

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 8, 2023 | Twenty-seventh 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

The vineyard is the kingdom of God. The tenant farmers refused to give the owner of the vineyard his share of the vintage. The conclusion of the story is that the vineyard is to be given to others. Unless we bring forth good fruit in righteous living, we shall lose the kingdom of God. Let us pray that we shall show in our deeds the faith we profess with our lips.

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1—7

The Bible uses many metaphors to describe God's relationship with his people. The metaphor used in today's first reading is that of a vineyard. The Lord plants a vineyard and hires it out to tenant farmers. But he expects a return on his investment.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6—9

Our faith is proved by our deeds. If we have been blessed by God, then we must live lives which are more virtuous than any merely human goodness. In today's second reading St. Paul instructs us to live the life of Christ in our own lives.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33—43

Jesus uses the selection from Isaiah which was our first reading today. God has planted a vineyard and rented it. He expects a return and an increase. When there is none, he rejects the tenants and gives his vineyard to others. If we fail to live up to our faith, we shall lose it.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin
Deacon: John Tolentino
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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,

Both the First Reading and the Gospel focus on the Lord's vineyard, that is, the place where God's people are to be found. At first, God chose the Israelites to be his own people. He was with them on their wanderings in the desert on the way to "a land flowing with milk and honey". "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?" the Lord asks in the First Reading. But the response of the people in the vineyard was far from the expectations of the master of the vineyard: "I expected my vineyard to yield grapes, instead it yielded sour grapes."

In Jesus' story the owner sends his servants to collect the harvest. Instead, the tenants mistreat and even kill the owner's messengers. This happened again and again. The message is clearly understood by Jesus' hearers. The Lord had sent his prophets to remind his people of their duty to serve, to be a fruitful people. Yet, one by one, God's messengers were rejected. And finally, the owner's own son was sent: "They will respect my son," the owner said. But no. He also was seized and killed. The killing of the son is a clear reference to Jesus dying on the cross.

Today, we are God's people and tenants in the vineyard and are expected to produce fruit, fruit that will endure. Our parish is our vineyard. The obvious question for us to ask ourselves is: "How are we doing? How much better are we than the people of old?" Each week we are invited to gather together to hear the Gospel message and to make it part of our lives. Do we measure the quality of our parish by what goes on in this building or by what happens when we leave it? Obviously both are important, but there cannot be one without the other. May we truly be good stewards of every grace God gives us as his messengers.



Offerings for October 1, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3389
Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
Special Mass—\$389
Outreach—\$10
Religious Education—\$60
Repair & Maintenance—\$115
Total—\$4013

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, October 15, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

A Stewardship Moment

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times. What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?



Question of the Week

What specific thing can I do this week to produce fruit for the kingdom of God?

CONGRATULATIONS!

The **Filipino Catholic Ministry** congratulates and thanks the following officers for accepting their appointments to this inaugural term.

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist, The Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus said to them, *“I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst.”* (John 6:35)

1. Eucharistic adoration is a special time of prayer before the presence of a consecrated host, which is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus.

2. During adoration, the host on display literally contains his presence, despite having the appearance, taste, smell and texture of regular bread.

3. Adoration is showing that we know God is truly God, our Savior, and the creator of everything that exists.

4. There are many ways Adoration may be held. Perpetual adoration to pray at any time; guided adoration, with reflective readings and music; adoration while praying the Rosary; sacrament of reconciliation during adoration.

5. All consecrated hosts remaining after Holy Communion are stored in the tabernacle, the little “house” in the sanctuary where Jesus resides.

6. The monstrance is an upright vessel that holds the consecrated host for special adoration. The luna (or lunette) is the sacred glass container which holds the consecrated host in the center of the monstrance.

7. “Let Christ gaze on you. Adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: Do I let myself be transformed by him? Do I let the Lord who gives himself to me, guide me to come out more and more from my little fence, to get out and be not afraid to give, to share, to love him and others?” **(Pope Francis)**

8. “The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” **(Pope John Paul II)**

9. Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration with our divine Lord and friend is a good time to ask what he wants with our life.

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

October 1—29

7 p.m. Family-sponsored Rosary in the church.
Sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board.

Sunday, October 8

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion in the church
12—6 p.m. Eucharistic Rosary Congress at St. George in the church



- 12 p.m. Exposition, Rosary and Litany to St. Joseph
- 1 p.m. Patriotic Rosary
- 2 p.m. Rosary for Life
- 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary
- 4 p.m. Family Rosary
- 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Book, Benediction

5:45 p.m. Filipino Catholic Ministry Officers Meeting in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Wednesday, October 11

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

Friday, October 13

Visits to the sick and homebound by Fr. Raymund
12 p.m. Fatima Rosary in the Meditation Garden

Sunday, October 15

11 a.m. Altar Servers Meeting in the parish office meeting room
3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet and prayers in church

Wednesday, October 18

5:30 p.m. Aloha Ministry Mtg. in the parish office meeting room

Thursday, October 19

12 p.m. St. Joseph Novena Prayers in the garden
6:30 p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship Meeting and Dinner with special guest Fr. Arnold Ortiz in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Saturday, October 21

Family Promise ‘Ohana Nights meal delivery

Sunday, October 22

Outreach Ministry Meeting in the parish office meeting room

10. Eucharistic Adoration is held at St. George Parish on the first Friday of every month at 6 p.m. All are encouraged to come to this amazing opportunity to worship Jesus.

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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.

Each 6-hour shift is reserved by a different parish on every island, religious community or Catholic school.

6-hour shifts are:

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

For more information contact Cami Adams at camikjmj@gmail.com
Ph# 808-721-2307



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

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. Thank you!

The Mysteries of the Rosary (and the fruits of the Mystery)

Joyful

1. The Annunciation (Humility)
2. The Visitation (Love of Neighbor)
3. The Nativity (Poverty)
4. The Presentation (Purity of Heart and Body)
5. The Finding in the Temple (Devotion to Jesus)

Sorrowful

1. The Agony in the Garden (Obedience to God's Will)
2. The Scourging at the Pillar (Mortification)
3. The Crowning with Thorns (Courage)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (Patience)
5. The Crucifixion (Sorrow for our Sins)

Glorious

1. The Resurrection (Faith)
2. The Ascension (Hope)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom)
4. The Assumption (Devotion to Mary)
5. The Coronation (Grace of a happy death)

Luminous

1. The Baptism of Jesus (Openness to the Holy Spirit)
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana (To Jesus through Mary)
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom (Conversion)
4. The Transfiguration of the Lord (Desire for holiness)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist (Adoration)



Thank you to all who shared of their time, talent and treasure in creating the Holy Guardian Angels Garden and to all who attended the blessing of the statues and garden on October 2, 2023, the Memorial of the Guardian Angels.

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

Living Radical Solidarity

OCTOBER 2023

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Since 1973, the year the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in *Roe v. Wade*, the month of October has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a time to focus on protecting God's precious gift of human life. While we thank God that the terrible reign of *Roe* has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity.

St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: "*In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.*"¹

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts

of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*," a transformation within our own hearts.²

This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her.

This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies. It all the more so requires our individual, personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional, and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones.

Our parish-based and nationwide initiative, [Walking with Moms in Need](#), for example, provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. Melissa, a [North Carolina mom](#)³ with young children and a busy



job, attended a parish informational session for *Walking with Moms in Need*, thinking she might help out here and there. But she felt the Lord's call and "by the end of the session she had volunteered to be the ministry's coordinator." Her parish now holds "Hand Up Days" once a month during which families can "shop" free of charge for baby and toddler items they need that have been donated by parishioners.

Melissa shared some powerful words of encouragement: "I think for too long we have been comfortable leaving the work of accompanying women in crisis situations – pregnant or parenting – to others in the nonprofit and government sectors. It is very clear in the Gospel that this is our job — all of us! A woman in a pregnancy center once told me that most women considering abortion are wrestling with a financial matter less than \$250 and that has really stuck with me. If we can lighten the burden just a little, what a difference we can make — it is literally life or death."

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life. Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: *Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children?* Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center;



helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Moms in Need* at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

For more information on how to celebrate Respect Life Month and stand in radical solidarity with moms in need, please visit respectlife.org/celebrate.

1 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

2 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 188.

3 Elizabeth Ascik, "One of the Best Ways to Walk with Moms in Need," *Aleteia*, March 23, 2023, <https://aleteia.org/2023/03/22/one-of-the-best-ways-to-walk-with-moms-in-need/>.

March For Life Visual Art Contest

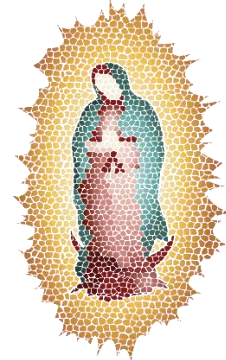
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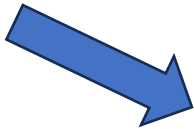


Theme: **Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi** (Love One Another)

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning to the end of their lives. Let's creatively spread awareness of God's call to "Love One Another" through artistic expression created by our youth, our future church.



**Deadline to submit entry is
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023**



Cash Prizes for the top 3 winners by grade level:

PreK - K	1st Place \$50	2nd Place \$30	3rd Place \$20
1st - 3rd Grade	1st Place \$50	2nd Place \$30	3rd Place \$20
4th - 8th Grade	1st Place \$75	2nd Place \$50	3rd Place \$25
9th - 12th Grade	1st Place \$75	2nd Place \$50	3rd Place \$25

Top winners will also be able to march with Bishop Larry Silva at the March For Life Rally at the State Capitol on January 19, 2024

Questions? Call (808) 673-3074

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Upcoming Retreat Date: October 13-15, 2023
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CATHOLIC MINISTRY TO MEN



Fishers of Men

Matthew: 14:19

Men's Fellowship Meeting **Thursday October 19, 2023**

St. George Catholic Church
Waimanalo

Dinner at 6:30pm

INVITE A FRIEND

Speaker: **Father Arnold Ortiz**

Father Arnold is the former Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Church in Aiea. He currently is the travel coordinator for priests and deacons who volunteer to help out at Lahaina. Father Arnold will share his reflections on the Maui fires and devastation.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and I hope for His word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak"

Psalm 130: 5-6

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- **Candid look at the 2023 legislative session**
- **Life Issues: Abortion, Assisted Suicide & Parental Rights**
- **Understanding Hawaii's new gun law**
- **Being Prepared: What's coming up in 2024?**

Why Attend?

The purpose of a workshop is to create a space in which Respect Life Coordinators can meet to discuss questions, brainstorm ideas, identify problems, make decisions and understand complex legislative action. This is the time to safely discuss what is happening in Hawaii and how you can make a difference in the community.

The Speakers



Eva Andrade
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Hawaii Catholic Conference

Jim Hochberg, Esq.
Local Attorney



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