

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 31, 2023 | The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph must be the primary model of our family life. We are members of the family of God through baptism. Jesus is our Brother; God is our Father. Let us pray that our families will always show forth the joy and happiness and love of God.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah bore a son whom she called Samuel. A son she asked of the Lord. After Samuel was weaned she took him to the temple and presented him to the Lord. She left him there to be dedicated to the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Living a life of faith in Jesus and of Christian love assures us of abiding in God no matter what our feelings may at times tell us. Our obedience gives us confidence in prayer and trust in God's judgment. This obedience includes our belief in Christ and love for one another.

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

The gospel of today is the finding of the child Jesus in the temple. As we listen to the gospel, let us try to think of the role of each member of our own family in the light of the Holy Family. Father, mother and children have distinct roles to fulfill in respect and in love for the good of the entire family.



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 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 8 a.m. to 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,

HAPPY HOLY FAMILY & NEW YEAR 2024!

The beginning of a new calendar year brings us special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God to prepare for our journey toward eternity. It is also usually a time to look back to what has been and to look forward to what can be. Each year begins with reflections on Mary's greatest title, "Mother of God," and how her motherhood gives us courage and hope to start anew like she did with a "yes" to serve.

All this happened in the context of a human family, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which we celebrate this Sunday. Today, we see the important link between the birth of our Savior and the family. Jesus could have arrived in any number of ways, but He came as a vulnerable and humble baby, truly conceived in and born of the Virgin Mary, and raised in a home provided for by Joseph and Mary. Jesus came to make all things new to redeem mankind and His very first act was to renew the human family, to sanctify it, setting it apart for holiness.

Each and every one of us, is a product of the family in which we were raised. We all grow up in families with ups and downs, joys and challenges. What is important is how each member responds and whether we remain steadfast in the love and light of Christ and in doing so, grow in faith and hand on that faith to our children. The Holy Family, like yours and mine, knew and experienced hardships and tensions, but were a model and example to be followed by all families.

As the New Year looms, the Parish staff extend our wishes to you all that it be one filled with faith, hope and love. May our Lord and Savior be our rock of strength at all times.



Offerings for December 24, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$3515
- Christmas—\$5084
- First Offering—\$20
- Filipino Ministry—\$25
- Mass Intentions—\$390
- Outreach—\$186
- Repair & Maintenance—\$7086
- Simbang Gabi—\$586
- Total—\$16,892**

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, January 7, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

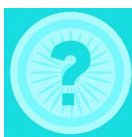
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

A Stewardship Moment

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways ?

Question of the Week



How does my faith affect the way that I treat the members of my family? How can my faith help me grow to be a better parent/sibling/daughter/son?



St. George Baby Shower

Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. to celebrate mothers who are pregnant and families who have newborns (up to the age of 1). Sign up sheet is on the table at the front of the church. If you are pregnant or have had a newborn, please also contact the office or Jeremy Kwock in the Respect Life ministry.

March for Life 2024

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6 p.m. March for Life Mass and a Holy Hour of Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Honolulu.

Friday, January 19, 2024, March for Life Rally at the State Capitol, 3-6 p.m. Please join to support a Culture of Life. Sign up sheet is on the table at the entrance to the church. Please indicate if you need help with transportation.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

Best Practices at Mass continued . . .

Show up at least a few minutes early. If for some reason you cannot be on time, then try to sit in the back so you don't disturb others. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and prepare yourself better for Mass.

Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting. The exceptions are emergencies (big ones, not everyday ones) and if you do use one, please walk out of church to do so. If you are using the phone for readings or prayers, this is appropriate.

When we enter and leave Church, genuflect toward the Tabernacle. Christ is present for our sake. By allowing our right knee to hit the floor, we acknowledge he is our Lord and God. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a bow is sufficient. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle, bow reverently.

Please be quiet while in church. Once you enter the sanctuary, it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk, do so quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing to someone who is in prayer, which is much more important. Shhh.

Take loud children to the back. Every parent knows that sometimes the baby is going to have a bad day. Sit on the end of a pew, if you can, and take the kid to the back quickly. Don't wait too long before you make a move. There is no reason to be embarrassed about having to quiet your child in the back of the church. It is worse to allow them to disturb Mass continually.

Don't chew gum in church. It breaks your fast, it's distracting, it is considered impolite in a formal setting, and it doesn't help us pray better. Can you imagine the Pope popping gum during Mass?

Kalua Pig Fundraiser for Outreach Ministry

Tickets on sale in January 2024 for pickup on February 3 & 4. Donations accepted and manpower is needed for this event. Contact Amber 808-864-8915 or Vanessa 808-348-5171 for more information.

Christmas Season Calendar

Sunday, December 31

11 a.m. 70th Anniversary Committee meeting in the parish office meeting room

Monday, January 1, 2024

8 a.m. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 3

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

Friday, January 5

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church for 10 hours. All are invited to spend a portion of their day with the Lord on the first Fridays of every month this year. Please read the pew card in church on how to make a Holy Hour. (7 a.m. Daily Mass, 8 a.m. Exposition and Adoration, 6 p.m. Benediction and Reposition)

Sunday, January 7

Masses for the Epiphany of the Lord

Opening Celebration of St. George Parish's 70th Anniversary Year

9:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Larry Silva

11 a.m. Opening Celebration Fellowship

11 a.m. Respect Life Baby Shower

Thursday, January 16

9 a.m. Red Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Friday, January 12

Pastor's visits to the homebound

Saturday, January 13

12 p.m. Fatima Rosary in the Meditation Garden

Sunday, January 14

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Thursday, January 18

9 a.m. Visitation, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy, 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Frances Parker

6 p.m. March for Life Mass with Bishop Larry Silva at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Friday, January 19

9 a.m. Visitation, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy, 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Evon Leilani Silva

12 p.m. Novena for St. Joseph in the garden

3—6 p.m. March for Life rally at the State Capitol

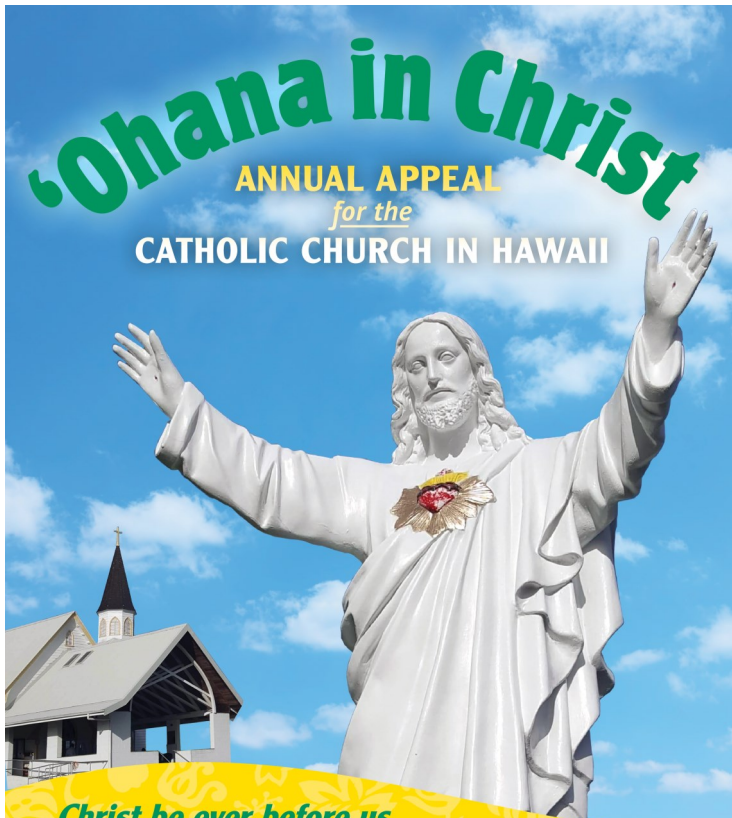
Sunday, January 21

St. George 70th Anniversary Santo Nino Celebration.



4 p.m. Mass followed by Sinulog cultural presentation and fellowship potluck

'Ohana in Christ

ANNUAL APPEAL
for the
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII



Christ be ever before us
Christ be ever behind us
Christ be ever within

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Church is always bigger than what we see every weekend or every day. As St. George Parish, we are a part of the Diocese of Honolulu which encompasses 66 parishes across all major Hawaiian Islands. In fact, Waimanalo had its first Catholic chapel as far back as 1842, making it one of the oldest Christian mission grounds on Oahu's windward side. 70 years ago, we separated from Kailua's St. Anthony of Padua parish and became our own parish community named for our patron, St. George.

As good stewards of God's gifts, we contribute financially to our parish life and ministry. We are also called to support the diocese. One way we do that is through the annual 'Ohana in Christ annual appeal. This weekend as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, let us remember all the ways we are connected as one Catholic family in Hawaii. The diocese may sometimes seem like a distant thing, but St. George Parish benefits from the services it provides us all the time. I see that especially in my ministry as Pastor.

Our religious education program receives support and training through the diocese's Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Couples marrying participate in the diocese's Engaged Encounter. We priests receive support and training through the Office of Clergy. The diocese educates seminarians who will serve the Church as priests in the future. The Respect Life Office helps us give witness to the value of human life. The Tribunal works with Catholics examining a past marriage in the annulment process. Bishop Larry, in his roles as shepherd of this local church, is present in multiple ways, responding like a good pastor to the needs that come to his desk. All this and so much more is what we support through Ohana in Christ.

Our goal for this year is \$7726, of which we have already collected \$4575. Please help us meet our goal. Any gift large or small is appreciated. Yellow envelopes are in the pew. Please take one and ask the Lord for guidance and please make a gift.

Mahalo for your generosity to our 'Ohana in Christ!

In Christ, Fr. Raymund Ellorin, Pastor



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We are called to Love One Another.
Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life!

Friday, January 19, 2024 3 - 6 p.m.

State Capitol

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6 p.m.

St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva

