# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH May 14, 2023 | Sixth Sunday of Easter



#### SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Jesus is going away, but will come to us in a more perfect way. He returns to the glory of the Father in order that He may send us the Paraclete, the Spirit of the Truth. The word "paraclete" means "defense attorney." If we love Christ and keep His commands, the Holy Spirit will be our defense against the ridicule and lies and persecutions of this world. Let us be faithful to Christ and confident of the presence of the Spirit.

#### 1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

The Church gradually spread from a narrow group of Jews until it encompassed half-Jews or Samaritans, and finally Gentiles. Today's first reading describes the conversion of the Samaritans. It tells us of the sacrament of Christian maturity by which the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the apostles' hands.

#### 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

No servant is greater than his master. If Jesus suffered, we also can expect ridicule, persecution and suffering. But God will give us His Holy Spirit to strengthen us in every crisis.

#### Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Jesus returns to the Father to prepare a place for us; He always pleads our case before the Father. But Jesus does not leave us orphans; He sends the Holy Spirit to be our "defense attorney" to plead our case before the world. With such power, who can be against us?

#### **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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#### STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin Deacon: John Tolentino Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva

#### **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,

This Sunday's gospel reading opens with a simple, clear and direct statement from Jesus: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." The only way in which we can demonstrate our love for God and Jesus in a world filled with billions of people, all loved into life by God and all created in the image of God, is to love without reservation every person we encounter. Jesus himself proclaimed that the greatest commandment is to love. And that is a theme that runs all through John's Gospel and Letters. In fact he goes so far as to say that anyone who claims to love God and hates his or her neighbor is a liar: "... whoever does not love their brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (1 John 4, 20).

Without love in their early years, children shrivel and die. Without love and affirmation in our adult years, we struggle with relationships, we fail to find self-acceptance and we don't find lasting, inner peace. Irrespective of our age and personal maturity, we all know how much we need to be loved, accepted, affirmed, encouraged and wanted. And occasionally we know the pain and loneliness that fill our lives when those experiences are missing. Jesus knew the confusion, disorientation and depression that awaited his disciples once he had left them and promised that he would not leave them to fend for themselves, to know the experience of being orphaned. So, he promised them the support of an Advocate who could not be any closer, the Spirit of God who would dwell with them. And that same Spirit is alive and dwells in each of us.

In more concrete ways, we show our solidarity with all God's creatures, especially the needy, by sharing our time, talents, and treasure.



In the Spirit of Love

Offerings for May 7, 2023 Sunday Offertory—\$3731 Marriages-\$300 Mary Lou Scholarship Fund-\$50 Mass Intentions—\$50 Outreach—\$100 Repair & Maintenance—\$5685 Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund-\$304 **Total—\$10,220** 





Readings for next Sunday, May 21, 2023 First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



#### Question of the Week

How can I respond with grace and respect to someone who maligns me or strongly disagrees with me? Can I imagine my response defusing the disagreement?



#### Thank you for your service!

Many thanks to Fe and Dario Duque, Leonides and Loreto Bolibol, and Adelina Dela Penia for cleaning the church and Meditation Garden last week.



#### Prayer Group Forming

Our parish is forming a prayer group dedicated to the Divine Mercy. If you are a devotee of the Divine Mercy or would like to learn more about this prayer group, please sign up at the entrance of the church and Fr. Raymund will contact you.



#### Seeking Volunteers to serve in Outreach Ministry

Are you interested in joining the outreach ministry to serve the greater needs of the Waimanalo community? Please sign up at the entrance to the church.

Thank you to those who serve in the **Bereavement Ministry** providing families with comfort, support and healing through the loss of their loved one.

#### A Stewardship Moment

Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship.



We are so proud of our young, baptized parishioners who after a period of faith formation and instruction were strengthened for service to the Body of Christ and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. They also joined us for the first time around the Eucharistic Table, sharing our oneness of faith, life, and worship by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.



Raymond "Peregrine" Acdal Rylei-Rose "Hildegard" Bickford Victoria "Teresa" Neumann Mila "Teresa" Parker

On your Confirmation and First Holy Communion!





View more pictures and the full bulletin with additional announcements and flyers on our parish website by scanning the QR code with your phone.

## The Season of Easter

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#### Tuesdays, April 25 through May 30

5—6:30 p.m. Art Class with Joe Aragon for anyone who enjoys drawing, sketching and painting.

#### Thursdays, April 27 through June 1

5—6:30 p.m. Beginners Ki Ho'alu; Slack Key in the Old Style with Walter Carvalho. Bring your own guitar.

#### Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14

Happy Mothers Day! Blessing and a special gift for all mothers at Sunday Liturgy Masses

#### Sunday, May 14

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Adoration. Pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church

#### Wednesday, May 17

7 p.m. Men's Fellowship Meeting in the church

#### Friday, May 19

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

6 p.m. Priestly Ordination of Deacon Arrion Rosales-Llantos at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

#### Saturday, May 20

8 a.m. Ordination to the Order of Transitional Deacon of Kurt Keali'i Meyer and Francis Hai Thanh Pham at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

#### Sunday, May 21

St. George Parish celebrates Mothers Day

10:45 a.m. Brunch, games, and gift-making for mom. Families are invited to celebrate together in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

#### Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion at all Masses on Corpus Christi Feast

#### Tuesday, June 13

9 a.m. Public Visitation and 11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Keith Kauwe

#### Saturday, June 17

9—11 a.m. Proclaiming the Word for Liturgy and Prayer Service Workshop with Stephanie Conching in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place. Fellowship and food provided by the parish to follow.

9 a.m.—2 p.m. Sidewalk Advocates for Life at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church in Mililani. Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life.

#### Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15

"JESUS Thirsts for America", a 21-city, 3-year National Evangelization tour that began in November 2022 is coming to Oahu on July 15, 2023. Register at www.spiritfilledevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii



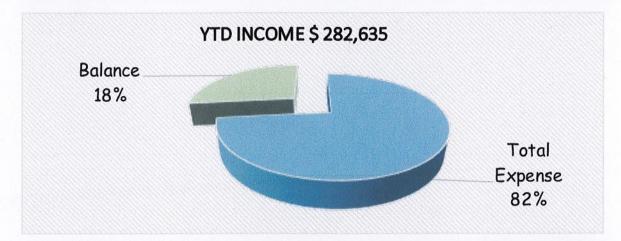


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St. George Income & Expense Report Fiscal Year '23				
Income	Jul '22 - Mar '23			
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	\$	149,752.10		
OTHER REGULAR INCOME	\$	8,681.00		
REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	\$	4,022.00		
UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME Includes Building & Maintenance Fund	\$	120,180.80		
Total Income	\$	282,635.90		
Expense	Jul '22 - Mar '23			
EMPLOYMENT COSTS	\$	84,890.47		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	6,750.67		
INSURANCE	\$	15,150.00		
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$	3,050.00		
SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	\$	24,818.30		
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$	3,162.74		
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ .	58,349.54		
UTILITIES	\$	7,810.64		
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	\$	28,364.00		
TAXES	\$	476.40		
Total Expense	\$	232,822.76		
Balance	\$	49,813.14		



Inco	ome	Expense	Net Income
1st Qtr 7/1/22-9/30/22			
\$75,08	31.39	\$51,867.98	\$23,213.41
2nd Qtr 10/1/22-12/31/22			
\$117,05	54.18	\$96,908.55	\$20,145.63
3rd Qtr 1/1/23-3/31/23			
\$90,50	0.33	\$84,046.23	\$6,454.10
4th Qtr 4/1/23-6/30/23			
	50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
YTD			
\$282,63	35.90	\$232,822.76	\$49,813.14



## ALL MEN'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP For the Men of Saint George's Parish Invite a Friend

### Wednesday May 17, 2023 7:00PM *Meet at the Church*

Come and meet other men from the parish For fellowship and prayer

"Strengthen the Man, strengthen the Family" "Strengthen the Family, Strengthen the Church" "Strengthen the Church, transform the Community"

"Unite your heart with God...remember always that God is eternal and work courageously in order one day to be united with Him forever!" Father Damien de Veuster of Molokai Holy Trinity Catholic Church 5919 Kalanianaole Hwy, Kuliouou

You are invited to a party to celebrate new moms, new families and new life. Sunday, May 21, 2-4 pm, in our Makai House (behind the school building)



We would love to have you join us.

Invite a new mom or a soon-to-be mom so we can celebrate with them.

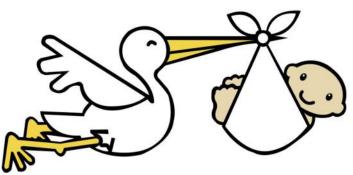
Please RSVP for the party and let us know how many people will be attending with you. Our shower contact is:

showerhtc@gmail.com





## It's a Baby Shower



Holy Trinity Catholic Church Walking with Moms Respect Life Committee "COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." MATTHEW 11:28

St. George Catholic Church

AT 7 PM

INVITES YOU TO A MEMORIAL MASS

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Your loved one who departed in 2022-2023 will be honored at this Mass.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY OF ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH 41-1323 KALANIANAOLE HWY. WAIMANALO, HAWAII 96795



God himself speaks to us through sacred Scripture. It is the responsibility of lector and prayer leaders to proclaim the text in a clear and understandable manner.

Join **Stephanie Conching for a Workshop** on Proclaiming the Word for Liturgy and Prayer Service.

We will combine experiences in the Performing Arts, liturgical Ministries and Proclamation of The Word. Participants will leave feeling confident in their abilities to fully share God's message

> Date: June 17, Saturday Where: Fr. Bill Gathering Hall Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM Fellowship (food provided by Parish) to follow

Stephanie has served as music minister for Sacred Heart, Punahou, Resurrection of the Lord, and is currently serving at St. Anthony of Padua in Kailua. Stephanie is also an instructor for the Diocese of Honolulu Office of Religious Education. She is a stage director, commercial and stage actor, and theatrical consultant.



### Bulletin Announcement/Flyer

Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life and help women and men entering the abortion facility to choose life! We offer a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding method that is very compassionate and woman-oriented and credited with saving thousands of lives at abortion facilities across the United States and beyond! Our next training will be held on **Saturday**, **June 17**, **from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at St John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church in Mililani.** If you would like to learn this method and check out our program, please contact Program Leader Patrick Guzman, at **(808)351-6179** or email **pguzman\_5k@yahoo.com**. More information at **sidewalkadvocates.org**!



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5 National Presenters have been approved by our Diocese to minister in Hawaii: Dcn. Steve Greco, Barbara Hiel, Dcn. Larry Oney, Andi Oney, and Kathleen Beckman. Their presentations are geared towards the love of the Sacraments, focusing on the **Eucharistic Revival** and encouraging people to not only be Disciples of JESUS CHRIST but to also lead others to HIM.

Movement organizer, **Dcn. Steve Greco**, is the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation at the Diocese of Orange, and president of Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry, which engages in evangelization and support of the foreign missions.

**Barbara Heil** is a longtime protestant minister convert with experience ministering to the poor, in children's camps and inner-city missions. Heil discovered late in life that she had been baptized as a child in the Catholic Church. She received the Rite of Confirmation in 2013 and has since ministered around the world.

**Deacon Larry Oney** of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and his wife Andi Oney. Deacon Oney is the founder and president of Hope and Purpose Ministries in Louisiana, which he created in part to provide mentorship through the creation and distribution of Catholic materials in all forms of media.

Andi Oney, international evangelist and author, previously served in education for 12 years. In 2013 her life changed while attending an International Prophetic Consultation gathering of leaders in Bethlehem, Israel. While in Israel, she experienced a dramatic conversion as she prayed in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, believed to be the site of the Last Supper and Pentecost.

Evangelist Kathleen Beckman, a popular presenter on topics including the spiritual life, Eucharistic life, healing and deliverance ministry,

Divine Mercy, Mary, and the spirituality of Blessed Conchita Cabrera. She is author of four best-selling books, "Praying for Priests," "God's Healing Mercy," "When Women Pray" and "A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare". For twenty-five years, and in thirteen countries, through Catholic radio and television, writing and speaking, she has served in the Church's ministry of evangelization.

Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate Mass. Dominic Olaso (Head of the Diocesan Evangelization TaskForce) will emcee and lead the Praise & Worship.

To register for the "I Thirst" Hawaii, go to https://www.spiritfilledevents.com/i-thirst-hawaii

