

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 15, 2024—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## TODAY'S READINGS

Peter's confession that Jesus is Messiah is the climax of the Gospel. Unfortunately, Peter thought that the Messiah would be a glorious, triumphant person who would establish an unending kingdom here on earth. Jesus tells Peter that He is a different kind of Messiah: He will suffer and die. He tells us that we must take up our crosses if we are to follow Him.

**First Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9a** -The Suffering Servant is a kind of "everyman" who endures all things, empties himself, and heals others by assuming all suffering. The person dedicated to truth and justice will suffer ridicule and persecution from his friends. Yet God will be his strength.

**Second Reading: James 2: 14-18** -Faith without works is dead. Only those who practice the works of justice and mercy have real faith. No one can be a follower of Christ unless his belief is shown in practice. Real faith means sacrificing oneself for the needs of others.

**Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35** -The ultimate degradation in the ancient world was to die on a cross. That kind of wretched death was reserved for the most monstrous of criminals. When Jesus says that we must take up our cross to follow Him, He means that we must be willing to suffer the worst humiliation and degradation in order to be loyal to Him. Let us pray for that kind of

## 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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## STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin  
Deacon: John Tolentino  
Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva  
Maintenance: Paul Burnett  
Music: Celia Wright

## 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

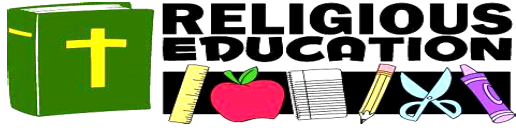
First Wednesday of the month at  
noon in the Meditation Garden

## 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



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First day of Religious Education is on September 15, 2024 at 8:15 AM

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

September 15, 2024 is Catechetical Sunday!

Please join us at 9:30 AM Mass for the blessing of our Catechists and our Youth. Fellowship to follow at 11 AM at the Gathering Place.

### Mahalo To Our Catechists for volunteering your time and talent!

Tania Brown

Lovella Dagdag

Tiffany De Silva

Vicky De Silva

Paul and Maria Dumas

Kahale Kidder

Jeremy and Susana Kwock



### **-October is the month of the Rosary-**

Please join us every night at 7 PM starting October 2 throughout October, to pray the rosary. Families may sign up to lead a rosary night. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the front of the church.

### Offerings for September 8, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$2926

Outreach—\$60

Repair and Maintenance—\$1023

Mary Lou Scholarship — \$10

Mass Intentions—\$120

Funerals—\$200

Total: \$ 4339



## I love to read the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, September 22, 2024

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: Jas 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

### Divine Mercy

Sunday, September 8, 2024  
3:00 PM



### Aloha Ministry Meeting:

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 5:30 PM Office Meeting Room

### Filipino Catholic Community:

After each mass on Sunday, September 22, 2024: St Nino T-shirt Fundraiser (Cash Only)

### Liturgical Ministry Meeting:

September 24, 2024  
5:30 PM, Office Meeting Room



### **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?

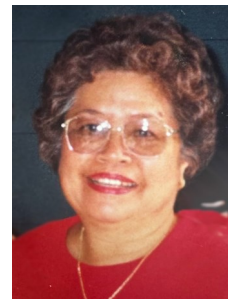
Please come to a meet and greet session with coffee and pastries in Mary's Haven meeting room at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2024. Class will begin September 15 from 8:15 am—9:30 am.

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,

*In Loving Memory*

**Virginia B Lewis**

September 21, 2024  
St. George Church  
11:00 AM MASS





# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

## The Eucharist and Our Call to Mission, Part II

When people in the New Testament encountered Jesus, many chose to leave him and were unchanged. Yet, there are many examples of women and men who experienced a profound conversion, sometimes very gradual and at other times seemingly immediate.

One such person is Zacchaeus the tax collector. Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. Jesus instead approached Zacchaeus and invited himself to dinner at Zacchaeus's house. The tax collector was astonished that Jesus would come to his house. We read: "Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost'" (Lk 19:8-10). This account demonstrates the logic of encountering Jesus. When we receive divine love, we come to see that the turning in on self that causes sin no longer has a place in us. The love of God and the darkness of sin cannot coexist for long before the need for repentance arises.

When we pray the Our Father, we lift words up to the Father that are, if we think about them, terrifying. Anyone reading this, of course, knows the words to which I refer. "Forgive us our trespasses [debts] as we forgive those who trespass against us [our debtors]." Praying this prayer places serious demands upon us. We are asking God the Father to measure out to us the same amount of mercy that we give to those who have sinned against us. This petition we frequently pray should give us pause.

And, finally, when we pray the traditional Act of Contrition in the confessional, we pray these words: "I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin." Such a resolution is of course impossible to achieve on our own power and apart from divine grace. And even with grace, most of us sin again. Yet, forming this resolve in our hearts is a necessary aspect of receiving God's forgiveness and being restored to relationship with him, helping us to take small steps toward love and holiness. We must intend, though, to align ourselves more deeply with the mercy we have been given. In our human relationships, we will note that this movement is also required if friendship and love are to be restored when asking for forgiveness.

The Eucharist gives us everything we need to take little steps forward in love. This is, indeed, the essential dynamic of the sacramental life. Eucharistic communion requires spiritual fruitfulness, but it also empowers such a life. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, our Church and our world will benefit from many living witnesses to this kind of sacramental fruitfulness.

Dr. James Pauley



## 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 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**

### OCTOBER

**October is the month of Rosary**

**October 5, 2024**

**St Francis Feast— Blessing of Pets**

**8 am Mass**

**11 am Blessings of Pets**

**Fellowship with Pets and Parishioners**

**October 6– 17, 2024**

**Pilgrimage to Italy— Audience with the Pope in the Vatican City**

**October 30, 2024**

**Rosary Devotion**

**6 pm Mass**

**7 pm Agape**

# **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**

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

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