

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 15, 2024 – Third 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:

During Advent, we renew our hope and our joy. Perfect justice and peace will come only when Christ comes again in glory. Yet even now we are filled with joy in spite of anxiety and suffering; for the Lord is with us. He is very close. He is present to be our help, our strength and our joy.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-18a - Most of Zephaniah is gloomy. He prophesies doom for all evildoers. Yet the concluding verses of the book are filled with overflowing joy. The foundation of the joy is the presence of God Who loves us and Who will save us.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7 - Christians cannot afford the luxury of self-pity or pessimism. Even though the world is not perfect, we must rejoice for the Lord is present. St. Paul tells us that He is near. "Near" does not mean "outside the door" nor "around the corner" or "coming in a few minutes." To be near means that He is with us here and now. As Jesus said, "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18 - John the Baptist tells what people must do to prepare for the Coming of the Lord. He reminds us that part of that glorious Coming will be the Judgment. Each of us shall answer for his life before the throne of God.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin
Deacon: John Tolentino
Director of Rel. Ed.: Vicky DeSilva
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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

Let's Celebrate!

St. George Parish's 70th Anniversary Culmination Mass

This Mass celebrates the culmination of St. George Church's 70th Anniversary as a parish. How proud are we to be a part of this history. Some can say that they were here at the very beginning. How can we carry on and continue to build tradition here at St. George Church in beautiful Waimanalo?

By recognizing and celebrating our diversity as a parish and creating memories that will give legacy to our youth, St. George Parish will carry on. So...parishioners, families and friends... Come and reconnect with old friends, share conversation with new friends and be that legacy that will keep our beloved parish vibrant and alive. You are the backbone of our parish.

6:00 pm—Concelebration Mass

**Msgr. Gary Secor—Presider
Guest Priests to concelebrate**

7:00 pm— Appreciation Dinner

**All Are Invited! Come Eat! Come Talk Story!
Come share memories of St. George Church's history.**



SIMBANG GABI

December 15-24, 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.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, December 22, 2024

First Reading: Mi 5:1-4a

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

Third Sunday of Advent
HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



Saturday, December 14, 6 PM Mass:
David Ewaliko Family

Sunday, December 15, 7 AM Mass:
Angie Bunao Family

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 AM Mass:
Luis Gaerlan Family

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

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



Offerings for December 8,

**Sunday
Offertory—\$3224**

**Repair &
Maintenance—\$190**

Mass Intentions—\$20

**Mary Lou
Scholarship—\$80**

**Immaculate
Conception—\$1398**

Funerals—\$1500

Outreach—\$195

Spanish Mass—\$823

Marriages—\$50

Choir—\$40

Mass— St. George—\$291

Total: \$7811

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

DECEMBER

December 14, 2024

**Waimanalo Christmas Parade
Meet at Waimanalo Gym at 7:00 AM to help decorate the trolley.**

December 15, 2024

St. George Parish's 70th Anniversary Culmination Celebration Mass

**6:00 PM Concelebration Mass
Presider— Msgr. Gary Secor
Guest Priest Concelebrants**

7:00 PM Appreciation Dinner for all St. George Volunteers Parishioners, Families and Friends

Check the bulletin for the Christmas Mass Schedule

SAVE THE DATE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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

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

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."

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



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