

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



August 29, 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Tues.—Fri. 9:00am—12:00pm
Office closed on Mondays, weekends,
Holidays.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7am & 9:30am
Monday: Communion Service, 7am
Weekday: 7am Tues.—Sat.

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:
Tues. 6:30am
Rosary: Mon.—Sat., 6:30am
Divine Mercy: 2nd Sunday 3:00pm
Adoration: 1st Sun. 11am-12pm
Fatima Rosary: 13th day of each month
12:00pm—Meditation
Garden
Novena to St. Joseph:
19th day of each month
12:00pm—Meditation
Garden

FUNERALS

Contact the parish office before
funeral home.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

Call the parish office to schedule home
Communion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Coordinator:: Vicky DeSilva
Grades K – 5: 8:15-9:15am
Grades 6 –H.S.: 10:30am-12noon

Please call office at 259-7188 for more
information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Sunday 8:15-9:30am..

NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration forms available at the
back of church or from parish office.

BAPTISM

Must register for classes which are
mandatory for parents and godparents.
Call office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Call to arrange an appointment with the
Pastor at least six months prior to wedding
date.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Sat. 5:15 – 5:45pm or by appointment

The message of the gospel is simple enough to be available to all people. God loves us. He sent His Son to save us. His Son continues His work of teaching and sanctifying in His Church. Let us pray that we shall not add nor subtract from the truth of Jesus Christ, and that we shall live the simplicity of our faith.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 - In today's first reading Moses warned the Israelites not to add to or subtract from God's word. But in later times interpretations of the Torah became as important as the Torah itself.

Second Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27 - All good things come from God. If we receive blessings from God, He expects us to show forth His goodness in our lives. Religion is shown by our deeds and not by our words.

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 - The Pharisees had the reputation for being the most religious and holy and virtuous people. But Jesus calls them hypocrites who follow their own way and not the way of God.

Today's Reflection: Our Legacy of Faith



The Old Testament tells of a golden calf, produced by the Israelites when Moses disappeared up the mountain to receive God's law (see Exodus 32). Since Moses delayed, they melted gold brought from Egypt, made their own god, and began worshiping it. This is the essence of idolatry: We create a god to worship, but since it is our creation, we are really worshiping ourselves. Jesus accused the Pharisees of falling into a similar trap. They slavishly revered human traditions that didn't reflect the heart of God. They hid behind laws created in the name of religion to serve themselves and their desire for power. Jesus overturns the tables of their self-justifications. He quotes the prophet as an accusation: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6). Before pointing an accusatory finger, realize that the same can happen to us. We can cling to human traditions and laws while disregarding God's basic commands of love and mercy. We can hide behind those laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others who are not as pious as us, as noted by James: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22). Pope Francis makes a special effort to remind the Church, especially the clergy, of this truth: "Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable, or even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules...even though we do not love our neighbor, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud." + **By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC - Bringing Home the Word**

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 29, 2021

- 10:45am—Baptism Ceremony

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

- 7:00pm—Baptism Class

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

- 7:00pm—Baptism Class

Sunday, September 12, 2021

- 8:15am—First day of Sunday School
- 8:15am—First day of RCIA class

Monday, September 13, 2021

- 12:00pm—Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday, September 19, 2021—Catechetical Sunday

- 11:00am—Devotion to St. Joseph

Sunday, September 26, 2021

- 10:45am—Baptism Ceremony



Offerings: August 22, 2021

Sunday Collections—\$2803.00

Mass Intentions—\$40.00

Funerals—\$200.00

Repair and Maintenance—\$335.00

Rel Education—\$95.00

Catholic Charities—\$75.00

Mahalo Saturday Cleaners!

August 21, 2021

Leoncia Belen * Virginia Bringas
Betty Cadiente * Diane Carlos
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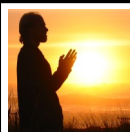
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A Word from Pope Francis

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."



We can hide behind laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others.

- Do I look down on others who are not as generous and faithful as I?
- Is there is a subtle division in my heart between those who deserve my love and those who do not?



Baptism Preparation Class for August

Baptism Ceremony on August 29 at 10:45am following the 9:30am Mass.

Baptism Preparation Class for SEPTEMBER

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, September 1st and 8th at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

Baptism ceremony is on Sunday, September 26 following the 9:30am Mass.

Please call the office to register.

Covid Prayer to Our Blessed Mother



"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."
 In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can resume its normal course . Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

MAHALO! EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



The EMHC ministry is unlike all other ministries. It is one in which persons who are not ordained are able to hold the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion take on the astonishing task of offering Jesus' precious Body and Blood to the people. The honor of giving service in this ministry is sacred. Mahalo to Bernie Seabury, EMHC coordinator and the ministers of Holy Communion for serving reverently and respectfully in this ministry. You are appreciated!

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MAHALO LECTORS!

The Liturgy of the Word is the proclamation of the readings from Sacred Scripture. The Word of God is listened to reverently and spoken reverently in loud, clear tones. We acknowledge and thank Winona (Bootsie) Kauwe, Lector ministry coordinator and the faithful Lectors who proclaim the Word of God with joy, grace and reverence. Your faithful service is truly appreciated.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members who were baptized but never received the other sacraments, are non-Catholic and are interested in the Church?



If you do, encourage them to attend RCIA. We welcome all to participate in this journey of faith. The RCIA team walks with those who are inquiring as we explore our relationship with God and others, and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Class begins on September 12 at 8:15am.

PARISH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR REPORT - JULY 2019—JUNE 2021

FINISHED PROJECTS:

1. CHURCH

- Installation of church outdoor speaker
- Purchase of new amplifier
- Two new Holy water dispensers
- Two new hand sanitizer dispensers
- New upholstery of minister's and choir chairs
- Installation of new AED device
- Installation of LED lights at the belltower

2. RECTORY KITCHEN

- Repainting of the walls and ceiling
- Installation of new cabinets
- New quartz countertop
- Purchase of new microwave, coffee maker
- New kitchen sink
- Replacement of electric switches and sockets
- Purchase of four bar stools
- Installation of vinyl window operator
- New electric stove
- Installation of vinyl baseboard

3. RECTORY LIVING ROOM

- Repainting of wall and ceiling
- Replacement of electric sockets and switches
- New living room sofa set
- Installation of vinyl window operator
- Installation of new AC
- Installation of vinyl floor baseboard

4. RECTORY OUTDOOR

- Installation of new gutters

5. PARISH OFFICE

- Installation of new gutters and downspouts

6. STORAGE ROOM

- Installation of new gutters and downspouts

7. CHURCH OUTDOOR

- Repair of the vandalized St. George statue
- Installation of new Plexiglas cover for St. George statue
- New St. George planter and garden
- Out Lady of Grace grotto repair
- Installation of Plexiglas cover at Our Lady of Grace grotto
- New planter and rose garden at Our Lady of Grace grotto
- Installation of walkway shade between church and parish hall.
- Walkway landscaping and gardening between church and parish hall
- Planting of bougainvillea at Kalaniana'ole Hwy side
- New Meditation Garden at the newly leased property at the back of the rectory
- Installation of water lines at the Meditation Garden, fire station side, Waimanalo Health Center side and Kalaniana'ole Hwy side.
- Construction of shade at the Meditation Garden
- Installation of added LED lights at the parking lot and Meditation Garden
- Gardening at the Waimanalo fire station and health center sides.