

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 19, 2023 | Thirty-third 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

The Church is the bride of Christ. The Church is expected to serve Christ faithfully until he comes in glory. God gives each person distinct gifts and talents for service in his Church. Let us pray that we shall use these gifts in order that we may be ready when Christ Jesus comes in his glory.

1st Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The Church has selected this reading for its symbolism: the Church is the bride or wife of Christ; the Church (meaning you and I) must always work to reflect the glory of Christ, the groom.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

The Thessalonians thought Christ would return soon so human work was of no value. They quit their jobs and were idly waiting for Christ to come. St. Paul warns them to get back to work, to keep busy. We do not know when the end is coming. The only thing certain is that it will come suddenly, unexpectedly. We must keep busy and to be zealous at good works until Christ comes again.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

God expects us to bear fruit with what he has given us. On Judgment Day, we shall be judged on the basis of how well we have used what God has given us. Whether we have received abundantly or modestly, we must use all gifts for the glory of God.

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin
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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,

This is, in effect, the last ordinary Sunday of the Church year. Next week, the 34th Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. And again, as last week, we are reminded not just of the end of the liturgical year but of the end of all things and the preparations we need to make. Last week, the story of the ten bridesmaids waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom, was about constant readiness for the final coming of Christ. This Sunday is rather about the preparations we need to make. The Second Reading reminds us that the Day of the Lord will come “like a thief in the night”, when we least expect it. What are we supposed to do in the meantime?

The First Reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife. A perfect wife, Proverbs says, “is far beyond the price of pearls.” She is hardworking, mainly for her family, but she also “holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.” Her value is not in her charm or her beauty but in her wisdom, that is, in her awareness of where the real priorities in life lie. The Gospel passage, however, goes further in pinpointing the ultimate purpose of our activities. It is the parable of the talents. Literally, one talent was a very large sum of money, equivalent to thousands of dollars today. The parable contains words of advice for the interim period between Christ’s resurrection and his final return. It urges a responsible use of the goods the Master has entrusted to us so that we may be ready to face him when he calls us to account. If we were to die today and met Jesus and he asked us, “How did you use the gifts and talents I gave you? Who benefited from those gifts?” What would you be able to say in reply? As we prepare for heaven, may the Lord grant us the grace to always be ready as good and faithful stewards.



Offerings for November 12, 2023

- Sunday Offertory—\$2824
- All Saints & All Souls Day—\$90
- Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
- Mass Intentions—\$50
- Outreach—\$45
- Repair & Maintenance—\$3685
- Total—\$6744**

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, November 26, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

A Stewardship Moment

In today’s Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn’t want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ’s Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns.



Question of the Week

How do I share my gifts? What talent have I been told I have but am afraid to share out in the open?



The Filipino Catholic Ministry (FCM) of St. George Parish is holding a Christmas Bazaar fundraiser event on Sunday, November 26 after the 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place. They are selling homemade cooked foods and dry goods.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will support:

- 2024 Sinulog Presentation for the Feast day of Santo Nino on January 21, 2024
- FCM participation in the year-long celebration of the 70th Anniversary of St. George Parish
- Construction of a grotto in honor San Lorenzo Ruiz
- Outreach effort for select charities and more.



View more pictures and the full bulletin with additional announcements and flyers on our parish website by scanning the QR code with your phone.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

November, A Month for the Communion of Saints

At every Sunday mass and on some special feast days, Catholics recite the Nicene Creed, which is a summary of doctrinal beliefs and somewhat longer than the Apostles' Creed we recite at the beginning of the Rosary. It is at the end of the Apostles' Creed that we come across these words: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints. . ."

There are many different answers that are given when some Catholics are asked by others "What is meant by the communion of saints?" Answers like "I don't know, I just believe it" or others mention that maybe it means that the saints went to Holy Communion. As Catholics, praying for the dead has a lot to do with what we mean by the "communion of saints." The Church or the Family of God is made of up three groups: The Church Militant, which means (and includes) all of us who are still alive here on earth, struggling and fighting to work out our salvation and get to heaven some day. Another group is called the Church Suffering, and it includes all those souls who were not bad enough to go to hell for all eternity. However because they are not good enough to go straight to heaven, they end up in purgatory, a place of cleansing and purification. They are called the Church Suffering. The third and final group is made up of those who have won the battle, those who are eternally happy with God in the Kingdom of Heaven. They are called the Church Triumphant.

Love is the greatest of all virtues; love of God and love of neighbor is the greatest of all the commandments. It is that love between the three groups that gives us the Catholic Doctrine that is called "the communion of saints." The Bible even tells us in the Book of Maccabees that "*it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins.*" Let us never forget our dead, and every year when the month of November rolls around, let us remember them in a most special manner in our prayers and Masses.

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time into Advent

Sunday, November 19

12 p.m. St. Joseph Rosary in the garden

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

8 a.m. Mass with offerings for the needy. Bring donations of canned food to Mass where it will be blessed before being given to communities that feed the hungry.

Sunday, November 26, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8—11 a.m. Christmas Bazaar by the Filipino Catholic Ministry in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place

Wednesday, November 29—Thursday, December 7

7 p.m. Eucharistic Novena to the Immaculate Conception in the church each night.

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Rite of Acceptance of Catechumen and Rite of Welcome for Candidates

11 a.m. Respect Life Ministry Meeting

11 a.m. 70th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting in the parish office meeting room (new date).

Wednesday, December 6

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

Friday, December 8, Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 p.m. Torch Light Procession

7 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

3 p.m. Eucharistic Divine Mercy Prayer

6 p.m. Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fellowship Gathering to follow in the hall.

Respect Life Ministry Announcements

St. George Baby Shower, Sunday January 7, 2024 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, to celebrate mothers who are pregnant and families who have newborns (up to the age of 1). Sign up sheet is on the table at the front of the church. If you are pregnant or have had a newborn, please also contact the office or Jeremy Kwock in the Respect Life ministry.

March for Life, Friday January 19, 2024, State Capitol, 1-6 p.m. Please join to support a Culture of Life. Sign up sheet is on the table at the entrance to the church. Please indicate on the sign up sheet if you need help with transportation.

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE

Advent starts on December 3!

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

Week 1

Dec 2 at 6 p.m. The Del Aragon Family
Dec 3 at 7 a.m. The Aiona Family
Dec 3 at 9:30 a.m. The Escalante Family

Week 2

Dec 9 at 6 p.m. The Ajolo Family
Dec 10 at 7 a.m. The Mira/Duque Family
Dec 10 at 9:30 a.m. The Gaerlan Family

Week 3

Dec 16 at 6 p.m. The Bickford Family
Dec 17 at 7 a.m. The Miranda Family
Dec 17 at 9:30 a.m. The Neumann Family

Week 4

Dec 23 at 6 p.m. The Jamile Family
Dec 24 at 7 a.m. The Fernandez Family
Dec 24 at 9:30 a.m. The McMoore Family

Advent Recollection

Tues, Dec. 12, 6 pm Day 1

Weds, Dec. 13, 6 pm Day 2

Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc. will lead us through a Eucharistic centered recollection for Advent to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus this Christmas.



Thur, Dec 14, 2023 at 7 pm
Communal Penance Service

St. George Church, Waimanalo

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JESUS

*My Lord
and
My Savior*

BCCH Retreat #124



Advent RETREAT

2 NIGHTS, 2 DAYS, 6 MEALS, AND
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS
IN THE HISTORIC SACRED HEART
HALL OF A SANCTUARY RETREAT
CENTER DEEP IN THE LUSH,
QUIET FOREST VALLEY OF KALIHI

Imagine having the opportunity to start the new liturgical year in a peaceful and spiritual environment, recharging yourself with prayer, and connecting with God to start the season of Advent. All of this is possible, and it can make all the difference in the holiday season and into the new year. Greet the first weekend of Advent with expectant faith; the belief that God can be heard, seen, and felt in spiritual ways. Located deep in the valley of the Koolau mountain range, Basic Christian Community of Hawaii (BCCH) offers a two-night Advent retreat for adult men and women led by spiritual directors, the Very Reverend Msgr. Gary Secor of the Diocese of Honolulu, and Sr. Meristella Umdor, a Missionary Sister of Mary Help of Christians. Retreatants come to enjoy the natural beauty of the peaceful location, and the freedom from modern distractions. Since 1985, BCCH has welcomed guests to experience true Christian community, found in song, prayer, witness talks, educational and reflective experiences, and small faith-sharing groups. The theme of BCCH Adult Retreat #124 is "Jesus, My Lord and My Savior." This retreat is ideal for anyone seeking to find peace this holiday season in expectant faith for the celebration of God's gift to the world: the birth of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 6PM THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 3PM
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Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc. will lead us through a Eucharistic centered recollection for Advent to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus this Christmas.

Four lit purple candles are arranged in a row on a green evergreen wreath. The candles are lit, with bright yellow flames. The background is dark with soft, out-of-focus purple and white bokeh lights.

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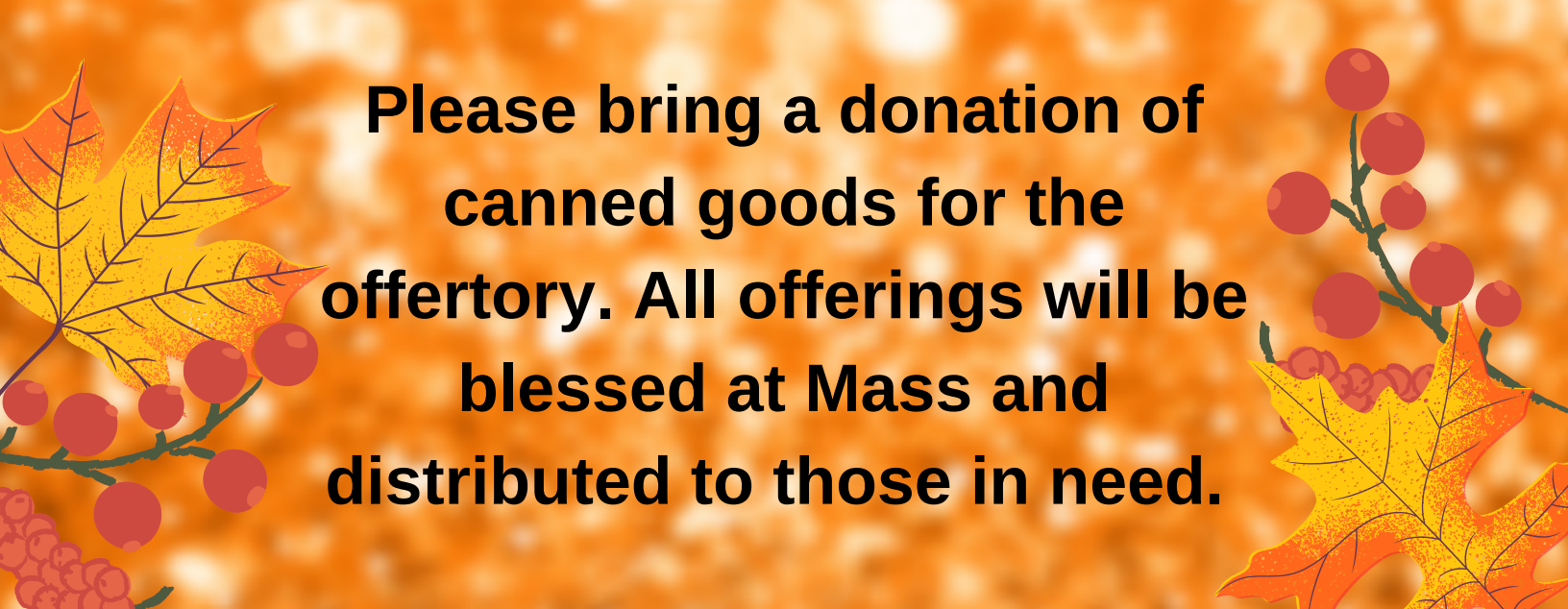
St. George Church, Waimanalo



Please join us for a gathering of
FAMILY & FRIENDS
for

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday 23rd	November, 2023 8:00 AM
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**Please bring a donation of
canned goods for the
offertory. All offerings will be
blessed at Mass and
distributed to those in need.**