

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 10, 2023 | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

It is easy to gossip; it is hard to take a person aside privately and to offer help for his problems. It is easy to be a busy-body; it is hard to have the humility to seek the correction of another person in confidence while preserving his dignity. Today's Mass challenges us to have the humility to offer genuine love to our neighbor who sins.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Even in the Old Testament, God commanded His people to seek the correction of their brother. If we see our brother doing wrong and fail to help him to avoid his wrongdoing, we are guilty of his sin.

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

One sentence sums up all the commandments of God: Love your neighbor as yourself. True love of neighbor demands that we offer fraternal correction in a spirit of gentleness and humility. Love is never condescending or puffed up; love never seeks to expose the faults of others to ridicule. Love seeks only the conversion of a person to the will of God.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a strict order for fraternal correction. We must first offer correction privately. Faults of others can be made public only if all else fails. Let us pray for the grace to persevere the order that Christ gives us.

STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tue—Fri, 9am—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 grandparents.

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, 10:30 a.m.—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 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

REMINDER

Religious Education classes begin today!

Dear Parish Ohana,

This Sunday we are reminded about our communality: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." To belong to the Church is to belong to a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. This means that being a Christian is not a private, purely personal affair, although that is the way some people seem to behave. When God asked Cain, "Where is your brother?" Cain answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4:9).

The teaching of the Gospel tells us that in every Christian Community, divisions will inevitably happen. We are communities of sinners trying to be saints and there are many pitfalls on the way. It is easy to think that being a Catholic means being concerned with the relationship between God and me that my duty is to "save my soul". But, in fact, the only way to "save my soul" is by becoming a truly loving and caring person as part of a loving and caring community of people united in Christ. And sometimes that caring may involve bringing the brother/sister face to face with the loving demands of the Gospel. We do not help each other by turning a blind eye to behavior which is clearly unchristian.

As a community we have a responsibility for each other's wellbeing. We do not further the witness of a loving community when we, in false "charity", ignore social problems such as drug-taking, alcoholism, compulsive gambling, violence in the home, discrimination against the physically and mentally handicapped, racial exploitation and the like in a parish community. It is not enough just to deal with these things in the privacy of "Confession" for, ultimately, reconciliation must be at the community level. And, as such, this is the responsibility of the community exercising its calling as the Body of Christ.



In the Spirit of Love

Offerings for September 3, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2798

Catholic University of America—\$50

Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$50

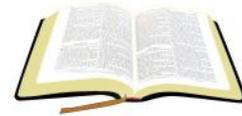
Outreach—\$16

Religious Education—\$70

Repair & Maintenance—\$5556

Total—\$8540

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, September 17, 2023

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

A Stewardship Moment

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."



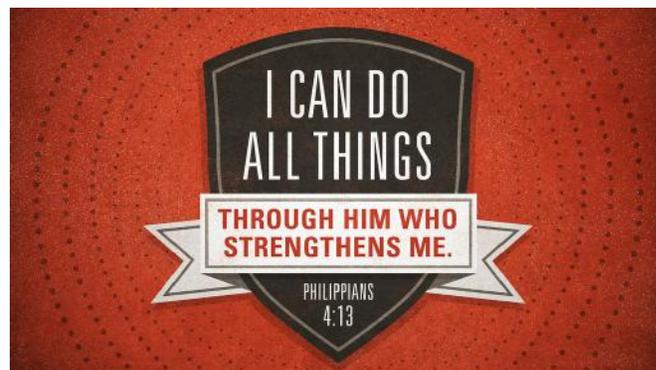
Question of the Week

With whom do I need to reconcile? How can I go about it fruitfully?

Mahalo nui loa

Thank you to **HI State Construction** for their donation of time and materials to repair the parish office stairs!

Congratulations to **Jax Michael Scott** who competed in the first International Baton Twirling Federation (IBTF) World Baton Twirling Championship & Nations Cup held in Liverpool, England last month. Jax brought home three medals for Team USA and passed out bracelets to other athletes printed with "Philippians 4:13" on them as a token of friendship and also to share the message that they can do all things through Christ!





NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL | June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

Our parish comes together to proudly honor the true and real presence of Jesus transformed in the Blessed Sacrament. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” (John 6:54) We continue to have a year-long focus to further educate our parish community about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

1. Our parish is supporting the National Eucharistic Revival to rejuvenate belief in the Real Presence among U.S. Catholics.
2. Belief in the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist is waning among professed Catholics, and it is up to us believers to spread the truth to all.
3. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery.
4. Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than our problems and struggles. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.
5. In a world where not many people know Jesus intimately, the revival is meant to show everyone what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the soul.
6. Our world is hurting and we all need healing, because many of us are separated from the very source of our strength.
7. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist.
8. It takes time to kindle a living, loving relationship—and a relationship with Jesus Christ is no exception.
9. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire your response as you fan the flames of revival in our parish!
10. Jesus needs each one of us to be his hands and feet throughout this Eucharistic Revival.

Living. True. Real. Jesus.

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 10

Religious Education classes begin.

8:15 a.m. Meeting in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place for parents of children in RE classes.

8:15 a.m. Meet and Greet with coffee and pastries in Mary’s Haven meeting room for anyone wishing to become part of the Catholic Church.

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Wednesday, September 13

12 p.m. Fatima Rosary in the Meditation Garden

7 p.m. Baptism Classes for parents and Godparents in Mary’s Haven meeting room

Sunday, September 17 Catechetical Sunday

8:15 a.m. Initiation Classes begin (OCIA)

9:30 a.m. Commissioning of all catechists at Mass

11 a.m. Outreach Ministry meeting

Tuesday, September 19

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

September 19—27

Novena to St. Lorenzo Ruiz at 7 p.m. in the church

Wednesday, September 20

5:30 p.m. Aloha Ministry meeting

Sunday, September 24

11 a.m. Grandparents Day Celebration for St. George parishioners in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Thursday, September 28

6 p.m. Feast Day Mass of San Lorenzo Ruiz



SAN LORENZO RUIZ
The First Filipino Saint and Martyr

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September 19 - 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 6 P.M. MASS

Order of Christian Initiation

Would you like to become Catholic?

Are you an adult who was baptized as a child but not confirmed or received first holy Communion? Or baptized in another Christian faith? Or an adult who was never baptized? Please come to a meet and greet session with coffee and pastries in Mary’s Haven meeting room at 8:15 a.m. today, Sunday, September 10, 2023 and meet with coordinators Paul and Maria Dumas who will provide an orientation to the initiation journey.

To Jesus Through Mary

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For more information contact Cami Adams at camikjmj@gmail.com
 Ph# 808-721-2307



The 6-hour shift at St. George Church will be Sunday, October 8 from 12—6 p.m.

St. George Parish celebrates Grandparents

**Sunday, September 24
 11 a.m.**
Fr. Bill Gathering Place
**Lunch, music, games,
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St. George Parish Maintenance and Repair Report Completed Projects for July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

CHURCH

- Installed four air conditioning units in the church.
- Installed electrical lines for the air conditioning.
- Replaced screens with wood on the open space above the Stations of the Cross.
- Changed 16 chandelier bulbs to LED bulbs.
- Installed wireless microphones at the lectern and ambo.
- Coated and painted the damaged eaves of the church roof.
- Installed window blinds in the sacristy.

PARISH OFFICE

- Upgraded telephone lines and purchased telephones.
- Upgraded computer units and systems.
- Installed computer and Wi-Fi lines.
- Rewired electrical lines.
- Installed new electrical panel board.
- Upgraded electrical switches and sockets.
- Insulated exposed electrical wires.
- Removed damaged electrical lines.
- Installed window blinds in the meeting room.
- Installed light fixtures.
- Installed electrical switches and sockets.

PARISH HALL

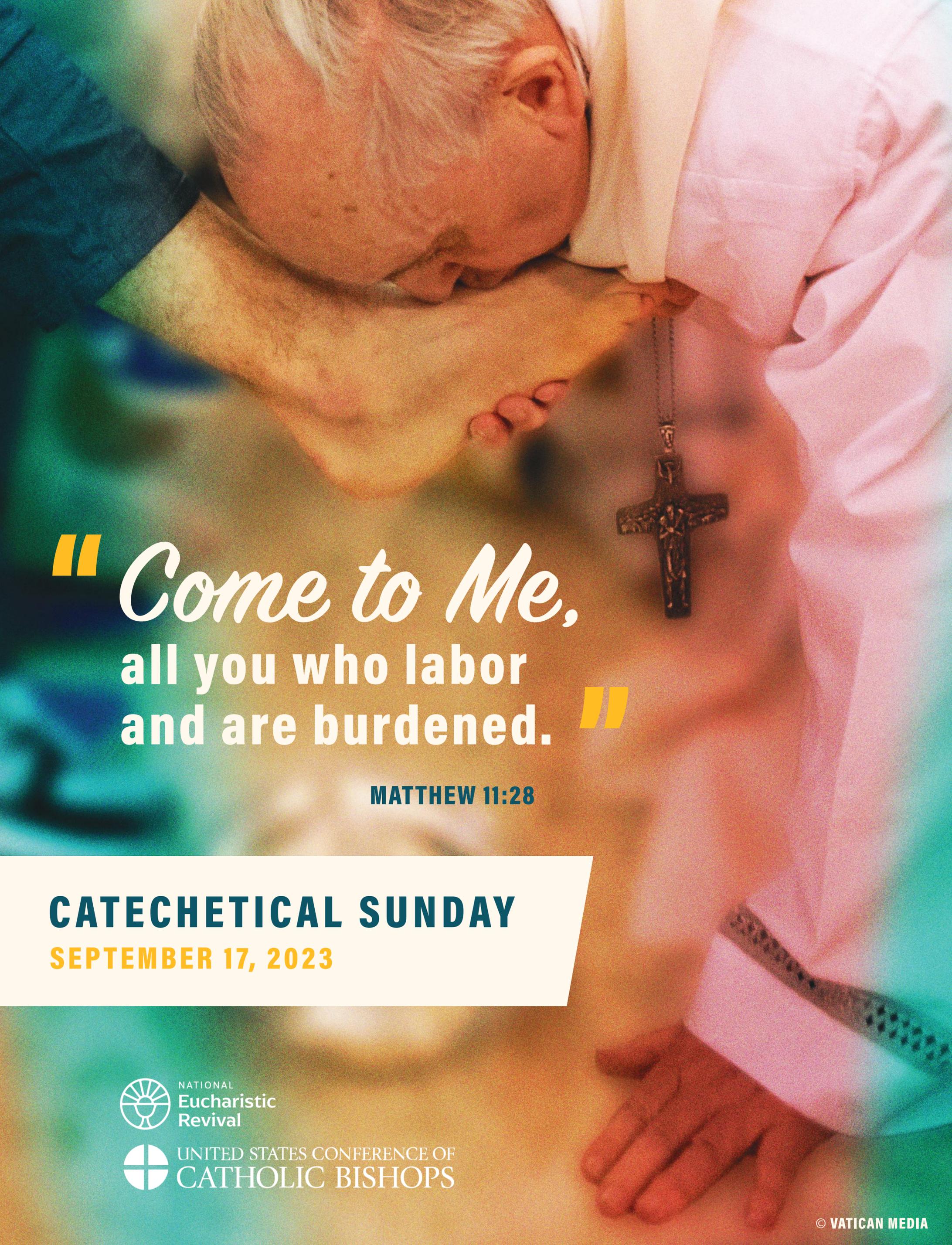
- Painted the interior wall.
- Repaired the ceiling insulation.

RECTORY

- Expanded first floor living room.
- Purchased a dining room table and chairs.
- Replaced floor carpet to wood tiles.
- Installed window blinds.
- Upgraded electrical switches and sockets on the first floor.
- Conducted trouble shooting of electrical system.
- Installed light fixtures.
- Purchased a refrigerator and electric stove.
- Installed a ceiling beam to reinforce the structure.

PARISH GROUNDS

- Trenched the ground between the parish hall and church.
- Laid 2-inch PVC pipe to the existing panel for the church.
- Redistributed 100 amps to the parish hall.
- Installed a junction box at the side of the building.
- Poured gravel on the parking lot extension.



“ *Come to Me,*
all you who labor
and are burdened. **”**

MATTHEW 11:28

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



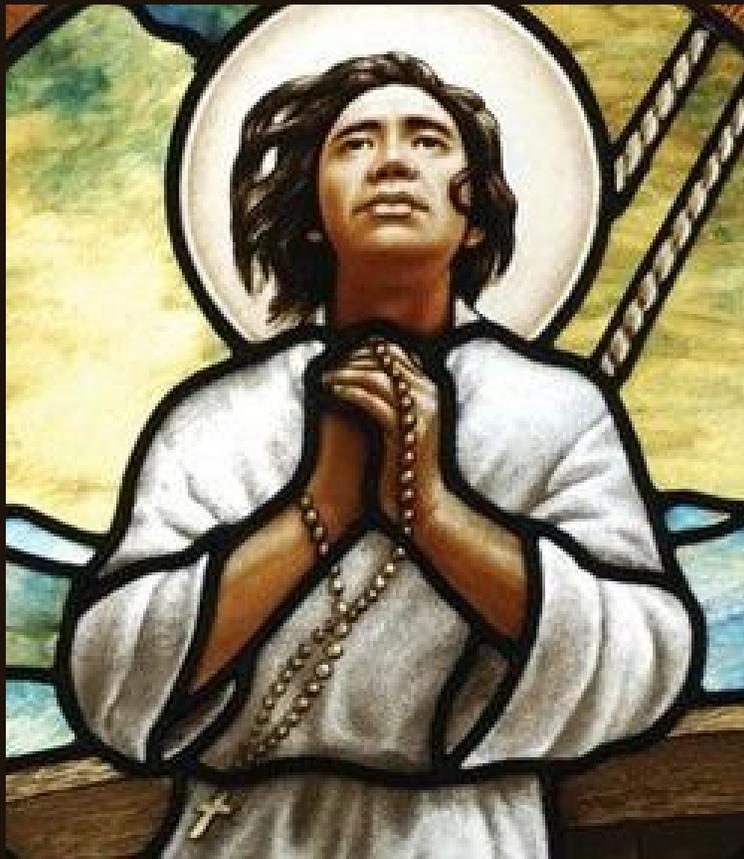
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