

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 5, 2023 | Thirty-first 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

God calls all of us to be saints. Today we meditate on those who are in positions of power and leadership. What qualities should characterize those who are in positions of authority? Let us pray that they will be person of honesty, integrity, equal justice and zealous for the common good.

1st Reading: Malachi 1: 14b-2: 2b, 8-10

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, many of the people were indifferent and lax. Their leaders were also guilty of showing partiality. The prophecy of Malachi condemns this injustice and favoritism.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13

When St. Paul went about spreading the gospel, he did not ask for support. He worked with his hands as a tentmaker, even though he had a right to recompense. His only concern was to spread the word of God genuinely and sincerely.

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

The Scribes and Pharisees were often unworthy of their position of leadership. Quite often they loaded people down with burdens, while they themselves escaped the load. Jesus condemns their actions and warns us not to follow their example.

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Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues
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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

This Week's Gospel Reflection, Matthew 23:1-12

How can you become an effective sharer of your faith? It's by being a living example of your faith. You also have to be sincere by doing what you preach. For example, if you want your family to go to Holy Mass, you first have to lead and show the way.

What does this mean? You yourself have to go to Mass. You should be the first to wake up and get dressed. It's through these acts of leadership that you will win the respect and cooperation of your family.

In the gospel for this Sunday, Jesus speaks about leadership by example and servanthood. This seems to be a contradiction, for how can you be a leader and a servant at the same time? However, there really is no contradiction between these two. They go together like best friends for the simple reason that one cannot exist without the other.

The Pharisees and Scribes were chastised by Jesus for trumpeting themselves as leaders. However, they were leaders in name only for they did not walk the talk and they did not serve the people that they were supposed to serve.

You might be a leader today or you might aspire for a leadership position somewhere along the way. You have to remember that a true leader always shows and leads the way. And he or she is always ready to serve the people that they lead.

– Marino J. Dasmarinias



Offerings for October 29, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3267
All Saints & All Souls Day—\$1415
Funeral Offerings—\$300
Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
Mass Intentions—\$25
Ohana in Christ—\$20
Outreach—\$40
Repair & Maintenance—\$2746
Total—\$7843

Online Giving Totals

July 2023—\$1439.10
August 2023—\$1509.64
September 2023—\$1113.20
October 2023—\$1800.80

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, November 12, 2023

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel Jesus lays judgment on the scribes and Pharisees for the hypocritical way they lived out their faith. The criticisms he levies are all about the ways righteousness turns into self-righteousness, and how religious belief could turn into something that was more about elevating themselves than about what they could do for God or their neighbor. Good stewards know that discipleship means finding ways to serve, and searching for ways to be a servant—to live as a servant of Christ. When faith is authentically lived out in community everyone is enriched, and God is glorified. Reflect this week on how you live out your faith.



Question of the Week

When do I fail to practice what I preach? What change must I make to do so as effectively as Paul and his fellow disciples?



October Rosary Devotees

We thank everyone who came to participate in the praying of the Rosary in the church through the month of October. May our good Lord bless you always.

Welcome to New Parishioners!

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our parish:

- Dr. Alpha Yadao Rival
- Thodelia Balmori
- Estrella Quezon

They will receive a blessing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 5, 2023.



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

Who are the Saints?

Saints, broadly speaking, are all people who follow Jesus Christ and live their lives according to his teaching. Throughout the New Testament, *saint* is used to refer to all who believe in Jesus Christ and who followed his teachings. Saint Paul often addresses his epistles to “the saints” of a particular city (see for instance Eph 1:1 and 2 Cor 1:1.) Catholics, however, also use the term more narrowly to refer to especially holy men and women who, by persevering in the Christian Faith and living extraordinary lives of virtue, have already entered Heaven. The word *saint* comes from the Latin *sanctus* and literally means “holy.”

“I don’t pray to dead people.” That is a slogan directed again Catholics that we hear a lot. The Catholic Church doesn’t think heaven is a “dead” place. Catholics believe people in heaven are alive (Mat 19:29, 25:46, 10:17-22, Mk 10:30, Lk 10:25-30, 18-18-30, Jn 3:15-16). We see Lazarus alive by Abraham’s side (Lk 16:22). And at the transfiguration we see Moses and Elijah alive beside Jesus (Mat 17:3). There seems to be a lot of conversing in Heaven (Rev 4:10). The Church thinks heaven is a lively place with lots of singing and celebration. Jesus opened the gates to Heaven. “Graves were opened” (Mat 27:52).

Intercession of the Saints: The Catholic teaching is that there is a communion of saints who are praying for us and we can join them in prayer the same way as we would join in prayer with our friends at Mass. Requests for intercession of saints is as old as Christianity itself. It is not a construct of the Middle Ages. When one visits the early century Catacombs, it is amazing the strong connection with the early Christians who left written records on the walls of the Catacombs as a testimony of their beliefs. One would even come across a wall of hundreds of inscriptions asking the martyred Peter and Paul to pray for them.

Next Sunday, we will look at how the saints revered the Mass.

Living. True. Real. Jesus.

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time into Advent

Sunday, November 5

9:30 a.m. Mass and commissioning of lector ministers Rhodelia Balmori, Gracelyn Cyra Gohol, and Dr. Alpha Yadao Rival, and commissioning of outreach ministers Nani Barboza, Vanessa Dela Cruz, Simi Falesau, Ahina Lavin, Kelly Lavin, Vanessa McMoore, Jennifer Newmann, Pesio Ramos, Greg Ryan, and Amber Tynanes (Outreach Ministry Coordinator).

11 a.m. Respect Life Ministry Meeting

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers in the Church

Wednesday, November 8

7—8:30 a.m. Infant Baptism Classes in Mary’s Haven meeting room.

Sunday, November 12

11 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday, November 13

12 p.m. Fatima Rosary in the Mediation Garden

Sunday, November 19

12 p.m. St. Joseph Rosary in the garden

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

8 a.m. Mass with offerings for the needy. Bring donations of canned food to Mass where it will be blessed before being given to communities that feed the hungry.

Sunday, November 26, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The liturgical year comes to a close.

Wednesday, November 29—Thursday, December 7

7 p.m. Eucharistic Novena to the Immaculate Conception in the church each night.

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Rite of Acceptance of Catechumen and Rite of Welcome for Candidates

11 a.m. AED and CPR Training. All are invited to join this life-saving class.

Friday, December 8, Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 p.m. Torch Light Procession

7 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. 70th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting in the parish office meeting room.

3 p.m. Eucharistic Divine Mercy Prayer

6 p.m. Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fellowship Gathering to follow in the hall.

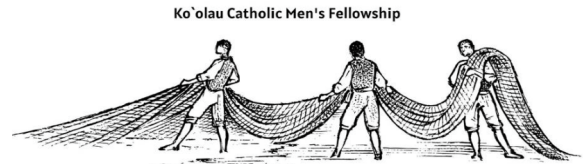


Advent Retreat, December 1-3, 2023

Imagine having the opportunity to start the new liturgical year in a peaceful and spiritual environment, recharging yourself with prayer, and connecting with God to start the season of Advent. All of this is possible, and it can make all the difference in the holiday season and into the new year. Greet the first weekend of Advent with expectant faith; the belief that God can be heard, seen, and felt in spiritual ways.

Located deep in the valley of the Koolau mountain range, Basic Christian Community of Hawaii (BCCH) offers a two-night Advent 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. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/743468082047>.

Save the Date!
Eucharistic Revival & Advent Recollection
with Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc.
Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 13
6 p.m. at St. George Church



Ko'olau Catholic Men's Fellowship

Fishers of Men
 Matthew 4:19

Men's Fellowship Meeting
Thursday November 16, 2023

St. John Vianney Church
 Kailua

Dinner at 6:30pm
INVITE A FRIEND

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 Psalm 16: 3,9

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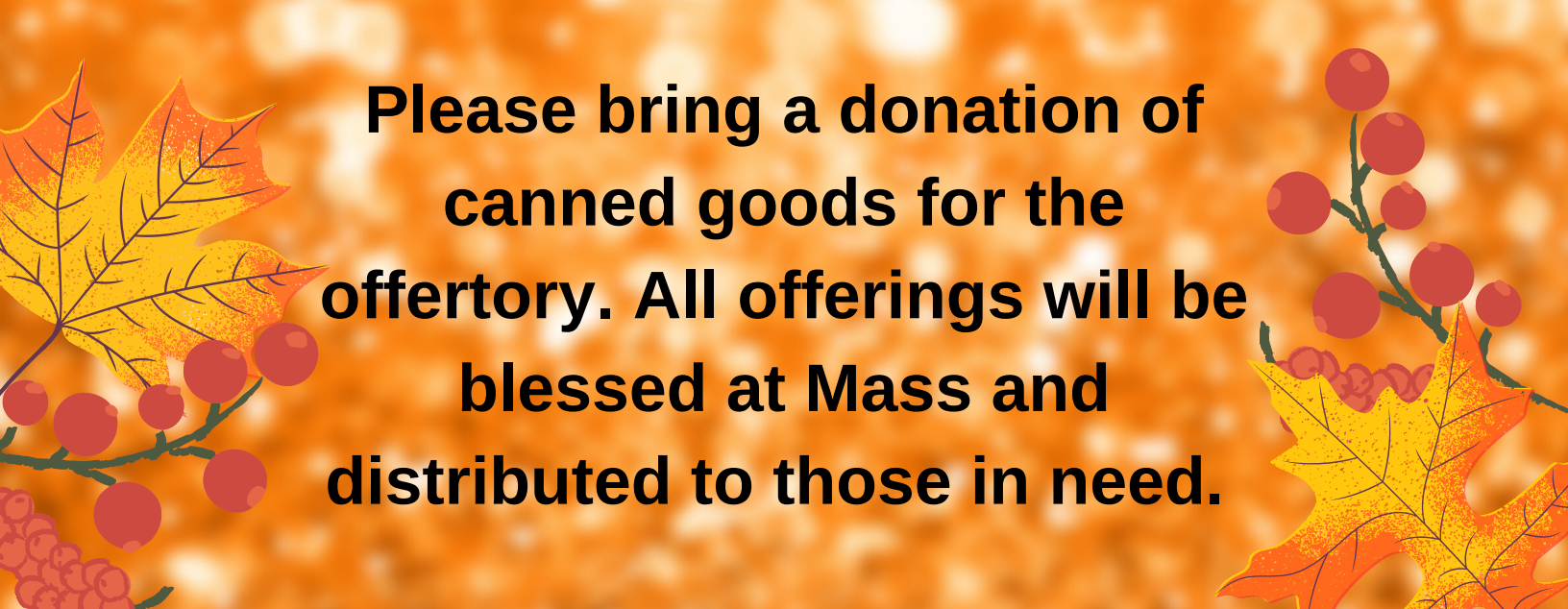
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Please join us for a gathering of
FAMILY & FRIENDS
for

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday 23rd	November, 2023 8:00 AM
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**Please bring a donation of
canned goods for the
offertory. All offerings will be
blessed at Mass and
distributed to those in need.**



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

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WITNESS TO JESUS

Diocese of Honolulu - Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage

This Year of Parish Revival is about falling deeper in love with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and following him more closely. Mirroring this internal journey with an external one is a beautiful way to connect body and soul in the pursuit of Christ.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is not one event or a road trip—it is an exciting opportunity for American Catholics everywhere to physically embody our nation’s journey of Eucharistic Revival. Whether you are on the shores of Hawaii or in the mountains of Alaska, needing to stay close to home or deployed overseas, you are invited to be a part of this journey.

Shortly after his Resurrection, Jesus accompanied two disciples on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus—walking with them in their grief, offering hope, and finally revealing himself through the breaking of the bread. Jesus wants to do the same for YOU!

MAKE THE HONOLULU DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE

Following Jesus is a personal statement of faith—a faith that moves us to seek Our Lord wherever he goes: be it the streets, cathedrals, or in the hearts of the poor. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will not only be undertaken by Perpetual Pilgrims (those who commit themselves to making the entire journey). All Catholics are invited to participate in this massive “Eucharistic Caravan.”

Make the Honolulu Diocese Pilgrimage a part of your experience of revival by planning a self-led personal pilgrimage in the next months leading up to the beginning of the Live Eucharistic Caravan in San Francisco.

The Diocese of Honolulu offers a Hawaii Eucharist Revival virtual pilgrimage called **Hawaii Pilgrim** at:

<https://www.polarsteps.com/HawaiiPilgrim/7324186-hawaii-eucharistic-revival-pilgrimage> or by getting the **Polarsteps - Travel Tracker app** for your digital device. Sign up for a free Polarsteps account. Enter “Hawaii Pilgrim” on the Explore (Search people & places) tab. Click on “Follow” and begin your journey.

Use Hawaii Pilgrim to find church addresses, Mass, adoration and other regularly scheduled events when the church will be open.

CHOOSE A PILGRIMAGE DESTINATION AND TIME FRAME

- **WHERE:** Choose a church listed on Polarsteps Hawaii Pilgrim.
- **WHEN:** To make sure the site will be open when you intend to arrive, Plan your journey around the celebration of the Mass or Eucharistic adoration.
- **TRAVEL:** Decide how you will be traveling; walking, driving, by bike, etc. Make arrangements beforehand so that you can be fully present to your pilgrimage experience.

- **WITH WHOM:** Will you be traveling alone or with a community such as your family, parish, or youth group? Go in peace! The journey you are making is under the eye of the LORD.

YOUR INTENTIONS FOR THE PILGRIMAGE

- Pray for the special intentions that you and your loved ones have. You might also carry in your heart intentions for the Church, the world, or your local community. Be very specific and write them down. Jesus wants to bring healing, wholeness, and peace!

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

- **PRAYER:** Invite family and friends to join you in prayer.
- **PATRON:** Pick a patron saint for your pilgrimage as your heavenly companion for the journey.

SETTING OUT/TRAVELING TO YOUR DESTINATION

- **PRAYER:** Make your pilgrimage a time of prayer and thanksgiving. Consider vocal prayers like the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, or reading from Scripture: Mark 14:22-24, John 6:35, John 6:51-57, Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 1 Corinthians 11:23-28. 5.

ARRIVING AND PRAYING FOR YOUR INTENTIONS As you come to the threshold of your pilgrimage destination, do so with the knowledge that Jesus is waiting to encounter you in the Eucharist.

- **PRAYER:** Spend some time in silent adoration, thanking God for this pilgrimage and praying for your petitions. Pray individually and as a group.
- **LITURGY:** If possible, participate in Mass, offering the Mass for your petitions.

RETURNING/SHARING:

- Spend some quality time before you leave or on the way home sharing the graces of your experience with one another.
- If you are traveling on your own, journal about these graces or share them with a friend.
- Post a comment on the step where the church you visited is listed on Polarsteps.
- Take a picture to remind you of your visit. Send the picture to: hawaiipilgrimage@gmail.com. Your picture may be used to enhance the church step.

POST-PILGRIMAGE

- After your pilgrimage, pray about how the experience changed you. Ask Jesus to show you how he wants to be more present in your life through this pilgrimage.
- If you carried the intentions of others, share something about what the pilgrimage meant for you with them.
- Encounter with Jesus leads to mission. Make an act of service or kindness to share in the saving mission of Jesus.
- A Eucharistic pilgrimage is a testimony to the world that Jesus is alive in the Eucharist, and he accompanies us—all of us—on our pilgrimage through life.