

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 7, 2023 | Fifth 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

Jesus is the only true way of life. If we would find happiness in this life and in the next, we must commit our lives to Him. In this life, we may need to struggle against adversity. But He will give us strength. He will see us through every crisis and every problem if we put our faith into Him

### First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7

The apostles could not personally take care of every need of God's people. They appointed worthy men as deacons ("minister" or "servant") to assist in the works of charity. The beginnings of the Church's hierarchy are here. Every function in the Church is for one purpose; for the good and the service of all the people of God.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

The Church is not a building, an establishment or a small group of officials. It is made up of all the living stones of the people of God, joined together in Christ the cornerstone. The Church is the people who are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation. Today's second lesson shows us our dignity and our union with God and each other. It charges us to live in accordance with this dignity.

### Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Christ and the Father are one. This means that our relationship to Christ as brothers and sisters makes us children of God, members of His own family. The Church must always live like a family, the family of God.

## 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

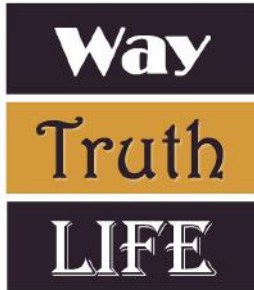
Dear Parish Ohana,

It has been said that there are at least 365 references to *not being afraid* in the scriptures. In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus tells us not to fear, not to let our hearts be troubled. But how can we do that? The Gospel tells us that it is by believing in God.

An interesting exercise is to catalogue how many times each day we are apprehensive or fearful. The list can be long and daunting at times. Fear can hold us prisoner, while hope can set us free. It is so easy to become a prisoner to our day-to-day fears; big and small. Fear shuts us down, makes us doubt both God and ourselves.

Toward the ending of this Sunday's Gospel, St John goes on to quote Jesus saying: "*Whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself ...even greater works...*" The Church and every one of its members are called on to continue Jesus' mission without fear, *being the way, the truth and the life*. We can do more than Jesus, not in terms of more spectacular signs, but because Jesus, in his humanity, was limited to a very small section of space and time. In his lifetime, he reached only a relatively small number of people. Today, whether we are pope, bishop, priest, office worker, truck driver, housewife or so on, our duty is the same: to lead the people with whom we come in contact, along the Way of Jesus – the Way of Truth and Life. As in Jesus' day, the masses are calling out to be fed and we, the friends and companions of Jesus, have been called to continue to bring the Bread of Life to the world.

Jesus said "*Without me you can do nothing.*" It is important for us to realize that the opposite is also largely true: *without us* Jesus can do little.



Offerings for April 30, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$2757
- Family Promise—\$25
- Mass Intentions—\$120
- Outreach—\$20
- Repair & Maintenance—\$545
- Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund-\$935
- Total—\$4402**

I love to read  
the Scriptures



**Readings for next Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**First Reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21



**Question of the Week**

Whom in my parish or in the wider community do I feel called to serve? How can I serve them and bring them on our journey to the Lord?



Thank you to the volunteers who cleaned the church on April 30, 2023: Virginia Bringas, Betty Cadiente, Lisa Calhoun, Adelina Dela Penia, Lorraine Higa, Joseph and JoAnn Ka'akua, and Louanna Kaio-Almony, Luisa Manueli, and Atavise Williams.



Our parish is forming a prayer group dedicated to the Divine Mercy. If you are a devotee of the Divine Mercy or would like to learn more about this prayer group, please sign up at the entrance of the church and Fr. Raymund will contact you.

Are you interested in joining the outreach ministry to serve the greater needs of the Waimanalo community? Please sign up at the entrance to the church.



**A Stewardship Moment**

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others' needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

## Congratulations

Sunday, May 7, 2023

### **Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

Raymond Acdal  
Rylei-Rose Bickford  
Victoria Neumann  
Mila Parker

Monday, May 8, 2023

### **Matrimony**

Michael Balicoco and Arlene Agcaoili Cabanera

June 10 and 11, 2023

### **Commissioning**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**

Marvin Balagulan, Adelina Dela Penia, Maria Dumas, Paul Dumas, Joe Ka'akua, Carlotta Kidder, Ahina Lavin, Kelly Lavin, Janet Murphy, Kealani Riturban, and Bernie Seabury completed two sessions on the catechism of the Holy Eucharist with Fr. Raymund Ellorin. They will be commissioned on the Feast of Corpus Christi 2023. For those who were unable to attend the catechetical training sessions, ministry coordinator Bernie Seabury will schedule a special session with you.

### **A Stewardship Prayer for May**

Loving Father,

During this Easter season,  
we rejoice in your son,  
who has renewed us  
in freedom and joy  
through the mystery of his resurrection.

We have been called  
to proclaim his Gospel;  
not because we are good enough,  
holy enough, or talented enough;  
but because you wanted us to have  
this gift and this responsibility.

Give us the courage to be faithful  
to this call;  
help us make every day of our lives  
an experience of Easter.

And keep us ever mindful of our charge:  
to love You and our neighbor;  
that as stewards of your world  
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit  
to transform it, bring it justice and peace,  
and offer it, in gratitude, back to You.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen



## 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 own guitar.

### **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.

### **Tuesday, May 9**

6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

### **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

### **Friday, May 12**

6 p.m. Liturgical Ministry Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

### **Saturday, May 13**

9:30 a.m. Windward churches pilgrimage stop at St. George Church by Resurrection of the Lord (Waipio) Ladies Prayer Group

12 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Prayer in the Meditation Garden

### **Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14**

Blessing and a special gift for all mothers at Sunday Liturgy Masses

### **Sunday, May 14**

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Adoration. Pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church

### **Friday, May 19**

6 p.m. Priestly Ordination of Deacon Arrion Rosales-Llantos at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

### **Saturday, May 20**

8 a.m. Ordination to the Order of Transitional Deacon of Kurt Keali'i Meyer and Francis Hai Thanh Pham at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

### **Sunday, May 21**

St. George Parish celebrates Mothers Day

10:45 a.m. Brunch, games, and gift-making for mom. Families are invited to celebrate together in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place



*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




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will receive Confirmation  
and Holy Communion*



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# **CONFIRMATION**

# **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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







## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# Fun Day

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SUNDAY, MAY 7

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10:30AM - 12:30PM

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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

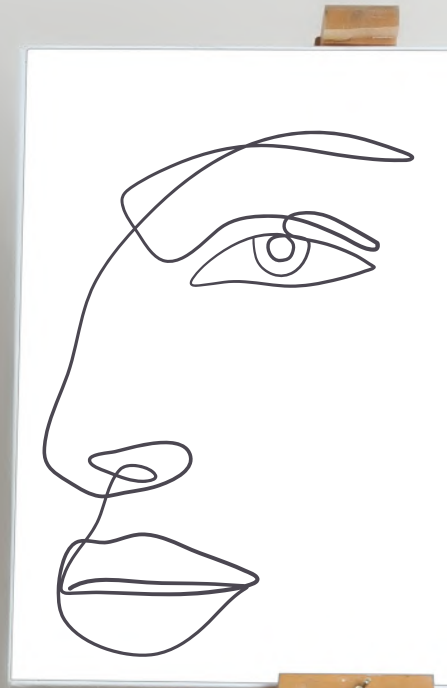




# 6-Week Art Class with Joe Aragon

**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.



*Celebrate  
the arts*

**BEGINNERS**

**KI HO'ALU**

**5 - 6.30 PM  
THURSDAYS  
APRIL 27 - JUNE 1**

**FREE 6-WEEK ADULT CLASS.  
MEET IN THE PARISH HALL WITH  
YOUR OWN GUITAR AND TUNER.  
REGISTRATION TAKEN AT THE  
FIRST SESSION.**

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