

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 2023 | The Fourth 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

Today's Mass is a summary of Salvation History. God always seems to do the unexpected: He took David, made him king, and promised that his dynasty would last forever. But this happens in an unexpected way; God reconciles Jew and Gentile in Christ Jesus. In order to save us, God becomes one of His people! Let us renew our trust in God Who shows us unexpected love and mercy.

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

God took a shepherd boy (David) and made him king. God promised that the dynasty of David would last forever. Throughout Jewish history, this promise went contrary to reality. The unexpected fulfillment of the promise is in the reign of Jesus Christ, Son of David, whose kingdom will have no end.

2nd Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Jews and Gentiles hated each other. Jews would not eat with Gentiles (non-Jews), or visit their homes, or even use money coined by the Gentiles. Gentiles hated Jews as snobbish, hypocritical, narrow-minded and even as traitors to the empire. To St. Paul, the great "unexpected mystery" of God is that He reconciles all peoples; He brings Jew and Gentile together in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Today's gospel is the Annunciation scene. An obscure virgin of Nazareth receives an unexpected visit from God's own angel. David's dynasty (which hadn't existed for 600 years) would be restored by the offspring of this virgin. And God would save His people by becoming one of them. Let us marvel at the unexpected mercy of God.

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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 8 a.m. to 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

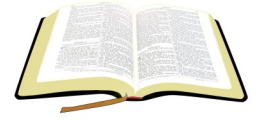
Dear Parish Ohana,

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, we are at the end of our journey toward Christmas. We have heard from different prophets and messengers during Advent, helping us prepare a path for the Lord in our lives and in the world. We heard from prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist. Today, we hear from two special figures – the Angel Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we bring to an end the Advent Season, the Gospel of the Annunciation is a fitting message for us today.

What insight can we derive from the Annunciation that we can use to help us on our journey? First, we realize that the Advent and the Christmas story is going to be a story that changed the world in its day and continues to change our modern world today. However, Mary didn't know how things were going to turn out. In fact, she was troubled by what the Angel had proclaimed to her. Even so, Mary listened to what he had to say and she pondered those things in her heart. In the final analysis, she said: "Yes, I am the Lord's servant." Once she said that 'yes,' she never retracted it in spite of the many hardships she encountered.

We live in a world where we feel rushed and anxious. We become impatient. We don't want to wait nor ponder and reflect. We want it now! We all need time to ponder, discern and listen to God. As we approach Christmas, may we be attentive to the one who comes to set us free of all anxieties and give us the freedom to love as he loves us.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, December 31, 2023

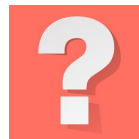
First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?



Question of the Week

How do I discern what God's will is? Am I willing to trust in God and follow God's will?



Offerings for December 17 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$3361
- Christmas—\$50
- Feast of Immaculate Conception—\$106
- Filipino Ministry—\$25
- Mass Intentions—\$20
- Outreach—\$60
- Repair & Maintenance—\$162
- Simbang Gabi—\$330
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Kalua Pig Fundraiser for Outreach Ministry

Tickets on sale in January 2024 for pickup on February 3 & 4. Donations accepted and manpower is needed for this event. Contact Amber 808-864-8915 or Vanessa 808-348-5171 for more information.



St. George Baby Shower

Sunday January 7, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. 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 if you need help with transportation.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

Best Practices at Mass continued . . .

No bulletin reading during Mass. Imagine if you invited a guest to your house and before dinner (or during) they decided to read a magazine instead of talking to you. That is what is happening in God's house when you read the bulletin.

No food or drink in the church. The exceptions would be a drink for small children, water for the priest or choir (if discreet) and water for those who are ill. Bringing a snack into church is not appropriate because we want to set the church apart as a place of prayer and reflection.

Respect boundaries others may have. You might want to hold hands to pray, they may not. They might be sick and not want to shake during the sign of peace. These are all OK. Do not make any unnecessary judgment because they worship differently.

Bow before receiving Holy Communion. If it is God, then show your respect with a bow of the head. This is an ancient practice that has continued until this day.

Do not receive from the chalice if you are sick. This is an act of charity and it is not necessary to receive in order to receive the entirety of Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity.

Do not leave early. We should stay to the end of the recession and the hymn that accompanies it, if there is one. While there are certainly exceptions to this guideline, most who leave early don't need to and ought not to.

Leave quietly. We encourage you to visit with each other, but please do so once you are outside of the main sanctuary of the church so you won't disturb others who want to stay and pray. So please leave quietly.

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

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

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

Christmas Season Calendar

Sunday, December 24

- 7 and 9:30 a.m. Masses for 4th 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. Christmas Mass
- 7:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling
- 8 a.m. Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 27

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

Friday, December 29

- 10:45 a.m. Eulogy, 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Bobby "Troopah" Robins

Sunday, December 31

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

Monday, January 1, 2024

- 8 a.m. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 3

- 12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

Friday, January 6

- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

Sunday, January 7

- 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Baby Shower



Christmas

Saturday, December 23

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

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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

Join us in the celebration
of life honoring

**Bobby
"Troopah"
Robins**

Remembering our Beloved
Husband, Papa, Dad, Uncle,
Brother & Friend

December 29th, 2023

9am Visitation
11am Mass
at *St. George Church*
41-1323 Kalaniana'ole Hwy
Waimanalo, HI 96795

Celebration of Life (BYOB)

to follow at
41-763 Ala Koa St.
Waimanalo, HI 96795

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for the
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

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Christ be ever behind us
Christ be ever within

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Christmas

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7:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling

8 a.m. Christmas Mass

St. George Church, Waimanalo

We are called to Love One Another.
Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life!

Friday, January 19, 2024 3 - 6 p.m.

State Capitol

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6 p.m.

St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva





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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!