

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Dear Parish Ohana,

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”

Today we begin the holiest week in the Christian Calendar known as Holy Week. As we celebrate Palm Sunday, our Lenten Pilgrimage takes a great dramatic turn. Jesus enters Jerusalem with his friends in high spirits, full of hope and the crowd is on his side as they welcome him with shouts of joy, **“Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”**. This entrance is a very political one. At the time of Jesus, victorious generals with their armies returned home and entered the city in similar fashion as the crowds waved branches and shouted out their names.

No other Sunday in our liturgical calendar contains so much drama and tension as today. What begins with shouts of joy and the feeling of victory will quickly change as the same crowd a week later will shout, **“Crucify him, crucify him!”** His spectacular entrance into the city is also his entrance into his betrayal, denial, condemnation, suffering and death and ultimately his Resurrection. **“He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he open not his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers...”** (Is 53:7.)

We are part of both crowds, and as we witness and reflect on his suffering, we will also experience his Resurrection. We pray that as we enter deeper into this most sacred of weeks with Jesus, we will be drawn closer to him and each other. With arms opened wide on the cross, Jesus invites us to draw near to His Sacred Heart of love so that through him we shall find strength to be good stewards for his vineyard.

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

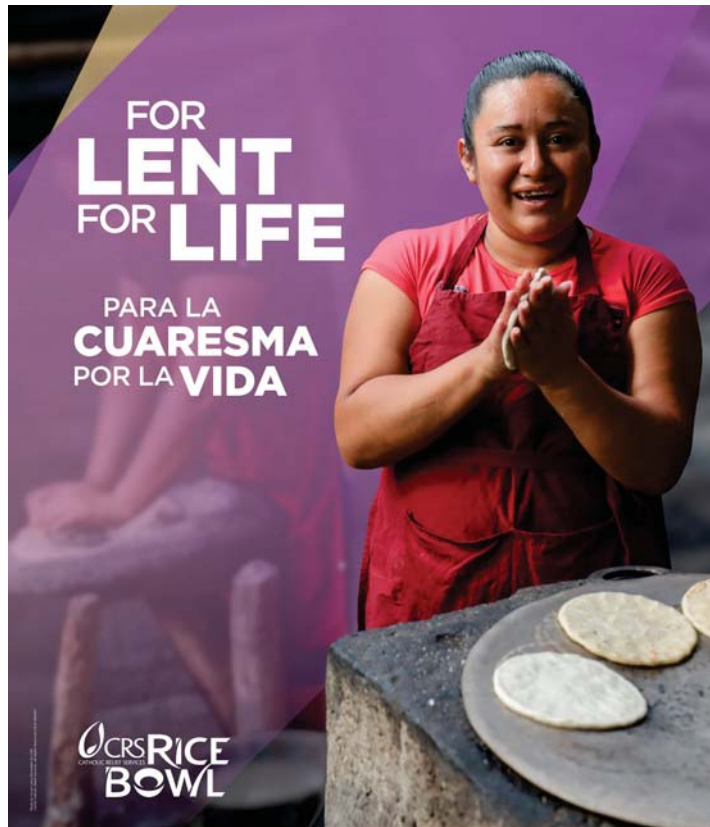
First Wednesday of the month at
noon in the Meditation Garden

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



MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more. Please turn in your Lenten Rice Bowl donations at Mass on Holy Thursday, and consider writing a check in lieu of turning in a box of coins to the offertory. Thank you for your kokua!



PRAY. FAST. GIVE ALMS.

I love to read  the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, March 31, 2024
First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

A Stewardship Moment

This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend’s Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to his Father, in much emotional distress. He knows he can save himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make his way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to his Father and waits for his persecutors. As Saint Paul puts it in the second reading, Jesus is “obedient to the point of death.” Jesus’ obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will.



Question of the Week

In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem extravagant to observers, but meaningful to them and for me?

Offerings for March 17, 2024

- Sunday Offertory—\$2379
- Funerals—\$400
- Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$50
- Mass Intentions—\$40
- Outreach—\$205
- Repair & Maintenance—\$578
- Religious Education—\$40
- Tshirt Sales—\$100
- Total—\$3792**





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL | June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST continued...

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

TWO PREPARATIONS: The Preparation of the gifts serves a twofold purpose. First the gifts of bread and wine are prepared for their consecration at the Eucharistic Prayer. Second, through the prayers during this time, the priest and the people are prepared to take part in the Eucharistic Prayer. The prayer said over the bread and the wine comes from the Jewish tradition of the Berakah Prayer (“Blessed are you, O Lord”), prayers that give thanks for the bread and wine that are still said as part of the Jewish Friday night Sabbath meal blessing. In this prayer, the priest gives thanks for the gifts of bread and wine, recalling that these gifts will soon become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Mixture of Water and Wine: The priest mixes a little bit of water into the wine. This gesture has a spiritual significance. The deacon says, “By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ (wine), who humbled himself to share in our humanity (water).” We pray that just as the water and wine become one, that we may also become one with Christ.

Priest and Washing of Hands: The priest washes his hands. While this originally served as a practical cleansing, the priest also prays silently a prayer for spiritual cleanliness, “*Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.*”

Next Sunday we will look at the Eucharistic Prayer.

**Easter Sunday
Celebration
11 a.m.**

Egg Hunt for Children
Prizes, goodie bags,
food and fellowship!

Easter Papale (Hat) Contest for Adults
Men and women wear your best Easter Papale to Mass and join the contest at 11 a.m. Prize goes to the best hat of the day!



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

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

Meet in the parish hall for the blessing of palms and procession into the church for all Masses.

1 p.m. Filipino Catholic Ministry meeting in the parish hall

Monday, March 25, Holy Monday

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 26, Holy Tuesday

7 a.m. Mass

7 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Theresa in Honolulu

Wednesday, March 27, Holy Wednesday

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass

Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m.

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

7 p.m. Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

7 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 31, Easter

7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord

11 a.m. 70th Anniversary Easter Egg Hunt and Fellowship



Donations of new and gently used clothing are being accepted to provide for the needy in our community. It will be distributed two times later this year. Donations will be collected on the following dates and times at church between 4–6 p.m.

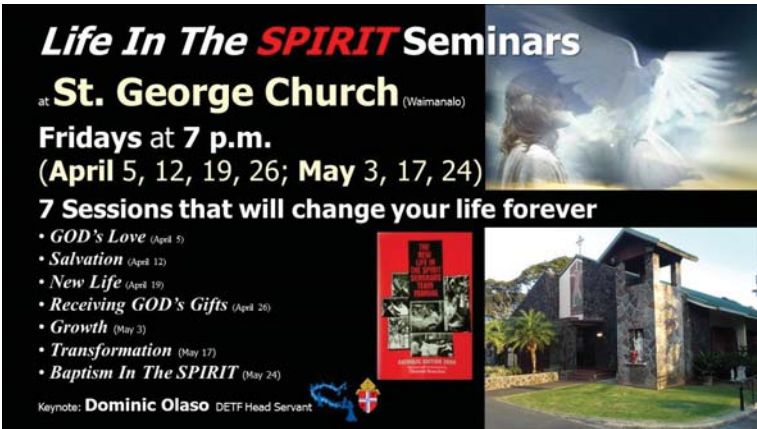
- Saturday, April 6
- Saturday, May 4
- Saturday, June 1

Life In The *SPiRiT* Seminars
 at **St. George Church** (Waimanalo)
Fridays at 7 p.m.
(April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 17, 24)

7 Sessions that will change your life forever

- *GOD's Love* (April 5)
- *Salvation* (April 12)
- *New Life* (April 19)
- *Receiving GOD's Gifts* (April 26)
- *Growth* (May 3)
- *Transformation* (May 17)
- *Baptism In The SPiRiT* (May 24)

Keynote: **Dominic Olaso** DETF Head Servant



Life in the Spirit Seminars

In the 1960's Vatican II called for the renewal of the spiritual life of the Catholic people. In 1967, college students on a retreat received that New Pentecost, and developed a seminar to share how others could have the same encounter with the Holy Spirit. It is hoped that this Life in the Spirit seminar will be a tool for that spiritual revitalization and an answer to Pope John XXIII's prayer, "Renew in our day, O Lord, your wonders as in a new Pentecost." Since then, over 120,000,000 Catholics in 240 countries have taken some type of Life in the Spirit seminar and have discovered that the Holy Spirit is not an inaccessible, "ghostly" intelligence, but the very "breath" of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

The original Life in the Spirit seminar was used as an evangelistic tool in home, work, and social groups, and not primarily in church situations. But many do now use the seminar for church renewal in the parish or other church circumstances. The seminar is designed so that church members can "renew" their baptismal life in Jesus, which is sacramentally confirmed as young Catholic adults, recommit to the Lord, and experience a fuller "life in the Spirit." The seminar is usually a weekly, seven-week course which covers talks, testimonies and small group sharing on God's Love; Salvation; New Life; Receiving God's Gifts; Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Growth; and Transformation. As a people of God, we still have so much to learn about our ongoing immersion into God's life and Spirit. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

"The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God that they may 'bear much fruit.'" (John 15:8,16 and Catechism of the Catholic Church 737)



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