

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 25, 2023 | Twelfth 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

Christ calls us to be the light of the world, the salt of the earth. He sends us forth to proclaim His truth and His love to our community. If we are faithful to Him, we can expect to be ridiculed. Let us ask Him for strength to stand for what is right and true, even in the face of great opposition.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

The prophet Jeremiah lived toward the end of the kingdom of Judah. Because he had to proclaim an unpopular message, his life was threatened by those who opposed God. Nevertheless, he places his complete trust in the Lord. He will stand for the truth.

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

All the problems, troubles and suffering in this world can be traced to the Original Sin. But Christ has conquered evil; He has gained the victory over all sin. In the strength and power of Jesus Christ, we can triumph over every temptation.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

The gospel selection today is taken from the Mission Sermon or Sermon to the Apostles in Matthew. Jesus sends His disciples forth to proclaim the Good News. He warns them that they will be opposed and ridiculed. But they should not worry; God cares for them and will give them strength to be His witnesses.

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, 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,

Our Scripture readings for this Sunday challenge us to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear. They show that when God's chosen prophets and Apostles faithfully carry out their mission, they always encounter suffering. This is especially evident in the life of prophet Jeremiah in the first reading who faced fierce opposition. Though in so much distress, Jeremiah shifted to an expression of confidence that God was with him and would see him through the crisis. What a powerful example for us in our own struggles. In the Gospel, Jesus' disciples whom he sent out would equally face fierce opposition and he called them to an unshakable courage.

As disciples of the Lord, we too are sent at times into hostile territories and environments. Fear can easily paralyze us. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring to us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss of dignity. What a release from fear it is to know that God is ever on our side! The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to Christ in whatever circumstance of life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss. Let us also take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God reminding us that he cares for each of us: *"Don't be afraid..."* The last verse of Psalm 27 sums it up nicely: *"Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair..."*



GIVING THANKS TO GOD



Offerings for June 18, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2972

Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50

Mass Intentions—\$20

Offerings, Funerals—\$

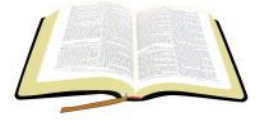
Outreach—\$10

Outreach, Family Promise—\$25

Repair & Maintenance—\$3115

Total—\$6192

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, July 2, 2023

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

A Stewardship Moment

Jesus minces no words with his disciples: If we acknowledge Jesus publicly, Jesus will remember us before God, our Father. If we deny Jesus, he will forget us. It is very rare that a Christian will denounce Jesus publicly. But we can deny Jesus in more subtle ways. There are many people who conveniently forget all about Jesus Christ and the work of his Kingdom in their daily lives, in moments of weakness, spiritual immaturity or when times get tough. Good stewards strengthen their confession of Christ by praying and attending Mass regularly, examining their lives and going to confession frequently, and reminding themselves daily that Christ resides in them. Take a look at your own daily life. Do you acknowledge Christ before others? How often do you remind yourself that Jesus lives in you?



Question of the Week

What am I reluctant to take a stand on? How can I bear witness most effectively and realistically?

Seeking Volunteers for Outreach Ministry

Are you interested in joining the outreach ministry to serve the greater needs of the Waimanalo community? As a parish, we are called to the social mission of the church to respond to basic human needs. We provide direct service of charity and justice to all who come to our door needing help. We work together with a coalition of churches and organizations in the Waimanalo area. Would you like to be a part of the group of men and women who provide direct services to the homeless, the low-income, elderly, and the needy in our community? Please sign up at the entrance to the church.



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



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

Obligation? Why going to Mass is not optional.

In our modern society, faithfully attending Mass seems to have become an act many Catholics view as optional.

CCC 2177. *The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. 'Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church.'* [CIC, Canon 1246 #1]

Do you understand the Sunday Mass obligation? Do you understand why it is a mortal sin to miss Sunday Mass without grave reason? There are those who choose to willfully skip Mass, or those who 'drag' themselves to Mass but do not want to be there. The question is, "why?" Why don't they want to be there, sharing in Christ's passion, sharing in his resurrection?

The teaching of the Church has never changed. To get directly to the point, it is not optional. Faithful Catholics are *obligated* to attend Mass each and every Sunday. But we should not view the word 'obligation' as a bad thing. Going to Mass is not a punishment. It is not a chore to get out of the way so you can go to the movies, out to brunch, read a book, watch a movie, take a nap, or get a head start on work related tasks for the week.

The Mass is celebrated at Christ' instruction, **"Do this in memory of me."** If we all take a moment to understand *why* participating in Mass is so important, why skipping Mass is a mortal sin, maybe '*obligation*' will no longer seem like such an imposing word. Understanding why the Mass is so important is the first step to loving the Mass. And when you come to love the Mass, going to church on Sunday no longer feels like an "*I have to,*" but instead becomes an "*I need to*" and "*I want to.*"

Living. True. Real. Jesus.

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 25

10:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m. St. George Parish celebrates Father's Day with a Chili Cook Off Competition and luncheon in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place to honor all the men in our lives and the wonderful gift of fatherhood. All are invited and welcome! Bring your family and friends.

Wednesday, June 28

7 p.m. All Men's Prayer and Fellowship meeting in the church

Sunday, July 2

10:45 a.m. Respect Life Ministry meeting in the parish office meeting room

Wednesday, July 5

12 p.m. Respect Life rosary in the meditation garden

Wednesdays, July 5 and 12

7 p.m. Infant baptism classes for parents and godparents in the Mary's Haven meeting room

Friday, July 7

6 p.m. Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration in the church

Sunday, July 9

10:45 a.m. Catechists meeting in the parish office meeting room

11 a.m. Divine Mercy chaplet in the church

Wednesday, July 12

6:30 p.m. All Men's Prayer and Fellowship dinner with guest speaker Dcn. Steve Greco in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Thursday, July 13

12 p.m. Fatima rosary in the meditation garden

Sunday, July 16

10:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Group meeting in the parish office meeting room

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 p.m. Finance Council meeting in the parish office meeting room

Wednesday, July 19

12 p.m. Novena to St. Joseph in the meditation garden

Sunday, August 27

7 a.m.—1 p.m. Blood Bank of Hawaii blood drive at St. George with Bloodmobile

I THIRST HAWAII

July 14 - St. Elizabeth, Aiea

- 6pm Registration
- Music Ministry - Ke AKUA Aloha Ministries
- 6:30 Mass – Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk
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I THIRST HAWAII

BISHOP LARRY SILVA DEACON STEVE GRECO

DEACON LARRY ONEY MSGR. STEPHEN DOKTORCZYK

KATHLEEN BECKMAN ANDI ONEY BARBARA HEIL DOMINIC OLASO

MASS ADORATION CONFESSIONS MUSIC TESTIMONY REVIVAL COMMUNITY

Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization

FRIDAY EVENING SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 6PM
AIEA, HI
SATURDAY SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
KANEOHE, OAHU-HAWAII

JULY 14-15 2023

THE JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA 21-CITY TOUR WILL SPUR NEEDED REVIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES! YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THIS MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THIS INVITATION THAT AIMS TO BRING YOU AND PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO A METANOIA EXPERIENCE AND A RENEWAL IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THIS OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL THAT WILL PROVIDE A MEANS FOR PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST.

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Join us for a
Father's Day

Chili COOK OFF



SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Make the
best chili to
win cash
prizes

10:45 AM IN FR BILL'S GATHERING PLACE

Chili Cook Off Competition will be held to celebrate all the great dads who are in our parish! Celebrate the gift of fatherhood and honor all the men in our lives with a fun day of chili-tasting, laughter, togetherness, and creating cherished memories.

FREE TO ENTER &
FREE TO TASTE

1ST PLACE \$100
2ND PLACE \$75
3RD PLACE \$50



Sign up by June 18.

Please provide your
name, phone number,
type of chili you will cook.



Chili COOK OFF

COMPETITION RULES

Sign up by June 18

Please provide your

- name
- phone number
- type of chili you will cook (turkey, beef, vegetarian, other)



On Sunday, June 25

- Cook 8 quarts of chili (enough to feed 10-12 people)
- Drop off your chili to Fr. Bill's Gathering Place between 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
- The chili may be warmed up in the parish hall kitchen if needed
- Bring a ladle to serve your chili
- On a 3x5 index card, please write a brief description of your chili
- Do not write your name anywhere on the card, this is a blind contest



ST GEORGE PARISH WILL ALSO PROVIDE THESE
ADDITIONAL LUNCH ITEMS: RICE, TERIYAKI BEEF, HOT DOGS
AND BUNS, GREEN SALAD, WATERMELON, CAKE AND
BOTTLED WATER



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ALL MEN'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP
For the Men of Saint George's Parish
Invite a Friend

Wednesday, June 28, 2023
7:00PM
Meet at the Church

Come and meet other men from the parish
For fellowship and prayer

"Strengthen the Man, strengthen the Family"
"Strengthen the Family, Strengthen the Church"
"Strengthen the Church, transform the Community"

"Unite your heart with God...remember always that God is eternal and work courageously in order one day to be united with Him forever!" Father Damien de Veuster of Molokai



I'M SO BLESSED
BCCH Retreat #123

summer
RETREAT

2 NIGHTS, 6 MEALS,
AND OVERNIGHT
ACCOMODATIONS IN
THE HISTORIC SACRED
HEART HALL

RECHARGE THE SOUL

Located deep in the valley of the Koolau mountain range, Basic Christian Community of Hawaii (BCCH) offers a two-night summer retreat for adult men and women led by spiritual directors, the Very Reverend Msgr. Gary Secor of the Diocese of Honolulu, and Sr. Meristella Umdor, a Missionary Sister of Mary Help of Christians. Retreatants come to enjoy the natural beauty of the peaceful location, and the freedom from modern distractions. Since 1985, BCCH has welcomed guests to experience true Christian community, found in song, prayer, witness talks, educational and reflective experiences, and small faith-sharing groups. The theme of BCCH Adult Retreat #123 is "I'm so Blessed."

🕒 FRIDAY, JUNE 30 AT 6 P.M. THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 AT 3 P.M.

📍 3351 KALIHI STREET, HONOLULU, HI 96819

🔗 REGISTER AT WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/639802174527

CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS:

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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ALL MEN'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Invite a friend!

July 12, 2023 Wednesday
Dinner 6:30pm

Saint George Catholic Church
41-1323 Kalaniana'ole Highway
Waimanalo

Speaker:

Deacon Steve Greco

Deacon Steve is a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Orange, California. He is the founder and President of Spirit Hearts Ministry which sponsors the "I Thirst for America" conference on July 14-15 at Saint Ann's Church in Kaneohe.

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The poster for "I Thirst Hawaii" features a central image of a coastal landscape with a large golden sunburst. Surrounding this are circular portraits of the speakers: Bishop Larry Silva, Deacon Steve Greco, Deacon Larry Oney, Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk, Kathleen Beckman, Andi Oney, Barbara Heil, and Dominic Olaso. Below the portraits, the event schedule is listed: MASS, ADORATION, CONFESSIONS, MUSIC, TESTIMONY, REVIVAL, and COMMUNITY. The main title "I THIRST HAWAII" is prominently displayed. The event dates are "JULY 14-15 2023" and the location is "SATURDAY SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH, KANEOHE, OAHU-HAWAII". A QR code is present for registration. At the bottom, the text reads: "THE JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA 21-CITY TOUR WILL SPUR NEEDED REVIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THIS MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THIS INVITATION THAT AIMS TO BRING YOU AND PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO A MISTANGIA EXPERIENCE AND A RENEWAL IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THIS OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL THAT WILL PROVIDE A MEANS FOR PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST." and "Register Now JESUSTHIRSTSFORAMERICA.COM".

"JESUS Thirsts for America", a 21-city, 3-year National Evangelization tour that began in November 2022, is coming to Oahu on July 14 -15, 2023. Its purpose is to share the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST in such a compelling way that participants will 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, adoration, Mass and Reconciliation, which in combination opens participants to encountering the risen LORD. 6 National Presenters have been approved by our Diocese to minister in Hawaii: 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. He is the author of, "Overcoming Adversity Through Miracles", "Miracles Through Forgiveness", "Miracles Through Prayer", and "Reflections on the Holy Spirit 365 Days of Praise".

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 and his wife minister in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. 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.

Monsignor Stephen Doktorczyk, JCD is a priest of the Diocese of Orange, California, a canon lawyer, and Co-founder and Spiritual Director of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests. Prior to ordination in 2005, he worked in the grocery business and human resources. He has a Master of Business Administration from California State University, Long Beach, a Bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology, and Doctorate in Canon Law. He has also served as Adjutant Judicial Vicar, and Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate Mass on Saturday. Dominic Olaso (Head of the Diocesan Evangelization TaskForce) will emcee and lead Music Ministry. Seating is limited. Register early at "I Thirst" Hawaii, <https://www.spiritfilledevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii>