

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3, 2023 | The First Sunday of Advent



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

Christ has come. Christ will come. Christ comes today. Let us renew our faith that the Lord Jesus came to give His life for our salvation, and that He prepares a place for us in heaven. Let us renew our hope that the Lord Jesus will come to take us to glory. And let us renew our love: let us serve the Lord in our daily life so that we may manifest the presence of Christ in our world.

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Eight centuries before Christ, Isaiah saw the awful corruption of his own people. He also saw the monstrous immorality of the pagan world. Yet he was filled with hope: God would not abandon His faithful people. Someday all mankind would be reconciled to God and to each other.

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Each day that passes brings a day closer to the "Day of the Lord" – that Day when Christ will come in His glory. His Coming may be today or tomorrow or a thousand years from now. We must live in expectation and hope as children of life.

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

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

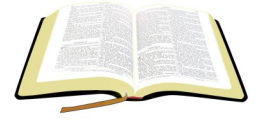
19th day of the month at noon in
the Meditation Garden

Dear Parish Ohana,

When you say the word “Advent,” what immediately pops into mind? A feast of color, a traditional manger scene bathed in soft candlelight, glistening snowflakes falling on festive trees, a yearning for the One who is to come. But sometimes, the season brings other images: crowded stores, treats that tempt us to too many calories, limitless to-do and to-buy lists. Yet in the back of our minds, we hear the call to conversion. Christ is calling us to be good stewards of all that we have and all that we are. How can we keep Advent in such a way that it is a time to focus on the fundamentals of stewardship; of spiritual growth and preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ? Here are a few suggestions, not meant to be another to-do list, but rather a way to remind ourselves daily of our call to prepare a way for the Lord in our lives.

1. Begin the season with a list to prioritize what you really want spiritually, and in relation to friends and family, from Advent. Discard all the “extras” and the fantasy of the perfect Hallmark Christmas. List clear goals that bring growth and peace and quality time.
2. Take time to read the daily readings each day of Advent. The beautiful words of Isaiah are guaranteed to inspire, and the commitment will guarantee you a bit of quiet and reflective time.
3. Do you send Christmas cards? Even if they are the standard signature only or newsletter variety, try to personalize one a day, writing a nice note to an elderly relative or a friend you haven't seen in a long time.
4. Embrace the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will encourage you to reflect on your life, your gifts and where you fail to utilize them for the good of others. It's a beautiful preparation for the coming of Jesus and the beginning of a new year.
5. Pray for patience. As you drive over wet streets or navigate through a crowded store, take time to pray for those around you and for those who struggle with much less. Become aware of people around you and lift them in prayer rather than see them as obstacles to your goals.
6. In the midst of a season of abundance, do not forget the poor in your community.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, December 10, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

A Stewardship Moment

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: “Be watchful! Be alert!” Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, “It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task.” Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?



Question of the Week

What will I do this week to prepare for Christ's coming, knowing that it may happen at any time?

Giving Thanks to God

Offerings for November 26, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2776

Thanksgiving—\$633

Outreach—\$30

Repair & Maintenance—\$235

Total—\$3674

Offerings for November 19, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3225.50

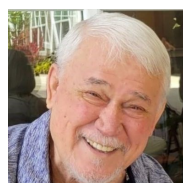
Catholic Campaign for Human Development—\$50

Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50

Outreach—\$71

Repair & Maintenance—\$12621

Total—\$16017.50



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

Respect for the Mass—What to do at Mass

During the month of December, we will continue with our understanding of the Mass as we take a closer look at respect and reverence for the Mass. In Jesus' day, God met with man in the temple. And after the Resurrection of Jesus, God met with believers in various designated places (mostly houses) and in time these meeting places became known as churches where God meets with his assembly of believers. A Church is the "House of God" therefore deserves great respect. Jesus Christ is always present in the tabernacle.

Respect and reverence begins as we enter, sign oneself with holy water and offer a prayer as one sits or kneels in the pew. Although the Catholic Church has no real dress code for proper attire when attending Mass, there is an unwritten dress code that demands we are properly dressed out of respect, honor and reverence for the Real Presence of Our Lord. Unfortunately, today many seem to forget that they are in the House of God and in the presence of Jesus and have come to celebrate with fellow parishioners the sacred and solemn celebration of Mass. When you dress for Mass, you are dressing for God. There are two main reasons you should dress modestly:

1. Out of respect and reverence for God;
2. In order not to be a distraction or stumbling block for our fellow parishioners.

Here is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church has to say: *To prepare for the worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful through gestures and clothing ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.* CCC1387.

Next Sunday, we will take a look at what to do once at Mass.

The Filipino Catholic Ministry (FCM) of St. George Parish thanks everyone who made their last fundraising event a success! They are holding a second Christmas Bazaar fundraiser on Sunday, December 10 after the 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses.



Calendar for Advent

November 29—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 Mary's Haven

1 p.m. Mass with 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing of Bruno Fernandis Escalante and Martina Padigos Escalante

Wednesday, December 6

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

Friday, December 8, Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Candle Light Procession

7 p.m. Mass with Sacrament of the Sick

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

7 a.m.—12 p.m. FCM Christmas Bazaar

11 a.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting

11 a.m. AED Training for staff and ministers

3 p.m. Eucharistic Divine Mercy Prayer

Tuesday, December 12

6 p.m. Day 1 of Advent Recollection with Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc. in the church

Wednesday, December 13

6 p.m. Day 2 of Advent Recollection with Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc. in the church

Thursday, December 14

12 p.m. Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

7 p.m. Advent Communal Penance Service

December 15—23 Simbang Gabi Masses

7 p.m. in the Church (except Dec. 16, 17, 20, 23)

Saturday, December 16

6 p.m. Spanish Mass celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe (new date)

Wednesday, December 20

6 p.m. Simbang Gabi and Thanksgiving Mass celebrating Fr. Raymund Ellorin's 32nd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Saturday, December 23

6 p.m. Mass with Bishop Larry Silva

Rite of Acceptance

Those who are seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith through baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist will be accepted into the Order of Catechumens this weekend: Miguel Angel Alcaraz, Jamie Robinson, Kaleah Robinson, Fyiah Steibel, Amber Tynanes, Marcus Tynanes, Jr.

Rite of Welcome

These candidates are already baptized and seeking reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church: Jesus Maya, Giovanni Gallarda, Gloria Maya-Gallardo, Aaron Tai, Keala Kaio-Perez.

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.

March for Life is on Friday Jan. 19, 2024 at the State Capitol, 1-6 p.m. Sign up in the church.

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

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



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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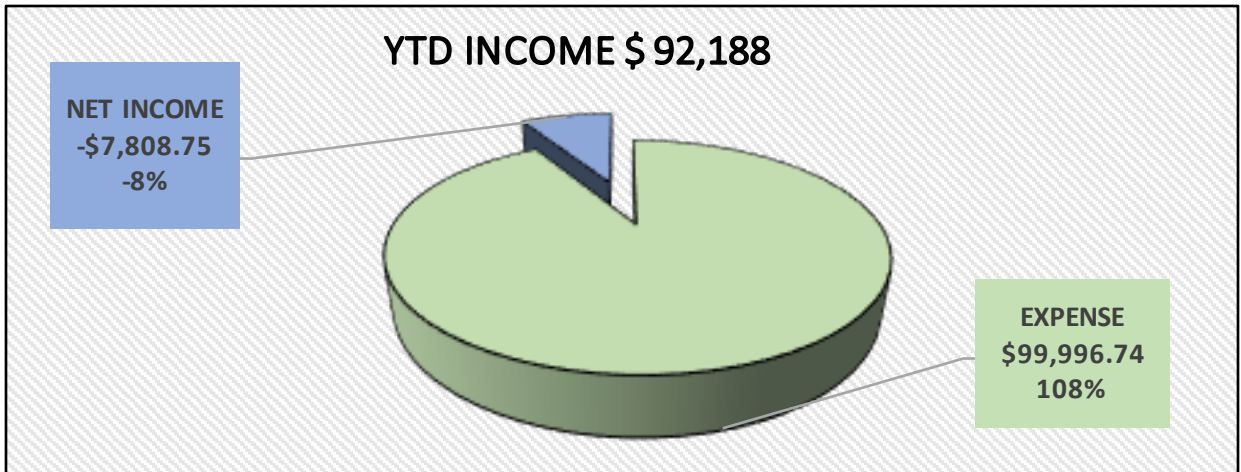
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Income	Jul '23 - Sep '24
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	\$ 45,920.17
OTHER REGULAR INCOME	\$ 1,420.00
REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	\$ -
UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME <i>Includes Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	\$ 44,847.82
OTHER UNUSUAL INCOME	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 92,187.99
Expense	Jul '23 - Sep '24
EMPLOYMENT COSTS	\$ 29,179.41
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,400.78
INSURANCE	\$ -
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$ -
SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	\$ 15,329.72
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$ -
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 39,295.07
UTILITIES	\$ 4,822.62
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	\$ 9,814.55
TAXES	\$ 154.59
Total Expense	\$ 99,996.74
Balance	\$ (7,808.75)



	Income	Expense	Net Income
1st Qtr 7/1/23-9/30/23			
	\$92,187.99	\$99,996.74	-\$7,808.75
2nd Qtr 10/1/23-12/31/23			
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3rd Qtr 1/1/24-3/31/24			
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4th Qtr 4/1/24-6/30/24			
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
YTD			
	\$92,187.99	\$99,996.74	-\$7,808.75

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Weds, Dec. 13, 6 pm Day 2

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Four lit purple candles are arranged in a row on a branch of evergreen. The candles are lit, with bright yellow flames. The background is dark, and there are some bokeh light effects.

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St. George Church, Waimanalo



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!