

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 26, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

In two weeks, in the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate baptism which is a death to sin and a rising to the life of God through grace. Through baptism, we have been buried with Christ and have risen with Him to live new lives. Each day we must consider ourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Today's Mass theme of death and resurrection should recall our baptism. Let us pray for those who are to be baptized; let us live always in fidelity to our own baptism.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Five hundred years before Jesus, the Hebrews were captives in a foreign land. Yet God promised to bring them back to their own land. The prophet Ezekiel prophesied that "dry bones" would come together and rise again. The first reading follows this context.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

St. Paul uses the terms "flesh" and "spirit." "Flesh" does not mean body; "spirit" does not mean soul. We would probably express the ideas by using "nature" and "grace." By nature, we cannot please God; we can please Him only by grace.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

The miracle story of raising Lazarus from the dead is a sign of Christ's resurrection, and a sign that God wants us to share fully in the life and glory of Christ. If we believe in Christ and if we live in Him, not even death can harm or disturb us, for we shall live in Him forever.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin

Deacon: John Tolentino

Secretary: Kamalani Rodrigues

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OFFICE HOURS

Tue—Fri, 9am—noon

MASS TIMES

Saturday, 6pm Sunday Liturgy

Sunday, 7am and 9:30am

Monday, 7am Communion Service

Tuesday thru Saturday, 7am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5:15—5:45pm 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.

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—8:45am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K – 5, 8:15—9:15am

Grades 6 – 12, 10:30am—noon

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 6pm

Rosary

Monday through Saturday at 6:30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Second Sunday of the month at 11am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena
Tuesday at 6:30am

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

Dear Parish Ohana,

The story of creation teaches us that God has the power over life. God created plant life and animal life, and most precious, human life. The fall of the first humans brought death into the world, which appeared to give an absolute finality to life, but this is not so. Ezekiel prophesies that God would open the graves of the Chosen People and bring them back to the promised land. Jesus actually brings Lazarus forth from the tomb, though he had been dead for four days. But because Lazarus eventually would die once more, it is not until God raises Jesus from the dead that death is defeated, is rendered powerless, once and for all. Always, God has the power over life and death.

The people came to comfort Martha and Mary. Seeing Jesus, some wonder why this miracle worker hadn't prevented Lazarus's death. Others identify with his tears of grief. They all end up taking part in Jesus' work. Some roll away the stone, despite knowing there would be a stench. Some untie Lazarus's burial bands, though they may have recoiled from touching someone who had been dead for four days. All are able to hear Jesus address his Father as the one who sent him and always hears him. Jesus called Lazarus forth from the tomb, but he also called upon his friends and neighbors to allow Lazarus to live his new life.

The first voice Lazarus hears when his life is restored is his Savior's, calling to him to come out of the tomb, to come back to the land of the living. When we turn away from God, when we turn away from our neighbor in need (where Jesus may always be found), we find ourselves in a spiritual death, entering the tomb that separates us from God. Jesus is always calling us forth, out of those bands that separate us from God and others, back to the land of the living. Let us listen, let us respond, and let the Spirit dwelling in us guide us to life in the Lord. If we have Jesus within us and Jesus is indeed the resurrection and the life, then we have the resurrection and the life within us.

Giving Back to God

Offerings for March 19, 2023

- Sunday—\$2775
- Catholic Relief Services—\$50
- Funeral Offerings-\$350
- Mary Lou Scholarship—\$125
- Mass Intentions—\$50
- Outreach—\$5
- Repair & Maintenance—\$5445
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Question of the Week

What spiritual darkness is Jesus calling me to come out of today? What difficulties can I anticipate in shedding these burial bands that separate me from God's grace?

I love to read 
the Scriptures

Readings for next Sunday, April 2, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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**Thank you to the Church Cleaners
from Saturday, March 18th**

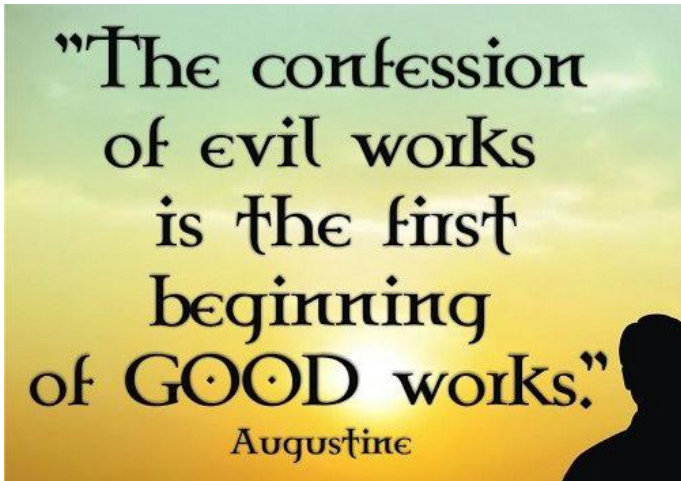
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A Stewardship Moment

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?



All are welcome to a
*Lenten
Recollection*
with
Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc.
Holy Monday
April 3 at 7pm



**St. George Communal Penance Service
Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m.**

Meet in the church for a short prayer service, communal examination of conscience and act of contrition. Individual confessions follow.

True joy comes this Lenten season! Experience the healing power of God's mercy through Reconciliation. Leave behind the guilt, shame, burdens and the hurts. Seek God's merciful love and healing that comes in the sacrament of Confession. Celebrate this coming Easter with true joy, happiness and peace as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Congratulations to **Jax Neumann**, pictured with his parents Robert and Jennifer, on his recent commissioning on March 19th as an altar server. Thank you to Jax for his commitment to serve at the most holy sacrifice of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations!



Upcoming Events

February 22—April 2

40 Days for Life spring campaign. Pray to end abortion in Hawaii. 40daysforlife.com/honolulu

Wednesday, March 29

7pm Taize Prayer in Church

Thursday, March 30

7pm Lenten Communal Penance Service

Friday, March 31

7pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

Monday of Holy Week, April 3

7pm Lenten Recollection with Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc. in the Church

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4

7pm Chrism Mass at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Holy Wednesday, April 5

12 pm Respect Life Rosary in the Meditation Garden

7pm Mass

Holy Thursday, April 6

7pm Mass

Good Friday, April 7

7pm Service and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 8

7pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 9

7am and 9:30am Masses

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat, April 28-30

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.

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THE FRUIT OF OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE



Our sacrifices lead us to the Resurrection.

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But just like studying for a test, practicing a sport or saving money, we often must do difficult tasks, make sacrifices and overcome obstacles to reach a worthy goal.

The 40 days we spend praying and doing penance help us prepare to celebrate the Church's greatest feast day. Jesus had to go through his passion and death before he could rise. Our sacrifices enable us to experience—in a small way—Christ's suffering, and they lead us to the joy and wonder of his resurrection.



Over the last few weeks, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive.

In Honduras, Rony fixed his reservoir and installed a low-cost system to water his fields. Although this work took time and effort, Rony's hard work allowed him to provide food for his family and is helping his son achieve his soccer dream!

In the Philippines, Raul and Rhodora changed their jobs to ensure their granddaughters can be healthy and finish school. It was challenging for them to learn a new and different type of work—raising fish—but it was worth it to help support their granddaughters.

In Kenya, Rebecca learned how to use a new water system and different ways to farm. She also taught others in her community to use these new techniques. Rebecca spent time learning and teaching, but her sacrifice is now benefiting her family and entire community.

How are you doing with your Lenten resolutions? How are your prayer, fasting and almsgiving going? Reflect on your Lenten journey and what you would like to accomplish or do differently during the final weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter.



Reflect

As Christians, we have a duty to give special care to people who are most in need.



How do your Lenten sacrifices help our sisters and brothers who are most vulnerable?



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Lenten Communal Penance Services

7 p.m. at all churches

- **Tuesday, March 14** at St. Roch, Kahuku
- **Thursday, March 16** at St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua
- **Monday, March 20** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waikane
- **Wednesday, March 22** at St. John Vianney, Kailua
- **Thursday, March 23** at St. Ann, Kaneohe
- **Thursday, March 30** at St. George, Waimanalo



Join Us Friday, March 31st at
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HOLY WEEK 2023

HOLY MONDAY

APRIL

3

7 AM Daily Mass

7 PM Lenten Recollection with Fr. Herman Gomes

HOLY TUESDAY

APRIL

4

7 AM Daily Mass

7 PM Chrism Mass at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

HOLY WEDNESDAY

April

5

7 AM Daily Mass

7 PM Evening Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL

6

No morning daily Mass

7 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL

7

No morning daily Mass

7 PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL

8

No morning daily Mass

7 PM Vigil Mass in the Holy Night of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL

9

7 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

A Lenten Recollection



with

Fr. Herman Gomes, S.S.C.C.

Holy Monday, April 3
7 p.m. in the Church



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
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Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director, Office of Worship

DATE: March 6, 2023

RE: **Restoring the Cup during Holy Communion**

As we approach the holiest of weeks in our Liturgical Year, Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the pastor's discretion.

Should a parish decide to have Communion under both kinds, training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is recommended and local protocols developed. It should be kept in mind that fewer people than before the pandemic may want to receive Holy Communion from the cup, and that the amount of wine poured into the chalices should be carefully planned. All Ministers who serve the Precious Blood should indicate their willingness to help consume what is left over after Communion.

Pastors of souls should take this opportunity to catechize the faithful that the Church has always taught the doctrine of concomitance, by which we know that under each species alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1390) states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite."

Please contact the Office of Worship if you have any questions.

Registrations are now being accepted for the April 2023 Retreat!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



**Healing the Pain of Abortion...
One Weekend at a Time.**

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further... and join us on our next retreat!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. Call us today if you need someone to talk to.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A registration fee of \$175.00 covers accommodations, daily meals/snacks, and materials. Space is limited. Registrations & Retreats are strictly confidential. Need-based scholarships are available.

2023 Retreat Dates: April 28-30 & October 13-15
(Arrive on Friday at 5:30pm; Depart on Sunday at 5:00pm)

Call Lisa at : **(808) 490-2571** to
Register or email:

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Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

Rachel's Vineyard is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

A Ministry of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii's Respect Life Office and Priests For Life

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ABOUT RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for healing after abortion are offered throughout the year in 49 States and 70 countries (with many new sites in development).

The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion.

Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma.

It is often said that abortion is a woman's issue. However, both men and women are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Married couples, mothers, fathers, siblings, and grandparents of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, **visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org**.

Rachel's Vineyard Hawaii is a ministry of The Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii and Priests For Life.



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e-mail: rvinhawaii@gmail.com

More info at: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Toll-Free Hotline: 1-877-HOPE-4-ME

The retreat and registration are strictly confidential. Rachel's Vineyard is a healing and training resource that welcomes collaboration with other post-abortion ministries. Rachel's Vineyard retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings.

For information on clinical training or how to become a sponsor of Rachel's Vineyard in your area, please contact Theresa Burke, Phd at:

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MORE ABOUT RACHEL'S VINEYARD HAWAII



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a chance to get away from all the daily pressures of work and family and focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive and non-judgmental process. The time away provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways your abortion may have affected you.

Rachel's Vineyard has a number of powerful exercises, rooted in Scripture, which allow the soul to speak its grief and sorrow. These exercises help connect participants to their inner voice, to each other, and to the love and mercy of God. The exercises help participants to accept forgiveness for themselves and others. Participants are also given an opportunity to re-connect on a spiritual level with their children who have been aborted, to give them honor and dignity through many special and creative spiritual exercises as well as in a memorial service.

The weekend is a lot of work, but those who are willing to journey through their grief will experience the power of resurrection in their own lives. They will find meaning in what has happened and allow God to transform the experience into something that gives hope, liberation and peace.

Testimony: "This experience was life-changing for me! It freed me of the grief and guilt I carried for over 30 years. Even though I thought I was "tough" or "over it," nothing helped me or healed me more than my attending the RV Retreat."

Dr. Theresa Burke and husband, Kevin Burke, founded Rachel's Vineyard Ministries' Weekend Retreats in 1995 in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Burke created the retreat format after founding one of the first therapeutic support groups for post-aborted women and years of clinical work at The Center for Post Abortion Healing, founded in 1986.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Hawaii was established in 2009 as a program under the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii. Dr. Theresa Burke facilitated the first Hawaii retreat in September 2009 and provided a full-day's clinical training on the subject of Pregnancy Loss & Unresolved Grief to Hawaii's clergy/counselors/lay people/physicians. The RV team consists of a Catholic priest, professional counselor, facilitator, loving and non-judgmental lay volunteers, all who've participated on past RV retreats. We volunteer our time freely on the weekend because we understand the importance of healing and recovery surrounding the pain of abortion. We respect where each participant is in the grief process and we help each participant to move into a deeper level of healing.

Where Does the Name 'Rachel's Vineyard' Come From?

The name "Rachel" refers to an Old Testament figure. Rachel was written about in the book of Jeremiah: "Thus says the Lord: In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more.

Thus says the Lord: Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward, says the Lord. There is hope for your future!" (Jeremiah 31:15-17)

Testimonies: "My husband and I both attended the RV Retreat. We both agree that it brought us closer to God and to each other. We received healing on so many levels. The love, warmth, and confidentiality were superb!"

"A family member & I attended RV; feeling nervous, the two of us were unsure of what to expect....at times it was an emotional roller coaster. We experienced safe lodging, meal nourishment, supportive environment; privacy of participants in mind at all times. The aftermath of the RV Retreat truly lifted my personal battle of burden which had been holding me hostage mentally and in my heart for over 35 years. We left the retreat with a renewed inner strength of confidence and a shared bonding experience which neither one of us will ever forget. Mahalo to the RV Team for doing what you do. Aloha & Mahalo, Ohana"



First RV Retreat in HI (Sept. 2009): Lisa Shorba, Dr. Theresa Burke, Sr. GERALYN Spaulding, O.S.B., and Rev. Khanh Pham-Nguyen.

"Jesus Himself said that He came to call sinners and not the self-righteous. I pray that all who participate in Rachel's Vineyard with the longing to be free and to be healed by Jesus, may find Him, the source of true joy, peace and love, and allow God to restore them to wholeness and happiness. I am praying much for you. God bless you."

~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Testimony: "As a man, abortion affects us in a unique way...Rachel's Vineyard helped me heal many wounds from the past. I learned to be compassionate with myself. As Christians, we all strive to forgive, but rarely do we have such an opportunity to really learn how to forgive. The experiential learning process engaged me into a deeper walk with my faith. Now I am able to pray more deeply and authentically...to understand my pain and walk with it. My relationship with my wife has greatly improved...I feel now I can be much more open with her and she can understand my feelings about children. I recommend RV for anyone who has been burdened with the loss of their child. You will be surrounded by loving people."

RETREAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Weekend retreats are 3 days & 2 nights and include overnight stay at a private retreat center. Accommodations, meals/ refreshments, and retreat materials are provided. Space is limited. A registration fee of \$175 is required per participant. Need-based scholarships are available.

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We welcome women and men of all faiths and look forward to serving you on our next retreat!

May God bless you and enfold you with His love and peace. We are praying for you!

~ Your Rachel's Vineyard Team