

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 11, 2024 | The 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

The leper was an outcast; he could not come near the community of people. Leprosy is a symbol of sin. We should strive to have a greater horror of sin than we do for the physical disease of leprosy. Likewise, we must have confidence that if our souls are leprous with sin, Jesus will heal us with His forgiveness.

1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Primitive peoples knew little about the causes of diseases; they simply knew that the common good of the community came first. The afflicted person had to live outside the community. As we listen to the reading, let us remember that the leprosy of sin is a far worse evil than any skin disease.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11:1

While shopping, Gentile Corinthian converts often found bargains in meat that had been sacrificed to pagan gods. Since they knew that pagan gods did not exist, they saw nothing wrong with eating such meat. But they gave serious scandal to Jewish converts for whom this was an abomination. Paul exhorts everyone to give good example and to avoid even the appearance of evil.

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Jesus' cure of the leper in today's gospel is the sign that He will heal all our spiritual diseases. No matter how sordid our lives, He will still show us His mercy if only we turn to Him.

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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, 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 8 a.m. to 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,

Lepers were the most piteous of people in ancient times. Although little was known then of the origin of the sickness, it was clearly known to be contagious and therefore greatly feared. The only solution was not allowing the leper to approach other people. It seems the disease itself was, for the most part, not particularly painful, but the real pain and suffering were found in the fact that, apart from the appalling physical disintegration of body and limbs, there was the social ostracism, the contempt and the fear which the victim engendered. Whether the person really had leprosy or just a skin ailment, the judgement was severe: "A man or woman infected with leprosy [real or feared] must live outside the camp." It was a sentence of indefinite exile from society. As we all know in our own Diocese, Kalaupapa in Molokai was such a designated place.

It is from this backdrop that a leper in desperation appeals to Jesus: "If you want to, you can cure me." This expresses the man's faith in the power of Jesus. It is this faith which again and again in the Gospel is the necessary and sufficient condition for being made whole again. With a deep sense of compassion for the man's plight, he physically touches the leper to indicate his compassion. The man is immediately healed and made whole. Once healed, he becomes an ardent evangelizer, a spreader of good news, something we are all called to be.

Let us ask ourselves today: What has our experience of knowing Jesus been like? Have we had the enthusiasm of this man to have compassion for others and bring others to the one who heals all ailments including our sinfulness? May we know that we have been called to be messengers of the Good News by the usage of our time, talents and treasure.



GIVING THANKS TO GOD



Offerings for February 4, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$3364.30
Filipino Catholic Club—\$30
First Offering—\$10
Funerals—\$200
Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$50
Ohana in Christ—20
Outreach—\$130
Repair & Maintenance—\$3740
Total—\$7544.30

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

A Stewardship Moment

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?



Question of the Week

How will I minister to others during these forty days of Lent? Who is in need of my help?



Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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A year-long look at the MASS continued . . .

The Liturgy of the Word

In January, we took a look at the Introductory Rites of the Mass. In the month of February, we will take a look at the Liturgy of the Word. This consists of: the readings, homily and general intercessions. After the *Collect* (Opening Prayer) is finished and everyone sits down, the Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Word. *We sit down so we are ready to hear, listen and receive, focused and attentively taking in the homily.* The Liturgy of the Word is comprised of scripture readings, a homily, the profession of faith, and the prayers of the faithful. The structure of readings for Sunday Mass, consists of a first reading, a responsorial psalm, a second reading, a Gospel acclamation, and a Gospel. Why do we proclaim the Word of God at Mass? Every family has its story; how your parents met, or how your cousin earned a particular nickname. When we gather for the mass, we hear our story; God's story of His love for us through Sacred Scripture. We tell these stories whenever we gather for the Mass because these scriptures reinforce what we believe, to whom we belong, and our relationship with others and with God.

Silence and the Liturgy of the Word

As any family knows, there's a difference between hearing and truly listening. How many family fights have been started because somebody heard but did not listen! The structure of the Liturgy of the Word lends itself not just to hearing the Word of God, but to listening. To listen, we need an active, engaged mind, that is focused on the Word of God, and we need time to process what we have heard for meaning. For this reason, it's important to make good use of the silences in between the readings. Today, some are scared of silence. We aren't sure what we'll hear when we're quiet enough to let the Holy Spirit speak. Let us move from a "scared" silence to a "sacred" silence, a silence that truly takes times to break down what we've heard and apply it to our lives as individuals. If we take time throughout the Liturgy of the Word to reflect, we are more open to that Word as we listen to the Gospel and the homily.



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.

Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11

Distribution of 70th Anniversary t-shirts after all Masses. *Please have exact payment amount for unpaid t-shirt orders at the time of t-shirt pick up. New orders will not be taken until all existing orders are filled. Mahalo for your support and understanding!*

Sunday, February 11

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayers in the Church

Tuesday, February 13

12 p.m. Fatima Rosary in the garden

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

7 a.m. Mass and distribution of ashes

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Friday, February 16

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Every Friday in Lent)

Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18

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Sunday, February 18

9:30 a.m. Rite of Sending forth catechumen to the Bishop for Rite of Election

1 p.m. Rite of Election for parish's catechumen

Monday, February 19

12 p.m. St. Joseph Novena in the Garden

Wednesday, February 21

7 p.m. Taize Prayer (Every Wednesday in Lent)

Sunday, February 25

11 a.m. Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration of Married Couples in the Fr. Bill Gathering Place. Lunch will be provided.

Our Catholic Schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. **The Augustine Educational Foundation** provides tuition scholarships to students with a financial need in our schools. Money raised in tis collection will go to support our parish and vicariate families with tuition assistance for the upcoming school year. You may visit the Augustine Educational Foundation online to make a gift or include your check in our parish's offertory. Please take a moment today and help make a difference in a student's life. Mahalo!

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Married Couples Celebration

Sunday, February 25
11 a.m. (immediately following 9:30 a.m. Mass)

Open to the parish, especially married couples.

The signup sheet for the event will be located at the back of the church. Vanessa Dela Cruz and Louanna Kaio will be available after Mass to assist with the signups. Please note the number of years married.

Seven couples that signup by February 18th will be included in a drawing to receive a couple's portrait by church artist Joe Aragon. Drawing will be held after the February 18th Mass and the winners will be notified.

Couples that signup by February 18th will also receive a special event favor.

Lunch will be provided by St. George Parish.

St. George Parish Children's Choir



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INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

God's plan for marriage and the family is at the heart of a culture that welcomes and cherishes His gift of life. God designed the love of husband and wife to be so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with Himself and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being whom they will love and care for together. Part of God's gift to husband and wife is cooperation with His creative power. And couples who cannot bear children still share in this cooperation. As St. John Paul II affirmed to such couples, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others." In participating in this "great mystery" of love that is total, faithful, and fruitful, married couples become a sign of the love between Christ and his Church (Eph. 5:32).

While a couple does not need to seek to have a child in every act of intercourse, they should never act to reject the life-giving power granted by God. When married couples deliberately act to suppress their fertility—such as using contraception—the couple denies part of the inherent meaning of married love and harms their unity.

For serious reasons, couples may choose to avoid pregnancy for a time or indefinitely. Natural family planning (NFP) can help married couples identify and utilize the naturally infertile times in a woman's cycle, all while respecting and cooperating with God's design.

In today's culture, living out God's plan for married love and opening our hearts to the gift of children can be difficult. It can often require great generosity and trust in the Lord. But as Christ repeatedly exhorted, "Be not afraid!" The Church's teaching on married love is an invitation to let God transform our hearts. God's plan for married life and love is far richer and more fulfilling than anything the world can offer us.

ACT (choose one)

- Offer a *Prayer for Married Couples* (uscgb.org/prayers/prayer-married-couples) for this month's intention.
- If you are married, participate in this *At-Home Marriage Retreat* anytime during the month of February (bit.ly/2024-marriage-retreat).
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

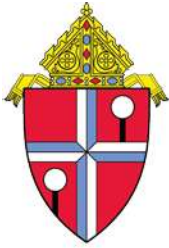
Learn more about God's plan for marriage and how husbands and wives are called to fully live out their vows in *Married Love and the Gift of Life* (bit.ly/married-love). The article also provides an introduction to the Church's teaching on Natural Family Planning (NFP).

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
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WITNESS TO JESUS

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Orders, Catholic Schools & Parishes

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

DATE: January 16, 2024

RE: **Diocese of Honolulu 2024 Lenten Regulations (Updated 1/16/2024)**

FASTING

- ❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**February 14, 2024**) and Good Friday (**March 29, 2024**).
- ❖ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- ❖ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

EASTER DUTY

- ❖ All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (**May 26, 2024**).

LENTEN PRACTICES

- ❖ The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially

regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

- ❖ Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on **February 14th**. Ashes are to be blessed as a sign of our entry into a season of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes.
- ❖ Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a Funeral Outside of Mass may be held.
- ❖ To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included.

BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

- ❖ In order to allow participation of Catholics throughout the islands, the Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in several locations. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations:
 - a. Kauai: **Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00p.m., St. Raphael Church, Koloa.**
 - b. Maui-Lanai: **Thursday, March 14th at 7 p.m., Holy Rosary Church, Paia.**
 - c. Big Island: **Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Hilo.**
 - d. Oahu-Molokai: **Tuesday, March 26th at 7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.**

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

“Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #18*). Three major liturgical principles may be of help here:

- a. The Triduum may be viewed a single liturgical action that occurs over a period of three days.
- b. The Triduum is not part of Lent, but in its entirety, celebrates the Easter event.
- c. The entire focus of the Triduum is on the Triumph of the Cross and the Resurrection.

NOTE: The above directives should be published in parish bulletins for the benefit of the faithful, adding any specific parish or vicariate events. What follows pertains only to clergy and liturgy planners and need not be published for parishioners.

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