

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 9, 2023 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

To follow Christ is to reject the way of this world. This world calls on us to promote ourselves, to win at all costs, to think of nothing but ourselves, our advancement and our fulfillment. Jesus calls on us to be meek and humble of heart. He calls on us to accept his yoke, his way of life. It may not always be easy, but it will fit us well — and gain for us eternal life.

1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10

The second part of the book of Zechariah was written in the time of Alexander the Great who had conquered the world when he was 21 years old. He was brash and arrogant. In contrast, our first reading speaks of the King who is meek and humble of heart — the Messiah.

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

St. Paul often uses the terms “flesh” and “spirit.” “Flesh” means our unredeemed human nature with its tendency toward weakness. “Spirit” means almost the same as “grace.” It is our life of sharing the grace of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Although he was divine, Christ humbled himself to become one of us. He did not cling to his equality with God. And he was humbler yet, obediently accepting death on the cross. Jesus reveals himself to those who are meek and humble.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin

Deacon: John Tolentino

Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues

Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva

Maintenance: Paul Burnett

Music: Celia Wright

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

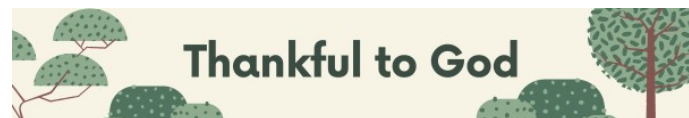
19th day of the month at noon in the Meditation Garden

Dear Parish Ohana,

Misfortunes in life come upon each one of us. Some people blame God for any tragedy that happens to them and are often filled with so much rage. God does not send us anything bad. He only sends us what is good. If you turn from God because of any crisis that comes upon you, to whom will you then turn? Unfortunately some people turn to New Age practices, and to practices like palm reading, tarot card reading and all sorts of other practices for solutions to life's problems. Good does not come out of such practices. Turning to such practices only brings more pain and destruction. God is bigger and stronger than all pagan practices.

It is for this reason and in moments such as this that the Lord says in this Sunday's Gospel: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* Have you ever wondered why Jesus uses the image of the yoke? At least two oxen are hitched together by a yoke side by side. Oxen are called *"beasts of burden."* So why does he call his yoke easy, his burden light? It is because the Lord humbly yokes himself to us, he helps carry our crosses. And he bears most of the weight, if we let him. That's why his yoke is easy. By this Jesus does not say that we will no longer have struggles, but that we will find recourse in him. His strength will be our strength, infusing us with trust and helping us place all our difficulties and challenges before him. And when we commit ourselves to him, we become one with him, with the Father whom he has revealed to us, and with the Holy Spirit who gives us the gift of faith.

Unfortunately, in this life, there are many who continue to walk alone, bereft of hope. They mistakenly believe that to take Christ's yoke upon them means that they are somehow limiting their freedom. In Christ we are reminded there is fullness of freedom that leads to life eternal.



Offerings for July 2, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$3709
- Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
- Mass Intentions—\$25
- Offerings, Funerals—\$300
- Outreach—\$20
- Repair & Maintenance—\$3235
- Total—\$7339**

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, July 16, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

A Stewardship Moment

One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today's Gospel reading: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we take a break, go for a walk, or when the opportunity presents itself, take a few days off. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with this time of uncertainty and its complex issues deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.



Question of the Week

Who can I reach out to this week in an effort to lighten their burden? How can we share their yoke, like oxen working in tandem?



ALL MEN'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Invite a friend!

July 12, 2023 Wednesday
Dinner 6:30pm

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Speaker:

Deacon Steve Greco

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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL | June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

Can one go to a daily Mass to make up for a missed Sunday Mass or must it be forgiven in confession?

No, it must be mentioned in confession. Daily Mass does not substitute for our Sunday obligation. For a week you missed going to Mass, you can still attend Mass next week, but if you haven't been able to get to confession, you cannot receive Holy Communion until you first get to confession. This usually isn't a problem as Catholic parishes have confessions every Saturday afternoon. Still, if you cannot make it during the week or weekend, you can still go to Mass for the coming week, but because you aren't properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, you should just stay in the pew and pray during the distribution of Holy Communion. After Mass and after the parishioners have left, ask the priest if he can hear your small confession.

Living. True. Real. Jesus.



Congratulations to Willie and Blanche McMillan who celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 30, 2023. They renewed their vows in a Mass celebrated by Fr. Raymund last week and partied into the night with a 50-60s era themed gathering at their home.

**Calendar of Events
for Ordinary Time**

Sunday, July 9

10:45 a.m. Catechists meeting in the parish office meeting room

11 a.m. Divine Mercy chaplet in the church

Tuesday, July 11

Convalidation Mass of Romeo Gimenez and Maria Ocariza

Wednesdays, July 5 and 12

7 p.m. Infant baptism classes for parents and godparents in the Mary's Haven meeting room

Wednesday, July 12

6:30 p.m. All Men's Prayer and Fellowship dinner with guest speaker Dcn. Steve Greco in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Thursday, July 13

12 p.m. Fatima rosary in the meditation garden

Sunday, July 16

10:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Group meeting in the parish office meeting room

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 p.m. Finance Council meeting in the parish office meeting room

Wednesday, July 19

12 p.m. Novena to St. Joseph in the meditation garden

6:30 p.m. Aloha Ministry meeting in the parish office meeting room

Sunday, July 23

10:45 a.m. Altar Servers meeting in the parish office meeting room

2 p.m. Filipino Catholic Community meeting in the parish office meeting room

Thursday, August 3

5:30 p.m. Liturgical Ministers meeting in the parish office meeting room

Sunday, August 27

7 a.m.—1 p.m. Blood Bank of Hawaii blood drive

The Respect for Life and Aloha Ministries did an awesome job planning the Father's Day Celebration.

Congratulations to the Chili Contest Winners:

1st place Phoebe Radovich

2nd place Virginia Bringas

3rd place Rudy Macanas

4th place Ahina Lavin

Mahalo to Keone, Josiah, Malia, Victoria, and Peter for playing the "How well do you know your Dad?" game. Thank you to Nalo Snow for the pineapple whip treat.

I THIRST HAWAII

July 14 - St. Elizabeth, Aiea

- 6pm Registration
- Music Ministry - Ke AKUA Aloha Ministries
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I THIRST HAWAII

Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization

FRIDAY EVENING SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 6PM
AIEA, HI
SATURDAY SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
KANEHOE, OAHU-HAWAII

JULY 14-15 2023

THE JESUS THIRSTS FOR AMERICA 21-CITY TOUR WILL SPUR NEEDED REVIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES! YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THIS MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THIS INVITATION THAT AIMS TO BRING YOU AND PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO A METANOIA EXPERIENCE AND A RENEWAL IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THIS OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL THAT WILL PROVIDE A MEANS FOR PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST.

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"JESUS Thirsts for America", a 21-city, 3-year National Evangelization tour that began in November 2022, is coming to Oahu on July 14 -15, 2023. Its purpose is to share the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST in such a compelling way that participants will be encouraged and strengthened to become more excited in expressing their faith. The "I Thirst" events include... dynamic teachings, personal testimonies, inspiring music, healing, prayer, adoration, Mass and Reconciliation, which in combination opens participants to encountering the risen LORD. 6 National Presenters have been approved by our Diocese to minister in Hawaii: Their presentations are geared towards the love of the Sacraments, focusing on the **Eucharistic Revival** and encouraging people to not only be Disciples of JESUS CHRIST but to also lead others to HIM.

Movement organizer, **Dcn. Steve Greco**, is the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation at the Diocese of Orange, and president of Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry, which engages in evangelization and support of the foreign missions. He is the author of, "*Overcoming Adversity Through Miracles*", "*Miracles Through Forgiveness*", "*Miracles Through Prayer*", and "*Reflections on the Holy Spirit 365 Days of Praise*".

Barbara Heil is a longtime protestant minister convert with experience ministering to the poor, in children's camps and inner-city missions. Heil discovered late in life that she had been baptized as a child in the Catholic Church. She received the Rite of Confirmation in 2013 and has since ministered around the world.

Deacon Larry Oney and his wife minister in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Deacon Oney is the founder and president of Hope and Purpose Ministries in Louisiana, which he created in part to provide mentorship through the creation and distribution of Catholic materials in all forms of media. **Andi Oney**, international evangelist and author, previously served in education for 12 years. In 2013 her life changed while attending an International Prophetic Consultation gathering of leaders in Bethlehem, Israel. While in Israel, she experienced a dramatic conversion as she prayed in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, believed to be the site of the Last Supper and Pentecost.

Evangelist **Kathleen Beckman**, a popular presenter on topics including the spiritual life, Eucharistic life, healing and deliverance ministry, Divine Mercy, Mary, and the spirituality of Blessed Conchita Cabrera. She is author of four best-selling books, "*Praying for Priests*", "*God's Healing Mercy*", "*When Women Pray*", and "*A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare*". For twenty-five years, and in thirteen countries, through Catholic radio and television, writing and speaking, she has served in the Church's ministry of evangelization.

Monsignor Stephen Doktorczyk, JCD is a priest of the Diocese of Orange, California, a canon lawyer, and Co-founder and Spiritual Director of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests. Prior to ordination in 2005, he worked in the grocery business and human resources. He has a Master of Business Administration from California State University, Long Beach, a Bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology, and Doctorate in Canon Law. He has also served as Adjutant Judicial Vicar, and Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate Mass on Saturday. Dominic Olaso (Head of the Diocesan Evangelization TaskForce) will emcee and lead Music Ministry.

Seating is limited. Register early at "I Thirst" Hawaii, <https://www.spiritfilledevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii>