

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 26, 2023 | First Sunday in Lent



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

Lent is the season of baptism. On Holy Saturday night, in the Easter Vigil, converts will receive baptism and confirmation. Baptism is death to sin and resurrection to the life of God. In baptism, we made covenant promises that we would be loyal to Jesus Christ. Yet we have not always kept those promises. Lent, then, is a time for renewing our baptism. Let us pledge that we shall daily die to self during Lent, in order that we may rise with Christ in glory on Easter.

First Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

In very down to earth terms, our first reading describes the fall of humankind in original sin. God blessed us with every grace; yet in Adam, we turned our backs on Him. The original rebellion and rationalization is repeated each time we sin.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

All people share in the sin of Adam; but the redemption of Jesus Christ is greater than that original sin. As sin came about through one man, so also grace comes about through the power of the God-man, Jesus Christ, Who is the Second Adam.

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

After His baptism, Jesus fasted for forty days. He was then challenged or tested or tempted. As we hear of the temptations of the Lord, let us pray that we shall always overcome temptation in our own lives.

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Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin
Deacon: John Tolentino
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Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva

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,

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



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Question of the Week

When does my self-centeredness lead me to give into temptation?
How can my Christian concern for others help me resist that temptation?

I love to read 
the Scriptures

Readings for next Sunday, March 5, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4A

Second Reading: Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



Respect Life Ministry Meeting

Sunday, March 5

After the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Meeting Room



Thank you to the Church Cleaners from Saturdays, February 11th and 18th

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A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

PLEASE JOIN US!

40 Days for Life Opening Mass & Guest Speaker Tues., February 28, 2023

Mass: 7:00 pm
Bishop Larry Silva
St. Theresa's Co-Cathedral
712 N. School Street, Honolulu, HI 96817



Special Pro-Life Speaker:



Prior to Mass:
6:00 pm
St. Theresa Parish Hall

Mayra Rodriguez,
Former Planned Parenthood Director,
Glendale, AZ

Hear her testimony of how she quit her job in the abortion industry after 17 years. Learn the marketing strategies targeting your keiki and how to educate them.

Potluck & Social to follow Mass:
8:00-8:45 pm
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Questions?
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anne40dfl@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

February 22—April 2

Volunteers are needed for the 40 Days for Life spring campaign to pray to end abortion in Hawaii outside of Planned Parenthood's facility. You can sign up to pray at ww.40daysforlife.com/honolulu, or contact Anne at 808-268-7143 or anne40dfl@gmail.com.

Tuesday, February 28

6pm 40 Days for Life Guest Speaker and Opening Mass at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Wednesday, March 1

7pm Taize Prayer (all Wednesdays in Lent)

Application deadline for Augustine Educational Foundation Tuition Scholarship Program. All applicants for the Mary Lou Scholarship Fund must now also complete this first step. Application fees will be waived. Go to AugustineFoundation.org and contact Joseph Ka'akua for more information.

Friday, March 3

7pm Stations of the Cross (All Fridays in Lent)

Sunday, March 5

10:30am (After the 9:30am Mass) Respect Life Ministry Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Friday, March 10

10:30am Funeral Mass for Hubert McKeague

2pm Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Park

Thursday, March 30

7pm Lenten Communal Penance Service



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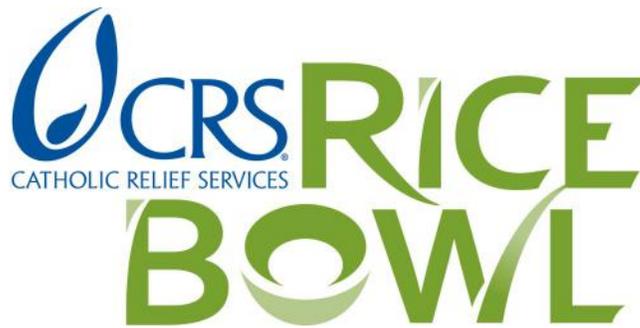
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A JOURNEY TO 3 COUNTRIES

God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us—in nature and in people who need us most.

Join us this Lent as we encounter communities in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya that are overcoming hunger and the impact of climate change with the prayers and support of people like you.

We are used to going fast—sometimes without even knowing where we are going. But we think we should be in a hurry. When we go from one activity to the next with such speed, sometimes we forget about our relationship with God. We might even stop paying attention to the beautiful world we live in and the people with whom we share this planet—our common home.

During Lent, we have an opportunity to slow down. Through the three Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we grow closer to God and gain a better understanding of how our actions are impacting the lives of our sisters and brothers near and far.

This year, the CRS Rice Bowl Stories of Hope take us to Honduras, Kenya and the Philippines, where we'll learn how people are overcoming the causes of hunger and adapting to climate change. As you journey with us during Lent, remember that through prayer, God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us—in nature and in people who need us most. Our fasting is an act of solidarity with people who are hungry—and it helps us feel a small part of what they are living day by day. It is in this spirit that our almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor. Through giving, there is no limit to what we can achieve together to serve people impacted by climate.

Let us begin this holy season by praying,

Our Father,

As we begin Lent, let our hearts be filled with your Spirit so that we may grow deeper in your love.

May our prayer lead us to a sincere desire to be close to you. May fasting help us rely on you and transform us into better people.

May our almsgiving be a chance to serve our one human family around the world. Amen.



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Reflect

What are the three pillars of Lent and why are they important?



How do you think we can help someone who is suffering from hunger in another country by praying, fasting and giving alms?

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FOR LENT FOR LIFE



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This Lent, be transformed—and transform the world—by practicing:

- ▣ Daily prayer.
- ▣ Weekly fasting.
- ▣ Almsgiving.

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Find stories, videos and more at crsricebowl.org

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Honolulu, HI 96813

Praying Hours:

7:00 am-7:00 pm daily
February 22-April 2, 2023
Spring Lenten Vigil

Sign-up to pray at:

www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu

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January 27–29, 2023

March 17–19, 2023

May 26–28, 2023

July 28–30, 2023

September 15–17, 2023

November 17–19, 2023

Hawaii Island

*St. Joseph Church Rectory
Hilo*

February 25–26, 2023

August 26–27, 2023

Maui

*St. Anthony School Media Center
Wailuku*

April 22–23, 2023

October 7–8, 2023

Kauai

*Immaculate Conception Church
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April 22–23, 2023

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Lanai

*Sacred Hearts Church
Lanai City*

July 15–16, 2023

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His Address: _____

His Email: _____

His Phone: _____

His Religion: _____

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WITNESS TO JESUS

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Orders, Catholic Schools & Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director of the Office of Worship

DATE: January 31, 2023

RE: **Diocese of Honolulu 2023 Lenten Regulations**

FASTING

- ❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**February 22, 2023**) and Good Friday (**April 7, 2023**).
- ❖ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- ❖ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

EASTER DUTY

- ❖ All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (**June 4, 2023**).

LENTEN PRACTICES

- ❖ The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially

regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

- ❖ Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on **February 22nd**. Ashes are to be blessed as a sign of our entry into a season of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes.
- ❖ Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a Funeral Outside of Mass may be held.
- ❖ To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included.

BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

- ❖ In order to allow participation of Catholics throughout the islands, the Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in several locations. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations:
 - a. Kauai: **Tuesday, March 14th at 7 p.m., St. Theresa Church, Kekaha.**
 - b. Maui-Lanai: **Thursday, March 23rd at 7 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Makawao.**
 - c. Big Island: **Thursday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m., St. Michael the Archangel Church, Kailua-Kona.**
 - d. Oahu-Molokai: **Tuesday, April 4th at 7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.**

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

“Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #18*). Three major liturgical principles may be of help here:

- a. The Triduum may be viewed a single liturgical action that occurs over a period of three days.
- b. The Triduum is not part of Lent, but in its entirety, celebrates the Easter event.
- c. The entire focus of the Triduum is on the Triumph of the Cross and the Resurrection.

NOTE: The above directives should be published in parish bulletins for the benefit of the faithful, adding any specific parish or vicariate events. What follows pertains only to clergy and liturgy planners and need not be published for parishioners.