

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 27, 2023 | Twenty-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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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Faith means that we seek God's will, not our own. We must accept God's authority and submit our will to whatever he wants. God shows us his will through his Church; he has left us visible guides in his Church. Today we meditate upon the authority of God in his Church, and we renew our reverence for those whom God provides as our guides on the way to salvation.

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

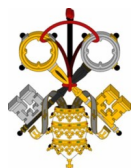
The first reading describes the replacement of one palace official with another at the time of Isaiah. This reading gives the meaning of words which Jesus used eight hundred years later when he gave St. Peter first place of authority in the Church.

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 33-36

In his mysterious providence, God exercised divine authority through weak men. He could have done differently, but he chose people to share and participate in his divine proclamation of the truth. While at times we are discouraged at abuses of authority, let us marvel at of God's plan for this world.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Today's Gospel is the conferral of authority on St. Peter after he professes his faith that Jesus is the Messiah. He was an impetuous, rough, simple fisherman; yet Jesus gives him divine authority over his Church. If we are faithful to Jesus Christ, we must be faithful to the successor of St. Peter.



STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tue—Fri, 9am—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, 10:30 a.m.—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 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

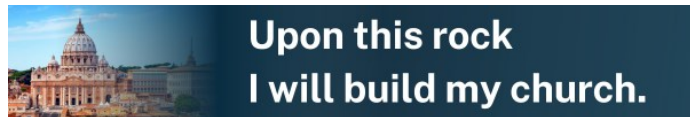
Novena to St. Joseph

19th day of the month at noon in
the Meditation Garden

Dear Parish Ohana,

"Who do you say that I am," asks Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel. Most of us know the right answer. We've read Peter's answer. *"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."* Today's gospel is not, however, about giving the right answer. This is not a test. This is not about what is in our head but what is in our heart. It's about what lies at the core of our existence. Jesus is asking the disciples to consider what centers their lives. What is the axis about which their world turns? It is not enough to just give the right answer. They are to become and reveal the answer by their lives, words, and actions. Those things, for Jesus, are foundational to a life of discipleship. While we all have some center from which we live which give us our bearings and stability, such as people, things, and experiences, Peter's response points us to who our true center should be. And Jesus says to Peter: *"You are rock and on this rock, I will build my church."* These are words of life.

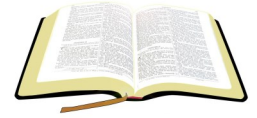
What Jesus says to Peter he says to all the faithful. **"Who do you say that I am?"** Go live the answer. Discover the "rockiness" that Jesus knows you to be. Live with hope in the midst of despair. Love your neighbor as yourself. Care for the poor, feed the hungry, and defend the oppressed. Offer forgiveness despite your anger. Pray when you are too busy to pray. Love your enemies despite your fear. Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. Practice generosity in a declining economy and a civilly disturbed society. Work on your marriage and pray for others in difficult marriages. Re-center even when it feels like you cannot stand up. Do these. Be the rock on which Jesus' church stands.



Offerings for August 20, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3436
Maui Wildfires Assistance—\$100
Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
Outreach—\$51
Religious Education—\$70
Repair & Maintenance—\$4121
Total—\$7828

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, September 3, 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

A Stewardship Moment

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.



Question of the Week

In what ways do I find it difficult to deny my own desires, priorities, and will, to follow Christ? How can my faith in the resurrection ease my willingness to do so?



Fr. Raymund with the youth that serve in ministry at the church's appreciation lunch last Sunday.

Register Your Child for Religious Education

Registration for religious education for children and youth is now open. You may register online at the St. George parish website or complete a hard copy form which is available in the church at the back table. Completed registration forms may be dropped off to the parish office, or please put it in an envelope marked Religious Education and place it in the collection basket. Please sign up now so books for classes may be ordered. Classes begin September 10. Parents will meet at 8:15 a.m. on September 10.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL | June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

Why did Christians finally separate themselves from the Jews?

The Lord's Supper: Jesus had commanded that the Lord's Supper was to be observed on the first day of the week, the day he rose from the dead, on Sunday. Many of the Christians were to partake at a separate time and place than in the synagogues. They may have still gathered for Sabbath worship at the synagogue, but as the Sabbath ended at sundown and the next day began, it may have been that they continued together that evening to fulfill the Lord's Supper on what we would consider to be Saturday night.

Agape Meal: In addition to partaking of the Lord's Supper, the early Church often celebrated at the end of a meal called the agape (love) meal. It appears, however, that this practice was being misused by the *Corinthian Christians*. They were being selfish during the meal and perverting it, and were unable to partake of it with the proper attitude and love for one another. Paul denounced their selfish ways in 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 and suggested that they should eat it at home if they're unable to do so properly while they gathered together. For reasons unknown, the practice of eating the Lord's Supper along with the agape meal ended sometime around the beginning of the 2nd century.

The separation of Judaism and Christianity: Believers of both Judaism and Christianity soon began to grow apart as the Christians grew in wisdom and their understanding of Christ and his fulfillment of the Law. The Jews who remained unconvinced, continued in the old practices and beliefs. Even still, the customs and traditions of the synagogue way of worship had been set in place in the Christian minds. It was the synagogue practices of the Jewish Christians that inspired the idea and practices of the "worship service" that we know and practice today in the Mass.

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Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 27

7 a.m.—1 p.m. Bloodmobile at St. George Church
3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church
3:30 p.m. Santo Nino Filipino Group meeting in the office

Tuesday, August 29

Family Promise meal delivery. Please donate through St. George indicating Family Promise.

Friday, September 1

6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration in the church

Sunday, September 3

10:45 a.m. Respect Life meeting in the office

Wednesday, September 6

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

Wednesday, September 6 and 13

7 p.m. Baptism Classes for parents and Godparents in Mary's Haven meeting room

Friday, September 8

9 a.m.—2 p.m. Home visits to the homebound by Fr. Raymund. Call the office to schedule a visit.

Sunday, September 10

Religious Education classes begin.

8:15 a.m. Meeting in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place for parents of children in RE classes.

8:15 a.m. Meet and Greet with coffee and pastries in Mary's Haven meeting room for anyone wishing to become part of the Catholic Church.

Sunday, September 17

8:15 a.m. Initiation Classes begin (OCIA)

11 a.m. Grandparents Day Celebration for St. George Parishioners in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members who were baptized but were not confirmed or received first holy Communion? Or are non-Catholic but are interested in the Church? If you do, please encourage them in this journey of faith, to inquire deeper into the Catholic Church and draw into relationship with God and others.

Please come to a meet and greet session with coffee and pastries in Mary's Haven meeting room at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Classes will be held Sunday mornings from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. and will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2023. For more information, call the parish office and leave your name, contact number, and email address. Maria and Paul Dumas will contact you to register.

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SAN LORENZO RUIZ
September 19 - 27, 2023



The First Filipino Saint and Martyr

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
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12/midnight-6am

For more information contact Cami Adams at camikjmj@gmail.com
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The 6-hour shift at St. George Church will be Sunday, October 8 from 12—6 p.m.

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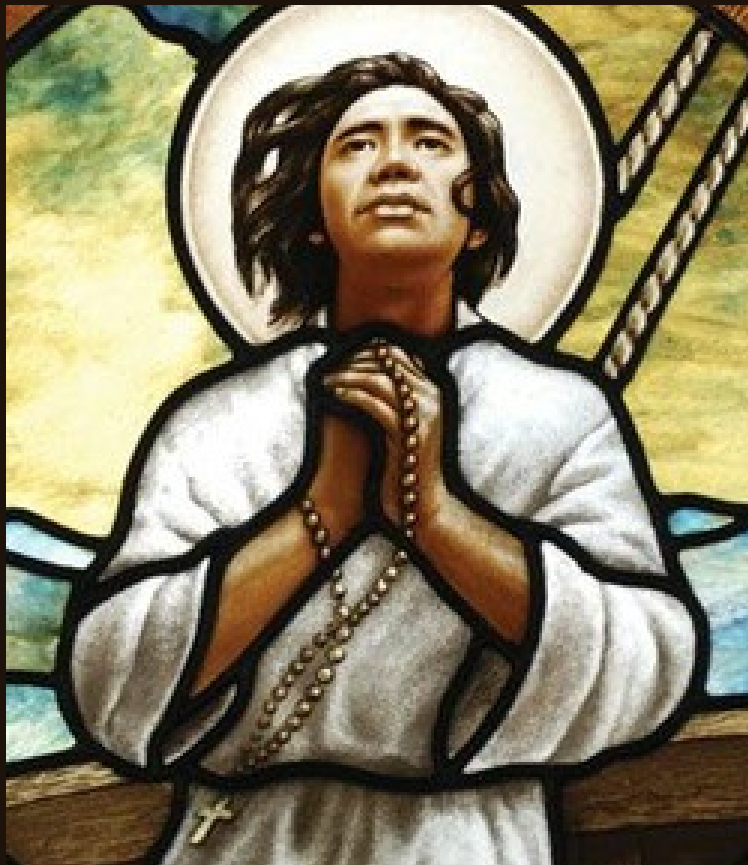
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'Ohana Nights Volunteers Needed!

Provide a warm meal and spirit of hospitality to families with children experiencing homelessness. Individuals, families, and organizations are welcome!

Volunteer opportunities available every week:

SATURDAY
SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY

Family Promise of
Hawai'i Office
245 N. Kukui St. #101
Honolulu, HI 96817

5:30-7:30PM

How it works:

- 1 Choose a date on our website - you'll receive more details after signing up!
- 2 Organize dinner for 10-12 people. Home-cooked meals and takeout order are both welcome. We will provide menu suggestions, an exact count of family members, and any dietary restrictions.
- 3 Bring the meal to FPH's office and our Site Coordinator will meet you to get the meal. If a family is at the office, you are more than welcome to stay and eat alongside them

Sign up for one day, an entire week, or a recurring schedule!

Visit our website for more information:

www.familypromiseofhawaii.org/volunteer

Questions? Email: volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org



Sign-up here!



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

August 11, 2023

To our Catholic Faithful in Hawaii and Beyond:

Peace be with you!

Today our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. It is in times like these that our collective love, faith, and compassion can make a tremendous difference.

In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to support our parish and school communities. We have set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for our fellow community members affected by the Maui wildfires. This is an opportunity for us to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope.

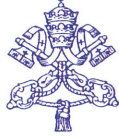
Let us also remember the power of prayer. In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. May we find the grace to rebuild our families, their livelihoods, and the physical structures that were lost. Let our faith guide us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that with the grace of God, all things are possible.

May God bless you all abundantly, and may our efforts bring comfort and hope to those in need. Maria Lanakila (Our Lady of Victory), pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

Rev. Msgr. Terrence Watanabe
Vicar Forane of Maui-Lanai



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Bishop of Honolulu

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Your Excellency:

In the temporary absence of Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, I am asked to convey to you the following message signed by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis, who expresses his personal closeness to you and to the people affected by the terrible consequences of the ongoing wildfire on the Island of Maui.

THE MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA
BISHOP OF HONOLULU

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE WILDFIRES ON THE HAWAIIAN ISLAND OF MAUI, AND HE EXPRESSES HIS SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM THIS TRAGEDY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE DIED OR ARE MISSING. HIS HOLINESS ALSO OFFERS THE ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD, INJURED AND DISPLACED, AS WELL AS FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. AS A SIGN OF HIS SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS THE HOLY FATHER WILLINGLY INVOKES UPON ALL THE PEOPLE OF MAUI ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS OF STRENGTH AND PEACE.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Your Excellency may wish to share a copy of the message with local authorities, as a sign of the Pope's closeness.

Offering my personal prayers for the victims as well as for all who generously provide first aid and assistance, with kind regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Msgr. Séamus P. Horgan
Chargé d'affaires a.i.