

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 30, 2023 | Fourth Sunday 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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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Today is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." In today's Mass Christ is called the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the gate of the sheepfold. All these expressions tell of the mystery of Jesus who laid down His life for us. This is the same Jesus who leads us to eternal joy. Let us find the entire meaning of our lives only in Him.

First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Today's first reading is a continuation of that of last Sunday. The reading concludes the first sermon of Peter on Pentecost. At the end of this sermon Peter invites all to share in the mercy and forgiveness of God which comes through Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20b-25

The second reading shows Jesus as the Suffering Servant of the Lord — one who takes to himself all of the sorrows and griefs of men and who heals them by his suffering. In the second part of the reading, the metaphors are changed. We are the straying sheep who must return to Christ, the shepherd of our souls, who will lead us to life and safety.

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Himself the "gate" of the sheepfold. The scene of the Gospel is after His cure of a blind man. The Pharisees were the leaders, the shepherds of Israel; yet they thought the blind man was lying, that he must be a sinner and that Jesus was a blasphemer because He cured the blind man on the Sabbath. In reply to the pettiness of the Pharisees, Jesus says that the real shepherds — the real leaders of the people — must come in through Him. He is the door, the gate. Many kinds of people and sheep can be found in the fold, but unless they come through Him, they are usurpers, thieves and marauders.

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,

This Sunday is commonly known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” or “Vocations Sunday”, a day when the Church prays especially for new shepherds and pastors to lead the Christian communities. The image of God as the shepherd of his people has a long tradition. The shepherd of the biblical times had a much more intimate relationship with his flock. He would bring them out to pasture each day and spend all his time with them. In the evening he would bring them back to the enclosure where they would be safe from preying animals. He knew each one individually and would notice immediately if even one was missing.

Today being Vocations Sunday, it is obvious that our Church than ever before, is in great need of good shepherds, totally committed to the Way of Jesus to lead people through the many turbulent times and storms. We are asked to pray especially that the Church will be graced with good shepherds and pastors. Let us pray for all priests and also for seminarians, all those contemplating a calling to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate.

With the above in view, we often tend to narrow the term “vocation” to those who feel called to such ministries, as when say: “There are very few ‘vocations’ in our diocese.” Yet it needs to be emphasized strongly that every single baptized person has a ‘vocation’. Everyone is called by God to play a specific role in the Christian and the wider community. Unless we see that ‘vocation’ is something that we are all called to, it is not likely that there will be enough people to meet the service needs of our Christian communities. Our parishes can only grow and thrive when every member contributes to the well-being of the whole. When all give, all receive in abundance, the abundance that Jesus speaks about in today’s Gospel. May we all be stewards willing to respond to our calling and to give of ourselves to the Lord.



Offerings for April 23, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2706
Easter—\$20
Family Promise—\$25
Funerals-\$100
Mary Lou Scholarship—\$70
Mass Intentions—\$70
Offerings for Blessings-\$30
Outreach—\$20
Repair & Maintenance—\$395
St. George Feast Day Mass-\$254
Total—\$3690

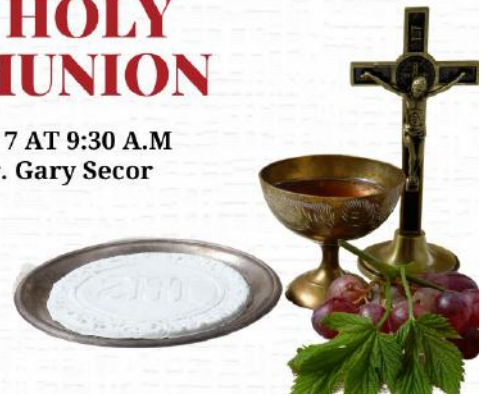
*Come to 9:30 a.m. Mass and
celebrate our youth who
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and Holy Communion*



*Stay for fun and
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CONFIRMATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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



Question of the Week

How can I be that gate, in imitation of Jesus?
How do I protect others from danger or trauma
and how do I comfort those who are lost or in
pain?

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, May 7, 2023

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

A Stewardship Moment

Saint Peter plays a prominent leadership role in the first two readings, urging his listeners to be baptized and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit; and encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have just renewed our baptismal promises at Easter and the Holy Spirit dwells in us in a special way. Are we good stewards of those baptismal vows? Have we renewed our commitment to follow in Jesus’ footsteps? Have we opened our hearts to discern the will of God in our lives? Take some time to reflect on the importance of our baptismal renewal and our lives as disciples of the Lord.



Appreciation

Gary Silva of KAULULAU KOA, INC. graciously volunteered time and materials to repaint the interior of the parish hall.

Our church cleaners are so dedicated! Virginia Bringas, Betty Cadiente, Adelina Dela Penia, Joseph and JoAnn Ka'akua, and Louanna Kaio-Almony.

We are grateful to parish stewards Lito Escalante who trimmed the Kukui tree in the Meditation Garden and to Loreto and Leonides Bolibol for volunteering in the Garden Ministry!



The Season of Easter



Tuesdays, April 25 through May 30

5—6:30 p.m. Art Class with Joe Aragon for anyone who enjoys drawing, sketching and painting.

Thursdays, April 27 through June 1

5—6:30 p.m. Beginners Ki Ho'alu; Slack Key in the Old Style with Walter Carvalho. Bring your guitar and tuner.

Sunday, April 30

10:45 a.m. Respect Life Ministry meets in the parish office meeting room

Wednesday, May 3

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the Meditation Garden

Thursday, May 4

St. George parish will provide dinner meal to Family Promise families

6:30 p.m. All Men's Prayer and Fellowship Dinner and special guest, Diocese of Honolulu Seminarian Larry Dennis. Meet in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place.

Friday, May 5

6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m. Confirmation and First Holy Communion for Religious Education students at Mass

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Religious Education Fun Day.

Wednesday, May 10

150th Anniversary of Fr. Damien de Veuster's arrival on Kalaupapa Peninsula, Molokai

7 a.m. Memorial Mass for St. Damien

6 p.m. Memorial Mass for St. Damien with Bishop Larry Silva at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CORNER

Celebrate the arts

**BEGINNERS
KI HO'ALU**

**5 - 6:30 PM
THURSDAYS
APRIL 27 - JUNE 1**

LEARN SLACK KEY IN THE OLD STYLE WITH WALTER CARVALHO

Draw | Sketch | Paint

6-Week Art Class with Joe Aragon
April 25 - May 30

Tuesdays 5 - 6:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fun Day

SUNDAY, MAY 7

10:30AM - 12:30PM

Bentos, Drinks, Shave Ice, Youth Activities- face painting, tattoos, games "Fruit and Vegetable Grab" for Kupuna and Keiki. Relax and talk story with family, friends, and fellow parishioners

A LOHA Aloha Committee

Ministers were commissioned on April 23, 2023

Linda Bounlangsy, Vanessa Dela Cruz, Adelina Dela Penia, Faye Duque, Michelle Inovejas, Louanna Kaio-Almony, Fesio Ramos

ST. GEORGE FEAST DAY DESSERT CONTEST WINNERS

- RJ WON \$50 FOR CHEESECAKE
- RUDY MACANAS WON \$25 FOR COCONUT CAKE
- JOANN KA'AKUA WON \$15 FOR 7-LAYER JELLO
- BEATRICE CADIENTE WON A GIFT BASKET FOR BIBINGKA

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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ALL MEN'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Invite a friend!

Thursday May 4, 2023

Dinner 6:30pm

**Saint George Catholic Church
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Speaker:

Seminarian Larry Denis III

Larry Denis was born and raised in Hilo on the Big Island and is currently on his Pastoral Year at Saint Elizabeth Church in Aiea. After several years of teaching he became active in his parish on the Big Island-Annunciation and Ascension. There he served as Stewardship Chair for six years. He has answered God's call to enter the seminary and will return to St. Patrick Seminary in California to finish up his remaining two years. After completion, he hopes to be ordained as a Diocesan Priest for the Diocese of Honolulu.

*"Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!
Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining
stars!" Psalm 148: 2-3*

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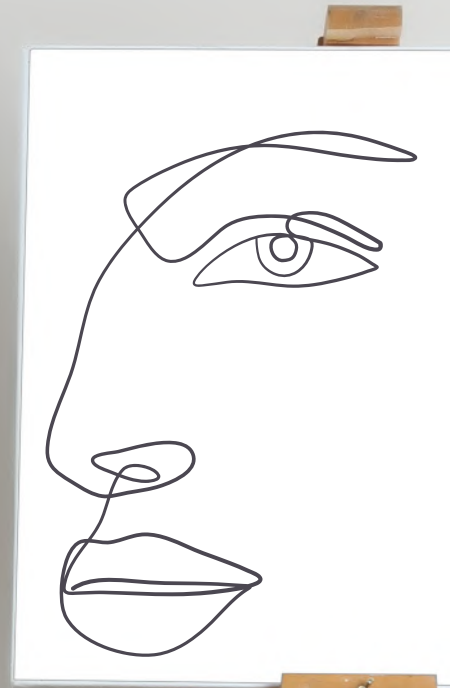
Bentos and Drinks, Shaved Ice
Youth Activities- face painting, tattoos, games
"Fruit and Vegetable Grab" for Kupuna and Keiki
Relax and talk story with family and friends, fellow
parishioners, Fr. Raymund Ellorin
and Msgr. Gary Secor



6-Week Art Class with Joe Aragon

**Tuesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
April 25 - May 30**

Celebrate the arts of drawing, sketching and painting. Open to all ages. Children under 8-years old must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the Parish Hall. Free. Registration taken at first class.





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FIRST SESSION.**

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