

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 03, 2024—Thirty First 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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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'S READINGS: Our Christian moral outlook is basically simple. We must love God above all things, and we must love our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Let us reflect on our basic moral teaching today. Let us resolve to put it into practice.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 - Our first reading contains the oldest prayer known to Jewish tradition. This prayer is called the "Shema" (pronounced SHMAH); it begins every Jewish synagogue service, and is prayed by every Jew every day. The commandment to love God above all things is the basis of the Old Covenant.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28 - It is easy to "Go through the motions" of religion without giving our heart to God. Our second reading reminds us that true love of God means the giving of oneself to God in complete obedience. It means we must be honest and humble. Without the gift of ourselves, our rituals and externals are meaningless.

Gospel: Mark 12: 28b-34 - Today, Jesus answers the question about the "greatest commandment" by quoting two verses from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Jesus is the first teacher to put love of God beside love of neighbor and to teach that these precepts imply each other.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr. Raymund is celebrating his birthday!
Friday, November 8, 2024
 6 PM Thanksgiving Mass
 7 PM Potluck Fellowship
 All Are Invited!



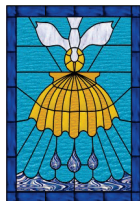
Mexican Catholic Ministry Presents:

MEXICAN FOOD FUNDRAISER

+ Raffle Prizes

Sunday, November 10th, 2024
 After 7 & 9:30 AM MASSES


For More Information,
 Contact: Luisa Gallardo



Please welcome the newest addition to our church:

BRAXTON TAKUSHI

Congratulations on your baptism!
 May our Good Lord Bless you!



Message from the desk of Bishop Larry Silva


Election day is near, kindly see our Parish Website to read Bishop Silva's reminder of the importance of voting. Read his letter at www.StGeorge96795.com

Offerings for October 27, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$3263	Repair & Maintenance—\$90
All Souls & Saints Day—\$150	Filipino Catholic Ministry—\$40
Baptism—\$200	Religious Ed—\$40
Funerals—\$100	MaryLou Scholarship—\$50
Blessings—\$80	
Mass Intentions—\$40	
Outreach—\$135	
	Total: \$4188



I love to read the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, November 10, 2024
First Reading: [1 Kgs 17:10-16](#)
Second Reading: [Heb 9:24-28](#)
Gospel: [Mk 12:38-44](#)

Divine Mercy
 Sunday, November 3, 2024
 3:00 PM



St George Parish Remembrance Mass
 Sunday November 3, 2024
 9:30 AM Remembrance Mass
 11:00 AM Fellowship

Praise and Worship
 Tuesday, November 5, 2024
 6:30 PM Praise & Worship
 7:30 PM Fellowship

Respect Life Novena & Rosary
 Wednesday, November 6, 2024
 12 Noon at the Meditation Garden

Fr. Raymund's Birthday Thanksgiving Mass
 Friday, November 8, 2024
 6 PM Mass
 7 PM Potluck Fellowship

St George's Bereavement Ministry invites you to

ST GEORGE PARISH'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Remembrance Mass

03 November 2024 | 9:30 AM

St George Church, Waimanalo, Hawaii

Remembrance Gathering to follow at the Gathering Hall

*"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
 -Matthew 11:28*

Throughout November, All Souls Day Envelopes will be available. Please see the Front of The Church for envelopes.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

On Failing to Sense the Real Presence

It never felt like Jesus was actually there. And I was studying to be a priest. They should have charged admission to take a picture with me: the seminarian who never experienced God's presence in the Eucharist. Intellectually, it all made perfect sense (and still does). Jesus is God; when he said "this is my body" and "this is the chalice of my blood", he meant it; and in the same event he instituted the priesthood, which makes each Mass a return to the paschal mystery. I loved the idea of dying daily as a priest in the person of Christ...in theory.

Except for the whole lack of personal relationship. What bothered me the most was that I knew how it felt to be in the presence of loved ones. Generally, you have some idea of how they're going to communicate, and how the room feels different when they're in it compared to when they're not. I figured the same should be true of Jesus if he was really present in the Blessed Sacrament, and yet, I couldn't tell if I was just talking to myself. What do you do when you just don't feel it? Usually, you can't force it even if you want to. I would talk to other Catholics to see if they were having similar issues, and nobody had that problem. Even with regular spiritual direction and formation from wise, holy people, it wasn't getting better. So was Jesus not present in the Eucharist after all? Here's one thing I didn't understand: subjective experiences of God's presence don't work mathematically like that. He is free to withhold the sense of his presence if he wants, usually to prevent people like me from caring about the feeling in isolation from the actual fact that he was with me. I wanted my personal relationship to obey an imagined rule that would have constrained God's free action. Here's another thing I didn't understand. When I was out in the world and feeling God's presence, my surroundings usually were not outwardly ordered to God, at least not directly. So when I would feel his presence, it stuck out like a sore thumb. In Mass and adoration, though, the surroundings were rightly oriented around him, so the only thing that stuck out was the one thing not ordered to him: me. My feelings in the liturgy weren't determined by whether or not God was present, they were influenced by my own interior distractions. At least it didn't mean that God wasn't there.

So did it ever get better? It actually did, and it's an experience that has stayed with me ever since, even after discerning out of seminary and living in the world as a lay man. Not right away, but one weekend during a silent retreat, I had the 3:00 am slot during all-night adoration, when the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. I don't know what caused it, all I know is that my only desire in that moment wasn't to go back to sleep or get the retreat over with or to be literally any place else in the world. I was right where I was supposed to be. All I wanted was to stay there, with Jesus Christ.

Looking back, I had a limited understanding of my relationship with Jesus. Even though faith is an assent of the mind to revealed truth, I thought that proper faith would include an emotional experience as reassurance. That simply isn't guaranteed. Sometimes it can be accompanied by an emotional experience, but that isn't necessary, nor a sign, nor the proof. The letter to the Hebrews doesn't include an emotional connection as part of its definition of faith. "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1, NABRE). In demanding, at least implicitly, that faith should be the assurance of things hoped for *with corroborating emotional testimony*, I was putting too much pressure on myself.

So it's all true. Jesus is God. When he said "this is my body" and "this is the chalice of my blood", he meant it. When we don't feel it, St. Thomas Aquinas' hymn, *Adoro Te Devote*, can help:

*"Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true."*

-Andrew Buonopane



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.

Every Sunday

3 pm—Divine Mercy prayers in church

NOVEMBER

November 3, 2024

Remembrance of the Deceased Parishioners

9:30 AM Remembrance Mass

11 AM Remembrance Gathering

November 24, 2024

St. George's Ethnic and Cultural Celebration

6 PM Mass in Different Languages

7 PM Cultural Night and Food

DECEMBER

December 1, 2024

St George's Feeding the Hungry

9:30 AM Outreach mass

11 AM Fellowship with the Needy

December 6, 2024

St George's Commemoration of the Blessing Of the Church on December 6, 1959 by Bishop Sweeney

6 PM Mass

7 PM Simple Refreshment

Evening of Praise, Worship, Healing and Bible Teachings

Every **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month
at 6:30 PM. In Church

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NOVEMBER 5, DECEMBER 3

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