

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 3, 2023 | Twenty-second 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

If we are loyal to Christ, we shall suffer. In our modern world, our fellow Catholics are suffering persecution and torture for their faith. In our own country, if we are truly loyal to Christ, we shall be ridiculed. The Lord has not duped us; He promises us a cross in this life. The crown of joy must await eternity.

### 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Jeremiah probably thought it would be easy to be a prophet of the Lord. It was not. He was called to speak an unpopular message. He complains that the Lord duped him and he wants to keep quiet. But the message burned within him; he simply had to be loyal to the Lord.

### 2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

God's ways are not always our ways. Paul urges us to follow God's way of sacrifice and not man's way of the easy and convenient.

### Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

After Peter's profession that Jesus was the Messiah, and after Jesus conferred great authority on him, Jesus says He is going to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter could not accept this, for Jewish tradition held that the Messiah was victorious and triumphant. But God's ways aren't ours: Jesus' victory comes about through humility and suffering. If we follow Jesus, we also must share His cross.



## 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 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,

Last Sunday we saw how after spending nearly 3 years with the disciples, it was *'final examination time.'* Peter has already passed the first part of the test. Who am I? *"Thou art the Christ!"*

Now Jesus begins to reveal why He came. For the first time ever, Christ reveals that He was born to die. But His followers don't get it, though He spells it out for them...and they won't really understand fully until after His resurrection. Last Sunday we saw Jesus mentioning for the first time the church, and now He brings up the topic of the cross. The cross was God's plus sign in a minus world...where man was at his worst and God was at His best. Man's sin met with God's grace! For our salvation to be secured, the cross was a necessity. We need to realize that the cross was part of God's plan from before the foundation of the world. It was in the heart of God from eternity past that the Creator would redeem the creation because of His great love for it. He willingly laid His life down and He *'gave up his spirit.'* Today we highlight the cross as a symbol of glory and honor. We put it atop our churches, and on gold chains around our necks. But in those days it was a symbol of death and gore, suffering and shame, and wasn't even spoken of in respectable company. The Phoenicians invented crucifixion ... inspired by seeing rats nailed to a wall. It made death slow and painful, and very public, and was reserved for the lowest of criminals.

So where is Jesus in your life? Still on the cross, or on the throne of your heart? Remember, in your own moments of pain and suffering, you are united to the cross of Jesus which brings redemption.

I love to read  
the Scriptures



**Readings for next Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

### A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up the topic of the cross to his followers. They would not realize the cross was part of God's plan and was to be their legacy until after the Resurrection. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross; that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost. In the midst of the uncertain times we live in, what crosses do we bear in order to reveal God's glory?



### Question of the Week

What have I learned about God and God's will through prayer?



Thank you to the three dozen donors who gave a total of 28 pints of blood last Sunday. There were 6 first-time donors. There was 1 rare blood type and they make up less than 7% of Hawaii's population. There was also 1 MAX Red donor. MAX Red donors only donate red blood cells while their other blood components are returned to the body. All of these units of blood will be going to trauma patients, heart surgery patients, cancer treatment patients, transplant recipients, premature babies, burn victims, people with chronic illnesses, and more. With the recent Maui fires, there is a great need for blood. We will schedule the bloodmobile again in the future to help save lives.

Giving  
Back  
to God



### Offerings for August 27, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3033

Funeral Offering—\$450

Mass Intention—\$30

Outreach—\$21

Religious Education—\$40

Repair & Maintenance—\$76

**Total—\$3650**



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# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

## From Breaking Bread in Homes to Elaborate Ceremonies

**The Beginning:** The disciples began to celebrate the Eucharist (“the Breaking of Bread”) very soon after Pentecost. Luke writes, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42). The earliest “Eucharists” were home Masses with small numbers and one could safely presume they would have been very simple. (Acts 2:46: “They broke bread at home.”). Elaborate ceremonies would develop only later. As the good news spread beyond the borders of Israel, there were Gentile converts and these too remembered Jesus’ death and resurrection in the Breaking of Bread (Acts 20:7). Note that they too met “on the first day of the week,” that is, Sunday, the day of the resurrection, changing the day of meeting from Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, to Sunday.

**Evolution of Different Rites:** The particular way of celebrating the Eucharist, that is, the sequence of events, the texts, the symbols are called “rites.” In the East, many different rites evolved and these are still in use such as the Coptic, East Syrian, West Syrian, Byzantine and Malabar rites. Several different rites evolved in the West but the Roman Rite is the one we use and is used almost universally now.

**Language:** We could safely assume that when the “Breaking of Bread” was begun in Jerusalem, the participants would have used their own language; Aramaic and Greek. In the second half of the second century, however, Latin also appeared as the language of Christians and from that time on it was used more and more widely in the West. Latin prevailed in the West until the Council of Vatican II in the 1960s. This transition from Latin into the vernacular languages for the Mass was a momentous step in the 1960s. One wonders whether there was such as much trauma in the change from Greek to Latin in the late second century as there was in the recent change from Latin to English.

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## Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

### Wednesday, September 6

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

### Wednesday, September 6 and 13

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

### Friday, September 8

9 a.m.—2 p.m. Home visits to the homebound by Fr. Raymund. Call the office to schedule a visit.

### 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

### Sunday, September 17 Catechetical Sunday

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

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

### Sunday, September 24 (New date for this event)

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



# Order of Christian Initiation

## Would you like to become Catholic?

Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members who were baptized but were not confirmed or received first holy Communion? Or are not Catholic but are interested in the Church? If you do, please encourage them in this journey of faith, to inquire deeper into the Catholic Church and draw into relationship with God and others.

Please come to a meet and greet session with coffee and pastries in Mary's Haven meeting room at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Classes will be held Sunday mornings from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. and will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2023. For more information, call the parish office and leave your name, contact number, and email address. Maria and Paul Dumas will contact you to register.



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The First Filipino Saint and Martyr

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

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Ph# 808-721-2307



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CORNER

## Religious Education begins soon

Registration for religious education for children and youth is now open. You may register online at the St. George parish website or complete a hard copy form which is available in the church at the back table. Completed registration forms may be dropped off to the parish office, or please put it in an envelope marked Religious Education and place it in the collection basket. Please sign up now so books for classes may be ordered. Classes begin September 10. Parents will meet at 8:15 a.m. on September 10.



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and are burdened. **”**

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**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**



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For more information contact Cami Adams at

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





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