

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## January 5, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord



### 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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### TODAY'S READINGS:

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "glorious appearance." The Epiphany of our Lord celebrates His glorious coming for the salvation of ALL mankind. He offers gifts of forgiveness, peace and salvation to ALL. He reconciles ALL peoples, and shows Himself as Lord of ALL.

**First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6** - Today's first reading was written after the Jewish people had been released from captivity in Babylon. It describes the glory of Jerusalem which is to be rebuilt by the returning captives. The glory of Jerusalem is to be for Gentiles (pagans) as well as for Jews. All nations are called to share in the light of God.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6** - St. Paul was a rabbi, a Pharisee of Pharisees. It was very hard for Paul to realize how any non-Jew (or "Gentile") could share in the blessings promised by God to His Chosen People through Abraham. In his writings, Paul constantly marvels at the "mystery" of God's love which embraces Jew and Gentile and which reconciles all people in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12** - Today's gospel is the story of the Magi or Wise Men who came to find the newborn King. The Magi were Gentiles or pagans. The lesson is that all peoples are called to share in the light of Christ.

### STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin  
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### 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, 8:15—9:15 a.m.  
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



## Today, we celebrate the feast of The Epiphany of our Lord

“For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.”  
— St John Chrysostom

### Monthly Devotions



Our Lady of Fatima  
Rosary & Novena  
12 PM  
Meditation Garden



St. Joseph  
Rosary & Novena  
12 PM  
Meditation Garden



St. George Church  
invites you to:



Santo Niño  
Rosary and Novena  
January 10-18, 2025  
7 PM

## Evening of Praise, Worship, Healing and Bible Teachings

Every FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 6:30 pm in Church.

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January 7, 2025

Fellowship follows in the parish hall.



If you need to go to confession St. George has confessions on Saturdays from 5:15 pm—5:45 pm.

## I love to read the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, January 12, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

March For Life  
Honolulu, Capitol  
January 24, 2025  
2-5 PM

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Contact Susana & Jeremy Kwock:  
Jermy.kwock@gmail.com



## Divine Mercy Every Sunday at 3 PM

“I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: ‘Jesus, I trust in You.’”

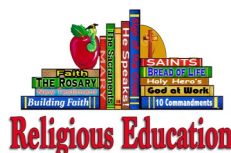
—St. Faustina’s Diary 327



### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office to schedule

(808) 259-7188



### Religious Education Classes resumes on

January 5, 2025

### Offerings for December 29, 2024

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Sunday Offertory—\$ 3846   | Simbang Gabi—\$117.19                            |
| Repair & Maintenance—\$191 | Christmas—\$5,986.35                             |
| Mary Lou Scholarship—\$60  | First Offering—\$110                             |
| Immaculate Conception—\$30 | Ministries:<br>Filipino Catholic Ministry—\$1200 |
| Outreach—\$96              | Total: \$11,636.54                               |





## What is the Epiphany of Our Lord?

The word “Epiphany” comes from Greek—meaning “to show”.

The Epiphany of our Lord is the feast of when the manifestation of our Savior Jesus Christ was revealed! The feast is celebrated on the first Sunday of January.

Three Wise Men traveled from the East in search of Jesus to adore him and give him gifts. These gifts are:

### GOLD

- By presenting Jesus with gold. The Magi were declaring their belief in Jesus being the King of Kings.
- They were also acknowledging his priestly role.

### FRANKINCENSE

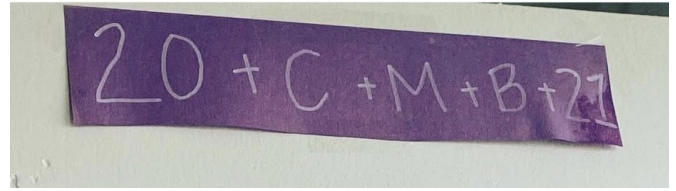
- By presenting Jesus with frankincense, the Magi were declaring their belief in Jesus being our great high priest.
- They were also acknowledging him as the son of God and his own Godhood.

### MYRRH

- In giving Jesus the Myrrh, the Magi were acknowledging that he was here to die for us, suffer for us and that he was a sacrifice for us.
- Giving Myrrh may appear to be an offensive gesture but Jesus’s life was foretold throughout the old text, and the Magi were more then aware of its importance to use.



## An Epiphany House Blessing



Have you ever walked past a door and seen what appears to be random letters and numbers written at the top? These letters and numbers actually have a great significance.

Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, Catholics bless their homes by writing the letters C, M, and B and the numbers of the year on either side — so this year it would look like “20+C+M+B+25.”

The letters stand for the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing “Christus mansionem benedicat,” which means “May Christ bless this house.”

The blessing, which is popular in Poland and other Slavic countries, has spread around the world and is becoming increasingly popular in the United States. How do you bless your home?

Continue to read Catholic News Agency’s article on a Home Blessing on the feast of the Epiphany!

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250029/how-to-bless-your-home-on-the-feast-of-epiphany-2022>

## St. George Parish



### Christmas Season Calendar

January 5, 2025—The Epiphany of The Lord

January 10-18, 2025—Santo Niño Rosary & Novena 7 PM

January 12, 2025—The Baptism of the Lord

January 19, 2025—Feast of Santo Niño 4:30 PM Mass

From St. George Ohana  
to yours,  
Happy New Year!





# 'Ohana in Christ

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GOAL



St. George  
Parish's  
Goal:  
**\$7,565.00**

St. George Church is once again participating in 'Ohana in Christ, the annual appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawai'i. 'Ohana in Christ tends to the spiritual and material needs of the church.

This year, St. George Church's goal is \$7,565. Your donations are critical in assisting the many ministries and services throughout the Diocese of Honolulu.

<https://www.catholichawaii.org/ohana-in-christ/>

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