

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday



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 passed from death to life. By our baptism, we share Christ's death and resurrection. We have died to sin and risen to the life of grace. If we live in His grace, we shall share the glory of His resurrection. Let us renew our loyalty to Christ. Let us pledge that we shall always be faithful to Him in everything we think and say and do.

First Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Our faith is not fiction. We have many witnesses who saw Christ Jesus risen from the dead. These witnesses ate and drank with Him after His resurrection. They gave their life's blood as a testimony to the certainty that He had risen from the dead.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Through baptism, Christians have truly risen in Christ. We have put on Christ in that we share His life by grace. This resurrection is real and true and remains only to be completed in glory.

Gospel: John 20: 1-9 The empty tomb.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin

Deacon: John Tolentino

Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues

Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva

OFFICE HOURS

Tue—Fri, 9am—noon

MASS TIMES

Saturday, 6pm Sunday Liturgy

Sunday, 7am and 9:30am

Monday, 7am Communion Service

Tuesday thru Saturday, 7am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5:15—5:45pm 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.

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—8:45am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K – 5, 8:15—9:15am

Grades 6 – 12, 10:30am—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 6pm

Rosary

Monday through Saturday at 6:30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Second Sunday of the month at 11am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena

Tuesday at 6:30am

Respect Life Rosary

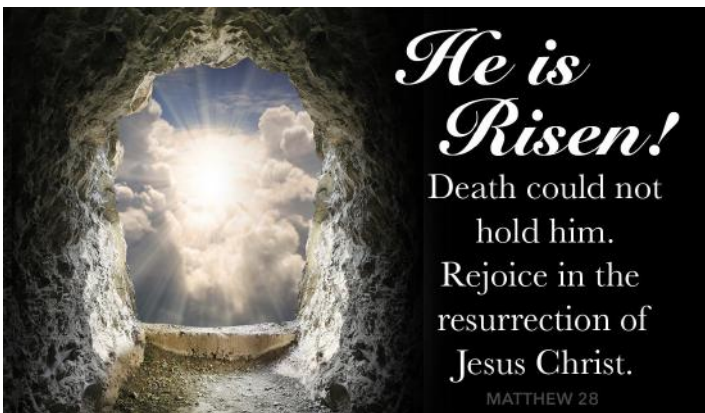
First Wednesday of the month at noon in the Meditation Garden

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,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

The Easter message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with him. During this solemn Easter season of 50-days we joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community.

The joy of Easter means that in spite of the many hardships economic, political, physical, health, or whatever it could be in our lives, no one can take it away. How are we to share in all of this message of joy? St. Paul reminds us: ***"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of integrity and truth."***

Easter is not only a time for celebration, for bunnies and Easter eggs, for new clothes and fancy bonnets - it is also mainly a time for deep inner renewal. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the meaning of our Baptism and Confirmation. We need to remember that as we break and share together the unleavened bread of the Eucharist, we share the Body of Christ, and that body embraces the whole community. The "apostles" were people sent out on a mission to proclaim the Good News about the risen Jesus. We, too, share in that apostolic mission. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them, they depend on us. **The Good News is not a secret, share it joyfully!**

Wishing you and your families a **Happy and Blessed Easter!**



Loving Father,

We know the truth of the Easter proclamation.

Christ is risen and with him all creation!

Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, life replaces death.

Through the power of your Spirit, there is no failure his love and mercy cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform.

All is embraced by the victory of your son's cross and resurrection.

Help us always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for the love of Christ as intensely as he yearns for our love.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Joy



Question of the Week

How has my life been transformed since three years ago? What can I make new in my life, in my community, in the world?



Offerings for April 2, 2023

Sunday—\$4760.25

CRS Rice Bowl (Holy Thursday)—\$212.75

Easter—\$20

Family Promise—\$25

First Offering—\$20

Holy Land (Good Friday)—\$42

Mary Lou Scholarship—\$50

Outreach—\$5

Religious Education Ministry—\$300

Repair & Maintenance—\$5650

Total—\$11,085



ST. GEORGE *Feast Day*

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

6 PM MASS | POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

A Stewardship Moment

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ's forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia!



Thank you to **Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc.**, for leading our Lenten Recollection on Monday, April 3rd to over 80 people. His talk "The Good News: Did We Hear It?" presented 50 questions about the Synoptic Gospels and parishioners took turns testing their knowledge of scripture. Fr. Gomes encouraged everyone to read the Sunday Mass scriptures before attending Mass each week to become familiar with the Word of God, to contemplate it's meaning and message, and to find an application to our daily lives. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* *John 1:1*. The readings for next Sunday's Mass can always be found in the Sunday bulletin, online at the USCCB website, and in the Laudate app.



Readings for next Sunday, April 16, 2023
First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31



The Season of Easter



Good Friday, April 7—Saturday, April 15

Divine Mercy Novena

Thursday, April 13 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

12 p.m. Rosary in the Meditation Garden

Friday, April 14—Saturday, April 22

St. George Novena

Saturday, April 15

9 a.m. Public Visitation and 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Andrew M. Jamila Jr.

Sunday, April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church

Sunday, April 23 St George Feast Day

6 p.m. Feast Day Mass, Aloha Ministry Commissioning, Potluck and Fellowship to follow

Friday, April 28

Last day to submit applications for the Mary Lou Scholarship Fund to the Parish Office

April 28-30 Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

For those seeking to experience healing following the pain of abortion, confidentially register with RVinHawaii@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m. Sacrament Mass and Religious Education Fun Day



Church Cleaners from Saturday, April 1st

Leoncia Belen * Virginia Bringas * Betty Cadiente
 Denis Dela Cruz * Lorraine Higa * Adelina Dela Penia
 Michelle Inovejas * Joseph and Joann Ka'akua
 Louanna Kaio-Almony * Carlotta Kidder * Tina Ramos
 Atavise Williams

Garden Ministers Dario and Fe Duque planted roses around the church the last weekend in March.



Farewell to **Leoncia Belen** who was blessed by Fr. Raymund at Mass on Sunday, April 2 before her departure home to the Philippines.

Leoncia was a good steward of the parish by serving as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion and in the bereavement, gardening and church cleaning ministries.

Religious Education Corner

The month of April has been designated as National Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention month. St. George's Religious Education program uses the Safe Environment curriculum provided by the Diocese of Honolulu called Circles of Care for its students. Each grade level has lessons with objectives that ultimately offer youth the skills to recognize situations and people that may be dangerous for them and to make informed decisions for safety. Catechists go through safe environment training and sign a Code of Conduct as advocates for youth. Flyers are posted on the bulletin boards called "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal" with a phone number to call for help. In the end, we are all called to protect our children.

For more information and to access the Diocesan policy please visit, <https://www.catholicahawaii.org/diocesan-offices/safe-environment-child-and-youth-protection/diocesan-response-to-sexual-abuse/>

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website has some information and resources for Child Abuse Prevention Month posted at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources>

Aloha Committee

Our Aloha Committee Ministry provides social hospitality and fellowship in support of our mission to be a welcoming parish. We do this by providing food and refreshments, entertainment, and festivity to our parishioners and community throughout the year.

JOIN US. We need people who like:

- to prepare and serve food and refreshments
- to plan games and fun activities
- to use computer graphics and art for publicity
- to meet new people and make new friends
- to work together with others
- to help make our parish fun and exciting
- to help bring people together in fellowship

No experience or skills necessary, just a love of people and a fondness for having fun. Please sign up at the entrance to the church.



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Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

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

DATE: March 6, 2023

RE: **Restoring the Cup during Holy Communion**

As we approach the holiest of weeks in our Liturgical Year, Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the pastor's discretion.

Should a parish decide to have Communion under both kinds, training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is recommended and local protocols developed. It should be kept in mind that fewer people than before the pandemic may want to receive Holy Communion from the cup, and that the amount of wine poured into the chalices should be carefully planned. All Ministers who serve the Precious Blood should indicate their willingness to help consume what is left over after Communion.

Pastors of souls should take this opportunity to catechize the faithful that the Church has always taught the doctrine of concomitance, by which we know that under each species alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1390) states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite."

Please contact the Office of Worship if you have any questions.



April
23

ST. GEORGE *Feast Day*

6 PM MASS | POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

*Come to 9:30 a.m. Mass and
celebrate our youth who
will receive Confirmation
and Holy Communion*



*Stay for fun and
fellowship after Mass*

CONFIRMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT 9:30 A.M
Presider: Msgr. Gary Secor





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fun Day

SUNDAY, MAY 7



10:30AM - 12:30PM

Bentos and Drinks, Shaved Ice
Youth Activities- face painting, tattoos, games
"Fruit and Vegetable Grab" for Kupuna and Keiki
Relax and talk story with family and friends, fellow
parishioners, Fr. Raymund Ellorin
and Msgr. Gary Secor



Registrations are now being accepted for the April 2023 Retreat!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



**Healing the Pain of Abortion...
One Weekend at a Time.**

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further... and join us on our next retreat!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. Call us today if you need someone to talk to.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A registration fee of \$175.00 covers accommodations, daily meals/snacks, and materials. Space is limited. Registrations & Retreats are strictly confidential. Need-based scholarships are available.

2023 Retreat Dates: April 28-30 & October 13-15
(Arrive on Friday at 5:30pm; Depart on Sunday at 5:00pm)

Call Lisa at : **(808) 490-2571** to
Register or email:

RvinHawaii@gmail.com

Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

Rachel's Vineyard is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

A Ministry of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii's Respect Life Office and Priests For Life

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