

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 24, 2023 | Twenty-fifth 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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Priesthood Sunday is a special day in the United States to honor the men who have chosen the priesthood as their vocation. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the Church's life. With priests, we can receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Today we honor Fr. Raymund Ellorin!

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

If we ever come to salvation, it is because of the grace and merciful forgiveness of God. Grace comes to us at different times and in different ways. Let us always rejoice in God's call to grace, and let us never begrudge others that grace, whether they are called early or late to forgiveness.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

People are sometimes unforgiving. So often we show love only for those who love us, and do good only to those who are good to us. God is not like that; His ways are not ours. Today's first reading tells us of the great mercy of God.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

If we love God above all things, it matters very little whether we live or die. Let us strive to do God's will in all things, to serve Him as long as we live, to love Him in all we do.

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

As we listen to today's Gospel, we should remember that parables have one main point; they are not allegories. They should not be extended beyond their meaning. The meaning of today's parable is that God is merciful even to those who don't deserve it, and that we must never restrict his mercy.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin

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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,

This Sunday we have a parable where we might shout: *“Not fair!”* How fair is it that no matter how long one worked in the vineyard, everyone would be paid the same? The parable, first of all needs to be understood against the background of the early Christians. Among these early Christians, there was some resentment on their part at the newcomers enjoying all the benefits with no tradition or life of observance behind them. One of the sad themes of Matthew’s Gospel is that Jesus, himself an Israelite, first reached out to his own people but they rejected him. He then turned to the Gentiles who accepted him and showed very clearly that the Spirit of Jesus had come down upon them in abundance. Truly it could be said that *“the first shall be last, and the last shall be first”*.

Nowadays, many people reading this Sunday’s parable have problems with what seems to be a quite unfair treatment of the laborers. Our reaction under the influence of trade unionism and *“fair play”* generally is that those who have done more, who have given more, should get more than those who work for one hour. That is simple justice. Anything else is simply exploitation. And that is true, right? However, justice is the whole point of the parable and of Jesus’ teaching. We have to learn what God’s justice is like. Another name for God’s justice is mercy and compassion. In the eyes of the world it can sometimes seem very unjust. The point being made is that things are not being measured according to individual output but according to need. All, early or late comers, have exactly the same need for God’s mercy and God’s love and everyone gets all of it. Since it cannot be measured, he gives it to us even when we do not deserve it.



Offerings for September 17, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$3307
- Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
- Mass Intentions—\$45
- Blessings Offerings—\$100
- Outreach—\$60
- Religious Education—\$45
- Repair & Maintenance—\$2957
- Total—\$6564**

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, October 1, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

A Stewardship Moment

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: “I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?” We also know the age-old expression: “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.



Question of the Week

How can I prioritize generosity over fairness in how I regard and treat others?



**Blessing Prayer
for Fr. Raymund Ellorin
on Priesthood Sunday**

In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide. Father Raymund continues Christ’s ministry of working in the vineyard by sustaining and guiding your holy people. Bless Father Raymund. Let your Spirit uphold him always in his service to the people of this parish. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is supported by Scripture. *“I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”* (John 6:51)

1. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) **(Genesis 14:18)**

2. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. **(Exodus 12:8)**

3. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” **(John 6:55-59)**

4. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” **(Matthew 26:26-28)**

5. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. **(Luke 24:30-31)**

6. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break is it not a participation in the body of Christ? **(1 Corinthians 10:16)**

7. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. **(1 Corinthians 11:26)**

8. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. **(John 6:50-71)**

Calendar of Events
for Ordinary Time



SAN LORENZO RUIZ
The First Filipino Saint and Martyr

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

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

September 19—27

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

Sunday, September 24, Priesthood Sunday

11 a.m. Grandparents Day Celebration for St. George parishioners in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place with entertainment by slack-key guitarist Keoni Carvalho and artist Joe Aragon

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

Thursday, September 28

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

Sunday, October 1

Collection for Ohana in Christ



11 a.m. Respect Life Meeting in the parish office

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

October 1—29

7 p.m. Family-sponsored Rosary in the church

Sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board.

Wednesdays, October 4 and 11

7 p.m. Infant Baptism Classes in Mary’s Haven

Friday, October 6

6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour

Sunday, October 8

12—6 p.m. Eucharistic Rosary Congress at St. George in the church

9. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. **(John 6:56)**

10. And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” **(Revelation 19:9)**

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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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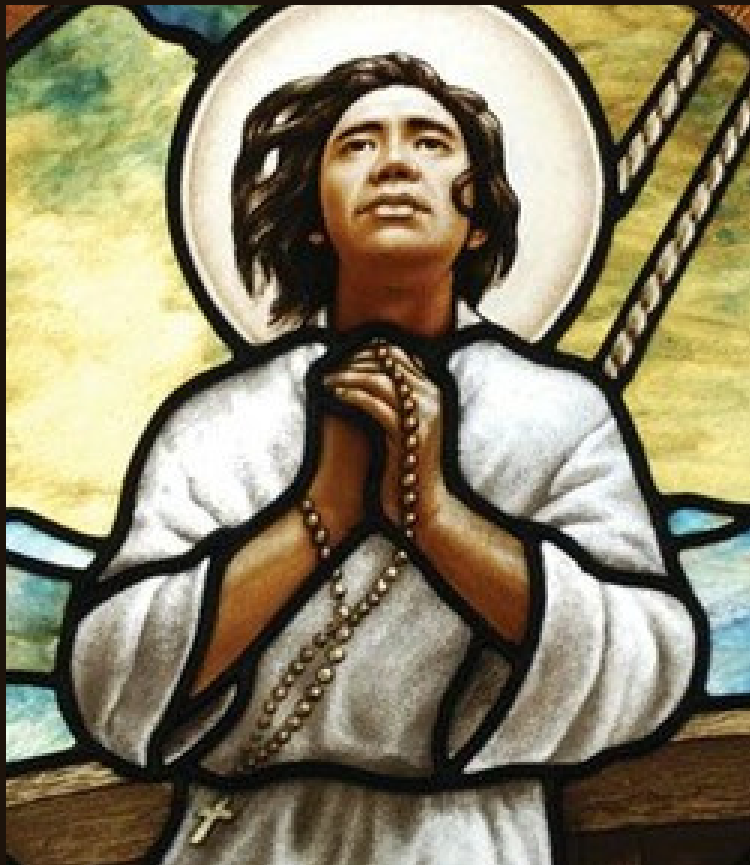
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'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

September 2023

Aloha to All,

Peace be with you!

*May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.*

Song of St. Patrick, Martyr Haugen

Each day, the Catholic Church in Hawaii shares the Spirit of Christ throughout our 'Ohana of parishes, schools, social agencies, and communities across the Islands. This is all possible thanks to your generous response to our Catholic mission and the call to Witness to Jesus.

Beyond the good works at each parish, the annual '**Ohana in Christ**' appeal helps us respond to the material and spiritual needs of the greater church. As detailed in the list below, funds raised support many important services and ministries throughout the Diocese of Honolulu that no single faith community could meet alone.

I am deeply grateful for the ways you have contributed to this work in the past. Once again, I humbly ask for you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this important appeal. Please know that I pray for you and your loved ones each day - and will remember all donors in a special Mass.

In the Spirit of Christ - and together as '**Ohana in Christ**' - we can and will respond to the Lord's call and continue to build His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



P.S. For more information on how to live out the Church's mission, or to make a gift to help your parish reach its 'OIC goal, please visit catholicahawaii.org. MAHALO!

Your donations are critical in helping to provide these ministries and services:

Priests & Deacons

- Professional development
- Recruitment & assignment
- Permanent Deacon Formation
- Clergy health & wellness needs

Parish Services

- Staffing & Training
- Finance & Insurance
- Savings & Loan
- Safe Environment
- Stewardship & IT
- Cemetery & Real Estate
- Emergency Preparedness

People Programs

- Youth & Young Adult
- Catholic Schools
- Adult Faith Training
- Catholic Social Ministry
- Food & Shelter Assistance
- Evangelization & Respect Life
- Hospital & Prison Ministries

And Much More

- Hawaii Catholic Herald & Diocesan eCommunications
- Cathedral Basilica, Chancery, & St. Stephen Diocesan Center
- Pope Francis & United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



'Ohana in Christ FAQs

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

1. What is 'Ohana in Christ ('OIC)?

'OIC is the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii. In fiscal year 2021/2022, it replaced the former Bishop's Circle Appeal to help provide needed funding for diocesan ministries, programs, and services formerly funded by the With Grateful Hearts Capital Campaign - and other efforts that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

2. How is 'Ohana in Christ different from the Bishop's Circle Appeal?

Along with an enhanced effort to raise awareness of the diocesan mission and financial needs - parishes are assigned a "target goal" based on their annual assessment. This year parishes are required to raise a minimum of 75% of their target goal. Parishes that fall short of the minimum will be responsible for the difference at the end of the fiscal year.

3. Parishes already pay a hefty annual assessment - isn't that enough?

Parish assessment fees provide significant funding for the diocesan mission - covering many expenses, but not all. The 'OIC Appeal helps close the gap in the annual diocesan budget.

4. What are some specific examples of what my donation will help support?

Along with the ministries, programs, and services listed on the front, your donations help support the diocesan offices and affiliated entities responsible for providing them to our faith communities and beyond.

5. Is there consideration for parishes facing significant financial challenges?

Prior to the current fiscal year, parishes have the opportunity to appeal the minimum goal requirement by submitting a written request to Bishop Larry.

6. Where does my gift go and how is it managed?

Donations given directly to 'OIC are received, processed, and acknowledged by the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Donations given at the parish level are forwarded to HCCF and credited accordingly. In turn, HCCF also oversees management of the funds and their allocations to the diocese in support of the diocesan mission.

7. Are donations to 'Ohana in Christ tax deductible?

Yes, to the extent allowable by law. For specific information, please consult your financial advisor. To make a gift today, please visit: CatholicHawaii.Org or mail your check to 'Ohana in Christ, PO Box 380019, Honolulu, HI 96838-0019. For gifts by credit card or otherwise, call the HCCF Gifts Office at (808) 372-3472.



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