

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 7, 2024 | Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)



Dear Parish Ohana,

A quote as we reflect on Divine Mercy Sunday: ***“Do not let your fear of what could happen make nothing happen.”*** As we move along in this Easter Season, it is easy to think that the disciples were totally filled with joy and enthusiasm on that Easter Sunday morning. The reality is that in their joy was also an element and atmosphere of fear. The disciples were terrified by being inside the house, with the doors firmly locked, afraid that they too would be liable to arrest and punishment. Suddenly, there is Jesus standing in their midst with the greeting ***“Peace be with you!”***

The greeting has a special meaning - where Jesus is truly present, there is peace. The disciples' fear is gradually transformed into an unspeakable joy at the return of their Master. Only after this gradual transformation does he give them a commissioning. ***“As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.”*** God's perfect love drives out fear. So, what were they sent to do? St. Francis captures this mission in his beautiful prayer. *Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.*

The words of Jesus spoken to them are also spoken to us. Though we might have our own fears and doubts, their mission is also ours. May we live our lives as an Easter people, praising God that he has found us worthy to work in his vineyard.

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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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 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

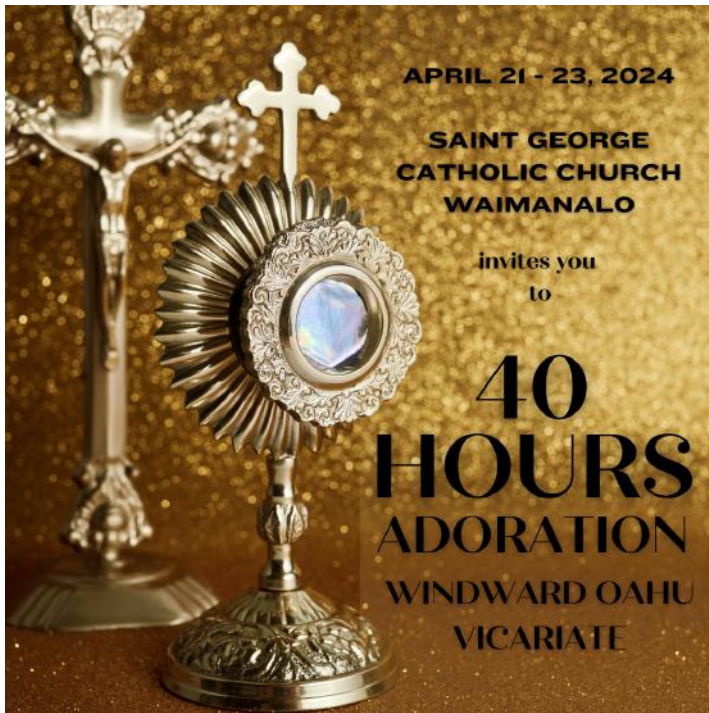
First Wednesday of the month at
noon in the Meditation Garden

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



ENCOUNTER THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS

On the occasion of Saint George Feast Day and the parish's year-long 70th Anniversary, St. George Catholic Church in Waimanalo invites you to a 40 Hour Adoration devotion to encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ present in the most Holy Eucharist. Offered over the course of three days from Sunday, April 21 through Tuesday, April 23, you will have the opportunity to offer public and personal devotions for Eucharistic adoration, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and reflect on scripture and God's will and desire for your life. The 40 Hours also include Mass, personal testimony and inspiring talks from lay people and clergy.

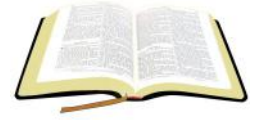
The "12 Apostles" who had their feet washed on Holy Thursday were Joe Aragon, Lorie Aragon, Rhoda Balmori, Sheila Bush, Fe Duque, Giovanni Gallardo, Gloria Maya-Gallardo, Jamieson Kanuha, Jesus Maya, Alfie Rival, Maydene Simmons, and Aaron Tai. Mahalo for their stewardship of service!

Offerings for March 31, 2024

- Sunday Offertory—\$80
- Ash Wednesday—\$30
- Catholic Relief Service—\$30
- CRS Rice Bowl—\$150
- Easter—\$6702
- Good Friday—\$1473
- Holy Thursday—\$1294
- Mary Lou Scholarship Fund—\$70
- Repair & Maintenance—\$40
- T-shirts—\$100
- Total—\$9969**



I love to read  the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, April 14, 2024
First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

A Stewardship Moment

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist which strengthens and sustains them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.

Question of the Week

Christ still shows us his wounds and invites us to touch the places where the world had broken him open; in the hungry, the poor, the vulnerable and marginalized. Where can we see the wounded Christ among us today?





NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST continued...

The Eucharistic Prayer (Part III)

Last Sunday we took a look at the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer and today we will focus on the second part. After the congregation sings the “*Holy, Holy,*” everyone except for the priest kneels, unless prevented from doing so because of physical disability or lack of space. Kneeling is a posture of adoration and reverence. It is a physical reminder for our minds to be focused on the action that takes place at the altar. Continuing the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest continues his prayer of thanksgiving that was started in the preface. In some Eucharistic Prayers, this thanksgiving may only be a sentence, while other Eucharistic Prayers will dive deeply into the life of Jesus. The priest now extends his hands over the bread and wine, palms down, asking the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine to make them holy. This part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the *epiclesis*. The gesture of laying on hands has been used from the time of the apostles to call down the Holy Spirit.

Next is the Institution Narrative. The priest recalls the words of Christ at the Last Supper, the first Mass. But this is no simple re-telling of the Last Supper. When the priest takes the bread and says, “*This is my Body,*” the bread truly becomes the Body of Jesus Christ! In the same way, the priest takes the wine and says, “*This is the cup of my Blood,*” and the wine truly becomes the Blood of Christ! After the consecration of the bread and wine, the Body and Blood are elevated for all to see. The priest then invites us to “proclaim the Mystery of Faith.” We respond with one of four acclamations focusing on the saving action of this sacrifice, the sacrifice of his death on the cross and his resurrection.

After the memorial acclamation is sung, the priest continues with a remembrance called *anamnesis*. The priest, on our behalf, recalls the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. The priest offers back to the Father the Body and Blood of Christ on our behalf. The priest petitions the Father on our behalf. He prays for the leaders of the Church and



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.

Every Sunday

3 p.m. Divine Mercy prayers in church

Saturday, April 6

4-6 p.m. Donations drop off for Outreach Ministry

Donations of new and gently used clothing are being accepted to provide for the needy in our community.

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m. Sacramental Reception for Religious Education Candidates with Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist at Mass with the Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva

This year's Blood Bank Drive is on Sunday, August 25, 2024. Please save the date.

Our initial goal last year for the blood drive held on August 27, 2023 was to get at least 40 donors and we surpassed our goal with 49 blood donors!

Unfortunately, at 11:20 a.m. that day, the blood drive was suspended because the air conditioner on the Blood Bank's mobile bus broke down causing 7 people to faint creating a serious safety concern if the blood drive was to continue.

Prior to the shutdown, 28 people were able to donate their blood. The units of blood benefited trauma patients, heart surgery patients, cancer treatment patients, transplant recipients, premature babies, burn victims, people with chronic illnesses, and more. The need for blood is always so imminent especially with so many unforeseen events occurring and in the aftermath of the Maui fire tragedy. Thank you for your support and we look forward to your continued participation in this very needed cause.

(continued) all its members, for the peace and salvation of the world, for the needs of those present, and especially for those who have died. The Eucharistic prayer concludes with a prayer of praise to God called a doxology. This prayer reminds us that the entire Eucharistic Prayer has been offered to the Father, through the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. We express our acceptance and belief with joy: AMEN!

Life In The **SPIRIT** Seminars

at **St. George Church** (Waimanalo)

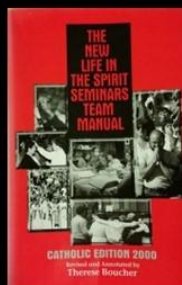
Fridays at 7 p.m.

(April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 17, 24)

7 Sessions that will change your life forever

- **GOD's Love** (April 5)
- **Salvation** (April 12)
- **New Life** (April 19)
- **Receiving GOD's Gifts** (April 26)
- **Growth** (May 3)
- **Transformation** (May 17)
- **Baptism In The SPIRIT** (May 24)

Keynote: **Dominic Olaso** DETF Head Servant



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APRIL 20 & 21

2024

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Jeremy Rivera

