

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



July 11, 2021
15th 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

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Sat. 5:15 – 5:45pm or by appointment

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
Pre-School: 9:30-10:15am
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 info.

MARRIAGE

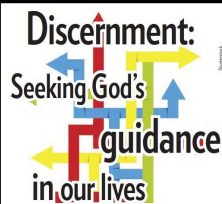
Call to arrange an appointment with the
Pastor at least six months prior to
wedding date.

God has made us for Himself alone. We shall never be happy unless we strive to do His will. We are called to be loyal witnesses of Christ in this world. Even if people oppose the gospel, we can take joy in the fact that we are doing the Lord's will. Whether we succeed or not is less important than whether we continue to serve the Lord with all the talents He gives us.

First Reading: Amos 7: 12-15 - In the Eighth century before Christ, God called Amos to be a prophet. Amos was a poor farmer from the south who was sent to the wealthy and high living north. When the sophisticated northerners call Amos an uneducated fool, Amos agrees with them. But he says that God sent him, and he must do God's will.

Second Reading: 1 Ephesians: 3-14 - From all eternity, God knows us, and calls us to be His holy people in Jesus Christ. No merit or special talent of ours gained this grace: God calls us solely out of His eternal mercy. Let us humbly realize our calling, and pray that we may be faithful to our vocation.

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13 - In today's gospel, Jesus sends His disciples to preach. He instructs them to take none of the usual equipment of itinerant preachers. Rather, they are to rely on the grace and power of God to accomplish His work through them. As we listen to the gospel, let us remember that God calls us to do His work, and He gives us the grace and strength to do it.



Today's Reflection: Discerning God's Call

Spiritually, discernment is the process of listening for and responding to God's call. It's a popular activity these days in churches, schools, and businesses. Discerning the right career, the right person for a job—or even the right person to marry—occupies a lot of adults. I often talk about discernment with college students because Catholic tradition has much to offer to the process. We can draw some principles of discernment from our readings today. From Ephesians, we learn that God has called us into the mission of Christ and to praise his glory in the world. Does the life you live now allow you to do that with a full heart? From Amos, we learn that God doesn't call only the ones we think are holy enough, brave enough, or religious enough. God calls all of us wherever he finds us. Amos was a dresser of sycamore trees. We might be teachers, parents, or students in school, but we are all part of Christ's mission by baptism. Finally, in Mark, we learn that mission is a communal affair. We are together in mission. We are to go into every house, depending on God to tell us what to do and give us what we need. With our different gifts, we help each other spread God's word and love those we meet. Finally, we learn that not everyone will hear us, but we must not let that weigh us down. We must shake the dust from our feet and move on. These and other principles of discernment can apply no matter where we find ourselves along the road. How have you responded to God's call today? *Mary Katharine Deeley, Bringing Home the Word*

Parish Calendar

Prayer Service on Mondays at 7:00am

Daily Mass at 7:00am, Tues—Sat.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

- 12:00pm—Fatima Prayer—Med. Garden

Monday, July 19, 2021

- 12:00pm—St. Joseph Devotion—Med. Garden



*"Dear God... Thank you for
Jesus... Who shows us... How to
grow in you."*

*Thank you for Jesus... Who shows us ...
How to love you."*



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July 3, 2021

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A Word from Pope Francis

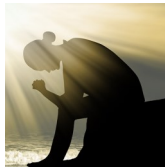
Jesus himself tells us in no uncertain terms that we will be judged by the mercy we show to the poor: those who hunger and thirst, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and those in prison. Particularly in our prosperous societies, Christians are called to guard against the temptation of indifference.

Reflection

Tom Booth wrote a song called, "I Will Choose Christ". The song talks about being called by Christ to serve. This call is not from the person who is God but from a humble servant who gave his life on earth to serve. Christ the Teacher and Healer is asked to teach the heart and soul to love as the journey to walk the road with Him is taken. Do we choose to serve? Are we willing to give our hearts, our lives, our all to serve? Pope Francis reminds us that we will be judged upon the mercy we show to the poor and marginalized. He reminds us to guard against indifference. Do you Choose Christ?

Reflection Questions

We might be teachers, parents, or students in school, but we are all part of Christ's mission.



- How do I participate in the Church's mission of serving the poor?
- What more can I do to educate my children or others about this important subject?

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



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Fatima Prayer—Monthly Devotion

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

12:00pm

Meditation Garden



Monthly Devotion to St. Joseph

Monday, July 19, 2021

12:00pm

Meditation Garden



Leoncia Belen

Was commissioned as a bereavement minister on Saturday, July 10, 2021
Thank you for choosing to serve!



**Shawnie Campbell
Diane Carlos
Paul Dumas
Joe Ka'akua
Monalisa Leanio
Ricardo Sablan**

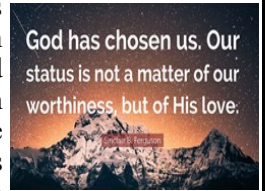


Finance Ministry committee will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your service to St. George Church.

Accepting That God Has Chosen Us

When God makes a choice, it's definitive and irrevocable. God does not love us if we change, but so that we can change. God has not stopped choosing Israel any more than God stops choosing us because we do not respond. God's love is never determined by the worthiness of the one loved, which is difficult for us to comprehend—because that is the only way we know how to love. Since God's choice is not determined by the worthiness of the chosen, the Bible speaks of God's love as being faithful, forever, and like a rock! We never keep our side of the contract, yet God always rises to the occasion and holds up God's side. You could say that is the very definition of what it means to be God and what it means to be human in the Bible: Humanity always fails, God always saves.

As humans, we cannot recognize another person's inherent, God-given goodness until we have rested in that lovely place ourselves. God is inviting us first of all to rest and rejoice in what it means to be God's beloved son or daughter. When we have learned to live for that 'chosenness', then can we communicate that same beloved status to anybody in any situation at any level of depth, joy, or freedom.



Think About It...

St. Thomas More said,

"Give me a soul that knows not boredom,

grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of the obstructing thing called 'I.' Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others."

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