

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 19, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of 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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called "Laetare (lay-TAH-ray) Sunday." The word "laetare" means "rejoice." Halfway through the austere season of Lent the Church urges us to rejoice. We rejoice in those who are making final preparations for baptism. We rejoice in God's mercy which has guided us toward a baptismal renewal. And we rejoice that He has given us eyes of faith to see His wonderful deeds of love. As we rejoice, let us pray for our catechumens, and pray for all Catholic people that God may continue to renew us in His grace.

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

David was an obscure shepherd boy, the most insignificant son of Jesse. No one suspected that God would choose him as king. Yet Samuel anoints him as king of Israel. Let us pray that we may always see with eyes of faith what God wants of us.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14**

Through baptism, we became members of God's own family and children of light. During Lent let us renew our resolution to keep away from evil which is done in darkness, and to live according to God's spirit in righteousness.

**Gospel: John 9: 1-41**

Through an anointing and a washing, Christ restored sight to a man born blind. Although we were under the reign of sin, through our baptism and confirmation, Christ made us children of light. In spite of every difficulty, let us follow the way of Christ who is the Light of the world.

## STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin

Deacon: John Tolentino

Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues

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 this Sunday's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness, his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension, through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest in healing him.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes after the initial meeting when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

The question for us today is: How is my sight? Do I have eyes and yet fail to see the presence of God in my life? Let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace to be alert to his presence every moment of our lives.

## Giving Back to God

### Offerings for March 12, 2023

Sunday—\$2626

Easter—\$600

Family Promise—\$50

Funeral Offerings—\$800

Mary Lou Scholarship—\$50

Outreach—\$5

Repair & Maintenance—\$440

**Total—\$4571**



# REJOICE!



### Question of the Week

What keeps me from seeing the truth? What keeps me from acknowledging what I see?

I love to read   
the Scriptures

**Readings for next Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

*Thank you*

### **Thank you to the Church Cleaners from Saturday, March 11th**

Leoncia Belen \* Virginia Bringas

Betty Cadiente \* Adelina Dela Penia

Michelle Inovejas \* Joseph and Joann Ka'akua

Louanna Kaio-Almony \* Carlotta Kidder

Luisa Manuelli \* Tina Ramos \* Atavise Williams

### **A Stewardship Moment**

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?

### **Fundraiser T-shirts still available in limited sizes**

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**Lenten Communal Penance Services  
at 7 p.m. in the Windward Vicariate**

True joy comes this Lenten season! Experience the healing power of God's mercy through Reconciliation. Leave behind the guilt, shame, burdens and the hurts. Seek God's merciful love and healing that comes in the sacrament of Confession. Celebrate this coming Easter with true joy, happiness and peace as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The priests of all the Windward vicariate churches will be at these remaining penance services. Meet in the church at 7 p.m. for a short prayer service, communal examination of conscience, and act of contrition. Individual confessions follow.

- Monday, March 20 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waikane
- Wednesday, March 22 at St. John Vianney, Kailua
- Thursday, March 23 at St. Ann, Kaneohe
- Thursday, March 30 at St. George, Waimanalo

**Mary Lou Scholarship Fund Information  
Due Date Friday, April 28 at noon**

1. Available to children currently in Preschool—12th grade in the Hawaii Catholic School System.
2. Parents qualify as acceptable applicants for students. Grandparents do not qualify.
3. Parents and students must be current, participating members of St. George Parish, attend Mass regularly, and be stewards of time and talent in parish ministry.

Applications are available now.



**Upcoming Events**

**February 22—April 2**

40 Days for Life spring campaign. Pray to end abortion in Hawaii. [40daysforlife.com/honolulu](http://40daysforlife.com/honolulu)

**Sunday, March 19**

Commissioning of Jax Neumann as Altar Server  
11am Novena to St. Joseph in the Garden

**Monday, March 20**

11am Funeral Service for +Maite Kanoa  
2pm Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery

**Wednesday, March 22 (All Wednesdays in Lent)**

7pm Taize Prayer in Church

**Friday, March 24 (All Fridays in Lent)**

7pm Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 30**

7pm Lenten Communal Penance Service

**Monday of Holy Week, April 3**

7pm Lenten Recollection with Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc. in the Church

**Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4**

7pm Chrism Mass at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

**Holy Wednesday, April 5**

7pm Mass

**Holy Thursday, April 6**

7pm Mass

**Good Friday, April 7**

7pm Service and Veneration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 8**

7pm Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 9**

7am and 9:30am Masses



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## A STORY OF HOPE FROM KENYA

*To continue farming in the face of climate change, a community in Kenya learns how to use a solar powered well.*

Turkana, Kenya is very hot and dry. Temperatures reach the mid-90s year-round. Most people in this area raise livestock such as goats and camels, and a few are farmers. But the climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder.

Rebecca and her husband, Lotiang, have farmed and raised goats for years. They rely on rain and river water to irrigate their crops and feed their animals. But it is raining less and less in Turkana, and—when it does rain—it can be unpredictable and intense, leading to floods that wash away the seeds.

“We struggled to water our farms,” Rebecca says.

Rebecca and Lotiang have worked hard so their family can thrive. Their determination—and hope for their children’s futures—helped them overcome the challenges they faced.

They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well in their village and trained them in new farming techniques. With the well and solar-powered pump, they can irrigate their fields regularly and take care of their goats. Their children love to help with the goats!

Lotiang learned to grow kale, which provides nutrition for his family and can be sold for a high price at the market. Rebecca is grateful that her children can eat healthy food every day. She is also happy that she can send them to school using money from the produce Lotiang sells at the market.

Rebecca and Lotiang have become leaders in their community and teach others what they learned so that everyone can benefit.

“I learned much in CRS’ program,” Rebecca says. “It is a program that has changed my life. I am trying to show my community what I am able to do so that they can emulate it for a better future. Through that I will change my community.”



### Reflect

Every person has basic rights like food and water, and we have a responsibility to ensure everyone can access these rights.



What is one thing you can do today to help another person live according to their God-given human dignity?



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# Lenten Communal Penance Services

7 p.m. at all churches

- **Tuesday, March 14** at St. Roch, Kahuku
- **Thursday, March 16** at St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua
- **Monday, March 20** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waikane
- **Wednesday, March 22** at St. John Vianney, Kailua
- **Thursday, March 23** at St. Ann, Kaneohe
- **Thursday, March 30** at St. George, Waimanalo



# A Lenten Recollection



with

*Fr. Herman Gomes, S.S.C.C.*

Holy Monday, April 3  
7 p.m. in the Church



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## Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

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

DATE: March 6, 2023

RE: **Restoring the Cup during Holy Communion**

As we approach the holiest of weeks in our Liturgical Year, Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the pastor's discretion.

Should a parish decide to have Communion under both kinds, training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is recommended and local protocols developed. It should be kept in mind that fewer people than before the pandemic may want to receive Holy Communion from the cup, and that the amount of wine poured into the chalices should be carefully planned. All Ministers who serve the Precious Blood should indicate their willingness to help consume what is left over after Communion.

Pastors of souls should take this opportunity to catechize the faithful that the Church has always taught the doctrine of concomitance, by which we know that under each species alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1390) states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite."

Please contact the Office of Worship if you have any questions.

Join Us Friday, March 31st at  
St. John Vianney Parish Hall 5-7:00 pm



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