

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 16, 2023 | Fifteenth 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

If we plant seeds in our garden, we expect they will grow. If we invest our money, we expect a return on our investment. God also expects us to bear fruit. He has given us every blessing. He expects us to show a rich harvest by our lives of faithful service to Him and to His Church.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

God's word is like rain on parched soil: Because of the rain, rich vegetation springs up. God's word must produce rich fruit in the person who claims to be a child of God.

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

Even the person of faith can get discouraged. Sometimes our efforts seem to accomplish nothing. But God promises that present disappointments are nothing compared to His glory. If we strive to serve Him, there will be an abundant spiritual harvest in our lives.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

The Gospels for the next three Sundays are taken from the parables of Jesus. A parable is a little story used to teach a profound lesson. Usually there is only one point in a parable. God wills the salvation of every-one. God gives His grace to everyone. But only those who prepare their hearts to receive God's grace will bear fruit in eternal life.

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, 9am—noon

MASS TIMES

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5:15—5:45pm 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.

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—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,

We are often advised to take care of our heart, to watch our diet, to exercise, to undergo cardiovascular screening, but there is another kind of heart that should concern us, our spiritual heart. Jesus spoke often about our spiritual heart. The following of Jesus should begin in our heart and if our spiritual heart is unwell, it hinders our response to Jesus.

So, Jesus says in this Sunday's Gospel: "Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes..." (Mat 13:15)

What is the state of our heart? Is your heart open to receiving the words of Jesus or is your heart a source of grief to Jesus? Related to the parable of the Sower Jesus tells us, we like to think of ourselves as good people. In that sense we are the fertile soil that received the seed and produced much fruit. But since none of us is yet a 'saint,' we each have areas in our heart that are in need of spiritual cardiac surgery. There are four types of soil: shallow, rocky, thorny, and rich soil. There is some of each of these four types in each of us. We could be all four of these persons at once, or predominantly one of these types of person for a certain time of life. Let us do some cardiac surgery on our spiritual hearts.

And may God the Father enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit, so that we may receive the Word of God in rich soil and yield a harvest, now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. May we all be blessed and become fruitful on our journey of faith.



Offerings for July 9, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$3298.17
- Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$100
- Mass Intentions—\$50
- Outreach—\$20
- Outreach, Family Promise-\$25
- Peter's Pence—\$50
- Repair & Maintenance—\$2955
- Total—\$6498.17**

- Online giving for June 2023—\$1629.19
- Online giving for May 2023—\$1224.94
- Online giving for April 2023—\$1468.44
- Online giving for March 2023—\$1473.69
- Online giving for February 2023—\$1427.07
- Online giving for January 2023—\$1284.05

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, July 23, 2023

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading, Saint Paul gives us reason to hope for a wondrous future beyond our imagination. He preaches this hope amidst the suffering of the early Christian communities. "Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). Good stewards realize that by remaining faithful to the Gospel with persistence, fervor and endurance, our hope in the promises of Christ Jesus will be rewarded. Reflect this week on concrete ways you can remain faithful to the Gospel during these challenging times.



Question of the Week

What kind of fruitful work am I able to do? How can I change my behavior or attitude so that I may bear fruit?

Good soil stewards: Laureto and Leonides Bolibol and Fe Duque tending the parish office garden



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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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

Is there a point during the Mass at which it is too late to attend?

This is a good question because often today there is a tendency to think that as long as we have arrived in time to receive Communion, then we have fulfilled our Sunday obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day. But there is a great deal more to it. When a person is careless about being on time for Mass, especially when this happens repeatedly, it can be a sign that there is a lack of understanding of the action that is taking place at the Mass. This needs to be thought out carefully.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is made up of two parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and these two parts make up the whole Mass. It is during the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the second part) that we receive our lord in Holy Communion, but there is something else that will take place before that happens. In the first part (the Liturgy of the Word) God will reach out to us. This is accomplished through the readings from Sacred Scripture. Every part of the Mass is important, but this is especially important because when the lector approaches the ambo to read, we should know that we are about to hear God speak through the Scriptures. *Inaestimabile donum* n. 2 states that "a person should not approach the table of the bread of the Lord without first having first been at the table of his Word." Sacred Scripture is therefore of the highest importance in the celebration of Mass.

Every effort should be made to be on time for Mass. If we are not able to be present in time to be seated for the readings of the Word of God, then it might be better to plan to attend the next available Mass on that day. If we rush in just in time for Communion, then we will not have experienced the transforming sacrifice of Jesus. We will not have been completely nourished by the Lord's Word and his Body. If we who love him so had been there on the day he died, would we have been late?

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**Calendar of Events
for Ordinary Time**

Sunday, July 16

10:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Group meeting in the parish office meeting room

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 p.m. Finance Council meeting in the parish office meeting room

Wednesday, July 19

12 p.m. Novena to St. Joseph in the meditation garden

6:30 p.m. Aloha Ministry meeting in the parish office meeting room

Sunday, July 23

10:45 a.m. Altar Servers meeting in the parish office meeting room

2 p.m. Filipino Catholic Community meeting in the parish office meeting room

Wednesdays, August 2 and 9

7 p.m. Infant Baptism Classes for parents and godparents

Wednesday, August 2

12 p.m. First Wednesday Rosary for the intentions of Respect Life movement which proclaims that every human life is a precious gift from God

Thursday, August 3

5:30 p.m. Liturgical Ministers meeting in the parish office meeting room

Friday, August 4

6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Saturday, August 5

10:45 a.m. Eulogy and 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Henry Castillo

Sunday, August 27

7 a.m.—1 p.m. Blood Bank of Hawaii blood drive at St. George with Bloodmobile



Congratulations Romeo and Maria Judith on the sacrament of matrimony! July 11, 2023



Anointing of the sick

Home Visits from the Pastor

Beginning in August, Fr. Raymund Ellorin will do home visits on the 2nd Friday of the month administering the sacraments of anointing of the sick and communion to the homebound. If you or anyone you know is unable to attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive these sacraments, please schedule with the parish office.



Blood Bank of Hawaii

Hawaii needs more than 200 blood donors everyday. Please support the Bloodmobile which will be at St. George on Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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