

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 01, 2024—First Sunday of Advent



TODAY'S READINGS: During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. Advent is also a time to renew our hope and expectation in the glorious Coming of Christ at the end of the world. This world will not last. Christ shall come to judge the living and the dead. Let us prepare for the coming Judgment by living devout and holy lives.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 - The prophecy of Jeremiah is filled with gloom and pathos. Judah had become so corrupt that punishment was inevitable. Everything that the Jewish nation held dear was to be destroyed by Babylon. Yet, in spite of his message of gloom, Jeremiah proclaims that God will someday bring about hope and joy.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4: 2 - The early Christians felt that Jesus would return to earth very quickly. He would come in glory to right all wrongs and to bring God's kingdom of perfection and peace. St. Paul exhorts us to live in hope, to prepare for Christ's Coming by perfect love.

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 - Today's gospel warns us to be prepared for the Last Things. When we think the end of the world and judgment are far away, then they may be very near! We must be prepared each day for the end of the world and for Christ's Coming.

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, 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.

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, 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

St. George Parish presents :

The 70th Anniversary
Christmas Celebration

The Outreach Ministry invites you to join us
on December 1, 2024 at 11am.

Enjoy free food, gifts, clothing boutique,
entertainment, and raffle prizes.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, December 08, 2024

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9

Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

Divine Mercy

Sunday, December 1, 2024

3:00 PM

St. George's Outreach Ministry
Celebration

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:30 AM Mass

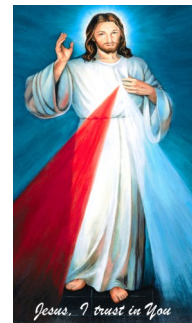
11:00 AM Fellowship

Praise & Worship

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

6:30 PM Praise and Worship

7:30 PM Fellowship



Respect Life Rosary & Novena

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

12 Noon at the Meditation Garden

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 6, 2024

7 AM Mass

8 AM-12 PM Adoration

Celebrate St. George's 70th Anniversary:
Solemnity of the Dedication of St. George Church
by Bishop Sweeney on December 6, 1959

December 6, 2024

6 PM Mass

7 PM Fellowship at the Parish Hall

St. George Church's
Marian Celebration

Immaculate Conception/
Our Lady Of Guadalupe

December 8, 2024

6 PM: Mass

7 PM: Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto Blessing
Fellowship/La Comida

Advent

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



Saturday, November 30, 6 PM Mass:
Shawnie Ajolo Family

Sunday, December 1, 7 AM Mass:
Abe Aiona Family

Sunday, December 1, 9:30 AM Mass:
Ben Bickford Family

Thank you to the families who have signed up to light the
candles on the Advent wreath!



St. George
Church's

SIMBANG GABI

December 15-24, 2024

Offerings for November 24, 2024

Sunday
Offertory—\$3972.50

MaryLou
Scholarship—\$60

Baptism—\$400

Outreach—\$142

Repair &
Maintenance—\$771

Ethnic &
Cultural Mass—\$363

Mass Intentions—\$40

Total: \$5748.50

Mahalo

December 3, 2024— 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
Waikane

December 4, 2024-7:00 PM

St. Ann, Kaneohe

December 10, 2024-7:00 PM

St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua

December 11, 2024-7: 00 PM

St. John Vianney, Kailua

December 12, 2024-7:00 PM

St. Roch, Kahuku

December 13, 2024-7:00 PM

St. George, Waimanalo

**2024 Windward
Vicariate
Communal
Penance
Services**





NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

God Has a Plan: 3 Reasons Why We Evangelize
-Fr. Agustino Miguel Torres, CFR

God has a plan.

It's a plan for you. It's also a plan for us, corporately, for all of us. When you're aware of this plan, when you are aware of what God wants to do in your life, your life becomes an adventure. When I was over in New York at one of our evangelization events, I struck up a friendship with one of the women who was living at the home of the Sisters of Life on 51st Street. When the event ended, she said to me, "When my baby is born, I want you to do the baptism." And I said, "Of course." As it turned out, however, the baptism was sandwiched in between two other events I needed to be present at, one of which was four hours away in Pennsylvania. I was confident I could be present at the baptism in downtown Manhattan and then get in the car with my brothers and get to Pennsylvania in plenty of time. But it's New York. So after the baptism and holding babies and greeting friends, I said, "I gotta go!" and—this couldn't be planned—my car had been towed. I was so frustrated. "I'm trying to help people!" I thought, "Now there's no way I'm going to get to Pennsylvania on time..."

You see, I had plans. I was going somewhere, but the Lord also had a plan. The Lord wanted me to evangelize "in season and out of season."

Brothers and sisters, we are all called to preach the Gospel to all nations. Why do we evangelize? Why preach the Gospel? Here are three reasons why:

1. We evangelize because we're all called to be saints. You might think, "Me? Father, you don't know me. What I've done. What I've been through. No, that's not for me." Listen, all of us are called to be saints. The world needs to know this. Holiness, in essence, is friendship with God. Dare I even say, holiness is to fall in love with God. Our call is to be renewed in our own lives. I don't care what your past is. The Lord is looking to help you today. The Lord is calling you to be a martyr: to be a witness. You are called to go against the current, follow the Divine Master, "to follow the Lamb wherever he goes."

2. To evangelize is a call to love. We are called to love our neighbor. I know that there are sometimes a lot of difficulties with our neighbor. There can be a lot of infighting even in families. But we are called to love even in this. We are responsible for our neighbor. Who is our neighbor? We can look at the parable of the Good Samaritan for the answer. The Eucharistic Revival is a battle cry to love our neighbor, ultimately to give them Jesus, who loves them enough to give his life for them.

3. The call to evangelize is a call to repentance. We usually talk about repentance during Lent. After the Resurrection, Jesus asked Peter (who had betrayed him three times on the night before he died), "Do you love me?" When Peter replied, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you," Jesus told him to feed his lambs. So, our reconciliation with God is a call to evangelize. I remember the story a chaplain once told me about a prison where he served. One Sunday he preached about forgiveness, not knowing that the person playing the guitar at the Mass was a prisoner, and at the Mass was also the person who had killed his brother. After the homily, the musician laid down his guitar, went before the altar, and said for everyone to hear, "My heart has been moved. As the Gospel asks us, so now I do..." He called the name of the prisoner who had killed his brother, "Jim, I forgive you. I forgive you for everything you have done, and I ask forgiveness for what I and my family have done to your family." You could hear a pin drop. Then Jim stood up and approached the altar. The guards were getting ready to assemble, not knowing what was going to happen. Jim walked up to the front and then embraced this man with the fraternal embrace of forgiveness. Everybody there began to shout and cheer. This stepping out and reconciling, this stepping out and evangelizing, has the power to bring great healing and reconciliation.

It's clear that the power of evangelization does not come from us. To evangelize is to tell others about the joy of this friendship with Jesus that we have found. It is to trust God's plan when our plan doesn't work out! It is the joyful announcement that Jesus Christ is a living person, and that he wants to enter into relationship with you, and that through his Resurrection he has defeated sin and death. God is real, my friends, and he wants to be in relationship with you. He has defeated sin and death and wants to invite you to be with him for all eternity in heaven. With this basic message, thousands, millions of souls have been converted. So, I invite you to pray.



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

DECEMBER

December 1, 2024

St George's Feeding the Hungry

9:30 AM Outreach mass

11:00 AM Fellowship with the Needy

December 6, 2024

Solemnity of the Dedication of

St. George Church on

December 6, 1959 by Bishop Sweeney

6:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Fellowship

December 8, 2024

St George's Marian Celebration:

Immaculate Conception/

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

7:00 PM La Comida-Spanish Food

December 14, 2024

Waimanalo Christmas Parade:

8:00 AM

December 15, 2024

**St. George Parish's 70th Anniversary
Culmination Celebration**

6:00 PM Concelebration Celebrant

– Msgr. Gary Secor

-Simbang Gabi-

7:00 PM Appreciation Dinner for all

St. George Volunteers

SAVE THE DATE



March For Life
Honolulu, Capitol
January 24, 2025
2-5 PM

Contact Susana &
Jeremy Kwock:
Jermy.kwock@gmail.com

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

DECEMBER 3

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



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Volunteers Needed!

Represent St George Church at the
Waimanalo Christmas Parade!

Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 8 AM

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