

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 6, 2023 | Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



**The Lord is king,  
the Most High  
over all the earth.**

## SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Jesus is God Who became man. At all times, except one, He looked like any other human being. Only once, in the Transfiguration, did the glory of His divinity shine through His humanity. Christ is present among us and in us; He is present in the Eucharist and in His word. Let us pray that we shall always recognize the presence of Christ, even when we do not see His glory.

### 1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Jesus referred to Himself as the “Son of Man.” The title came from today’s first reading. The “Son of Man” stands between heaven and earth. He is mediator. He is given glory and kingship.

### 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-19

The Second Letter of Peter was written long after the death of the apostle Peter. Nevertheless, it reflects the vivid experience of Peter in seeing the Transfiguration of Christ. The epistle proclaims that our faith does not rest on fables or myths, but on eye witnesses.

### Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

The divinity of Jesus shines through His humanity just as He is about to begin His journey to Jerusalem for His suffering, death and resurrection. The glory of the Transfiguration is intended to strengthen the apostles for the coming ordeal.

## 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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## OFFICE HOURS

Tue—Fri, 9am—noon

## MASS TIMES

Saturday at 6 p.m. Sunday Liturgy

Sunday at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday thru Saturday at 7 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5:15–5:45 p.m. 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.

The pastor will do home visits on a regular basis on the 2nd Friday of every month. Call the parish office to schedule a visit.

## 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—9:30 a.m.

Please register at the parish office.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K – 5, 8:15—9:15 a.m.

Grades 6 –12, 10:30 a.m.—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 6 p.m.

## Rosary

Monday—Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Second Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m.

## Respect Life Rosary

First Wednesday of the month at noon in the Meditation Garden

## Fatima Rosary

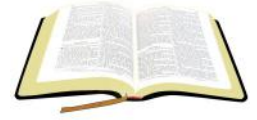
13th day of the month at noon in the Meditation Garden

## Novena to St. Joseph

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

Do you want to be in heaven when your journey in this world is over? Of course you want to be in heaven, only a fool would say that he doesn't want to be in heaven. Would you be willing to sacrifice something of yourself for you to go to heaven? Let us say, even a little bit of your comfortable life. The episode of the Transfiguration of the Good Lord clearly tell us that there is heaven. And we should aspire to be heaven bound and not hell bound someday. However, there is no free ride going to heaven. You have to sweat it out for you to go to heaven. Many of us may be afraid to sweat it out for the simple reason that sweating it out would require for us to sacrifice something of ourselves. But what is sacrifice in exchange of heaven, what is sacrifice in exchange of everlasting life and what is sacrifice when you'll be in the kingdom of God? After the fleeting heavenly experience of Peter, James and John they descended back to this world. To face their respective share of sacrifice for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. They could have easily avoided the sacrifice by detaching themselves from their Lord and Master. But they chose to stick it out with Jesus in spite of all the hardships and trials. What sacrifices for the advancement of the Kingdom of God are you willing to face head on so that you could also be in heaven someday? – *Marino J. Dasmarinias*

I love to read  
the Scriptures



**Readings for next Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

**Second Reading:** Romans 9:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

### A Stewardship Moment

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior?

### Question of the Week



Which self-interest of mine will I promise to put aside and what cross will I pledge to carry, transfiguring my life and my little part of the world?

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members who were baptized but were not confirmed or received first holy Communion? Or are non-Catholic but are interested in the Church?

If you do, encourage them to participate in this journey of faith. The OCIA team walks with those who are inquiring deeper into the Catholic Church and drawing into relationship with God and others.

Please come to a meet and greet session with coffee and pastries in Mary's Haven meeting room at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Classes will be held Sunday mornings from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. and will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2023. For more information, call the parish office and leave your name, contact number, and e-mail address. Maria and Paul Dumas will contact you to register.

### Mahalo Ke Akua

#### Offerings for July 30, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$4,148

Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50

Mass Intentions—\$30

Outreach—\$45

Religious Education—\$100

Repair & Maintenance—\$6,595

Special Mass—\$243

**Total—\$11,211**



Fr. Raymund and the Santo Nino Filipino group.



NATIONAL  
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Revival**

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

**Do you struggle to forgive those who hurt you?**

**Eucharist as the sacrament of forgiveness.**

At every Mass, when we truly immerse ourselves into it, the forgiveness and healing effect of the Lord toward us is activated. But let's face it, most of us struggle with forgiveness, whether it's letting go of a hurt someone has committed against us or forgiving ourselves of offenses against others. As Catholics, we are well aware that it is important, and indeed, a command, to forgive, yet we still aren't sure how to forgive well. Does forgiveness mean we forget someone's heinous act? Does it mean we ignore the person who has harmed us in the hopes that the wrongdoing will simply vanish? Even if we do realize that "forgiving isn't forgetting," we still vacillate in the place somewhere between authentic forgiveness and guilt over our lack of mercy.

Jesus commands us to forgive "seven times seventy times" in scripture (see Matthew 18:21-22), but many of us cannot simply let go of a deep-seated wound caused by a rift in a relationship or otherwise painful situation. Forgiveness serves a two-fold importance, however: interior peace for the one forgiving, and mercy upon the one being forgiven. Practicing forgiveness likely looks different for everyone, but we can all follow a basic process from hurt to healing.

Pray for the desire to forgive. Bring your wounds to the sacraments. The Eucharist and Reconciliation are called "sacraments of healing" for a reason. Talk over your grief with a spiritual director or trusted friend. Write a letter to the one who hurt you, even if you don't mail it. Pray about it before or if you decide to send it. Even if you never speak to or see the person who hurt you again, pray for that person to receive God's mercy and healing. Forgive each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Next Sunday we will look at quotes on forgiveness from the saints.

**Living. True. Real. Jesus.**

**Calendar of Events  
for Ordinary Time**

**Wednesdays, August 2 and 9**

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

**Sunday, August 6**

11 a.m. Respect Life Ministry meeting in the parish office conference room

3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet in the church

3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Group meeting in the parish office conference room

**Sunday, August 6—Monday, August 14**

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

**Wednesday, August 9**

9 a.m. Public Visitation, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy

11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Louis Kern, 2 p.m. Burial at Diamond Head Memorial Park Cemetery

**Thursday, August 10**

6:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship meeting in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

**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

3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet in the church

**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

**Saturday, August 19**

Novena prayers to St. Joseph in the Meditation Garden

**Sunday, August 20**

Appreciation Lunch for children and youth who are active in ministries

**Sunday, August 27**

7 a.m.—1 p.m. Bloodmobile at St. George Church



The following people will be **commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion** at the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 5.

**Guy Hicks  
Rudy Macanas  
Eric Riturban  
Keoni Seabury**

# 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

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7 p.m. Mass



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WITNESS TO JESUS

Dear Friends,

Peace be with you!

Jesus never experienced old age. He died at age 33. Though fully human like us, he never felt the disorientation of a fading memory, the aches and pains of arthritis, the dimming of his vision, the halting step, diminished strength, loss of hearing and stooped shoulders.

But no one had greater empathy for the widowed and infirm than Jesus. Indeed, his Jewish tradition elevated honoring father and mother to a commandment. And in fact, Jesus' very last instruction before he died, delivered from the cross, was one compelled by his concern for the elderly – his own mother. As recorded in the Gospel of John, "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'" The disciple was John.

Jesus went beyond merely asking John to "take care of" his mother. He declared them mother and son, a profound familial bond, with John taking Jesus' place as Mary's child, also suggesting that Jesus had been caring for his mother, most likely widowed by then, all along. "From that time on, this disciple took her into his home," the Gospel states.

Housing, security, protection, care, family. These also are the priorities of Catholic Charities Hawai'i in its commitment to Hawaii's seniors – our mothers, our Fathers, our grandmothers and grandfathers.

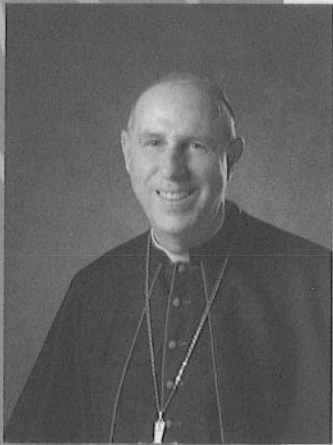
The theme for this year's Catholic Charities Sunday is "His mercy is from age to age," a truth declared by Mary in her Magnificat, and also the theme of Pope Francis' 2023 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

In today's youth-oriented, ego-centric, throw-away culture, our elderly are too often dismissed, shoved aside, left alone, receiving less than adequate care, and no longer valued as contributors to society. Catholic Charities Hawai'i counters that attitude with its strong obligation to our kupuna, assisting them with housing, transportation, counseling, social activities, leisure, case management and more. But our seniors must not only be seen as recipients of services, but treasured as "teachers of tenderness," as Pope Francis put it, "so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look toward the future with hope and responsibility."

Our kupuna are precious. And deserving. Please be generous this Catholic Charities Hawai'i Sunday to support them – and all the other sisters and brothers served by Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Your wonderful support in the past is deeply appreciated!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu



# IMPACT

In 2022, Catholic Charities Hawai'i touched **107,446** lives.

## HOUSING STABILITY & HOMELESS ASSISTANCE



families and individuals housed & safe

## HELP LINE CALLS



provided information and referrals to programs and services

## IMMIGRANT SERVICES



immigrants welcomed with dignity



## FAMILY & YOUTH ENRICHMENT

5,777

children & families strengthened



## OLDER ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

4,544

kūpuna kept connected, healthy and active

## KAUA'I



**3,310** resource family training, family strengthening services, housing assistance, disaster relief and community support services

## MAUI COUNTY



**4,664** resource family training, family strengthening services, housing assistance, disaster relief and community support services

## HAWAI'I



**2,844** family strengthening services, housing assistance, foster care, counseling services, disaster relief and community support services



## SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

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