

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17, 2024 | The Fifth Sunday of Lent



Dear Parish Ohana,

The saying goes: *“Curiosity killed the cat.”* Why were the Greeks, who were foreigners in the gospel so curious to ‘see Jesus?’ Was it because of his fame? The response they get seems unexpected and out of place, but it is not: **“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it produces a rich harvest.”** To see Jesus is not just to look at him, but to understand why he had to suffer, die and rise again. As we come close to Holy week, this inquiry and reply, signal that the hour has come for Jesus to be handed over and die. How difficult is it to die so that others might benefit? Such was the price Jesus paid. And in that is the true meaning of Easter. Our following of Jesus in turn also has a cost.

Many times we too are curious about the ways of the Lord and He gives us a cryptic reply too: **If you want to see me, I am to be found in the suffering, the broken, in the acts of self-sacrificing service and self-emptying love.** Self-emptying love can be the hardest thing in the world, but it is the way of Christ, the way of the Cross. We live in a world where so many keep asking: **‘What’s in it for me and what is it worth?’** One of the greatest gifts that can be given to this tired world we live in, is the gift of unselfishness, generosity and love.

Living a life of service and self-giving, is why Jesus came, and it is why we follow him. In these dying days of Lent, let us ask God to kindle in us all a deeper charity and unselfish love, following in his footsteps. **Help us, Lord, to embrace the world you have given us, that we may transform the darkness of its pain into the life and joy of Easter.**

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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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



“The Eucharist ... is the sacrament par excellence of love. Christ offers himself and breaks himself for us and asks us to do likewise so that our life might become bread that feeds our brothers and sisters.” –Pope Francis

Christ, the bread of life, fed the multitudes while on earth and today continues to nourish us spiritually through the Eucharist. This Lent, we reflected on how the Eucharist unites us with God and one another as members of the same body of Christ, and how the Lord invites us to see him in our global family.

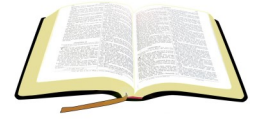
We saw Christ in Uganda, through Adolf and Florence, who learned new farming methods, so they can provide food for their family and help their neighbors grow better crops. We can imagine how much Jesus rejoiced when Adolf said, “I have seen my children happy because they are well fed.”

We saw Christ in El Salvador, in Sandra and Santos Amaya’s family. Like the body of Christ—which, though one body, has many members—each family member contributes their unique gifts to support the household. We saw Christ in Sandra’s sacrifices to ensure her family and community can thrive, from learning how to keep chickens to traveling long distances for training that helps her and her neighbors.

We saw Christ in Indonesia, through Evita and her disaster preparedness group. Together, they have helped keep their community safe during natural disasters, which have increased and become more destructive due to climate change. We saw Christ again in the group’s communal vegetable garden, which ensures their families have nutritious food even in emergencies.

Lastly, we have seen Christ in you during this holy season—in your prayers, sacrifices and almsgiving. As we near Holy Week, we reflect on the Eucharist as the sacrament of unity that ignites in us the desire to get out of our comfort zone and become Jesus’ hands to care for our neighbors. Let us continue to imitate Christ in how he offers himself for us on the Cross and in the Eucharist. In this way, may we generously give of ourselves to honor and uphold the dignity of our sisters and brothers around the world.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, March 24, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

A Stewardship Moment

This weekend at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, our parish will observe the Second Scrutiny for catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter vigil. You will hear the Gospel story of Jesus raising his friend, Lazarus, from the dead. One of the many lessons learned from this Gospel story is that of Martha’s confession of faith in her friend: “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” Raising Lazarus from the dead was a miracle and a clear display of God’s power. It was also an unmistakable sign that Jesus was the Christ. Good stewards of their faith see signs of Christ’s presence all around them and are eager to respond in faith. The stewardship question for us is: Who or what will be the Lord of our lives? Will it be Christ Jesus? And if so, how will we respond to him? Are we willing to walk in his footsteps and follow his example?

At the 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Masses, you will hear the Gospel story of Jesus inviting his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit...What does Jesus mean? The climactic event of Jesus’ passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can’t be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to give witness in his name. How will we respond?

Question of the Week



What part of myself that I’ve become attached to in a self-centered way can “die” so that I will clear more space in my heart and my schedule for love of neighbor?



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

This Sunday, after taking a closer look at the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word, we will begin to look at the third part of the Mass known as the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

At the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread and wine, gave thanks, broke the bread and shared the cup, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood." At Mass, Christ is present through the priest "in Persona Christi." In celebrating the Mass, the priest takes bread and wine, gives thanks and says the same words of Christ: "This is my Body . . . This is my Blood." We believe that through this action and the action of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become Body and Blood of Christ that we share, just as the disciples did at the Last Supper.

- 1. COLLECTION (Offertory):** After sitting down following the prayers of the faithful, the collection takes place. It is not just a practical need that must take place but has spiritual significance also. The collection has existed at its current place in the Mass since the 2nd century. In the early days, people would bring whatever gift they had for the good of the community: bread and wine for Mass, but other gifts too: animals, eggs, produce, cloth, etc. In fact, to not bring anything for the community, or to bring something that wasn't your best was considered an insult to the community. What we place in the collection represent the gift of our lives, and the gift of living out the faith in the world.
- 2. SETTING THE ALTAR:** Before the collection is brought forward, the altar servers assist the deacon or acolyte in preparing the altar for Mass. They bring over the priest's chalice and unfold a special cloth called a corporal where these items are placed. A ciboria is a vessel containing unconsecrated hosts. Cups are for the precious blood. All of the vessels to be consecrated are placed on a corporal. The corporal is folded in a special way so that any particle of the host that falls from a host can be folded up and not brushed to the ground.



70th Anniversary Calendar

The theme of the Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration is "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe" and the theme song is "We Remember" from Marty Haugen.

Every Sunday

3 p.m. Divine Mercy prayers in church

Every Wednesday in Lent

7 p.m. Taize Prayer in the church

Every Friday in Lent

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church

7 p.m. Reconciliation in the church confessional

Sunday, March 17

9:30 a.m. Mass and Third Scrutiny

Tuesday, March 19, Communal Penance Service

6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waikane

Meet in the church for a short prayer service, communal examination of conscience, and act of contrition. Individual confessions follow.

Wednesday, March 20

5:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting in the parish office

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

Meet in the parish hall for the blessing of palms and procession into the church for all Masses.

Monday, March 25, Holy Monday

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 26, Holy Tuesday

7 a.m. Mass

7 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Theresa in Honolulu

Wednesday, March 27, Holy Wednesday

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass

Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m.

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

7 p.m. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

7 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 31, Easter

7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord

11 a.m. 70th Anniversary Easter Egg Hunt and Fellowship

3 p.m. Divine Mercy prayers in the church

Life In The **SPiRiT** Seminars

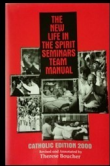
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Keynote: **Dominic Olaso** DETF Head Servant



PRAY. FAST. GIVE ALMS.

Offerings for March 10, 2024

- Sunday Offertory—\$3320.75
- Ash Wednesday—\$20
- CRS Rice Bowl—\$200
- Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$50
- Outreach—\$35
- Repair & Maintenance—\$625
- Religious Education—\$40
- Tshirt Sales—\$436
- Total—\$4726.75**

The outreach ministry extends a big mahalo for all your support and generosity for the kalua pig fundraiser. It was a great success and raised \$1950. The proceeds will be used towards outreach efforts throughout the year including pastoral visits to the homebound, feeding families through Family Promise dinners, and more. Due to the overwhelming response to the first fundraiser, another kalua pig sale is planned for later in the year.



Donations of new and gently used clothing are being accepted to provide for the needy in our community. It will be distributed two times later this year. Donations will be collected on the following dates and times at church between 4—6 p.m.

- Saturday, April 6
- Saturday, May 4
- Saturday, June 1



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We remember Jesus' actions, reflect on his messages and recommit to live as his disciples in the world today. We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important Holy Days, both on your own and with others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Holy Monday, March 25, 2024

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass

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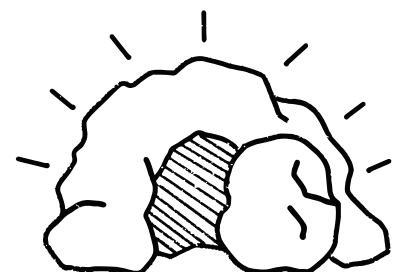
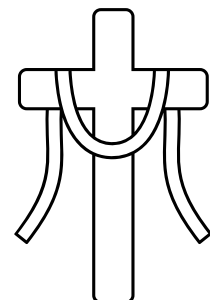
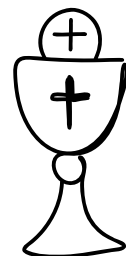
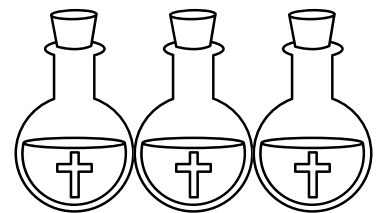
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Flame Of Love

in Hawaii

March 17-19, 2024

3 Distinct Talks

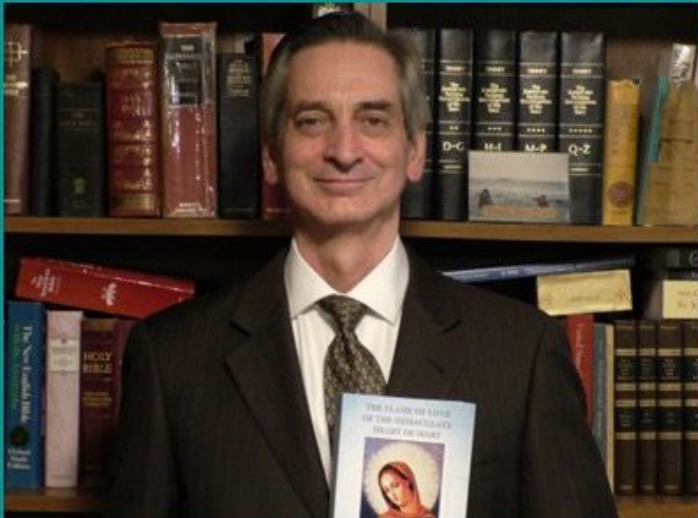
St. Pius X Church March 17, 2024 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

St. Ann Church March 18, 2024 7 p.m.

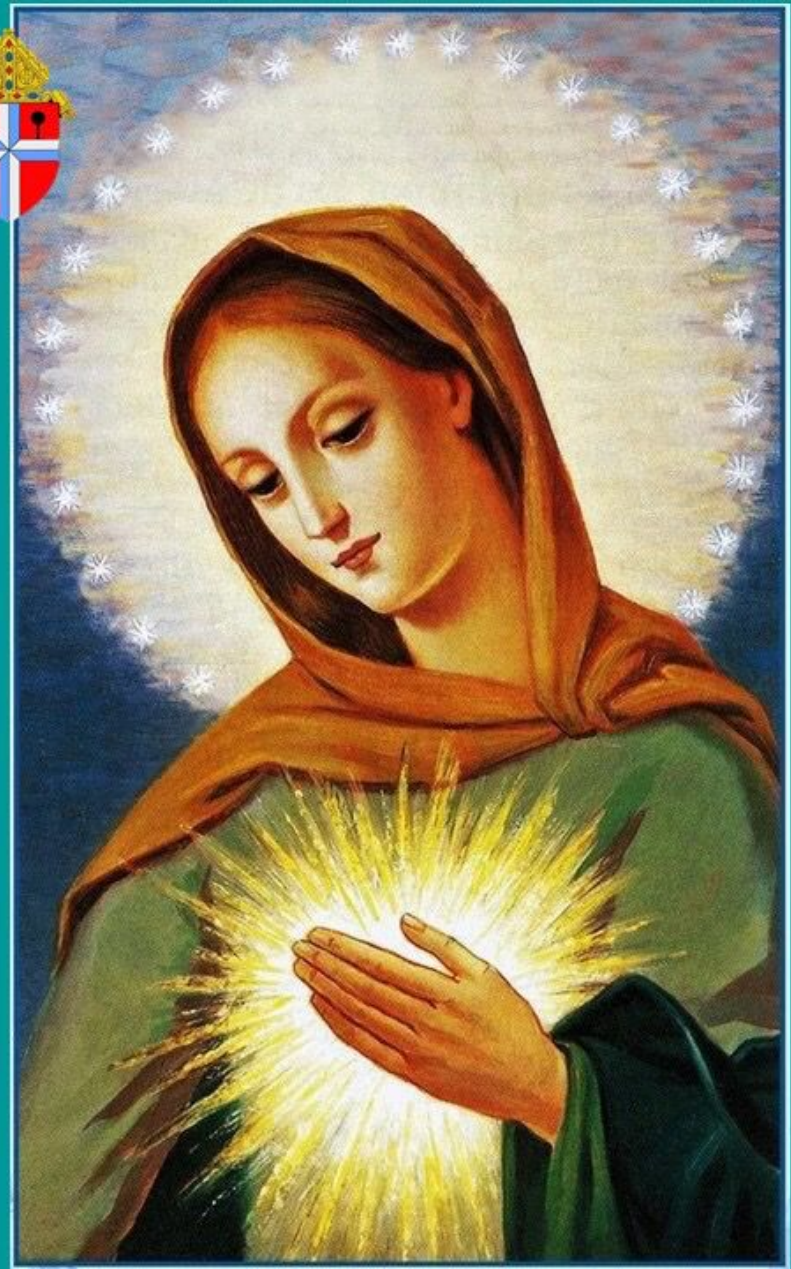
Keynote: John Sullivan III, Acting International Coordinator

No charge but a love offering is appreciated

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- The Blessed Mother has heard the cry and has come to help.
- A love so strong that will break the hold of sin, will heal families, and bring people back to the Church.
- Mother Mary shares her own love to strengthen our love for GOD.
- It's time to save our country, its time to save our families, Blessed Mother has come to show us how, in the Flame Of Love.



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