

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 7, 2024 | The Epiphany 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

Only Joseph and Mary were present at His birth. On Epiphany, we celebrate the appearance or full manifestation of the glory of the Lord to the entire world. Jesus Christ has come as Lord for all peoples of all times and places. As His instruments, we must never rest until all peoples acknowledge Jesus as their Master and Savior.

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

After the Jewish people returned from captivity in Babylon they looked forward to the glory of the rebuilt Jerusalem. They proclaimed that Gentiles would also come to the Lord's glory at Jerusalem. All nations would be called to the light of God. We see the fulfillment of this prophecy in the Church which embraces all peoples of all places, races and nations.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

St. Paul was a rabbi. It was hard for him to realize how any non-Jew could share in the blessings promised by God to His Chosen People. Paul constantly marvels at the "mystery" of God's love which embraces Jew and Gentile and which reconciles all people in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Today's gospel is the story of the Magi or Wise Men who came to find the newborn King. The Magi were Gentiles or pagans. The lesson is that all peoples are called to share in the light of Christ.

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 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.

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 8 a.m. to 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

Dear Parish Ohana,

Today we celebrate the 12th day of Christmas also known as Epiphany Sunday. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek, and it means a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. The Epiphany shows that Jesus is Savior, not only of the Jewish people, but also for everybody, in every land and in every culture. The message, power and love of Christ are for everyone.

At the center of the Epiphany were the Magi. These were people from the East, pagans, who had no clue about the meaning of the newborn. But deep down, there was a flicker of light that led them in the direction of the light. Nothing would stop them. We cannot tell how far they journeyed. Traveling was extremely difficult in those times. There were rivers to cross, trackless deserts to penetrate and perhaps mountains to climb, but they made nothing of the difficulties or the dangers. They were on a journey of seeking the truth and would not rest until they found it. And so, with determination they prepared and committed to following the star that led them to Christ.

As we begin a new year, 2024, are we as determined as the Magi to follow the way that leads us to Christ? Whatever the past year has been for us, happy, joyful, full of failures, sorrows, hurt - follow the star, it is here for you. The wise men represent us at the birth of Christ. God directed these magi to Bethlehem to let the entire world know that the birth of Jesus was for every human being.

We are being called and challenged to be faithful stewards to the light of Christ and in turn become the light that shines and lead others to Christ.

OFFERINGS

Offerings for December 31, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3308
Christmas—\$95
Feast of Immaculate Conception—\$30
First Offering—\$848
Filipino Ministry—\$175
Funerals—\$400
Mass Intentions—\$90
Ohana in Christ—\$762
Outreach—\$40
Repair & Maintenance—\$947
Total—\$6692

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, January 14, 2024

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

A Stewardship Moment

The Gospel reading reveals the journey, the visit and the gifts of the Magi. They read the stars and inspired by their own wisdom and vision they truly want to find and pay homage to Christ Jesus who they understood would bring about a kingdom of justice and peace. Although they are not astrologers like the Magi, good stewards go about the task of reading the signs of the time as well. Moreover, they help others discover the loving presence of Christ through their own actions, bringing mercy, compassion and hope for a better world. How do you live each day to bring about a better world, a better life, unity with those who gather around the Eucharistic table and a deeper communion with God?



Question of the Week

Have I had an epiphany, a sudden insight, after an experience where I've recognized an encounter with Christ? If I cannot recall one, can I imagine how it could happen?



Diocese of Honolulu's Respect Life Office Events

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6 p.m.

March for Life Mass and a Holy Hour of Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Honolulu.

Friday, January 19, 2024

March for Life Rally at the State Capitol, 3-6 p.m. Please join to support a Culture of Life. Sign up sheet is on the table at the entrance to the church. Please indicate if you need help with transportation.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

Epiphany: To Find Our Meaning in Christ

On the weekend of January 6 and 7, 2024 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Epiphany! What a wonderful word. Even its secular definition is thrilling: “a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something.” It brings all sorts of images to mind: a light bulb suddenly turning on, shedding brilliant illumination; a revelation that brings a gasp; an idea so vivid we pause and give thanks; a truth so powerful we fall to our knees.

The feast of the Epiphany is all of those things and more. We celebrate the mysterious appearance at Jesus’ birthplace of three men from the East. They had set off on a most quixotic journey, seeking what they would find at the end of a star’s dazzling rays. What, we wonder, did they make of the epiphany with which their journey ended? Did they spend the rest of their lives trying to discern what their discovery of the baby meant, or did the Christ Child gift them with “a sudden realization” of His nature?

What more could they – or we – want of a life’s journey, than to find, in our epiphany, the Christ waiting for us?

The twelve days of Christmas have led us to this place, where Gentiles from afar have discovered Christ, thereby revealing that He came for everyone, for each one of us throughout history, and not just for the Jewish people to whom he was born. The feast of Epiphany brings us to the last week of our liturgical celebration of Christmas.

But for the Christian steward, Epiphany is not an end but a beginning. This feast reminds us that the New Year beckons us to openness about the epiphanies to which God leads us if we but keep an open, prayerful heart, a heart full of deep, awed gratitude.

Let us pray never to become too jaded, too full of certainty, too wrapped up in the routine of life to be asleep at the time of epiphany. If we could resolve to keep only one New Year’s Resolution, let it be this: to pay attention to the epiphanies God places before us.



70th Anniversary Calendar

Sunday, January 7

Masses for the Epiphany of the Lord

Opening Celebration of St. George Parish’s 70th Anniversary Year

9:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Larry Silva

11 a.m. Opening Celebration Fellowship in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Entertainment by Walter Keoni Carvalho

11 a.m. Respect Life Baby Shower as part of the 70th Anniversary Opening Celebration to honor mothers who are pregnant and families who have newborns (up to the age of 1).

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Thursday, January 16

9 a.m. Red Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Friday, January 12

Pastor’s visits to the homebound

Saturday, January 13

12 p.m. Fatima Rosary in the Meditation Garden

Sunday, January 14

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

11 a.m. Liturgical Committee Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Thursday, January 18

9 a.m. Visitation, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy, 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Frances Parker

6 p.m. March for Life Mass with Bishop Larry Silva at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Friday, January 19

9 a.m. Visitation, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy, 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Evon Leilani Silva

12 p.m. Novena for St. Joseph in the garden

3—6 p.m. March for Life rally at the State Capitol

Sunday, January 21

Last day to place order for 70th Anniversary shirts.

11 a.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

St. George 70th Anniversary Santo Nino Celebration.

4 p.m. Mass followed by Sinulog cultural presentation and fellowship potluck in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Kalua Pig Fundraiser for Outreach Ministry

Tickets on sale in January 2024 for pickup on February 3 & 4.

‘Ohana in Christ

ANNUAL APPEAL
for the
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

Christ be ever before us
Christ be ever behind us
Christ be ever within

Please support your Diocesan Church and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Appeal. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Give online at CatholicHawaii.org

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GEORGE PARISH

ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1954

Shirts are on sale now.

Use the order form in the bulletin and turn in your order with payment by January 21, 2024.

This is not a fundraiser, it is a promotion and commemorative item for our year-long festivities.

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Father Shenan J. Boquet
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You don't want to miss his presentation.

Friday, January 12, 2024
St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea
99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea, Hawaii 96701
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Topics: Catholic Social Teachings on Abortion, LGBTQ Ideology and Unchaste Sex Education. Are Fetal Cells in our Cosmetics? What is EU-ACP and how will it affect us?

Join us for this once in a life time presentation by the renowned Guest Speaker, Father Shenan Boquet.

We are called to Love One Another.
Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life!

Friday, January 19, 2024 3 - 6 p.m.

State Capitol

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6 p.m.

St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva

Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi
Love One Another

March for Life

St. George Catholic Church 70th Anniversary T-Shirt Order Form

Aloha Parishioners and Friends, St. George Church will be celebrating 70th years as a Parish in Waimanalo. Prior to December 1954, Mass was said by visiting priests from Kailua. Fr. Raymund Ellorin and the Parish Committee are planning several events throughout the Eucharistic Revival Year 2024. Please consider ordering a t-shirt to commemorate the 70th Anniversary and join in on all the festive activities.

- **Saturday, Jan. 6 & Sunday, Jan. 7:** The order forms will be made available to you. The design, color of the t-shirt, style of shirts and sample sizes will be available for you to see, after each Mass.
- **Saturday, Jan. 13 & Sunday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 20 & Sunday, Jan. 21:** Order forms with payment, check or cash only, will be collected after each Mass. **Collecting your family's order on one form would be greatly appreciated. Last day for orders is January 21, 2024.**
- **Saturday, Feb. 17 & Sunday, Feb. 18:** Distribution of T-Shirt orders will occur after each Mass.

Name _____ Phone _____

Please help us by printing clearly and calculating carefully.

Style/Size	Quantity		Style/Size	Quantity	
<i>Children/Youth short sleeve T-shirt in red. \$12. ea.</i>			<i>Adult short sleeve T-shirt in red. Priced by size.</i>		
Small (6-8)			Small		
Medium (10-12)			Medium		
Large (14-16)			Large		
X-Large (18-20)			X-Large		
	_____ x \$12.=			_____ x \$12.=	
			XX-Large		
				_____ x \$15.=	
			XXX-Large		
				_____ x \$17.=	

<i>Adult Polo, short sleeve w/ collar. \$20</i>			<i>Adult Polo, larger sizes. Priced by size.</i>		
Small			XX-Large		
Medium				_____ x \$23.=	
Large			XXX-Large		
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**Thank you in advance for your support. If you would like to know more information or join our ministry please contact Father Raymund.

To order TEXT: Amber 808-864-8915/Vanessa 808-348-5171 (Please fill out form below to place your order in person)

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