

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 12, 2025 – The Baptism of the Lord



TODAY'S READINGS: Jesus' baptism was a sign that He took unto Himself the sin and suffering of the world. As the Suffering Servant of the Lord, He will offer His life in order that He may heal us and save us from our sins.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 - The first reading talks about a time when comfort was needed, which is exactly what God was prepared to offer to His people. It is a reminder, that God never gives up on us. God is with us (Emmanuel), even when we choose to ignore his approaches and calls to return to Him. He is particularly with us in times of difficulty and hardship. Our God is a God of comfort and restoration.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 - God's grace has been revealed to save the whole human race; it has taught us that we should give up everything contrary to true religion and all our worldly passions; we must be self-restrained and live upright and religious lives in this present world. He offered himself for us in order to ransom us from all our faults and to purify a people to be his very own and eager to do good. When the kindness and love of God our Savior for humanity were revealed; it was for no reason except his own faithful love that he saved us.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 - Jesus' baptism is a sign of His mission on earth. At the end of His life, He will save the world from sin by His suffering and death. At the beginning of His public ministry, He is baptized in order to show that He is taking upon Himself the guilt and sin of the world. He is truly the Suffering Servant, the Lamb of God Who will take away the world's sin.

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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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



St. George Church
invites you to:



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



Santo Niño
Celebration
January 19, 2025
-4:30 PM Mass-

Sinulog + Potluck Fellowship to follow

Santo Niño is the holy image of Baby Jesus that was introduced to the Natives in the Philippines in 1521 by Ferdinand Magellan. Many Filipinos hold strong devotions and traditions to the Santo Niño and many miracles have been found associated with Santo Niño. Pope Innocent XIII declared that on the 3rd Sunday of January would be the feast day to honor Baby Jesus.



Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office to schedule

(808) 259-7188



If you need to go to confession
St. George has confessions on
Saturdays from
5:15 pm—5 :45 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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February 4, 2025

Fellowship follows in the parish hall.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, January 19, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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



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

Monthly Devotions



Our Lady of
Fatima
Rosary &
Novena
12 PM
Meditation
Garden



St. Joseph
Rosary &
Novena
12 PM
Meditation
Garden

Offerings for January 5, 2025

Sunday
Offertory—\$4811.25

Religious Ed—\$15

Repair &
Maintenance—\$482

Mass Intentions—\$20

Mary Lou
Scholarship—\$50

First Offering—\$1184

Immaculate
Conception—\$50

New Years Day Mass:
The Solemnity
of Mary, Holy Mother of
God—\$334

Outreach—\$120

Total: \$7066.25





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Do You Struggle with Prayer? Take Advice from the Saints—Sr. Kathryn J Hermes

There are many definitions of prayer, but they all point to one thing: love. Prayer is a relationship that tends toward ever closer union with the loved one. In his *Catechism on Prayer*, Saint John Vianney used a striking image to describe the union that prayer brings about: "Prayer is nothing else but union with God.... In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart."

While there isn't a secret technique for praying better, there is a wisdom that the saints knew well: pray as you are able, trust in the unconditional love of God, and take the next best step to deepen your relationship with God.

If you're struggling with prayer right now, be gentle with yourself. Turn to the counsel of these saints to get your prayer back on track.

When You Fall Asleep While Praying

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873–1897), the Carmelite nun known as The Little Flower and who is also a Doctor of the Church, struggled with staying awake while she prayed. For seven years she said she slept during her hours of prayer and her thanksgivings after Communion. The key to unlocking her spirituality, and the wisdom we can learn from her about praying, is this: We are little children before God who loves us immensely. Therefore, we can trust him to keep on loving us even when we struggle and fall. Thérèse wrote in her autobiography *The Story of a Soul*, "I remember that little children are as pleasing to their parents when they are asleep as well as when they are wide awake; I remember, too, that when they perform operations, doctors put their patients to sleep. Finally, I remember that: 'The Lord knows our weakness, that he is mindful that we are but dust and ashes.'"

When You Are Overwhelmed with Doubt, Sadness, and the Struggles of Life

Saint Louise de Marillac (1591–1660) cared for her husband through a prolonged illness until his death. Afterward, she suffered doubts of faith, she questioned the existence of God, she struggled with concerns about her son and the rejection of her family, and she was drowning in a sea of hopelessness and confusion. Louise was in need of support, guidance, spiritual direction, and consolation to get her prayer and her life back on track. She found Vincent de Paul who, as her spiritual director, provided Louise with the direction, understanding, and spiritual guidance she needed. Difficulties in life can lead us also to periods of doubt and desolation. Reaching out to a spiritual friend or director and reading good books on the spiritual life can help us find peace. When she was 42, she cofounded with Saint Vincent de Paul the Daughters of Charity. With her sisters she shared the wisdom she gained through her own struggles in the spiritual life: "Our good God has his time and moments for everything." We can trust that even if things are not going well now, there surely will one day be a time for joy and peace.

St. George Parish Calendar of Events

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

January 12, 2025—The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2025—Our Lady of Fatima
Rosary, 12 Noon
Meditation Garden

January 19, 2025—St. Joseph Rosary & Novena, 12 Noon
Meditation Garden

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

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

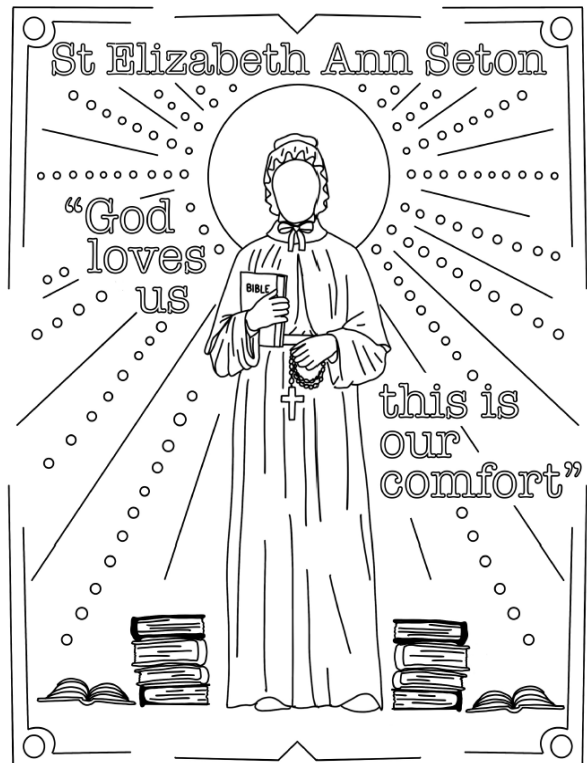
—FOR OUR SAINTS IN THE MAKING—

Saint of the Week: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Patron Saint of: Seafarers, widows, Catholic schools, Orphanages, educators.

Feast Day: January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the first free Catholic school in America



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'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

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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