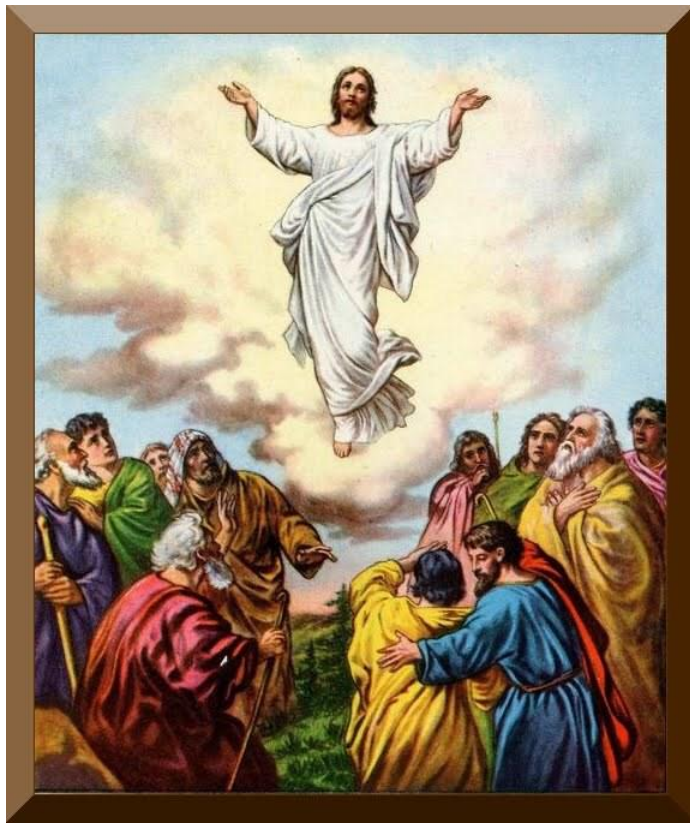


SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 21, 2023 | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



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

Christ has entered the Father's glory in order that He may be more perfectly with us. He was not taken far away from us, but merely from our sight; He is with us still. The Ascension of Christ reminds us of our destiny: we, too, are destined to enter into the Father's glory. Where Christ has gone we, His members, must surely follow. We are, even now, citizens of heaven. Let us live as such.

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the Ascension, Jesus is taken into the cloud of God's glory. This same cloud showed God's presence in the tabernacle in the Exodus. The same cloud is found in the scene of the Transfiguration, when the glory of divinity shone through Christ's humanity.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Jesus is no longer limited to time and space on earth. In His glory, He is superior to every being in the universe. Jesus Christ is the fullness of the Father; the Church is the fullness of Christ: The Church is to Christ and Christ is to the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

As Jesus ascends into heaven, He sends us to be His witnesses. He promises us that He will be with us until the end of time.

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,

Happy Ascension Sunday! Mission accomplished!

Though Jesus would have wanted to do more with his physical presence here on earth, the mission he was sent to do had somewhat come to an end. At this time, he was returning back to his original glory and he promised his disciples: ***"I am going to prepare a place for you."*** This only shows that although our lives may take different twists and turns, our destination is the same, union with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

However, where Jesus' mission ends here on earth, a new journey begins for us: ***"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..."*** With that, he disappeared as they looked dumbfounded, staring into the sky. The torch had been passed over to them to be witnesses and their lives would no longer be the same.

To be a witness of Jesus, is both a privilege and an obligation. This honor bestowed on us, can for the most part be scary because many times we feel unworthy. It is the Lord who makes us worthy though when we turn to him. This shows that it was Jesus' intent to pass on the torch to be kept burning. Jesus, being realistic, knew very well that the work and mission he was handing over would be challenging and difficult at times, leading some to want to give up or quit. **It is for this reason that he promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit to help them in this urgent and important mission:** *"I am with you always, until the end of the age."* Next Sunday at **Pentecost**, we will see how we are never alone, in health and sickness, in poverty and in riches, laboring as stewards in the vineyard of the Lord.



Offerings for May 14, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2670

Offerings Blessings-\$30

Family Promise—\$50

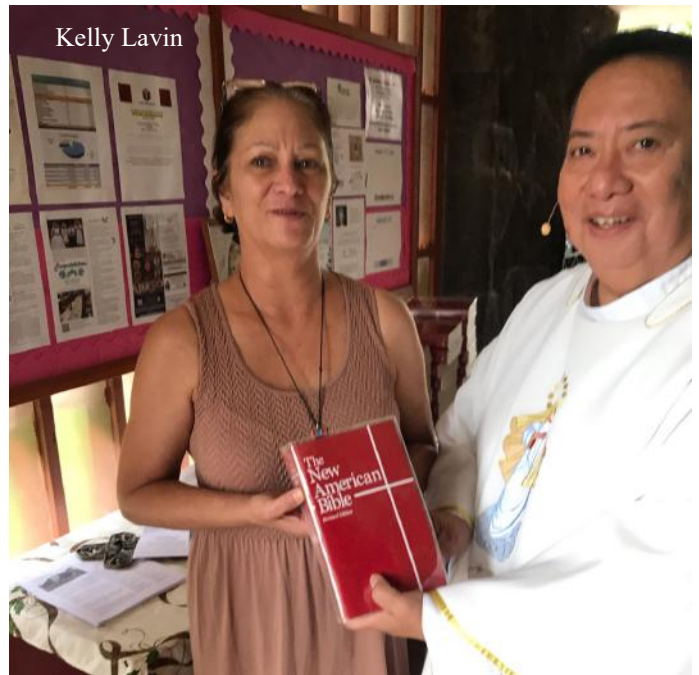
Mass Intentions—\$55

Outreach—\$20

Repair & Maintenance—\$450

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund-\$75

Total—\$3350



I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, May 28, 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



Question of the Week

When have I doubted myself and my ability or will to do the mission Jesus calls me to do? How has the power from the Holy Spirit helped me overcome those doubts?

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?

Ways to share the Good News:

- Invite a friend or family member to church with you.
- Gift someone a New American Bible.
- Join the outreach ministry and serve those in our community through the Corporal Works of Mercy.
- Pray for those in need of healing and hope with the Divine Mercy Prayer Group.
- Pray to God for inspiration on where to use your time, talent and treasure.

The Season of Easter

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 own guitar.

Wednesday, May 17 to Thursday, May 25


7 p.m. Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Respect Life Novena) in the Church

Sunday, May 21

St. George Parish celebrates Mothers Day

10:45 a.m. Brunch, games, and gift-making for mom. Families are invited to celebrate together in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Friday, May 26

10 a.m. Holy Matrimony Mass of Bong Cendana and Mary Kay Cereno. 

6 p.m. Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. and Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Sunday, May 28

10:45 a.m. Aloha Ministry Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Sunday, May 29

7 p.m. Memorial Mass for the souls of the faithful departed

Friday, June 2

6 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion at all Masses on Corpus Christi Feast

Tuesday, June 13

9 a.m. Public Visitation and 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Keith Kauwe

Saturday, June 17

9—11 a.m. Proclaiming the Word for Liturgy and Prayer Service Workshop with Stephanie Conching in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place. Fellowship and food provided by the parish to follow.

9 a.m.—2 p.m. Sidewalk Advocates for Life at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church in Mililani. Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life.

Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15

"JESUS Thirsts for America", a 21-city, 3-year National Evangelization tour that began in November 2022 is coming to Oahu on July 15, 2023. Register at www.spiritfillevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii

Sunday, August 27

7 a.m.—1 p.m. Blood Drive at St. George Parish



Congratulations to Lionel and Alicia Cazimero on 66 years of marriage! We thank you, Lord, for the loving union which you have blessed. Keep strong their trust in you and in each other and let nothing come between them to dim their love. Look with kindness upon them, increase their charity, and strengthen them in the bond of peace so that they may forever enjoy your blessing. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Ricarda Rasay, Erlinda Gantong, Tessie Lagazo, Lourdes Jacalne, Linda Bounlangsy, Leonides Bolibol, and Genevieve Guanzon are pictured holding a New American Bible, a Mother's Day gift from the parish.



All parish families are invited to celebrate the gift of motherhood on Sunday, May 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place.

Enjoy brunch, games, arts and crafts, bingo, and a special favor for all the beautiful, kind-hearted ladies of our parish.



View more pictures and the full bulletin with additional announcements and flyers on our parish website by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Celebrate the arts

**BEGINNERS
KI HO'ALU**

**5 - 6:30 PM
THURSDAYS
APRIL 27 - JUNE 1**

LEARN SLACK KEY IN THE OLD STYLE WITH WALTER CARVALHO

Draw | Sketch | Paint

6-Week Art Class with Joe Aragon
April 25 - May 30

Tuesdays 5 - 6:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY EVENING SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 6PM
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SATURDAY SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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"COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."
MATTHEW 11:28

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Coronation of *Mary*

Friday, May 26
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God himself speaks to us through sacred Scripture. It is the responsibility of lector and prayer leaders to proclaim the text in a clear and understandable manner.

**Join Stephanie Conching for a Workshop
on Proclaiming the Word for Liturgy and Prayer Service.**

We will combine experiences in the Performing Arts, liturgical Ministries and Proclamation of The Word. Participants will leave feeling confident in their abilities to fully share God's message

Date: June 17, Saturday
Where: Fr. Bill Gathering Hall
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Fellowship (food provided by Parish) to follow

Stephanie has served as music minister for Sacred Heart, Punahou, Resurrection of the Lord, and is currently serving at St. Anthony of Padua in Kailua. Stephanie is also an instructor for the Diocese of Honolulu Office of Religious Education. She is a stage director, commercial and stage actor, and theatrical consultant.



Bulletin Announcement/Flyer

Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life! We offer a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding method that is very compassionate and woman-oriented and credited with saving thousands of lives at abortion facilities across the United States and beyond! Our next training will be held on **Saturday, June 17, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at St John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church in Mililani**. If you would like to learn this method and check out our program, please contact Program Leader Patrick Guzman, at **(808)351-6179** or email **pguzman_5k@yahoo.com**. More information at **sidewalkadvocates.org!**



"JESUS Thirsts for America", a 21-city, 3-year National Evangelization tour that began in November 2022 is coming to Oahu on July 15, 2023. Its purpose is to share the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST in such a compelling way that participants to be encouraged and strengthened to become more excited in expressing their faith. The "**I Thirst**" events include... Dynamic Teachings, Personal Testimonies, Inspiring Music, Healing, Prayer, Mass and Reconciliation which open participants to encountering the risen LORD.

5 National Presenters have been approved by our Diocese to minister in Hawaii: Dcn. Steve Greco, Barbara Heil, Dcn. Larry Oney, Andi Oney, and Kathleen Beckman. Their presentations are geared towards the love of the Sacraments, focusing on the **Eucharistic Revival** and encouraging people to not only be Disciples of JESUS CHRIST but to also lead others to HIM.

Movement organizer, **Dcn. Steve Greco**, is the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation at the Diocese of Orange, and president of Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry, which engages in evangelization and support of the foreign missions.

Barbara Heil is a longtime protestant minister convert with experience ministering to the poor, in children's camps and inner-city missions. Heil discovered late in life that she had been baptized as a child in the Catholic Church. She received the Rite of Confirmation in 2013 and has since ministered around the world.

Deacon Larry Oney of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and his wife Andi Oney. Deacon Oney is the founder and president of Hope and Purpose Ministries in Louisiana, which he created in part to provide mentorship through the creation and distribution of Catholic materials in all forms of media.

Andi Oney, international evangelist and author, previously served in education for 12 years. In 2013 her life changed while attending an International Prophetic Consultation gathering of leaders in Bethlehem, Israel. While in Israel, she experienced a dramatic conversion as she prayed in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, believed to be the site of the Last Supper and Pentecost.

Evangelist **Kathleen Beckman**, a popular presenter on topics including the spiritual life, Eucharistic life, healing and deliverance ministry, Divine Mercy, Mary, and the spirituality of Blessed Conchita Cabrera. She is author of four best-selling books, "Praying for Priests," "God's Healing Mercy," "When Women Pray" and "A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare". For twenty-five years, and in thirteen countries, through Catholic radio and television, writing and speaking, she has served in the Church's ministry of evangelization.

Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate Mass. Dominic Olaso (Head of the Diocesan Evangelization TaskForce) will emcee and lead the Praise & Worship.

To register for the "I Thirst" Hawaii, go to <https://www.spiritfilledevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii>

