

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 1, 2023 | Twenty-sixth 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

We are not saved by belonging to the Church. We are not saved because of who we are. We are not saved by one ritual of water. We are saved by responding daily to the call of Christ in our lives. We shall enter God's glory only if we serve the Lord eagerly and promptly and wholeheartedly each day.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel is the prophet of individual responsibility. We are not saved or condemned because of our heritage or our family. We stand individually before God. We can never rest on our good deeds of the past; nor can we despair because of our past sins. We shall stand before God's judgment in our present attitude of faith and service.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

If we follow Jesus, we must have His same spirit. He emptied Himself to become one of us, like us in all things but sin. He humbled Himself to accept the wretched death on a cross. He gave Himself totally for our salvation. Let us pray for His spirit of humility, compassion and love.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

The background of today's Gospel parable is the narrowness of the Pharisees. They said they followed God, yet they rejected Jesus. The common crowd of sinners had the reputation of being pagans, yet they accepted eagerly the Good News. We shall be saved for our attitudes and faithful deeds, and not by our reputation or background.

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,

Today we are presented with another challenge by Jesus to the religious leaders of the people. It consists of a parable about two sons whose father operates a vineyard. He tells one to go and work there. The lad refuses but later changes his mind and goes. The second one is also told to go. He agrees to do so but in the end he does not. "Which of the two did his father's will?" Jesus asks. They all agree that it was the one who at first would not go but later did so.

In case there was any doubt, Jesus then clearly spells out the meaning of his story. Tax collectors and prostitutes, perhaps the most despised of all people from the religious leaders' point of view, were making their way into the kingdom of God before the chief priests and the elders. In their eyes, it was a shocking and dreadfully insulting thing to say.

There are two messages coming out loud and clear. On the one hand, we can never be complacent about our relationship with God. It is possible for us at any time, to find ourselves falling away from our commitment to Jesus and to His Gospel. And God always accepts us where we are. If we are in union with Him, things are well; if we have by our own choice become separated from Him, he accepts that too. His love and His grace are always available but they can be rejected and spurned, and we can "die in our sin". On the other hand, no matter how far we have strayed from God and Jesus in the Gospel, no matter how depraved we have become, it is never too late to turn back. And, we can be absolutely sure that a warm, no-questions-asked welcome is waiting for us.



Offerings for September 24, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$3542
- Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
- Mass Intentions—\$30
- Outreach—\$20
- Religious Education—\$25
- Repair & Maintenance—\$3230
- Total—\$6897**

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, October 8, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

A Stewardship Moment

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible—indestructible peace, joy and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace—the free gift of God's blessing and strength—which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Good stewards allow the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts with peace, joy and righteousness of God's Kingdom.



Question of the Week

How would my behavior change if I reorient myself toward others and away from myself? What could I do this week that I hadn't planned to do and for whom?



Bishop Larry Silva is asking for our support on the 'Ohana in Christ' appeal that raises funds for the many diocesan ministries and services vital to our Catholic mission throughout Hawaii. Our parish goal is \$7,726. Watch for more information in the Hawaii Catholic Herald, at Church, online and in the mail. **Please be generous—Mahalo!**

Fun facts:

- This is the third year for the Diocese of Honolulu's annual appeal called 'Ohana in Christ.
- St. George Parish reached 100% of our target goals for the first two years of the appeal.
- Last year, St. George parish was the **first** of all parishes in the diocese (out of 66 parishes and ethnic communities) to reach 100% of their goal.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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

The Miracle at Mass When bread and wine becomes the body and blood of Christ. *And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* (1 Corinthians 11:24)

1. The greatest treasure that our Lord has given us is the Real Presence in the form of bread and wine, proving His desire to be bodily connected to us.

2. As we read in John 6, we will see how many of Jesus' own disciples lacked the faith required to believe in the Real Presence. To believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist requires even greater faith. This is why Jesus stresses the theme of faith so strongly.

3. Jesus fulfills His promise to give His flesh and blood as food and drink at the Last Supper. Four different times the New Testament records the Last Supper: Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. At the all-powerful words of Christ: "This is my body... This is my blood," the bread and the wine are completely changed into Christ's actual flesh and blood.

4. At the Last Supper, on the eve of his passion, Jesus gives his "last will and testament." This was definitely a time for plain and literal speech.

5. The literal speech at the Last Supper is obviously very different in meaning from when Jesus refers to Himself figuratively as "a vine" and a "door."

6. Jesus promised that he will be with us till the end of time and does so in the form of bread and wine, as our spiritual food and drink to help us on our spiritual journey.

7. Do we believe when Jesus said *"This is my body which will be given up for you ... This is my blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."*

Living. True. Real. Jesus.

**Calendar of Events
for Ordinary Time**

Sunday, October 1

Collection for Ohana in Christ

11 a.m. Respect Life Meeting in the parish office

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Devotion in the church

October 1—29

7 p.m. Family-sponsored Rosary in the church

Sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board.

Monday, October 2

7:30 p.m. Dedication of the Holy Guardian Angels Garden outside the sacristy

Wednesdays, October 4 and 11

7 p.m. Infant Baptism Classes in Mary's Haven

Wednesday, October 4

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

Friday, October 6

6 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour

Sunday, October 8

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotion in the church

12—6 p.m. Eucharistic Rosary Congress at St. George in the church



This garden will be dedicated on Monday, October 2.

8. Evidence from Eucharist Miracles are many. One excellent book is "Eucharistic Miracles" by Joan Carroll Cruz. (Rockford, IL: TAN Book, 1987). Another is by Blessed Carlo Acutis who created a website entirely about the Eucharist called "Miracles List – Eucharistic Miracles around the World."

9. One of the proven Eucharistic miracles was dated back in 1971 by Italian doctors using sophisticated equipment. They concluded that the flesh is real human flesh, and the blood is real human blood. The flesh is from a human heart and the blood is type AB.

10. We Catholics hold fast to this doctrine of the Real Presence and recognize the miracle that happens during every Mass.

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For more information contact Cami Adams at camikjmj@gmail.com
Ph# 808-721-2307



October is the month of the Rosary and the parish will offer a daily devotion at 7 p.m. in the church. Please sign up your family to lead the rosary prayers on the calendar posted on the bulletin board. Thank you!

The Mysteries of the Rosary (and the fruits of the Mystery)

Joyful

1. The Annunciation (Humility)
2. The Visitation (Love of Neighbor)
3. The Nativity (Poverty)
4. The Presentation (Purity of Heart and Body)
5. The Finding in the Temple (Devotion to Jesus)

Sorrowful

1. The Agony in the Garden (Obedience to God's Will)
2. The Scourging at the Pillar (Mortification)
3. The Crowning with Thorns (Courage)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (Patience)
5. The Crucifixion (Sorrow for our Sins)

Glorious

1. The Resurrection (Faith)
2. The Ascension (Hope)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom)
4. The Assumption (Devotion to Mary)
5. The Coronation (Grace of a happy death)

Luminous

1. The Baptism of Jesus (Openness to the Holy Spirit)
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana (To Jesus through Mary)
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom (Conversion)
4. The Transfiguration of the Lord (Desire for holiness)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist (Adoration)

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'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

September 2023

Aloha to All,

Peace be with you!

*May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.*

Song of St. Patrick, Marty Haugen

Each day, the Catholic Church in Hawaii shares the Spirit of Christ throughout our 'Ohana of parishes, schools, social agencies, and communities across the Islands. This is all possible thanks to your generous response to our Catholic mission and the call to Witness to Jesus.

Beyond the good works at each parish, the annual '**Ohana in Christ** appeal helps us respond to the material and spiritual needs of the greater church. As detailed in the list below, funds raised support many important services and ministries throughout the Diocese of Honolulu that no single faith community could meet alone.

I am deeply grateful for the ways you have contributed to this work in the past. Once again, I humbly ask for you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this important appeal. Please know that I pray for you and your loved ones each day - and will remember all donors in a special Mass.

In the Spirit of Christ - and together as '**Ohana in Christ** - we can and will respond to the Lord's call and continue to build His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Larry Silva

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



P.S. For more information on how to live out the Church's mission, or to make a gift to help your parish reach its 'OIC goal, please visit catholicahawaii.org. MAHALO!

Your donations are critical in helping to provide these ministries and services:

Priests & Deacons

- Professional development
- Recruitment & assignment
- Permanent Deacon Formation
- Clergy health & wellness needs

Parish Services

- Staffing & Training
- Finance & Insurance
- Savings & Loan
- Safe Environment
- Stewardship & IT
- Cemetery & Real Estate
- Emergency Preparedness

People Programs

- Youth & Young Adult
- Catholic Schools
- Adult Faith Training
- Catholic Social Ministry
- Food & Shelter Assistance
- Evangelization & Respect Life
- Hospital & Prison Ministries

And Much More

- Hawaii Catholic Herald & Diocesan eCommunications
- Cathedral Basilica, Chancery, & St. Stephen Diocesan Center
- Pope Francis & United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



'Ohana in Christ FAQs

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

1. What is 'Ohana in Christ ('OIC)?

'OIC is the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii. In fiscal year 2021/2022, it replaced the former Bishop's Circle Appeal to help provide needed funding for diocesan ministries, programs, and services formerly funded by the With Grateful Hearts Capital Campaign - and other efforts that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

2. How is 'Ohana in Christ different from the Bishop's Circle Appeal?

Along with an enhanced effort to raise awareness of the diocesan mission and financial needs - parishes are assigned a "target goal" based on their annual assessment. This year parishes are required to raise a minimum of 75% of their target goal. Parishes that fall short of the minimum will be responsible for the difference at the end of the fiscal year.

3. Parishes already pay a hefty annual assessment - isn't that enough?

Parish assessment fees provide significant funding for the diocesan mission - covering many expenses, but not all. The 'OIC Appeal helps close the gap in the annual diocesan budget.

4. What are some specific examples of what my donation will help support?

Along with the ministries, programs, and services listed on the front, your donations help support the diocesan offices and affiliated entities responsible for providing them to our faith communities and beyond.

5. Is there consideration for parishes facing significant financial challenges?

Prior to the current fiscal year, parishes have the opportunity to appeal the minimum goal requirement by submitting a written request to Bishop Larry.

6. Where does my gift go and how is it managed?

Donations given directly to 'OIC are received, processed, and acknowledged by the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Donations given at the parish level are forwarded to HCCF and credited accordingly. In turn, HCCF also oversees management of the funds and their allocations to the diocese in support of the diocesan mission.

7. Are donations to 'Ohana in Christ tax deductible?

Yes, to the extent allowable by law. For specific information, please consult your financial advisor. To make a gift today, please visit: CatholicHawaii.Org or mail your check to 'Ohana in Christ, PO Box 380019, Honolulu, HI 96838-0019. For gifts by credit card or otherwise, call the HCCF Gifts Office at (808) 372-3472.



MAHALO for your Generous Support - All Gifts are Important and Appreciated

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The 6-hour shift at St. George Church will be Sunday, October 8 from 12–6 p.m.

Human Trafficking Awareness and Safety

Presentations by:

Rochelle Vidinha

(Deputy Prosecuting Attorney)

Ho'ōla Nā Pua (New Life for our Children)

Education for sex trafficking prevention
and care for victims

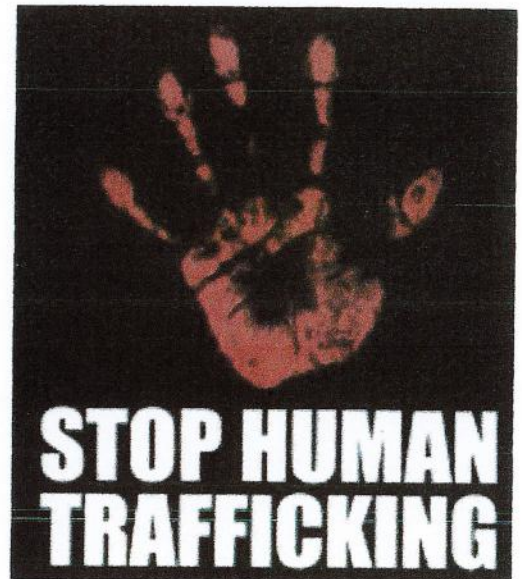
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Where: **Holy Trinity Church**
5919 Kalaniana'ole Highway

When: Tuesday October 3
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October 7, 2023
Saturday
10:30 am – 1:30 pm



Hope Young, Advance Care Planning Coordinator for Kōkua Mau, providing community awareness and coordinates the **Let's Talk Story Program**. Hope joined Kōkua Mau in 2017 under a generous grant from the Stupski Foundation. She has worked in various capacities with seniors and the caregiving community for over 15 years. Hope enjoys being out in the community and sharing the importance of Advance Care Planning and hopes to someday normalize "*The Conversation*" to ensure that everyone's end-of-life wishes are expressed and honored.



Eva Andrade, President of Hawai'i Family Forum, a nondenominational Christian Lobbying group, and the **Executive Director of the Hawai'i Catholic Conference**, the public policy arm of the Diocese of Honolulu. Eva has been advocating for Catholic-Christian values in island politics for 30 years. Hawai'i is the only state where the leader of both the Christian and the Catholic public policy groups is the same person. The Diocese of Honolulu also gives her an office at St. Stephen Diocesan Center.

Leeward Vicariate Churches "Respect Life"
Coordinators, please text your RSVP to Rosemary Kam-
Pabingwit at 808-282-4449 by September 25, 2023.

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- **Candid look at the 2023 legislative session**
- **Life Issues: Abortion, Assisted Suicide & Parental Rights**
- **Understanding Hawaii's new gun law**
- **Being Prepared: What's coming up in 2024?**

Why Attend?

The purpose of a workshop is to create a space in which Respect Life Coordinators can meet to discuss questions, brainstorm ideas, identify problems, make decisions and understand complex legislative action. This is the time to safely discuss what is happening in Hawaii and how you can make a difference in the community.

The Speakers



Eva Andrade
Executive Director
Hawaii Catholic Conference

Jim Hochberg, Esq.
Local Attorney



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