

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 17, 2023 | Twenty-fourth 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

Sin is an infinite offense against God. If we sin, God is infinitely offended. Yet, out of his loving kindness, the Lord has forgiven our sins. If God forgives our sins, he expects us to forgive others who offend us. Let us pray that we shall be merciful to others, as God is merciful to us.

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 30 - 28:7

One petition in the Lord's Prayer is almost a paraphrase of today's Old Testament reading: We pray that God will forgive us only if we forgive others. The reading today tells us that God is merciful and he expects us to be merciful; if we do not forgive others, he will not forgive us.

2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

We are not alone. God is always with us. God expects us to remember his presence and to be responsible to him for our thoughts and words and actions. Let us pray that we shall always show that we realize God's presence.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

In the Bible, "seven" is the number of perfection or completeness. Yet Jesus tells us to forgive our neighbor "seventy times seven" — which means without limit. If we do not forgive, then God will not forgive us. If we fail to be patient and understanding of others, God will not be patient and understanding to us.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin
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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

Dear Parish Ohana,

Forgiveness of wrongs done against us is something that many of us Christians find extremely difficult. We probably think Peter is extremely generous in suggesting that he should forgive his brother as many as seven times. Yet Jesus pushes it even further by saying, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." In practice, this means an infinite number of times. It seems hopelessly idealistic and impractical. Yet, further reflection may help us realize that there is really no alternative for the Christian and the truly human person than to forgive indefinitely.

A person who is fully secure in the knowledge of being totally loved by God is not going to find forgiveness and reconciliation too difficult. Forgiving 77 times will not only seem not idealistic but simply the only reasonable thing to do. At the same time, like God and like the Christian community, forgiveness and reconciliation does not mean indefinite tolerance of evil and unjust behavior. In the Gospel, the king was perfectly ready to forgive the senior official but how could reconciliation take place when he behaved in such an abominable way to a brother? We can be ready to forgive the sinner indefinitely but we must fight against sin without counting the cost. God cannot be reconciled with the sinner who chooses to stay in sin, nor can the Christian community fully incorporate a member who refuses reconciliation and healing of behavior that offends against truth and love. It takes two to tango and also to effect a reconciliation.

With God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God freely and generously pours out his love and forgiveness upon us through our faith in Jesus and he invites us to be people of forgiveness and reconciliation.



Offerings for September 10, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2967

Mass Intentions—\$100

Outreach—\$51

Religious Education—\$130

Repair & Maintenance—\$1236

Total—\$4484

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, September 24, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

A Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.



Question of the Week

How do I see myself letting resentment or bitterness build up in my heart? Who do I need to reach out to and forgive?

**NOVENA PRAYERS
IN THE CHURCH**

SAN LORENZO RUIZ

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



The First Filipino Saint and Martyr

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6 P.M. MASS



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, ate a final or last supper with his Apostles. "And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:191.

1. At the Last Supper, Jesus performed the miracle of the bread and wine becoming His body and blood.
2. Catholics believe the literal words of Jesus—that the bread and wine are truly his body and blood.
3. The Catholic belief in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist rests upon the literal meaning of the words of the Last Supper as recorded by the gospel evangelists and Paul.
4. This belief is based on both the science of the translation and interpretation of the Bible, and the constant faith of the Church from Apostolic times.
5. The best way a person can make a clear literal point is repetition of the same message in different ways. Jesus did this. The uniformity of expression by the first four authors of the Bible affirms the literalness.
6. The true significance of the real presence is sealed in John's gospel five times in different expressions, that Jesus confirmed the reality of what he means.
7. The belief of the Church from Apostolic times about the reality of the words of Christ is also clear from many documents.
8. Medieval philosophers and theologians called this expression of Divine Truth and Creative Power "transubstantiation."
9. God can change the substance of any created matter while the appearances remain unchanged. This demands faith.
10. "This is my body; this is my blood" must be believed, because God can turn bread into flesh and wine into blood without the appearances of bread and wine changing.

Living. True. Real. Jesus.

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

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

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Devotion in the church

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

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Devotion in the church

Thursday, September 28

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

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

MATTHEW 11:28

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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These catechists will be commissioned at Mass this weekend. Please pray for their ministry of teaching and passing on the faith.

Tania Brown, Ariel Campo, Tiffany DeSilva, Vicky DeSilva, Lovella Dagdag, Maria Dumas, Paul Dumas, Lowell Gaerlan, Danielle Gosiaco, Kahale Kidder, Jeremy Kwock, Susana Kwock, and Greg Ryan

To Jesus Through Mary

Eucharistic Rosary Congress

In the Honolulu Diocese

October 7-13, 2023

Our Lady of the Rosary to the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima

7 days of perpetual devotion to our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, through devotion to His Mother and the Holy Rosary.

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6am-12pm
12pm-6pm
6pm-12/midnight
12/midnight-6am

For more information contact Cami Adams at camikjmj@gmail.com
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St. George Parish celebrates Grandparents

**Sunday, September 24
11 a.m.**
**Fr. Bill Gathering Place
Lunch, music, games,
and family activities**

Grandparents are the best kinds of grownups!

October is the month of the Rosary and the parish will offer a daily devotion at 7 p.m. in the church. Please sign up your family to lead the rosary prayers on the calendar posted on the bulletin board.

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