

# SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



August 22, 2021

21st 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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### PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin  
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### OFFICE STAFF

Director of RE: Vicky DeSilva

### 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

If we want to be loyal to Christ, we must  
make some difficult choices. It is easy to  
have faith if faith makes no demands on us.  
But sometimes there are “hard sayings” of  
the Lord; which makes faith difficult.

**First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b**  
– After Moses' death, Joshua led the  
Israelites to the Promised Land. Joshua  
gathered the people to renew the covenant  
with the Lord, asking them to choose  
whether they would be faithful to the Lord  
or to other gods.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32 -**  
Our second reading compares the union of  
husband and wife to the union of Christ and  
His Church.

**Gospel: John 6: 60-69 -**  
Jesus said that everyone must eat His flesh  
and drink His blood in order to have eternal  
life. Many people found this impossible to  
accept.



### *Today's Reflection: Our Legacy of Faith*

We all want to leave a legacy, to be remembered when we're gone. A legacy comes from faithfully and lovingly living your convictions. Joshua challenges the Israelites, making a definitive statement as their leader and head of his family: "We will serve the LORD." Notice that it isn't a question of if you will serve someone, but who you will serve. The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21). Peter also had this hard choice placed to him, and he spoke up as the first pope, the head of a family of believers. When Jesus revealed the doctrine of the Eucharist, that it was truly his body and blood, many left him over this difficult saying. Jesus asks the apostles if they want to leave, too. He could have said this was just a symbol—that those who left had misunderstood. But he doesn't change his teaching. He merely asks the apostles if they accept and believe him. Peter's answer, like Joshua's, is a fundamental option. He finds in Jesus' words eternal life. There is nowhere else to go when you have tasted the goodness and truth of Jesus. As hard as some of those truths may be, for Peter there is no turning away. Following Jesus faithfully will lead him to lay down his life for Jesus, crucified upside down, and buried on Vatican Hill where you can visit his tomb today. How's that for a legacy?

+ 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**

- 8:15—First day of Sunday School

#### **Monday, September 13, 2021**

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

#### **Sunday, September 19, 2021**

- 11:00am—Devotion to St. Joseph

#### **Sunday, September 26, 2021**

- 10:45am—Baptism Ceremony



#### **Offerings: August 15, 2021**

**Sunday Collections—\$2535.00**

**Mass Intentions—\$100.00**

**Outreach—\$15.00**

**Repair and Maintenance—\$222.00**

**Rel Education—\$550.00**

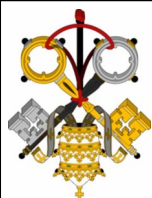
***Mahalo for your Generosity!***

#### **Mahalo Saturday Cleaners!**

##### **August 14, 2021**

Leoncia Belen \* Virginia Bringas  
Betty Cadiente \* Pura Malinao  
Teresita Dela Cruz \* Adelina Dela Penia  
Tina Ramos \* Carlotta Kidder  
Mapu Fuller \* Luisa Manuelli





### A Word from Pope Francis

When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.



The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are.

- What are my convictions, and what ideal do I love and live for?
- Will that ideal last in time and into eternity? There is still time to adjust.



### 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 1 and 8 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! MUSIC MINISTRY

Music we hear at Mass is a form of prayer. Music praises God, tells stories, thanks, uplifts and takes everyone to their places of solace, comfort, happiness, hope. We acknowledge our music ministry at St. George Church whose love of music is evident. Thank you to Celia Chun, music ministry coordinator, and RJ and EJ Valmoja for sharing their music and singing skills. Many thanks to the faithful choir members who add to praise and worship. Your service to St. George church is much appreciated.





### **MAHALO ALTAR SERVERS!**

**Every Liturgical ceremony needs the assistance of altar servers. These are the ones who help the priest and deacon during celebrations and services. St.**

**George Church says *Mahalo* to its coordinator Gaby Gosiaco for spearheading this ministry and to the many altar servers who faithfully serve St. George Church. You are all 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.



**The desire and ability of a man and woman to form a lasting bond of love and life in marriage are written into their nature.**

**Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. Part of God's gift to husband and wife is this ability in and through their love to cooperate with God's creative power. That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.**



#### **What Makes a Good Marriage?**

- **Praying Together**—Put God at the center. He will watch over you and guide you.
- **Praying for Each Other**—Pray for your spouse and don't be afraid to ask your spouse to pray for you.
- **Communication**—Allowing your spouse to stay on the same page as you is a great step in your relationship.
- **Forgiveness**—Stuff happens. You have to let go and let God. Make a choice to forgive.
- **Time**—This is a precious gift of love.
- **Acceptance**— We need to accept our spouse and love him/her unconditionally with God's grace.
- **Enjoy Your Marriage**—You married your spouse for a reason, keep those qualities that your spouse possesses forefront in your mind and heart.

