

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## February 16, 2025 – The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### TODAY'S READINGS:

God's ways are not always our ways. The world values the big, the expensive and the showy. God loves the poor, the outcast and the insignificant. In God's eyes, little things mean a lot. God reads the heart and knows our inmost thoughts. Let us pray that our lives may always be directed by God's values, and not the emptiness of the world.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8** - The Scriptures often contrast "two ways": the way of following God and the way of following evil. Let us pray that we shall be loyal in following God's ways.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16- 20**

Because Christ has risen from the dead, we, too, shall rise. We are one with Him through baptism and Eucharist; His resurrection is the cause of our own resurrection to glory. If He has not risen our faith is useless and we are the deadest of the dead.

**Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26** - Poverty, suffering, hunger and persecution are terrible human evils. Yet in the providence of God, one who suffers these is blessed! He is blessed because he must put his faith entirely in God.

### 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



## 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.'"

## Monthly Devotions



Our Lady of Fatima  
Rosary & Novena  
12 PM  
Meditation Garden



St. Joseph  
Rosary & Novena  
12 PM  
Meditation Garden

## —Altar Server's Meeting—



**Calling all *current, newly commissioned and those interested in being an Altar Server:***

### Altar Servers Meeting:

February 16, 2025  
10:45, St. George Church

Contact: Gabi Gosiaco

## Filipino Catholic Ministry and Sinulog Festival Performers Meeting:

February 23, 2025  
3 PM, Gathering Hall



Contact:  
Rebecca Fuller

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

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

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March 4, 2025

Fellowship follows in the parish hall.  
"Come and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life."

## I love to read the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, February 23, 2025  
First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



## Nā Kūpuna O Kristo

St. George Church will be launching a new ministry with Kupuna in mind. This ministry's objectives would celebrate and strengthen the physical, psychological, sociological and spiritual welfare of our cherished elders. We're looking for loving, committed parishioners to join the committee that plans and executes the activities for this ministry. Please contact Vicky De Silva with your interest. Mahalo for caring for our Kupuna.

Vicky DeSilva: vkulanide48@gmail.com  
(808) 387-1493



## Abelardo Benenoso Verdida



St. George Church  
Saturday,  
February 22, 2025

Family Visitation  
9:30 AM

Mass 11:00 AM

## Offerings for February 9, 2025

### Sunday

Offertory—\$3045

Outreach—\$106

Repair & Maintenance—\$871

Religious Ed—\$20

Mary Lou Scholarship—\$80

Total: \$4122

Mahalo



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

## You Can Plant a Seed at Just the Right Moment – Sami Youaw

People often tell me I'm the most intense convert they've ever met. I can't tell you how many times my friends have told me, "Sami, remember that you have to walk before you can run."

My conversion started where many do, at one of the lowest points of my life. I had just gone through a really bad break-up, and I had lost all perspective on my life. I felt like I was suffering the kind of pain that no one had ever suffered before—dramatic, I know.

During this difficult time when I felt so lost, I found myself drawn to a particular coworker. Maddie was different from the others. She wasn't giving me worldly advice like so many others were. She actually didn't tell me to do anything in particular. She just radiated peace, joy, and security in a world that to me felt upside down. It was this peace that drew me to her.

Watching her made me wonder what it was that made her so peaceful. I can see now, although I missed it completely at the time, that it was not a matter of what but a matter of Who was the source of her peace.

Maddie and I were casually conversing about Easter plans one day when I expressed disappointment that my family no longer did anything special for Easter. That's when she invited me to Mass with her and her husband. I attended Easter Mass in 2023 and found myself confronted with the true presence of God. After that experience at Mass, I devoted all my free time to learning about the Catholic Church and its history, but especially the person of Jesus, our Lord. I began to realize that this was the truth I had always sought. The search started with my curiosity, but quickly my innate intensity kicked into high gear. Just about every single morning I found myself approaching my friend's desk with some new question or confusion. I was trying to learn about the faith mostly through searching on YouTube and Google, so you can imagine my confusion as I tried to put together the pieces of information I was coming across. Maddie was immensely patient and kind, even as I threw her way some of the most insane internet "truths" I had learned.

Once I had decided that I was serious about my conversion, I had to wait almost three months to begin OCIA classes. During that time, my desire to be a Catholic only grew more intense: I longed more and more to receive Jesus in the Eucharist; I began to get serious about emulating those around me who were living the Christian virtues; and I kept on thirsting for deeper knowledge. I now understand that having to wait to begin OCIA, as hard as it was for me back then, enabled those three desires to root themselves irrevocably in my heart.

Looking back, I realize that it wasn't any one single conversation that drew me into communion with the Church. Instead, through conversations with religious sisters, my friends, other Catholics I had grown close to, and priests, God confronted me again and again with his personal love for me.

It was as if God was whispering to me: "Sami, I know exactly what you need to fall more in love with me, and I will provide it."

This incredible journey on which God—and so many others—have walked with me continues still. At the Easter Vigil in 2024, I was received fully into the Church, receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Since then my thirst for understanding, holiness, and the Eucharist has only increased in intensity.

"We need to walk before we can run." I get it. But it was only because I wanted to run, and because others willingly invested their attentive patience and encouragement in me, believing I could run, that I am Jesus' intense disciple today.

My response, then, would be, "You need to want to run, to sense the thrill of running, before you will ever take the first steps!" That's often the gift of a conversation, a seed planted at just the right moment, that transforms everything! It did for me.

## Calendar of Events

- **February 16, 2025:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **February 16, 2025:** Altar Server's Meeting  
10:45 AM,  
St. George Church
- **February 17, 2025:** Presidents' Day  
—OFFICE CLOSED—
- **February 19, 2025:** St. Joseph Novena  
12 Noon  
Meditation Garden
- **February 22, 2025:** Abelardo Verdida  
Funeral Services  
9:30 Family Visitation  
11:00 AM Mass
- **February 23, 2025:** Filipino Catholic Ministry  
Meeting at 3 PM  
Gathering Hall

## —FOR OUR SAINTS IN THE MAKING—



# Calling All Youth!



Join St. George's  
Youth For  
Christ Ministry!



"Remember that you are never alone. Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to him in prayer and in love. Ask him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with him who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life!"  
-St. John Paul II



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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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