

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 13, 2023 | Nineteenth 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

Sometimes we seek God in the wrong way and form. The image we have of God is often quite different from the way God really is. God may not appear in thunder and fire and lightning. He may appear on a cross. Let us pray for faith to see God at every moment of our life.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

When God appeared to Moses on Mt. Sinai, there was thunder, lightning and fire. God does not always appear in the spectacular. He is often in the very simple and the gentle things of this world. God expects us to have faith to see Him even when He is silent.

2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

Jesus was not the kind of Messiah the Jews expected or wanted. He did not fit in with their preconceived ideas, for they could not accept the scandal of the cross. Yet even in His agony and His death, Jesus is our Messiah and Lord. We must have eyes of faith to see Him in suffering.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

When Jesus comes to the disciples walking on water, they think that they are seeing a ghost. They did not have the faith to recognize Him. Let us ask our Savior for a firm faith which will see the presence of God in our lives at every moment.



Emergency Aid to Maui and Hawaii island residents needed. Please drop off donations of food and clothing to St. George Church or Hui Mahi'ai Aina. Two 20-foot containers will be shipped to assist those affected by the deadly wildfires.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin

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Music: Celia Wright

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

Dear Parish Ohana,

What happens if you're playing baseball or softball and don't heed the coach's advice to keep your eye on the ball? What happens if you're dicing vegetables and get distracted? What happens if you're hammering in nails and lose focus on the task? In any of those cases you're likely to mess up what you're doing at best, and at worst could actually get pretty hurt. When you're dealing with a dangerous task, whether you're chopping with a knife or driving a car, you want to stay focused so that you can do the job well and safely.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, in the night watch on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples experienced a terrifying storm and Jesus had a powerful lesson to teach them when he said: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." It was a lesson on faith. Your faith, like every other component of your life, needs focus. Without focus, there is no faith. Faith's most basic definition is trust, but if your trust is scattered all over the place, it doesn't actually trust in anyone or anything. Jesus urges us, the Holy Spirit helps us, keep our faith's true focus.

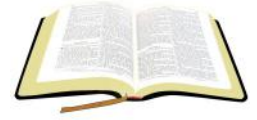
What terrifying storms are in your life? Are sins plaguing you? Focus on your Savior who destroyed them. Are problems weighing you down? Focus on your Savior, who takes care of all things for you. Are you worried about the future? Focus on your Savior, who will be there to help you, no matter what storms may arise. Find that focus in his Word, which reminds us of the unending love and forgiveness for us all. May our prayer be: Lord, help us to keep our focus on you today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.



Offerings for August 6, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$2889
Catholic Charities Hawaii—\$150
Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
Mass Intentions—\$50
Outreach—\$20
Outreach-Family Promise—\$75
Religious Education—\$
Repair & Maintenance—\$205
Total—\$3439

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, August 20, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

A Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own "boat" to take on the impossible.



Question of the Week

Who can I accompany on their journey through stormy waters?
How can I reassure them and assist them?



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Jaeden Dichoso
Atlas Gaborno

August 4, 2023



Members of Worldwide Marriage Encounter visited with us last weekend



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

Are you struggling to forgive in your life? What advice can you add to these quotes from the Saints?

"We will either accuse ourselves or excuse ourselves." -St. John Vianney

It seems that a necessary aspect of genuine forgiveness is humility. Sometimes we are the ones who are at fault and in need of forgiving. We can choose to perpetuate the chasm we've created in our relationships through excuses and rationalizations, or we can look at ourselves honestly and be the first to approach the Throne of Humility through a sincere and entire confession. Reconciliation is always a possibility when humility is the prevailing virtue in a relationship.

"Avoid slander because it is difficult to retract. Avoid offending anyone, for to ask forgiveness is not delightful." -St. John Cantius

Consider the circumstances that often put people at risk for sinning against another. Gossip is among the most common sin that causes misunderstandings, starts rumors, perpetuates lies, and can evolve into massive and irrevocable shifts in relationships. These can be work-related or personal, but the key is that avoiding sin can begin with you and me. Practice charity of speech so that you model it to others.

"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave." -St. John Chrysostom

Jesus exemplified the ultimate act of forgiveness, and we can model this in our daily lives: the perpetual dying to self and rising again in him. This cycle of death and resurrection includes forgiveness. As we die to our pride, our ego is wounded, which causes the need for forgiveness. Once we operate our will to forgive, Jesus intervenes with the grace of healing and the fruit of peace.

Living. True. Real. Jesus.

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 6—Monday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 13

10:30 a.m. Refreshments in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place hosted by former parishioner Jody Bryan

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Prayer and Chaplet in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration

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

12 p.m. Novena prayers to St. Joseph in the Meditation Garden

Sunday, August 20

Appreciation Lunch for children and youth who are active in ministries

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church

Sunday, August 27

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

Donors are needed to give blood. Please sign up for a time slot by scanning the QR code on the bulletin board flyer.

Tuesday, August 29

Family Promise meal delivery. Please donate through St. George indicating Family Promise.

Order of Christian Initiation

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, please encourage them in this journey of faith, to inquire deeper into the Catholic Church and draw 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 email address. Maria and Paul Dumas will contact you to register.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Register Your Child for Religious Education

Registration for religious education for children and youth is now open. You may register online at the St. George parish website or complete a hard copy form which is available in the church at the back table. Completed registration forms may be dropped off to the parish office, or please put it in an envelope marked Religious Education and place it in the collection basket.



Blood Bank of Hawaii

Did you know that all 18 of Hawaii's civilian hospitals rely on our donors to provide blood for everything ranging from cancer and burn treatments to surgeries and transplants. Your neighbors on every island need your support.

The Bloodmobile will be at St. George on Sunday, August 27 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, August 15, 2023
 6:30 p.m. Rosary
 7 p.m. Mass



Father Larry Richards leading men in Adoration

ALL MEN'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP
AUGUST 17, 2023 THURSDAY
Saint John Vianney Church
 920 Keolu Drive
 Dinner 6:30pm
 Donation \$10

Come and meet Father Larry Richards on video for a group discussion. Father Larry will be the speaker at the Catholic Men's Alliance of Hawaii Conference on Saturday Aug. 26.

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August 11th, 2022

Most Reverend

Larry Richard Silva

Bishop of Honolulu

1184 Bishop Street,

HONOLULU, HI – 96813-2859

Your Excellency:

In the temporary absence of Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, I am asked to convey to you the following message signed by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis, who expresses his personal closeness to you and to the people affected by the terrible consequences of the ongoing wildfire on the Island of Maui.

THE MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA
BISHOP OF HONOLULU

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE WILDFIRES ON THE HAWAIIAN ISLAND OF MAUI, AND HE EXPRESSES HIS SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM THIS TRAGEDY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE DIED OR ARE MISSING. HIS HOLINESS ALSO OFFERS THE ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD, INJURED AND DISPLACED, AS WELL AS FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. AS A SIGN OF HIS SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS THE HOLY FATHER WILLINGLY INVOKES UPON ALL THE PEOPLE OF MAUI ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS OF STRENGTH AND PEACE.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Your Excellency may wish to share a copy of the message with local authorities, as a sign of the Pope's closeness.

Offering my personal prayers for the victims as well as for all who generously provide first aid and assistance, with kind regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Msgr. Séamus P. Horgan
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

MAUI FIRE DONATION DROP OFF



AUGUST

**9-
13TH**

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- FOOD
- CLOTHES
- BLANKETS
- PILLOWS
- TOILETRIES

LOCATION



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
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'Ohana Nights Volunteers Needed!

Provide a warm meal and spirit of hospitality to families with children experiencing homelessness. Individuals, families, and organizations are welcome!

Volunteer opportunities available every week:

SATURDAY
SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY

Family Promise of
Hawai'i Office
245 N. Kukui St. #101
Honolulu, HI 96817

5:30-7:30PM

How it works:

- 1 Choose a date on our website - you'll receive more details after signing up!
- 2 Organize dinner for 10-12 people. Home-cooked meals and takeout order are both welcome. We will provide menu suggestions, an exact count of family members, and any dietary restrictions.
- 3 Bring the meal to FPH's office and our Site Coordinator will meet you to get the meal. If a family is at the office, you are more than welcome to stay and eat alongside them

Sign up for one day, an entire week, or a recurring schedule!

Visit our website for more information:

www.familypromiseofhawaii.org/volunteer

Questions? Email: volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org



Sign-up here!