

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10, 2023 | The Second 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

A thousand years are like one day in the Lord's view. In this framework, Christ will return in glory very, very soon! Let us never become discouraged. Rather, let us turn our lives around. Let us prepare for His coming by renewed faith, hope and love.

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

At the end of the Babylonian Exile, Isaiah sees the time of God's glory at hand. He imagines the closeness of Israel to God in the desert long ago at Mt. Sinai, and he sees a new closeness and renewed faith of Israel.

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

A thousand years in God's eyes are as a day. Following this time sequence, it has only been two days since Jesus ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us. Let us never be discouraged, therefore, at a delay in His coming in glory.

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Sometimes the Good News seems to have a packaging problem: John the Baptist did not look much like "good news." He was rough clad and rough speaking. Yet if we are genuine and sincere about proclaiming Christ's truth in a spirit of love, God will give good fruit to our efforts.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin
Deacon: John Tolentino
Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues
Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva
Maintenance: Paul Burnett
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

PREPARE

Dear Parish Ohana,

Many of us have likely heard the phrase “All roads lead to Rome.” The Roman Empire prided itself on its complex system of roads connecting every part of the empire with the capital. They were built by slaves and paid for by taxes from conquered lands. They were feats of engineering, passing over hills and mountains, under aqueducts, taking many twists and turns to avoid nature’s obstacles. They were anything but straight.

John the Baptist would have traveled Roman roads many times in his life, as did those who came out in the desert to hear him preach. It was there, where the roads end in the desert, that John tells his disciples to build a new road – one for God’s Son: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. He was not telling them to pick up shovels and pick axes. Rather, he prayed that they might pave a way for the love of the Lord to enter their hearts and touch their souls.

For us as well, this road work began in us on the day of our baptism, and it continues until we meet the Lord at our death, as Paul told the Philippians: I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to bring it to completion. This Advent season, what is of greatest value is not the large number of gifts soon to appear under the tree. Rather, it is the gift of God’s only Son who hung on the tree of the cross for us and for our salvation.

During this busy season, let us make sure we spend at least as much effort preparing for the coming of Christ, both his birth in Bethlehem and his return in glory as our King. As good stewards, may we go forth proclaiming the Good News by loving others as we have been loved.



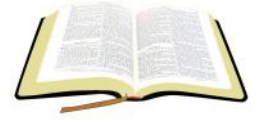
Offerings for December 3, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$3373
- Feast of Immaculate Conception—\$28
- First Offering—\$20
- Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$50
- Outreach—\$25
- Repair & Maintenance—\$2155
- Total—\$5651**

Ohana in Christ Annual Appeal for FY24

\$4575 collected of \$7726 Goal = 59%

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, December 17, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A Stewardship Moment

Today’s second reading is about Christ’s coming again, “The day of the Lord,” Peter calls it, but that day isn’t December 25th. It’s that other day, that second-coming day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?



Question of the Week

What is the most difficult obstacle I face in preparing a way for Christ to come into my heart anew this Christmas? How can I remove this obstacle?

**ADVENT
COMMUNAL PENANCE
SERVICES**

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL, WAIKANE
TUE, DEC 12 AT 6:30 PM

ST JOHN VIANNEY, KAILUA
WED, DEC 13 AT 7 PM

ST GEORGE, WAIMANALO
THU, DEC 14 AT 7 PM

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, KAILUA
TUE, DEC 19 AT 7 PM

Windward Vicariate
Wishing you peace, joy, and love this holiday season!

A communal penance service includes a public prayer service including a Scripture reading, a brief exhortation by the priest, an examination of conscience, and then the entire community prays the Act of Contrition together. Individual confessions and prayer of absolution follows privately. All are welcome to attend any service which suits your availability. Priests from the Windward vicariate parishes will be available at each service to hear confessions.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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

Once in church for Mass, what are the best practices?

Once you get to Mass, what do you do? Well, it's helpful to think of Mass as you would a dinner party. Here are few tips that will make it go well.

1. Get there. Try to arrive about 10 minutes or so before the start of the Mass. Prepare yourself through prayer to meet the Lord in this celebration. If you're running late, just be sensitive to the flow of the service-try to hang in the doorway or in the back of the Church until a convenient time to quickly find a spot. Again, it's a lot like a dinner party: if the host is giving a speech, you don't want to walk up to your seat and distract everyone.

2. Getting in the door. As you enter the church, a member of the parish may greet you, and someone might hand you a song sheet, encouraging you to sing. Any Christian community should welcome newcomers, but it's just as important that you allow yourself to be welcomed.

3. Holy Water. The Baptismal Font of some dispenser of "holy water" is located near the entrance in most churches. Catholics dip their fingers in the water and make a sign of the cross. The water reminds them of the sacrament of Baptism and unites them with Christ, who said "All you who are thirsty, come to the water." The water is called "holy" simply because it is blessed.

4. Get thee to a pew. Catholics are a respectful lot. So before entering your pew, be sure to bow or genuflect as a sign of respect for what's before you.

Next Sunday, we will continue to look at best practices.

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

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

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



Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

7 a.m.—12 p.m. FCM Christmas Bazaar in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

11 a.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting in the office

11 a.m. AED Training for staff and ministers

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.

Tuesday, December 12

6 p.m. Day 1 of Advent Recollection in the church

Wednesday, December 13

6 p.m. Day 2 of Advent Recollection in the church

Thursday, December 14

7 p.m. Advent Communal Penance Service

Friday, December 15

7 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass Day 1

Saturday, December 16

6 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass Day 2

Sunday, December 17—Tuesday, December 19

7 p.m. Simbang Gabi Masses Day 3—5

Wednesday, December 20

6 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass Day 6 and Fr. Raymund Ellorin's 32nd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination with potluck in the hall after Mass

Thursday, December 21— Friday, December 22

7 p.m. Simbang Gabi Masses Days 7 and 8

Saturday, December 23

6 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass Day 9 with Bishop Larry Silva followed by fellowship potluck in the hall



The Gaerlan Family

Advent Recollection

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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

Christmas

Saturday, December 23

6 p.m. Simbang Gabi Day 9
Mass with Bishop Larry Silva
for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24

7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling
6 p.m. Christmas Mass for Children

11:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 25

12 a.m. Midnight Mass

7:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling

8 a.m. Christmas Mass

St. George Church, Waimanalo

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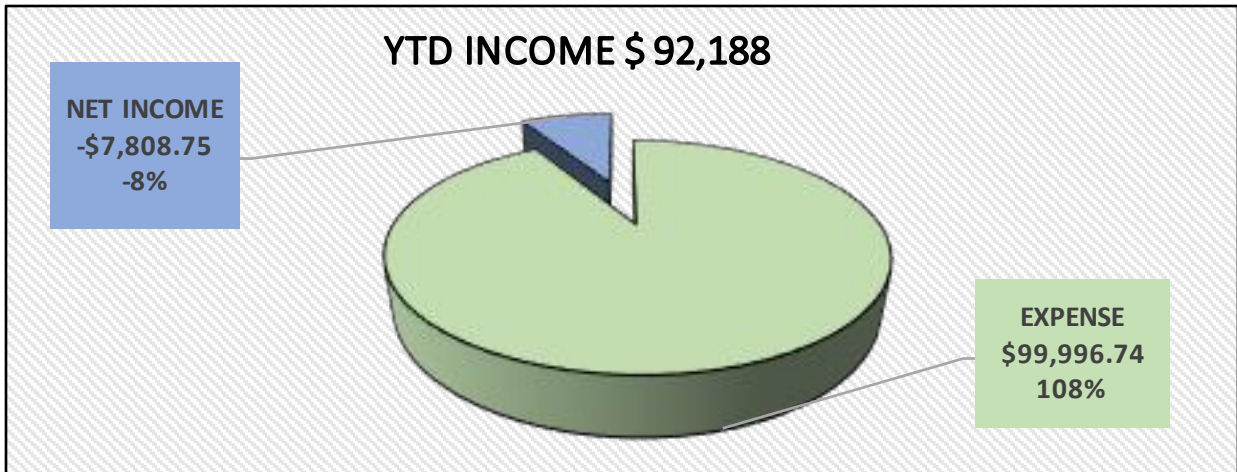
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St. George Church, Waimanalo

St. George Income & Expense Report Fiscal Year '24	
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



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!