

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 16, 2023 | Divine Mercy Sunday



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 Church should be a sign of Christ's presence in the world. Each parish should be a community of faith and love. Every member of the parish should have a care for every other member, for we are called to bear each other's burdens, to share each other's joys. Let us always work that this parish may reflect the glory of the risen Christ.

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Today's first reading describes a perfect Christian community. Everyone held all things in common and distributed to whoever had any needs; they persevered in the Eucharist and in prayer. Things may not have been as perfect as the reading describes them, but every member of every parish should work to make the Church a community of love and peace.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Baptism is our new birth. We are born into a new environment: the kingdom of God; and into a new life: the glorious risen life of Jesus. With Christ's risen life in us, we must be filled with hope, joy and peace.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

There are two important messages in today's gospel: first, our faith rests on solid ground. The disciples not only *saw* Jesus after His resurrection; they *touched* Him and ate with Him. They were certain that it was Jesus risen from the dead. The second message is that the Church carries on Christ's mission and His life. Christ gives the power to forgive sins to His apostles. He is ever present in His Church to heal and to forgive us if we are humble enough to be sorry.

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,

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, there is an intriguing quote: "Don't let your fear of what could happen make nothing happen." How often are we paralyzed by fear and lack of trust in the word of God particularly during stormy times in our lives? The Apostles too were afraid and doubtful. Following the death and burial of Jesus, the Apostles were left adrift. After all, the One who had been their focus and point of reference through years of mission and service was gone. God had gone quiet, no longer speaking to them or guiding them. How could they make sense of everything that had happened to Jesus? As their hopes crumbled around them, there was no escaping the darkness brought on by the Crucifixion.

Then in this Sunday's gospel, everything changed. When Jesus first appeared to the Apostles on that first Easter Sunday, Thomas had been absent. Could it be that he was still overwhelmed by sadness? It might not be fair to fault Thomas for being skeptical at the stories of Mary Magdalene and others seeing Jesus. With these same themes in mind, Pope Francis has reflected, "Doesn't the same thing also happen to us when something completely new occurs in our everyday life? We stop short, we don't understand, we don't know what to do. Newness often makes us fearful, including the newness which God brings us, the newness which God asks of us" (Homily for the Easter Vigil 2013).

At the conclusion of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed". Blessed are we when we accept what has been handed down to us in the authentic traditions and teachings of the Church. Blessed are we when we are willing to welcome Jesus who is embodied in the texts that speak of him. Blessed are we when we accept Jesus who is embodied in the sacraments. Blessed are we when we reach out to the little ones of the earth.



Offerings for April 9, 2023

- Easter—\$6548
- Holy Land (Good Friday)—\$1421
- CRS Rice Bowl (Holy Thursday)—\$1814
- Mary Lou Scholarship—\$50
- Repair & Maintenance—\$3120
- Total—\$12,953**



Divine Mercy Image

It is no coincidence that Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. This is because the Divine Mercy is essentially a Resurrection image. Jesus steps out of the darkness of death, bringing new life and power to the world. As we contemplate this image and yield ourselves to Christ, the rays that emanate from his heart touch us and make the Resurrection life real in our hearts.



ST. GEORGE *Feast Day*

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

6 PM MASS | POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

We will gather together on the feast day of our parish's patron saint to give thanks to God for our years of Christian witness to the people of the windward community, enjoy each other's company, share a meal together and celebrate all the wonderful things that take place here at St. George!



Question of the Week

With eyes of faith, how do I see Christ's wounds in my community?

I love to read 
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, April 23, 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

A Stewardship Moment

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.



Josiah Jamile was baptized at St. George in 2021, was Confirmed and received his First Holy Communion in 2022, and is now an Altar Server at our Sunday Masses. He is pictured here with Fr. Raymund Ellorin and his parents Whitney and Michele Jamile on Easter Sunday 2023.

Are you interested in serving the needs of the church? Please see Fr. Raymund after Mass or call the parish office for more information.

The Season of Easter



Friday, April 14—Saturday, April 22

St. George Novena

Sunday, April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church

Tuesday, April 18

10 a.m. Burial of Andrew M. Jamila, Jr. at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe

Wednesday, April 19

12 p.m. St. Joseph Novena in the Meditation Garden

Sunday, April 23 St George Feast Day

6 p.m. Feast Day Mass, Aloha Ministry Commissioning, Potluck and Fellowship to follow

Tuesdays, April 25 through May 30

5—6:30 p.m. Art Class with Joe Aragon for anyone who enjoys drawing, sketching and painting.

Thursdays, April 27 through June 1

5—6:30 p.m. Beginners Ki Ho'alu; Slack Key in the Old Style with Walter Carvalho. Bring your guitar and tuner.

Friday, April 28

Mary Lou Scholarship Fund application deadline

April 28-30 Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

Experience healing following the pain of abortion. Confidentially register with RVinHawaii@gmail.com.

Friday, May 5

10 a.m. Public Visitation, 11:30 a.m. Prayer Service for Cynthia Ululani Kanuha at Valley of the Temples, Kaneohe

Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m. Sacrament Mass and Religious Education Fun Day

Congratulations

AWAPUHI ROBINSON

JOHN FRENCH

JAX SCOTT

who were Confirmed and sealed
with the gift of the Holy Spirit
April 8, 2023





Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 2-Session Walkthrough the Mass with
Fr. Raymund
 Saturdays, April 22 and 29
 9—11 a.m. in the Church

Sunday, June 11 Solemnity of the
 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ,
 Commissioning of Extraordinary
 Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass

Celebrate the Arts! Our Religious Education Department is offering two 6-week sessions celebrating the arts of music making and drawing and painting. Come explore these creative mediums with class instructors Walter Carvalho and Joseph Aragon, Jr. No cost to join, just show up! Registration will be taken at the first class.

Have you noticed our giveaway table at the back of the church? Reproductions of parishioner Joe Aragon Jr.'s original artwork are available for you to take home and enjoy. Look for these one of kind depictions of St. George in front of our church, the children of Fatima with the sun dancing above the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the iconic picture of the Divine Mercy.



Join the Aloha Committee Ministry. We need people who like:

- to prepare and serve food and refreshments
- to plan games and fun activities
- to use computer graphics and art for publicity
- to meet new people and make new friends
- to work together with others
- to help make our parish fun and exciting
- to help bring people together in fellowship



No experience or skills necessary, just a love of people and a fondness for having fun. Please scan the code with your phone to sign up, or see the sign-up sheet at the entrance to the church.



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops
From: William J. Quinn, Solicitor 
Date: April 12, 2023
Subject: **SECURITY ALERT – INDIVIDUAL POSING AS A PRIEST**

Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

The Conference has been informed by the Diocese of Sacramento that an individual posing as a priest has successfully gained access to parish offices in multiple jurisdictions, including Ontario, Oregon, and California. More information about the individual, including pictures, can be found in the attached memorandum from Bishop Soto (on the following page).

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Glen Faulkner, the Security Coordinator for the Diocese of Sacramento, at gfaulkner@scd.org or 916-733-0125.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Stewards
From: Bishop Jaime Soto 
Date: March 29, 2023
Re: Subject posing as a priest

Earlier this month the Sacramento Diocese received a message from the Diocese of Santa Rosa alerting us to an individual who was representing himself as a priest to get into parish offices and rectories. This individual was able to obtain unescorted access into a parish office before the office was open and later into another parish's rectory (again unescorted) by telling a priest and a lay employee that he was a visiting priest. He is seen on security video rifling through cabinets and drawers while he is inside a Santa Rosa parish office. We have learned he is likely responsible for stealing \$1,770.00 from a parish in Oregon.

About one week later, he was recorded on a Delta rectory's doorbell camera in our diocese, as he rang the bell. That same day, the man travelled to downtown Sacramento where he was allowed into a parish office after telling the receptionist he was a priest with an appointment to meet the parish priest in the rectory. He was able to convince office staff to give him the address for the parish's off-site rectory before leaving.



Witnesses who have encountered this man have described him as being very convincing. Although he has not worn a cleric's collar, he dresses professionally and is described as having a formal bearing. He is in his late 40's, about 6'4" tall with a thin, athletic build. He is balding with a grey and black beard and mustache and has a strong accent. His actions have been reported to law enforcement authorities in Ontario, Oregon, Santa Rosa, and Sacramento.



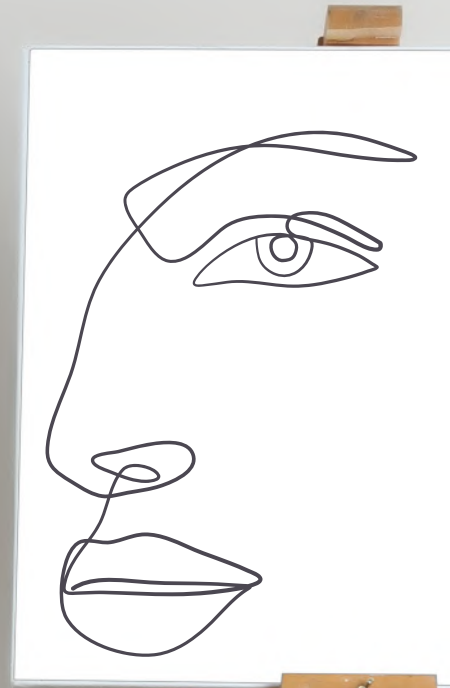
Your safety and that of your staff and parishioners is always of greatest importance. Please advise staff they should never allow anyone who is not recognized as an authorized person to have unescorted access to a private part of any parish building. Should the pictured individual be encountered at your parish, notify your local law enforcement agency immediately and call me at (916) 747-6146. If it is possible to safely observe this individual, try to determine how he arrived at your parish. Please preserve any video images you might have of this individual or his vehicle.

Glen Faulkner, our parish security coordinator can be contacted if you have any questions (gfaulkner@scd.org 916-733-0125).

6-Week Art Class with Joe Aragon

**Tuesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
April 25 - May 30**

Celebrate the arts of drawing, sketching and painting. Open to all ages. Children under 8-years old must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the Parish Hall. Free. Registration taken at first class.





*Celebrate
the arts*

BEGINNERS
KI HO'ALU

5 - 6.30 PM
THURSDAYS
APRIL 27 - JUNE 1

**FREE 6-WEEK ADULT CLASS.
MEET IN THE PARISH HALL WITH
YOUR OWN GUITAR AND TUNER.
REGISTRATION TAKEN AT THE
FIRST SESSION.**

**LEARN
SLACK KEY
IN THE OLD
STYLE WITH
WALTER
CARVALHO**

*Come to 9:30 a.m. Mass and
celebrate our youth who
will receive Confirmation
and Holy Communion*



*Stay for fun and
fellowship after Mass*

CONFIRMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT 9:30 A.M
Presider: Msgr. Gary Secor





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fun Day

SUNDAY, MAY 7



10:30AM - 12:30PM

Bentos and Drinks, Shaved Ice
Youth Activities- face painting, tattoos, games
"Fruit and Vegetable Grab" for Kupuna and Keiki
Relax and talk story with family and friends, fellow
parishioners, Fr. Raymund Ellorin
and Msgr. Gary Secor

