

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 26, 2023 | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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

Today we celebrate the kingship of Christ to remind us of the reverence owed to the Lord. He is merciful, but ever just; He is human, but divine; He is meek, but mighty in His judgments. Let us serve Him with all our hearts.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

Jesus proclaimed Himself the Good Shepherd. He borrowed this expression from today's first reading from Ezekiel. Ezekiel points out that the Lord will judge between sheep and sheep: He will heal the sick and injured, but He will destroy the sleek and strong. This means He will care mercifully for the humble, but will destroy the self-satisfied who are puffed with pride.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

Through baptism and Eucharist, we become living members of the one glorious Body of Christ. Christ has risen from the dead. Because of our union with Him, we must rise also on the last day. Christ will triumph over all enemies, no matter how powerful, through His resurrection.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 25: 31-45

Today's gospel is the Last Judgment. The basis of judgment is whether we have daily practiced the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Because of the union between Christ and His members, whatever we do -- or fail to do -- to them, that we do to Christ Himself.

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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 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,

Today is the thirty fourth and final Sunday of the liturgical year. As is the custom, on this last Sunday we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ our King. Today somehow sums up all that we have been hearing in both scriptures, as well as in homilies and prayers. The Jesus we have watched going around the towns of Galilee, Samaria and Judea, the Jesus we have watched teaching, healing, consoling, liberating is our Lord and King. He is the visible presence of God in our midst. The readings show us how Jesus sees himself. He sees himself as a shepherd who takes care of his sheep, especially the lost ones. He is a biased shepherd, especially against those who exploit the weaker and poorer members of society. Justice for God is not just based on moral rectitude. It is rather based on an equitable sharing and access to the resources available and necessary for a life of dignity and self-respect.

How can each be counted among the sheep of Jesus, the King? Jesus says that if we wish to be counted among the sheep, then we must be actively loving persons, irrespective of the response we get to our love, because that is the way God loves us. It is not enough to just fulfil obligations, religious or otherwise. By being filled with care and compassion, we are expected to keep going out of our way and reach out in love especially to those in need materially, socially, psychologically, morally and spiritually poor – the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the poor and naked, the sick and those in prison. In doing so, we serve our King.

Next Sunday we will start a new year with the First Sunday in Advent.

A Stewardship Prayer for Thanksgiving

Gracious and loving God, As the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we join family and friends in joy and celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give you thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us: for life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment. Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of Your many blessings. Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer. And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Matthew 13:33-37

A Stewardship Moment

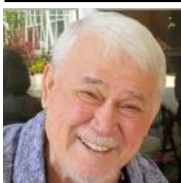
In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?



Question of the Week

Whom do I overlook and in whom do I fail to see Christ? How can I force myself to look past surface impressions?

The Thanksgiving holiday is an excellent time to rediscover the psalms of praise and thanksgiving. When you find a quiet moment, sit and relax with your Bible. Think of a time when awe and gratitude overwhelmed you. Maybe it was a sunrise, or children playing in a park, an inspirational hymn at Mass, a family gathering, or a walk in the woods. Remember how you appreciated that special moment. Then, open your Bible to one of the psalms of thanksgiving and recite it to yourself. Take Psalm 118 for instance: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Listen to the words. Close your eyes. Let the psalm speak to you. Other psalms of praise and thanksgiving you might consider include Psalms 92, 95, 98, 100, 103, 104, 105, 107, 111, 117, 145, and 147. Whatever psalm you choose for that quiet moment, thank God for that special time of awe as well as all the good things in your life, and praise God for his glorious deeds.



A funeral Mass for the late Kenneth B. K. Kidder will be held on Monday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m. with burial at Hawaiian State Veterans Cemetery at 1 p.m.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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

A Reflection on Gratitude and Giving

Towards the end of each year, it is easy for us to become distracted with the busyness and planning for the upcoming holidays, starting with Thanksgiving. As Christian stewards, it is an important aspect of our faith to live each day in gratitude and to prayerfully discern and reflect on what we are giving back to God through our parish, diocese and other charitable institutions in the coming year. Now is a good time to reflect on what priority we will give to God in our spending.

Christian stewards acknowledge with gratitude that even our financial resources, our material wealth ultimately come from God. Exercising good stewardship over the money one makes, manages, spends and offers back to God is a tangible measure of their gratitude to God and their spiritual health.

Giving generously to their parish, dioceses and institutions of the universal Church is second nature to good stewards. They prayerfully reflect on their ability to give and return the “first fruits” of their financial resources back to God (Leviticus 23:10). The good steward’s desire is to put God first among his or her spending priorities. They take seriously the psalmist’s question: “What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12).

The best way to respond to God’s loving generosity is by reflecting that generosity day by day. What God does in Jesus’ human life is a much magnified version of what happens when we take time to pray, offer our time and talents to our parish family or when family budgets and spending habits are reprioritized to conform more devotedly to the Gospel. The stewardship question is not, “Should I do these things?” but rather, “How much should I do?” Take time during this month of November to reflect prayerfully on God’s generosity toward you, on the quality of your own life of gratitude and what you are doing and can do to further God’s kingdom by your own giving patterns in the coming year.



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

8—11 a.m. Christmas Bazaar by the Filipino Catholic Ministry in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

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. Respect Life Ministry Meeting

11 a.m. 70th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting in the parish office meeting room (new date).

Wednesday, December 6

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

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

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.

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

Advent starts on December 3!

Thank you to the families who have signed up to light the candles on the Advent wreath.

Week 1

Dec 2 at 6 p.m. The Del Aragon Family

Dec 3 at 7 a.m. The Aiona Family

Dec 3 at 9:30 a.m. The Escalante Family

Week 2

Dec 9 at 6 p.m. The Ajolo Family

Dec 10 at 7 a.m. The Mira/Duque Family

Dec 10 at 9:30 a.m. The Gaerlan Family

Week 3

Dec 16 at 6 p.m. The Bickford Family

Dec 17 at 7 a.m. The Miranda Family

Dec 17 at 9:30 a.m. The Neumann Family

Week 4

Dec 23 at 6 p.m. The Jamile Family

Dec 24 at 7 a.m. The Fernandez Family

Dec 24 at 9:30 a.m. The McMoore Family

The Filipino Catholic Ministry (FCM) of St. George Parish is holding a Christmas Bazaar fundraiser event on Sunday, November 26 after the 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place. They are selling homemade cooked foods and dry goods.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will support:

- 2024 Sinulog Presentation for the Feast day of Santo Nino on January 21, 2024
- FCM participation in the year-long celebration of the 70th Anniversary of St. George Parish
- A grotto in honor San Lorenzo Ruiz
- Outreach effort for select charities and more.

Respect Life Ministry Announcements

St. George Baby Shower, Sunday January 7, 2024 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, to celebrate mothers who are pregnant and families who have newborns (up to the age of 1). Sign up sheet is on the table at the front of the church. If you are pregnant or have had a newborn, please also contact the office or Jeremy Kwock in the Respect Life ministry.

March for Life, Friday January 19, 2024, State Capitol, 1-6 p.m. Please join to support a Culture of Life. Sign up sheet is on the table at the entrance to the church. Please indicate on the sign up sheet if you need help with transportation.

Advent Recollection

Tues, Dec. 12, 6 pm Day 1
Weds, Dec. 13, 6 pm Day 2

Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc. will lead us through a Eucharistic centered recollection for Advent to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus this Christmas.



Thur, Dec 14, 2023 at 7 pm
Communal Penance Service

St. George Church, Waimanalo

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EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

in honor of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe

Sunday, November 26, 2023


Sacred Heart Church—Punahou
1701 Wilder Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96822

11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass followed by
Eucharistic Procession around parish grounds
and Maryknoll School.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 4:45 p.m. in Church after the procession.

Please sign up to sponsor 30 minutes of prayer
throughout the afternoon.





JESUS

*My Lord
and
My Savior*

BCCH Retreat #124



Advent RETREAT

2 NIGHTS, 2 DAYS, 6 MEALS, AND
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS
IN THE HISTORIC SACRED HEART
HALL OF A SANCTUARY RETREAT
CENTER DEEP IN THE LUSH,
QUIET FOREST VALLEY OF KALIHI

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. The theme of BCCH Adult Retreat #124 is "Jesus, My Lord and My Savior." This retreat is ideal for anyone seeking to find peace this holiday season in expectant faith for the celebration of God's gift to the world: the birth of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 6PM THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 3PM
3351 KALIHI STREET, HONOLULU, HI 96819
REGISTER AT WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/743468082047
CONTACT RETREAT #124 DIRECTORS FOR MORE DETAILS:
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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director, Office of Worship

DATE: November 18, 2023

RE: **2024 LITURGICAL NOTES FOR THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU -
(Year B, Sundays; Year II, Weekdays)**

Miscellaneous Notes

1. As a reminder in our diocese the Holydays of Obligation are two: the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (December 8, the Patroness of the USA); and **Christmas** (December 25). The faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on the other holydays of obligation celebrated in the United States of America (See Dates to Remember below.). Pastors are therefore asked to provide practical opportunities for more people to attend Mass on these days by celebrating a Vigil Mass (when permitted) or an extra Mass or two at hours convenient for the faithful.
2. The 2024 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023 (including its Vigil on Saturday, December 2).
3. Anniversary of the Dedication of the Parish Church – This date should be celebrated as a Solemnity by the parish, unless impeded by a day of higher rank. (*The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar*, Chapter II, para #27 and *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, para # [R10]).
4. Memorial of the Patron(s) of the Parish – This date should be celebrated as a Solemnity by the parish, unless impeded by a day of higher rank. (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* (by Pope Paul VI in 1969) para # 59 (Table of Liturgical Days) I, #4a.)
5. The celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in our diocese is transferred to Sunday, May 12, 2024.
6. Outside Advent, Christmas Time, Lent, and Easter Time, on Saturdays which have

no commemoration having the rank of Obligatory Memorial or higher, a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated. The readings and prayers may be selected from the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

7. It is appropriate to include in the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions) the Holy Father's intention for each month, found in the Paulist Press Ordo on the first day of each month.

Dates to Remember (2024)

Monday, January 1 – **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (Solemnity)

Sunday, January 7 – **The Epiphany of the Lord** (Solemnity)

Monday, January 9 – **The Baptism of the Lord** (Feast)

Tuesday, January 23 - **Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin** (Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, January 21 – **Sunday of the Word of God** - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis" published on September 30, 2019, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.")

Wednesday, February 14 – **Ash Wednesday** (Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.)

Sunday, February 18– First Sunday of Lent – Rite of Election for Catechumens to be initiated at the Easter Vigil.

NOTES:

1. If the Scrutinies for the Elect are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the readings for those Masses should be for those of Year A.
2. Priests should be sure to schedule one or more occasions for the anointing of catechumens with the Oil of Catechumens during the Season of Lent, not at the Easter Vigil.
3. Chrism Masses are tentatively scheduled as follow:
 - a. Tuesday, March 5 – Kauai Vicariate
 - b. Thursday, March 14 – East/West Hawai'i Vicariates
 - c. Tuesday, March 21 – Maui/Lanai Vicariate
 - d. Tuesday, March 26 – Oahu/Molokai Vicariates

Tuesday, March 19 – **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Solemnity).

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday, March 28 – **Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

Friday, March 29 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (Good Friday)

Saturday, March 30 – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Sunday, March 31 – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** (Solemnity, at Masses with a congregation, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises, used at the Easter Vigil, may take the place of the Creed after the homily.)

Friday, May 10 – **Memorial of Saint Damien de Veuster** (Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, May 12 - **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** (Celebrated on Sunday in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, May 19 – **Pentecost Sunday** (Solemnity)

Monday, May 20 – **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** (Memorial)

Sunday, May 26– **The Most Holy Trinity** (Solemnity)

Sunday, June 2 – **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi**
(Solemnity)

Friday, June 7 – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** (Solemnity)

Saturday, June 8 – **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Memorial)

Monday, June 24 – **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist** (Solemnity)

Saturday, June 29 – **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** (Solemnity)

Tuesday, July 9 – **Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu** (Celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral Basilica. In the rest of churches of the Diocese of Honolulu it is observed as a Feast.) (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, para # 59 (Table of Liturgical Days, section I & II.)

Thursday, August 15 - **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Solemnity)

Friday, August 16 – **181st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** (Celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral Basilica and with all the proper prayers in all other churches of the Diocese of Honolulu.) (*Dedication of a Church and an Altar*,” Chapter II, para # 26.)

Friday, November 1 - **All Saints** (Solemnity)

Saturday, November 2 – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Soul’s Day** (Not a holyday of obligation anywhere in the USA, but pastors are encouraged to add Masses for the convenience of the faithful. Note that there is a wide selection of possible Scripture readings, so the parish or community should choose beforehand the Scriptures it prefers.)

Sunday, November 24 – **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (Solemnity)

Monday, December 9 – **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Celebrated** (Solemnity, observed as a holyday of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu. In the rest of the dioceses of the United States, it is not this year. Additional Masses should be offered for the convenience of the faithful.)

Wednesday, December 25 – **The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas** (Solemnity, holyday of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu and throughout the world; additional Masses should be offered for the convenience of the faithful.)

Please feel free to contact the Office of Worship, 808-585-3342 or email at alquerrero@rcchawaii.org should you have any questions. Blessings!