

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 23, 2023 | Sixteenth 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

Faith often raises some difficult questions. How can God be merciful to sinners? Why doesn't God show His power by destroying evil? Why does God permit evil to exist? Why doesn't good always triumph? Today's readings meditate on these questions. God wills that all mankind should be saved; until Judgment Day He gives every opportunity for us to return to Him.

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

The insecure often need to reinforce themselves by trying to lord it over others. God is all powerful; He does not need to show off His might. Because of His omnipotence, God is able to have mercy and love for the sinner.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

We are not alone. God lives in our hearts. Even when we feel unloved, the Holy Spirit within us is our advocate; He will assist us in our every need.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Jewish tradition expected instant justice and instant perfection when the Messiah came. All evildoers would be destroyed and all wrongs would be righted. But it didn't happen that way. Today's gospel are parables that explain why everything is not yet perfect. On Judgment Day evil will be destroyed. Meanwhile we must work for the triumph of good. We live in a hope of perfect justice which will come on the last day.

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,

Did you ever form a poor opinion of someone and discover later that you were wrong? Did you ever judge someone badly and discover later that your judgment was incorrect? Anytime we judge others we need to be aware that we may not have the full picture and so we may not be fair in our judgments of others. The Gospel this Sunday has weeds or darnel that some enemy sowed among the wheat in the parable taught by Jesus which looked very much like the wheat in their early growth so that it was really impossible to decide properly which was the wheat and which the weed. Aren't we blessed that God has the bigger picture and not our puny judgments! God is much more merciful and patient than we are.

One person who appeared to be darnel or weed in many ways but became wheat was John Vianney, born in France in 1786. He is the most famous Pastor or Parish Priest in France since he later became the Curé of Ars. He was considered the slowest of his class in school and found it very difficult to learn Latin. In 1812 he went to the preparatory seminary at Verrières and was the bottom of the class of 200 due to his poor Latin. Hoping for a better result they examined him again in French but he was still the bottom of the class. His theology studies went so badly at the seminary at Lyons that he was asked to leave the seminary after five months. After that he was taught theology privately and in French. He was ordained in 1815. Three years later he was appointed to Ars. Reports of his holiness spread and people came from near and far to hear him. So, the one who appeared to be darnel or weed turned out to be the finest wheat and was later so sought after by the faithful.

Before we judge, think positively and see the good others possess.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, July 30, 2023

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?

Question of the Week



What substantial service can I provide this week to someone who is elderly, whether a member of my family or not? What can I learn from this action?

Religious Education catechists, instructors and leaders shared dinner with Fr. Raymund to kickoff planning and preparation for the new school year of faith formation for parish children and youth.



Offerings for July 16, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3424

Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50

Mass Intentions—\$60

Offerings, Baptism—\$100

Outreach—\$50

Repair & Maintenance—\$760

Seminarian Education Fund—\$150

Total—\$4594



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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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

How and when did the Saturday evening Mass come to count for Sunday Mass?

In the biblical notion of time, one day ends and another begins at sundown, rather than at 12:00 midnight. (Recall that “evening came, and morning followed – the first [etc.] day” in the creation story of Genesis 1:1-2:4a.) Thus, when evening falls on Saturday, according to the understanding of the Church, Sunday begins. When you attend a Saturday evening Mass, you hear the lectionary readings and prayers for Sunday. Participating in this Mass “counts” to fulfill your Sunday obligation. Anticipating the Sunday Mass – celebrating it on Saturday evening – came about in the latter half of the 20th century, as the rhythms of modern life made attending Sunday morning Mass increasingly difficult for some. In 1953, Pope Pius XII allowed local ordinaries to permit the celebration of Mass in the evening in their territories. In the 1963 revision of the Code of Canon Law, this permission was granted universally.

However, we go to Mass not merely to fulfill our obligation but to gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ, to pray and to be transformed by the liturgy. The Saturday evening Mass should be celebrated with as much attention and dignity as any Sunday Mass. Slipping in after the Mass has started or sneaking out before it has finished fulfills the letter of the law but not its spirit, regardless of what day it is. More importantly than when you go to Mass, is how you go. Choose the time that best allows you to participate fully, actively, and consciously in the Eucharistic sacrifice. Also, the commandment to keep the Lord’s Day holy still holds, even if you must meet work or family obligations on Sunday. Attending Mass is not the only way to keep the day holy. If you do not go to Mass on Sunday, make sure that you live that day in a prayerful awareness that it is a day dedicated to the Lord.

**Calendar of Events
for Ordinary Time**

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

3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet in the Church

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Wednesdays, August 2 and 9

7 p.m. Infant Baptism Classes for parents and godparents

Wednesday, August 2

12 p.m. First Wednesday Rosary for the intentions of Respect Life movement which proclaims that every human life is a precious gift from God

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4

6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Saturday, August 5

9 a.m. Visitation, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy and 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Henry Castillo

Sunday, August 6

3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet in the Church

Sunday, August 6—Monday, August 14

7 p.m. Novena honoring the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 11

9 a.m.—2 p.m. Home visits to the homebound by Fr. Raymund. Call the office to schedule a visit.

Sunday, August 13

12 p.m. Rosary with Fatima prayers in the Meditation Garden

Tuesday, August 15

6:30 p.m. Rosary in five languages by decade

7 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Living. True. Real. Jesus.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you; **fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.**



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: **fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.**





Anointing of the sick

Home Visits from the Pastor

Beginning in August, Fr. Raymund Ellorin will do home visits on the 2nd Friday of the month administering the sacraments of anointing of the sick and communion to the homebound. If you or anyone you know is unable to attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive these sacraments, please schedule with the parish office.



Blood Bank of Hawaii

Hawaii needs more than 200 blood donors everyday. Please support the Bloodmobile which will be at St. George on Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Men's Prayer and Fellowship Group on July 12



Lourdes Jacalne watering the plants in the Meditation Garden



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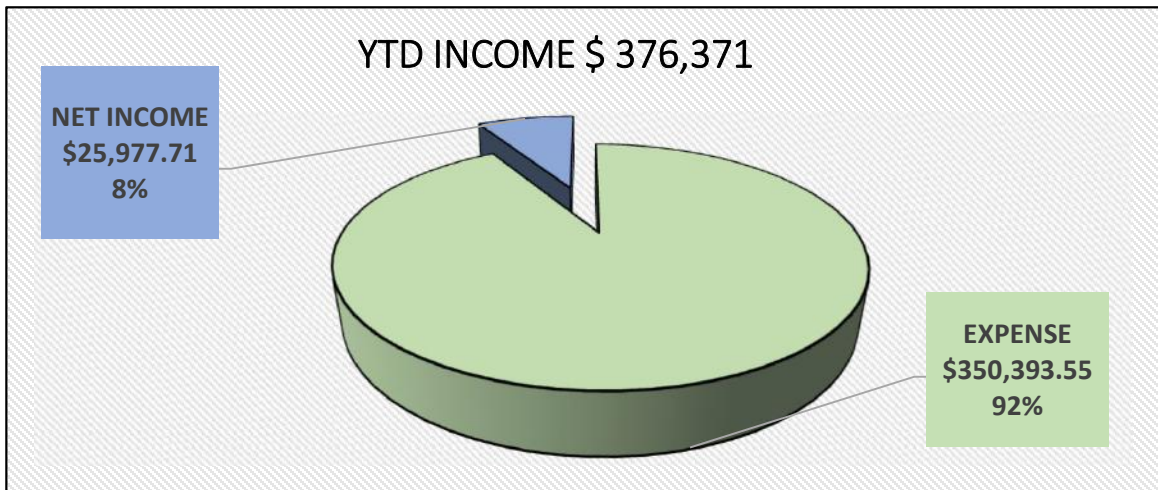
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**St. George Income & Expense Report
Fiscal Year '23**

<i>Income</i>	<i>Jul '22 - Jun '23</i>
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	\$ 197,078.30
OTHER REGULAR INCOME	\$ 10,386.00
REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	\$ 4,022.00
UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME <i>Includes Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	\$ 164,824.24
OTHER UNUSUAL INCOME	\$ 60.72
Total Income	\$ 376,371.26
<i>Expense</i>	<i>Jul '22 - Jun '23</i>
EMPLOYMENT COSTS	\$ 115,063.27
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 7,806.45
INSURANCE	\$ 22,726.00
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,050.00
SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	\$ 36,745.84
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$ 3,162.74
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 112,387.15
UTILITIES	\$ 11,623.70
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	\$ 37,352.00
TAXES	\$ 476.40
Total Expense	\$ 350,393.55
Balance	\$ 25,977.71



	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Net Income</i>
1st Qtr 7/1/22-9/30/22			
	\$75,081.39	\$51,867.98	\$23,213.41
2nd Qtr 10/1/22-12/31/22			
	\$117,054.18	\$96,908.55	\$20,145.63
3rd Qtr 1/1/23-3/31/23			
	\$90,500.33	\$84,046.23	\$6,454.10
4th Qtr 4/1/23-6/30/23			
	\$93,735.36	\$117,570.79	-\$23,835.43
YTD			
	\$376,371.26	\$350,393.55	\$25,977.71

Announcing the Weekly Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM

Less than 100 years ago in 1931, a young Polish nun, Sister (now Saint) Faustina began receiving messages and visions of Jesus that she memorialized in a diary, published under the title "Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska".

One day, in 1935, St. Faustina saw that an angel was being sent by God to punish a particular city for its sins so she prayed the following words that she heard interiorly to plead to God for mercy:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us." (Diary, 475)

The angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment. The next day, as Saint Faustina was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice instructing her to add "*and on the whole world*" to the end of the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." From then on, she recited this form of prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying.

In subsequent revelations, the Lord said the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world and told Sister Faustina that extraordinary promises would be given to those who recite it:

- "Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this Chaplet... It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them." (Diary, 848)
- "Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy." (Diary, 687)
- "It pleases me to grant everything souls ask of me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one... Write that when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the Merciful Savior." (Diary, 1541)
- "At the hour of their death, I defend every soul that will say this Chaplet as I do my own glory. When this Chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, and His unfathomable mercy envelops the soul." (Diary, 811)
- "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that may be said at any time but is most meaningful at 3:00PM – the "Hour of Great Mercy" – in remembrance of the hour of Christ's death on the cross. From this Sunday forward, all are invited to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM here in the church. Once the chaplet is memorized, you can pray it daily on your own by setting your cell phone's alarm for the 3PM hour. The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to pray, and many graces are afforded by its recitation.

For those who would like to do more, Father Ray would like to invite anyone interested to accompany him to hospital and home visits to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and the dying. Please let the front office, Father Ray or Dara Yatsushiro know if you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry.

Coffee & Donuts Time!

Sponsored by Jody Bryan (St. George Parishioner 1996-1999)

You are invited to refreshments and fellowship in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Don (d. 2014) and Jody Bryan renewing their wedding vows on their tenth anniversary with Fr. William (Bill) Mattimore at morning Mass on a beautiful Sunday on August 13, 1998.



**SUNDAY
AUGUST 13
2023**

after the 9:30 a.m. Mass



*Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday, August 15, 2023
6:30 p.m. Rosary
7 p.m. Mass