

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 4, 2024 | The Fifth 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

This is often a very dull and depressing time of year. The weather is often bad in many parts of our country. We experience a certain "let down" after Christmas and before Easter. Life can be drudgery for many of us. But Christ is near to lift us from our depression. He comes to bring us Good News.

### 1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

The Book of Job struggles with the question of why bad things happen to good people. Since Job knew nothing about eternal rewards and punishments, the answers are not very satisfying. Without Christ, we could easily think that life is nothing but drudgery. Old Testament wisdom presents the problems which only Christ can solve.

### 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16 - 19, 22- 23

St. Paul was hurt by the Corinthians. He had given everything for them, and he was repaid by ingratitude. Victims of ingratitude must remind themselves that the only thanks which counts is God's blessing.

### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Crowds of people constantly pressed in around Jesus. He often wished to get away to quiet places for prayer in solitude. But crowds would still search for Him until they found Him. Like Jesus, we need quiet moments of prayer, in order that we may more ardently live and proclaim the Good News.

## 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, 9 a.m.—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,

This Sunday, the first reading is tough to hear and we admire Job (Job 7:1-4.6-7). *"Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service...? Day after day... drags on."* Is that a picture of my life? How often have we heard people speak like that? Perhaps at times we have felt like that ourselves. Fed up with life, bored with our work. How many people do we know who get no enjoyment or satisfaction whatever out of their work? *"I just do it for the money."* How sad! We talk of the patience of Job. But for many it is real – depression, which is a huge illness that many suffer from. Job is the example and the hero of depression. He just had it bad. All had gone wrong, and he felt no good, no hope, no meaning. The family collapsed, wealth disappeared and he cursed the day he was born. He went through all of the depressions people have, but somehow kept that glimmer of light alive. Through faith, he never totally lost God, and God never lost him.

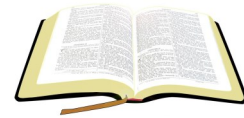
In the Gospel reading on the other hand, the many illnesses people were faced with were brought to Jesus and he healed them all. Peter's mother-in-law too, had an ailment and through faith, she would receive healing. But for her, it never ended there. Upon being healed, she got up and started serving. Service of others was a show of gratitude to the one who had brought wholeness to her life. Jesus was the master of serving others with joy. He did it because of the nature of his life. While he served, he never forgot to take some time in prayer to be recharged. We too can learn from our Master how to live balanced Christian lives. May we be warriors of prayer and serve the Lord with gladness and gratitude for he continually heals us of our physical infirmities and especially of our sinfulness when we call upon him in faith. *Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases (Mt. 8:17).*

## Giving Thanks to God

### Offerings for January 28, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$2638  
Filipino Catholic Club—\$30  
First Offering—\$40  
Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$50  
Outreach—\$96  
Repair & Maintenance—\$556  
Youth—\$100  
**Total—\$3510**

I love to read  
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, February 11, 2024

**First Reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

**Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

### A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel we encounter a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus: "The whole town was gathered at the door." Jesus could not possibly respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns and being present to them. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?



### Question of the Week

How do I best learn more deeply about Jesus?

Please consider signing up for the **National Eucharistic Revival Conference**. This conference is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the Eucharist in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The conference will be held in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024.

The conference is part of a three-year revival initiative launched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to rekindle devotion to the Eucharist. The initiative aims to help us return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is more important than ever in these challenging times.

You will join thousands of fellow Catholics in nine days of prayer that will ignite your desire for transformation and instill a vision for the healing grace God wants to unleash in our world. You can learn more about the conference by going to their website at [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org). The Diocese of Honolulu purchased tickets for this event – if you or your group would like to get tickets please email [euchcongress2024@rcchawaii.org](mailto:euchcongress2024@rcchawaii.org).



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

## Introductory Rites continued . . .

### The Collect

After the Gloria, the priest invites the people to pray. This prayer is known as the **collect**, because it collects all the prayers of the people as individuals, and unites us as a community in prayer. All, together with the priest, we observe a *brief silence* so that we may be conscious of the fact that we are in God's presence and may formulate our petitions mentally. Then the priest says the prayer. In accordance with the ancient tradition of the Church, the collect prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. The people, uniting themselves to this entreaty, make the prayer their own with the acclamation, Amen.

This collect is sometimes called the "Opening Prayer," but this is a misnomer because it actually closes out, rather than opens, the Introductory Rites of the Mass.

Importance of the Introductory Rites: If the introductory rites were so inconsequential, no more important than the opening credits of a film, wouldn't the Church just remove them from the Order of Mass and cut 10-15 minutes from the Mass? Since they haven't done so, it would seem to be a good evidence of their importance and indispensability. *So come early, sing along during the procession, search your conscience during the penitential rite, remember the mercy of God during the Kyrie Eleison, praise the glory of God during the Gloria, and allow your personal prayers to be gathered in and made one with all the prayers of the people during the collect.*



Please bring your blessed palms from last year to make ashes for this year. Place them in the baskets in church.



## 70th Anniversary Calendar

The theme of the Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration is "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe" and the theme song is "We Remember" from Marty Haugen.

### Sunday, February 4

10:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Pickup Kalua Pig Fundraiser orders. Contact Amber at 808-864-8915 or Vanessa at 808-348-5171 for alternate pickup or delivery options.

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayers in the Church

### Wednesday, February 7

12 p.m. Respect Life Novena

### Thursday, February 8

Funeral Mass for Elizabeth M. Daoang

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

10:30 a.m. Mass (*new time*)

2 p.m. Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery



### Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11

Distribution of 70th Anniversary t-shirts after all Masses

### Sunday, February 11

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayers in the Church

### Tuesday, February 13

12 p.m. Fatima Rosary in the garden

### Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

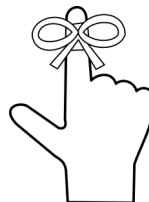
Day of Fasting and Abstinence

7 a.m. Mass and distribution of ashes

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### Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18

Distribution of 70th Anniversary t-shirts after all Masses.



Please have exact payment amount for unpaid t-shirt orders at the time of t-shirt pick up. New orders will not be taken until all existing orders are filled. Mahalo for your support and understanding!

## St. George Parish Children's Choir



Beginning THIS Summer!

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# DEACON



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**ABOUT US**  
The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is a five-year intensive program that prepares men spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally for Ordination. Men (and if married, their wives) will be formed and sent to teach, to guard and to bear witness to, and to serve the Church through their witness to Jesus, and their diaconal ministries of Word, Service and Charity.

**INQUIRY WEEKENDS**  
These weekend retreats offer a spiritually enriching encounter, filled with valuable information, providing men and their wives a profound experience to deeply explore the diaconate vocation. Whether you've felt a diaconal calling or have just a faint inkling of one, you should attend. To be considered for the next cohort, applicants must attend one of these mandatory weekends, with their spouses if married.  
• April 12 - 14  
• May 3 - 5  
• June 14 - 16

**CONTACT US**  
We invite you to reserve a space online at our website:  
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For questions and concerns: [deaconformation2@rcchawaii.org](mailto:deaconformation2@rcchawaii.org)  
Or call us at: (808) 203-6777

All accommodations, plus airfare for neighbor islanders will be covered by the program.

[WWW.CATHOLICAHAWAII.ORG/FORMATION](http://WWW.CATHOLICAHAWAII.ORG/FORMATION)



## Married Couples Celebration

Sunday, February 25  
11 a.m. (immediately following 9:30 a.m. Mass)

Open to the parish, especially married couples.

The signup sheet for the event will be located at the back of the church. Vanessa Dela Cruz and Louanna Kaio will be available after Mass to assist with the signups. Please note the number of years married.

Seven couples that signup by February 18th will be included in a drawing to receive a couple's portrait by church artist Joe Aragon. Drawing will be held after the February 18th Mass and the winners will be notified.

Couples that signup by February 18th will also receive a special event favor.

Lunch will be provided St. George Parish.



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Ko'olau Catholic Men's Fellowship



## Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:19

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**  
Saturday February 10, 2024

St. John Vianney Church  
Kailua

*8:00am Mass*

*Celebrant: Father Arrion Rosales-Liantos*

*Father Arrion is the Chaplain for the Hawaii Catholic Men's Fellowship*

***Breakfast to follow after the Mass.  
\$10 donation***

**INVITE A FRIEND**

**Guest Speaker:  
Kainoa Fukumoto**

Come and hear Kainoa's powerful testimony of how the Lord brought healing to his wife and family. Kainoa is also an accomplished pianist.

*"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him. And He will help you" Psalm 37:5*



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

## Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Orders, Catholic Schools & Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director of the Office of Worship

DATE: January 16, 2024

RE: **Diocese of Honolulu 2024 Lenten Regulations (Updated 1/16/2024)**

### FASTING

- ❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**February 14, 2024**) and Good Friday (**March 29, 2024**).
- ❖ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

### ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- ❖ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

### EASTER DUTY

- ❖ All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (**May 26, 2024**).

### LENTEN PRACTICES

- ❖ The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially

regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

- ❖ Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Ashes are to be blessed as a sign of our entry into a season of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes.
- ❖ Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a Funeral Outside of Mass may be held.
- ❖ To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included.

### **BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM**

- ❖ In order to allow participation of Catholics throughout the islands, the Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in several locations. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations:
  - a. Kauai: **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m., St. Raphael Church, Koloa.**
  - b. Maui-Lanai: **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Holy Rosary Church, Paia.**
  - c. Big Island: **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Hilo.**
  - d. Oahu-Molokai: **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.**

### **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

“Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #18*). Three major liturgical principles may be of help here:

- a. The Triduum may be viewed a single liturgical action that occurs over a period of three days.
- b. The Triduum is not part of Lent, but in its entirety, celebrates the Easter event.
- c. The entire focus of the Triduum is on the Triumph of the Cross and the Resurrection.

**NOTE: The above directives should be published in parish bulletins for the benefit of the faithful, adding any specific parish or vicariate events. What follows pertains only to clergy and liturgy planners and need not be published for parishioners.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION**

- ❖ Priests should consider using the two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation from time to time during the season of Lent.

## **THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

- ❖ “The Paschal candle should be prepared, which for effective symbolism must be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size, so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the light of the world. It is blessed with the signs and words prescribed in the Missal.”

[Note: Since the Paschal candle is to be lit for all liturgies during the Easter season and during baptisms and funerals, it often happens that the candle burns down so much that it no longer is a sign that clearly proclaims Christ’s victory over the darkness of sin and death. To prevent this from happening, parishes are encouraged to purchase candles that will be able to be proper symbols until the following Easter Vigil. In the Diocese of Honolulu, if the pastor judges that the Paschal candle blessed at the Easter Vigil is no longer able to be the sign it is meant to be, the parish should replace it with a new Easter candle. However, there is no special ceremony for blessing the second candle. It should simply be prepared in the sacristy with the proper date, then placed in the candle holder.]

- ❖ A glass chimney is recommended to shield the flame of the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil liturgy from the time it is lit until it is safely standing in its place in the church.

## **THE EASTER DISMISSAL WITH ALLELUIAS**

- ❖ The dismissal, from the Easter Vigil through the Octave of Easter, ending with the Second Sunday of Easter, inclusive, should be followed by a double Alleluia! preferably sung. The same is true for the liturgies of Pentecost Sunday and its Vigil. *The double Alleluia is not added at other liturgies during the Easter season.*

***When pastoral necessity requires it, the local Ordinary may allow duplicate liturgies on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, but not the Easter Vigil.***

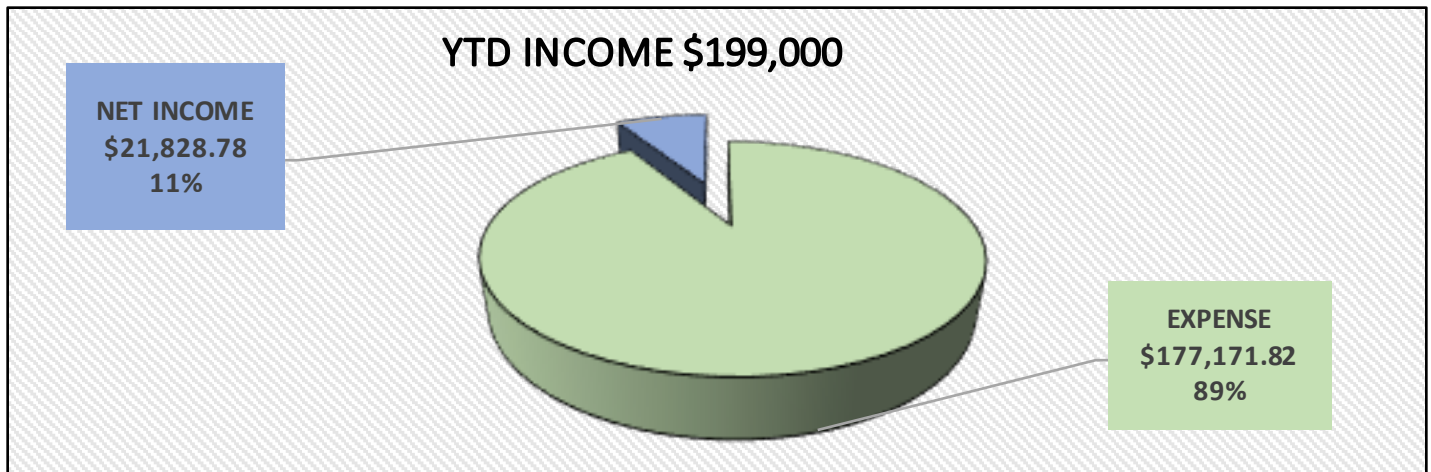
Please feel free to contact me at the Office of Worship, 808-585-3342 or [alguerrero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:alguerrero@rcchawaii.org), should you have any questions.

Blessings!



**St. George Income & Expense Report  
Fiscal Year '24**

<i>Income</i>	<i>Jul '23 - Dec '23</i>	
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	\$	105,097.67
OTHER REGULAR INCOME	\$	3,508.00
REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	\$	-
UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME <i>Includes</i> <i>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	\$	90,394.93
OTHER UNUSUAL INCOME	\$	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>199,000.60</b>
<i>Expense</i>	<i>Jul '23 - Dec '23</i>	
EMPLOYMENT COSTS	\$	59,324.57
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	2,051.56
INSURANCE	\$	4,667.86
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$	3,000.00
SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	\$	29,382.60
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$	-
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$	49,958.21
UTILITIES	\$	9,718.88
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	\$	18,913.55
TAXES	\$	154.59
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>177,171.82</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,828.78</b>



	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Net Income</i>
1st Qtr 7/1/23-9/30/23			
	\$92,187.99	\$99,996.74	-\$7,808.75
2nd Qtr 10/1/23-12/31/23			
	\$106,812.61	\$77,175.08	\$29,637.53
3rd Qtr 1/1/24-3/31/24			
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4th Qtr 4/1/24-6/30/24			
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$199,000.60</b>	<b>\$177,171.82</b>	<b>\$21,828.78</b>