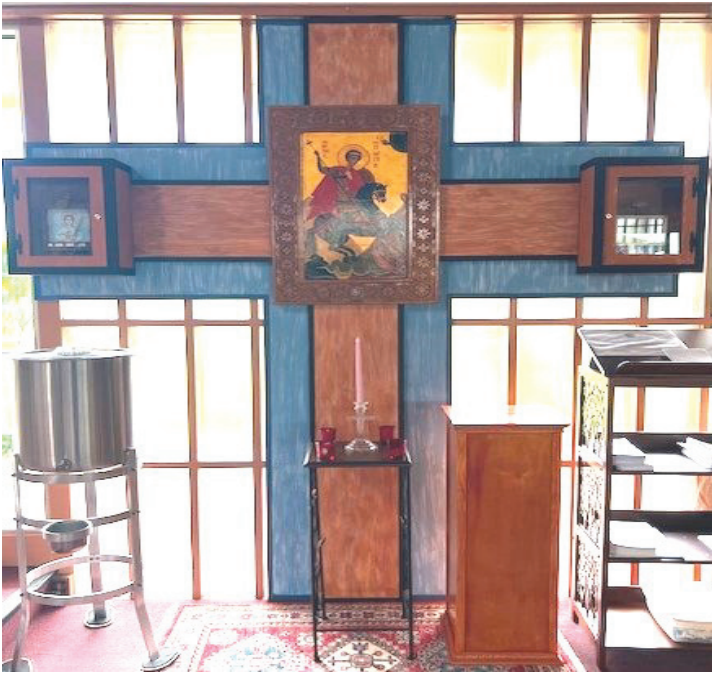


SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 1, 2024—Twenty-second 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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BECOMING CATHOLIC Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Sunday, 8:15—9:30 a.m.
Please register at the parish office.

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.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

The message of the gospel is simple enough to be available to all people. God loves us. He sent His Son to save us. His Son continues His work of teaching and sanctifying in His Church. Let us pray that we shall not add nor subtract from the truth of Jesus Christ, and that we shall live the simplicity of our faith.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 - In today's first reading Moses warned the Israelites not to add to or subtract from God's word. But in later times interpretations of the Torah became as important as the Torah itself.

Second Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27 - All good things come from God. If we receive blessings from God, He expects us to show forth His goodness in our lives. Religion is shown by our deeds and not by our words.

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 - The Pharisees had the reputation for being the most religious and holy and virtuous people. But Jesus calls them hypocrites who follow their own way and not the way of God.

Meet our parish's new secretary



Hi! I'm Lowella Gaerlan - a wife to Luigi, my high school sweetheart and a mom of three. I have been raised in Waimanalo majority of my life and St George has been my home parish ever since I was little. Luigi and I love raising our family here at St George! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for welcoming me as your parish secretary. God Bless!



First Day of Sunday School is September 8, 2024 at 8:15 am.

A parent meeting will take place at this time. Mahalo for supporting your child's journey with God.

Youth: 4 yrs old—high school. Join us on Sundays for Religious Education classes!

REGISTRATIONS STILL ACCEPTED

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members who were baptized but were not confirmed or received first Holy Communion? Or are non-Catholic but are interested in the Church?

Please come to a meet and greet session with coffee and pastries in Mary's Haven meeting room at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2024. Class will begin September 15 from 8:15 am—9:30 am.

Classes will be held Sunday mornings from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. For more information, call the parish office at 808-259-7188 and leave your name, contact number, and email address. Maria and Paul Dumas will contact you.

Offerings for August 25, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$2873
Outreach—\$120
Repair and Maintenance—\$135
Mary Lou Scholarship — \$25
T-Shirts—\$135
Mass Intentions—\$25
Total: \$3313

Mahalo

I love to read the Scriptures

Readings for next Sunday, September 8, 2024

First Reading: [Is 35:4-7a](#)

Second Reading: [Jas 2:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Mk 7:31-37](#)

Blood Drive Mahalo

Mahalo from the Community On Sunday, August 25th, St. George Church had our annual Bloodbank Drive. Thank you for all that participated and became a donor. And thank you too, to those who wanted to donate but couldn't because of certain restrictions. Your support and willingness to serve, means so much to all of us. The success of the Bloodbank Drive depends on everyone, not only those that donate their blood.

*A special Mahalo to the Knights of Columbus for their assistance and support throughout the planning, preparation, and presence for the Bloodbank Drive event. Just a friendly reminder, if you were not able to participate with the church's Bloodbank Drive this past Sunday, the Bloodbank of Hawaii hold events throughout the year, check out their website at www.bbh.org for locations.

Religious Education Catechists' Meeting

September 1, 2024
8:15 am
Office Meeting Room

Garden Ministry Meeting

September 1, 2024
11:00 am
Office Meeting Room



There is a ministry waiting for you. Pray on it and volunteer to serve in your parish in any way you feel comfortable.

In Loving Memory

MARGARET PIILANI KA'ALOA

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024
ST. GEORGE CHURCH
VISITATION: 9:00 AM
MASS: 11:00 AM



Rest In Peace



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Dear Friends,

This past Saturday, my religious community hosted a Back-to-School Block Party for our neighbors. Over 800 children received backpacks full of school supplies, hundreds of hot dogs were consumed, faces were painted, health screenings were provided, and 50 gallons of ice cream were completely wiped out!

In the midst of it all, we held Eucharistic adoration. The atmosphere inside our beautiful church was quietly serene, in contrast to the noisy, happy activity outside. Dimmed lights and small votive candles illuminated the King of Kings. Volunteers and guests alike went in and out throughout the day to make a visit with Jesus and light a candle for their intentions. And all the while, Amber was sleeping. Amber, this slight woman, could not have weighed more than 80 pounds. When I first saw her, she was curled up in the fetal position, sleeping in front of the back door of our outreach center. As I gazed upon her, all I could think of was, "This poor child." She had the appearance of an abandoned little girl: her hair matted, her clothing soiled, and her few possessions scattered about her. She was sound asleep—most likely from a substance overdose—and I knew it was best to let her be for a while. A few hours later, I found her awake and in an even more disheveled state than before. There was nothing I could really "do" for her. Sr. Kate joined me and we spoke with her for a bit, expressed our concern, and offered help. But she said, with a calm and grateful demeanor, that there was nothing we could do for her, and she would leave soon. What a contrast there was between our encounter with Amber and the hundreds of other encounters we had had over the course of that very full Saturday. And yet, my moments with Amber have remained with me.

I began to see her in her suffering as Jesus sees her: someone to be loved. There was nothing I could "do" for Amber, but I could in turn "be" the face of Jesus for her, loving her and ultimately bringing her to him in my subsequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament and my participation in Mass. *Sometimes, being a Eucharistic Missionary can only be about being.* To be with the broken-hearted child whose parents just divorced; to be with the parents who lost their newborn; to be with someone who has to make a very hard decision that will impact the rest of his or her life. This kind of "being with" is very hard, because it means we must surrender our desire to "make it better" into the all-powerful hands of God and trust that he will make a way.

Maybe sometimes what the Lord asks of us is to simply be with the person before us in her or his suffering. As we surrender, we begin to see the hidden beauty of the person, a beauty that is rooted in Jesus himself. This interior disposition of surrender is exactly what Jesus modeled for us perfectly on the Cross—what we relive in a mysterious way at every Mass—and this very kind of surrender is at the root of living a self-sacrificial life, a Eucharistic Life.

Sr. Alicia Torres, F.E.



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 pm—Divine Mercy prayers in church

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Garden Ministry Meeting

11:00 am—Office Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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

6:30 pm in Church with Dominic Olaso and Ke

AKUA Aloha Ministries

Fellowship to follow in the hall

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Grandparents' Day

Blessing at all Masses

11 am—Appreciation Fellowship honoring Grandparents All are invited.

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Catechetical Sunday

9:30 am—Mass and Blessing of Catechists

11 am—Appreciation of Catechists and Welcoming of Rel Ed Students

September 20—28, 2024

7 pm—St. Lorenzo Ruiz Novena

September 29, 2024

Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz

6 pm—Mass

7 pm—San Lorenzo Ruiz Banquet

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THESE EVENTS. COME AND JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES!

Evening of Praise, Worship, Healing and Bible Teachings

Every **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month
at 6:30 PM. In Church

With **BRO. DOMINIC OLASO AND Ke AKUA Aloha Ministries**

**SEPTEMBER 3, OCTOBER 1,
NOVEMBER 5, DECEMBER 3**

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

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