

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 28, 2023 | Solemnity of Pentecost



## Come, Holy Spirit

### SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles. They were changed from timid men into bold witnesses of Christ. The Church was born! The Holy Spirit guides the Church so that she teaches the truth of Christ; the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to sanctify people through sacred scriptures. Let us rejoice in the Holy Spirit and his gift.

#### 1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Quakes, fire and wind were signs of God's presence and accompanied the descent of the Holy Spirit. God himself came to visit his people, to live in their hearts, be their strength and to unite them in his truth and love.

#### 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12- 13

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. Just as our human soul unifies the various cells and organs of our bodies, so the Holy Spirit gives unity to all the different members of Christ and enables all to use their talents for his glory. As the soul gives life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gives life to the Church.

#### Gospel: John 20: 19-23

The peace which Christ gives is the blessed harmony and perfection of the kingdom of God which we share in this life. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ has reconciled us to God and to each other. We enjoy his peace even in this world.

### 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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### 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

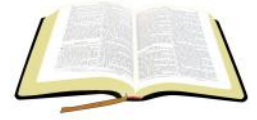
Dear Parish Ohana,

Happy Birthday Church! Fifty days after Easter, today we celebrate the birthday of the Church, known as Pentecost. The Word "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek word "*pentekoste*" meaning "fiftieth day." Pentecost Sunday is a Christian feast with a Jewish origin in the Old Testament known as the "festival of weeks" (*Shavuot*) (Ex. 34:22). Since *Shavuot* is celebrated 50 days after the "*pesach*" (Passover or Christian Easter) in thanksgiving to God for the reception of the Torah, Hellenistic Jews gave it a Greek name *pentekoste* and that was the major reason why the Jews gathered in the first reading. In Christianity, we celebrate Pentecost, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It is also the tenth day after the Ascension.

Sometimes Pentecost seems like a minor event as it brings a close to the liturgical season of Easter. But consider that in the weeks following Christ's death and resurrection, many of his followers were undoubtedly still processing the incredible events they had witnessed and were probably wondering what God wanted them to do now that Jesus had carried out his mission. In reality it is a key moment in the history of the Christian faith. God empowered his disciples to be understood in many different languages. **You might be thinking, "That's all very interesting, but why is Pentecost important?"** It is important because it infused the small community of Jesus-followers with the core mission that would define the Christian church ever after - to share the message of Jesus Christ with the entire world.

We too are sent as Pentecostal people on the same mission to bring God's love to the world as we say: "**Lord send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**" The world needs it perhaps more today.

I love to read  
the Scriptures



### Readings for next Sunday, June 3, 2023

**First Reading:** Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Gospel:** John 3:16-18

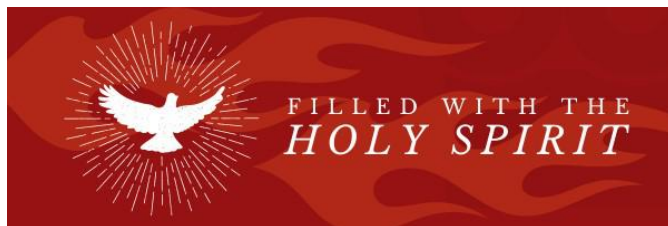
### A Stewardship Moment

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." Do we believe that Jesus is Our Lord? If so, how do we show it?



### Question of the Week

What gifts of the Holy Spirit do I recognize in myself? How can I use these gifts to bring Christ's peace and mercy to others?



### Offerings for May 21, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2752

Family Promise—\$25

Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50

Outreach—\$20

Repair & Maintenance—\$1285

**Total—\$4132**

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MATTHEW 11:28

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Save a life, give blood.





Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary celebrated Mother's Day with us last Sunday. Visiting were Sr. Belen, Sr. Cecilia, Sr. Esperanza, Sr. Lergie and Sr. Mark.



View more pictures and the full bulletin with additional announcements and flyers on our parish website by scanning the QR code with your phone.



**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 28**

9:30 a.m. Mass, the investiture of Victoria Neumann to altar server

10:45 a.m. Aloha Ministry Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Room

**Sunday, May 29**

7 p.m. Memorial Mass for the souls of the faithful departed

**Thursday, June 1**

6:30 p.m. Men's Prayer and Fellowship Group meets for dinner and special guest speaker Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc.

**Friday, June 2**

6 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday, June 4**

10:45 a.m. Respect Life Ministry Meeting in the office

**Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11**

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion at all Masses on Corpus Christi Feast

**Tuesday, June 13**

9 a.m. Public Visitation and 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Keith Kauwe

**Saturday, June 17**

9—11 a.m. Proclaiming the Word for Liturgy and Prayer Service Workshop with Stephanie Conching in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place. Fellowship and food provided by the parish to follow.

9 a.m.—2 p.m. Sidewalk Advocates for Life at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church in Mililani. Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life.

**Friday, June 30—Sunday, July 2**

Basic Christian Community of Hawaii's summer retreat with spiritual directors, the Very Reverend Msgr. Gary Secor of the Diocese of Honolulu and Sr. Meristella Umdor, a Missionary Sister of Mary Help of Christians. See flyer for registration information.

**Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15**

"JESUS Thirsts for America", a 21-city, 3-year National Evangelization tour that began in November 2022 is coming to Oahu on July 15, 2023. Register at [www.spiritfilledevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii](http://www.spiritfilledevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii)

**Sunday, August 27**

7 a.m.—1 p.m. Blood Bank of Hawaii will host a blood donor drive at St. George Parish. See the flyer on the bulletin board to sign up.

# Hospitality

STEWARDSHIP

We strive to extend a warm, hospitable and loving welcome to all who join us in worship, service, study, social gatherings, or in times of personal need. We assist our parish community in presenting a visible sign of Christ's loving kindness in all we do. Hospitality is not reserved just to the behaviors we display to others at church, but includes our encounter with the stranger in the workplace, school, supermarket, airport, nursing home or prison. Hospitality begins in the home in our relationships with our parents, spouse, children, siblings and our closest neighbors. Hospitality is the commandment to love one another.

# Prayer

STEWARDSHIP

Our parish is growing our prayer group dedicated to the Divine Mercy. As they pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church each morning, they will offer prayer intentions for the needs of our parishioners, our church community as a whole, and for peace in the world. This ministry will help you prepare to enthrone the bible and the image of the Divine Mercy in your home. Please consider joining this group if you are interested in growing your devotion to the message of Jesus' love and mercy as revealed to St. Faustina.

# Formation

STEWARDSHIP

Catholic faith formation is a form of evangelization and a fundamental mission of the Church. It describes all the ways the Church—including clergy, religious, and all the baptized faithful—teaches, celebrates, and witnesses to the gospel message with the aim of conforming hearts and minds to Jesus Christ. Faith formation incorporates the catechetical, liturgical, and pastoral ministries, and is a lifelong discipline to learning and growing. We are all called to be formed in our understanding of the faith and to strengthen our belief in the promises of the Resurrection.

# Service

STEWARDSHIP

The Outreach ministry is one of the four basic pillars of stewardship. As a parish, we are called to the social mission of the church to respond to the human needs of our community. We provide direct service of charity and justice to all who come to our door needing help. We work together with a coalition of churches and organizations in the Waimanalo area. Would you like to be a part of the group of men and women who provide direct services to the homeless, the low-income, elderly, and the needy in our community?



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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

## ALL MEN'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

***Invite a Friend***

Thursday June 1, 2023

6:30PM – Dinner

*Saint John Vianney Church  
Parish Lounge*

**\$10 Donation**

**Speaker:**

**Reverend Herman Gomes, ss.cc**

*"Strengthen the Man, strengthen the Family"*  
*"Strengthen the Family, Strengthen the Church"*  
*"Strengthen the Church, transform the Community"*



God himself speaks to us through sacred Scripture. It is the responsibility of lector and prayer leaders to proclaim the text in a clear and understandable manner.

**Join Stephanie Conching for a Workshop  
on Proclaiming the Word for Liturgy and Prayer Service.**

We will combine experiences in the Performing Arts, liturgical Ministries and Proclamation of The Word. Participants will leave feeling confident in their abilities to fully share God's message

**Date: June 17, Saturday**  
**Where: Fr. Bill Gathering Hall**  
**Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM**  
**Fellowship (food provided by Parish) to follow**

Stephanie has served as music minister for Sacred Heart, Punahou, Resurrection of the Lord, and is currently serving at St. Anthony of Padua in Kailua. Stephanie is also an instructor for the Diocese of Honolulu Office of Religious Education. She is a stage director, commercial and stage actor, and theatrical consultant.



## Bulletin Announcement/Flyer

Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life! We offer a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding method that is very compassionate and woman-oriented and credited with saving thousands of lives at abortion facilities across the United States and beyond! Our next training will be held on **Saturday, June 17, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at St John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church in Mililani**. If you would like to learn this method and check out our program, please contact Program Leader Patrick Guzman, at **(808)351-6179** or email **pguzman\_5k@yahoo.com**. More information at **sidewalkadvocates.org!**





I'M SO BLESSED  
BCCH Retreat #123

*summer*  
RETREAT

2 NIGHTS, 6 MEALS,  
AND OVERNIGHT  
ACCOMODATIONS IN  
THE HISTORIC SACRED  
HEART HALL

RECHARGE THE SOUL

Located deep in the valley of the Koolau mountain range, Basic Christian Community of Hawaii (BCCH) offers a two-night summer retreat for adult men and women led by spiritual directors, the Very Reverend Msgr. Gary Secor of the Diocese of Honolulu, and Sr. Meristella Umdor, a Missionary Sister of Mary Help of Christians. Retreatants come to enjoy the natural beauty of the peaceful location, and the freedom from modern distractions. Since 1985, BCCH has welcomed guests to experience true Christian community, found in song, prayer, witness talks, educational and reflective experiences, and small faith-sharing groups. The theme of BCCH Adult Retreat #123 is "I'm so Blessed."

🕒 FRIDAY, JUNE 30 AT 6 P.M. THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 AT 3 P.M.

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