service

Friday, April 28

Application deadline for tuition assistance through the Mary Lou Scholarship Fund. Download the application from the parish website and contact Joseph Ka'akua for more information.



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A STORY OF HOPE FROM HONDURAS

The changing climate has had an impact on lands in Honduras, but farmers are learning new techniques to water their crops, protect the natural resources and and keep their families healthy.

Rony lives with his wife Reina and their two sons, Emilson, age 14, and Maynor, age 9, about two hours from Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras.

Like many children in Latin America, Emilson loves to play soccer. And when his parents asked him about his future, he didn't hesitate to say he wanted to become a professional soccer player.

"We have to make an effort," Reina told Rony. "I know that with God's help, everything can be done."

So, despite the distance and the expenses involved, Rony took a leap of faith and enrolled Emilson in a soccer academy in Tegucigalpa.

Rony is a farmer who grows corn, beans and bananas. But it's hard to get good harvests working in the Dry Corridor—an area impacted by high temperatures and lack of rain. Droughts have become more frequent and storms stronger. "Nowadays, we don't know when winter starts or when it ends," explains Rony.

Determined to support Emilson's dream, Rony participated in a Catholic Relief Services project, which helped him repair an old reservoir and install a low-cost irrigation system with pipes and hoses that uses very little water to grow his crops. He also learned to let the harvest residue rot—instead of burning the land—because the residue becomes the soil's fertilizer.

Thanks to the watering system and his new skills, Rony can harvest his crops even if it doesn't rain. His produce and income are now enough to feed his family, pay the soccer academy's fees and help people in his community.

Today, Rony has even become an advocate for caring for the environment. And he feels it is his responsibility that others do too.

"I have learned a lot about how to take care of, value and protect the natural resources that the Lord has given us, such as water," he says. "That's the best way to guarantee the lives of our families and the animals."



Reflect

God created our world, and it is our responsibility to take care of it.



Reflect

Why is caring for creation so important, and what is the impact—locally and globally—when we don't care for it?



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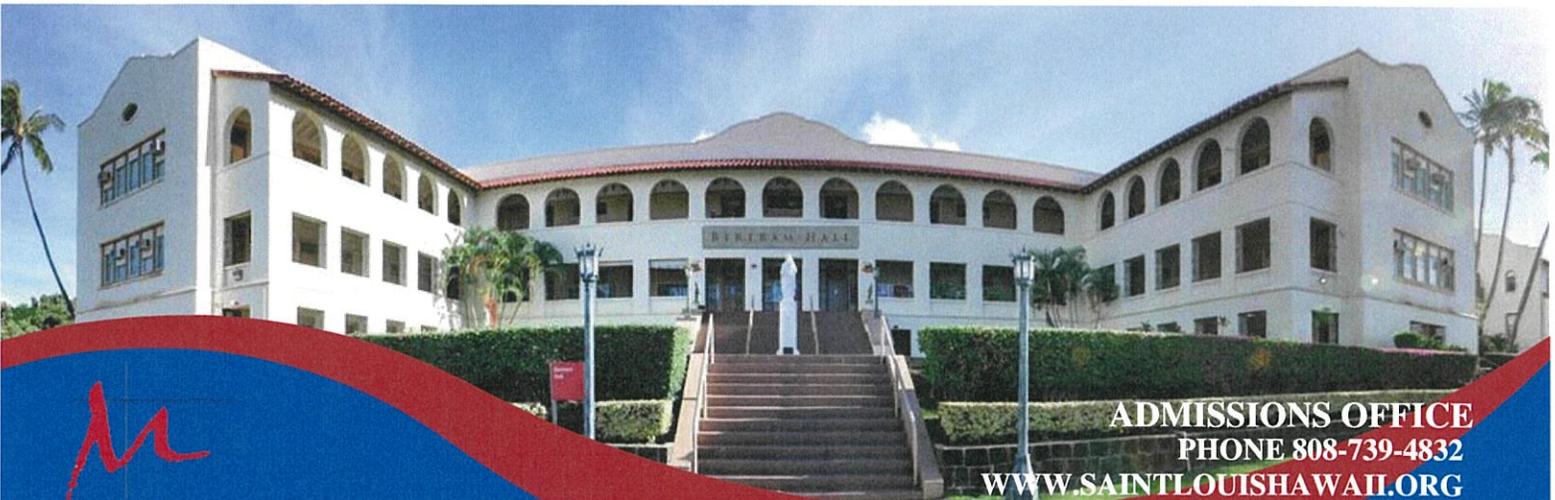
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