

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



### 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:

God takes insignificant things and persons and makes them great. Bethlehem was a small, obscure village; the great king David came from there. Mary was from an obscure village of Nazareth; the Savior of the world is born of her. God is not interested in great shows but in humble hearts. For God takes the humble of the world and raises them to the heights of His glory.

**First Reading: Micah 5: 1-4a** - The "Golden Age" of Israel was the time of King David. Through all subsequent difficulties, the prophets always looked forward to the time of a shepherd-king like David who would be filled with the Lord's power to bring perfect peace and justice.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10** Hebrews describes redemption in terms of the Old Testament liturgy where sacrifices and oblations were offered again and again for sin. Jesus Christ came to overcome sin by its opposite; He came to do the will of the Father. In doing the will of the Father perfectly, He destroys the very basis of sin.

**Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45** - Today's gospel describes the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth at the birth of John the Baptist. Symbolically, it is a meeting of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. The fulfillment of blessing for the entire world which was promised to Abraham is about to come to the world through the Son of Mary.

### STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin  
Deacon: John Tolentino  
Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva  
Maintenance: Paul Burnett  
Music: Celia Wright  
Secretary: Lowella Gaerlan

### 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



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## SIMBANG GABI

December 15-23, 2024

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition observing a devotional, nine-day series of Masses—in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

### Schedule for Masses:

December 15—Sunday Masses

December 16, 17, 18, 19—7 pm Mass

December 20—6 pm Mass  
Thanksgiving celebration for Fr. Raymund's  
33rd Ordination anniversary  
Potluck to follow

December 21/22  
Saturday/Sunday Masses

December 23—7 pm Mass

All are invited and welcomed.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### December 24

5:30 pm—Christmas Caroling

6:00 pm—Christmas Eve Children's Mass

### Midnight Mass

11:30 pm—Christmas Caroling

12:00 am—Midnight Mass

### December 25

7:30 am—Christmas Caroling

8:00 am—Christmas Day Mass



I love to read  
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, December 29, 2024

First Reading: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

## Third Sunday of Advent

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



Saturday, December 21, 6 PM Mass:  
Ruel Antopina Family

Sunday, December 22, 7 AM Mass:  
Jeremy Kwok Family

Sunday, December 22, 9:30 AM Mass:  
Malala McMoore Family

Thank you to the families who have signed up to light the candles on the Advent wreath!



Respect  
Life

### Respect Life Meeting

Sunday, December 29, 2024  
11 AM

Office Meeting Room



Religious Education will have their Advent Retreat on **December 22, 2024 at 8:15 AM**. Last Day of class is also on December 22. **Classes will resume on January 5, 2025.**

*Have a great Christmas Break with your families!*



### St. George Office Hours:

The Office will be **CLOSED** on **Tuesday, Christmas Eve 12/24** and **Wednesday, Christmas Day 12/25**

### Offerings for December 15, 2024

Sunday  
Offertory—\$ 2804

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Maintenance—\$1151

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Scholarship—\$50

Immaculate  
Conception—\$110

Outreach—\$96

FCC San Lorenzo—\$1040

Culmination Mass—\$506

Simbang Gabi—\$255.06

Total: \$6012.06

## Advent Wishes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

**HOPE:** During Advent, we remember our reason to hope; we are assured in a most overwhelming way that God always keeps his promises; for on that first Christmas, He sent his only Son, Jesus, the long awaited fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**PEACE:** Peace can come to one who suffers in sorrow. Peace can come to those whose labors are heavy. Peace can come to those who mourn, to all who earnestly seek the Prince of Peace. Peace can come to all who choose to walk in the ways of Christ.

**JOY:** Joy is the true gift of Christmas not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give certainly comes back to us...

**LOVE:** For Catholics, Christmas is a season of love, joy and reflection and a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

**Love of God:** The birth of Jesus is a reminder of God's love for the world, and that Jesus came to save humanity through his love, not power.

**Love of Others:** Christmas is a time to give love to others and to imitate Jesus' example of love and compassion. This can be done through charitable activities, donating to those in need or spending time with family. Patience is the kind of love that creates peace in the world.

## Finding Your Light ... Your Little Miracles

What makes a room bright? LIGHT! What takes away darkness? LIGHT! What gives you hope and knocks away despair? The LIGHT at the end of the tunnel.

Where can we find our Christmas light that will warm our hearts, make us smile, make us bake cookies to share, transform anger into selflessness and help us to pray for others? It's closer than you realize. Open your eyes, feel the Spirit, move your body to the beat of your heart. It's right there. It's in you.

If your light is dim because you've become sad, mad, depressed or hopeless, give it to Jesus to spark the light within you so that others can see it shine. How does that work? You do it every time you speak kindly, being patient, listening without interruption, looking at the good in others, wanting to be with Jesus in mind, heart and soul, thanking without hesitation, going to Mass with a smile, singing with joy.

How hard is it to smile? For some it seems to be a painful act. For others it's as easy as opening your eyes. The more you do for others, the brighter your light shines. But remember, your light shines bright because you want to help, because you want to share love. If there's no heartfelt feeling in doing a kind deed, your light will remain dim.

So every time you do for others without hesitation, every time you pray for peace, every time you give with joy, those are the times that little miracles occur. Can you feel it now?



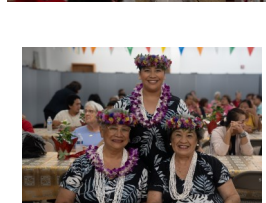
## 70th Anniversary Calendar

*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**

### **Mahalo for Celebrating 70 Blessed Years with St. George!**



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  
With **BRO. DOMINIC OLASO AND Ke AKUA Aloha Ministries**

January 7, 2025

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

SAVE THE DATE

40 DAYS  
FOR LIFE

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

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