

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



September 5, 2021

23rd 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)

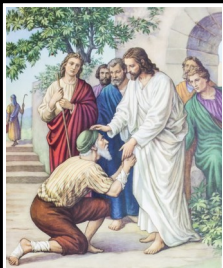
Sat. 5:15 – 5:45pm or by appointment

God is no respecter of persons. He loves all persons, without discrimination. He loves Jew as well as Gentile. We can approach God with confidence and without fear because of His great love. Through no merit of ours, solely through the power of Christ's redemption, God calls us to be His children.

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a - All will be made perfect because of His love. Therefore, we must have confidence. We must be strong and unafraid because God loves us with an everlasting love.

Second Reading: James 2: 1-5 - Christians must not seek favor with the influential; they must not show partiality; there must never be discrimination in the Church. As followers of Christ, we must care for all persons without respect to human appearances.

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37 - In today's gospel Jesus cures a deaf man who was a Gentile. In healing a Gentile, Jesus ran the risk of alienating His own people who hated Gentiles. But God had a care for all persons. The mission of Christ and the mission of every Christian is to love without limit. Let us open our ears to hear this gospel.



Today's Reflection: Opening Our Eyes and Ears to God

It seems odd that Jesus would tell someone he just cured to keep silent about the whole incident. If I had experienced a miraculous cure, I think my first impulse would be to tell everyone about it and how it came to be. It's hard to keep that kind of good news to oneself. But Jesus' reasons for asking this went beyond mere modesty. He did not want people to follow him simply because of what he did. There were prophets and preachers at that time who called attention to God and appeared to cure those who were ill. They cast out demons and preached their understanding of the truth. But Jesus wasn't like any other person. He wanted people to look within themselves and believe in him because of who he was: Emmanuel, God with us. If we believe in Jesus only because we have seen a miracle, then our faith is not rooted in a deep conviction of heart and mind. The first time something bad happens, our faith will waver. If we believe only because someone else told us to, then when that person exits our lives, our faith may stop. But if we have had a personal encounter with Christ mediated through sacraments, in prayer, or through another person and have come to believe in Christ as the Son of God, then our faith will grow. It will see us through rocky times and brighten the rest of our days. We will be like someone whose eyes and ears have been opened, because we will see Christ present in the world and hear his voice calling to us to come and follow him. + **By Mary Katharine Deeley** .

- *Bringing Home the Word*

Parish Calendar

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 in Meditation Garden

Sunday, September 19, 2021—Catechetical Sunday

- 11:00am—Devotion to St. Joseph in Med. Garden

Sunday, September 26, 2021

- 10:45am—Baptism Ceremony



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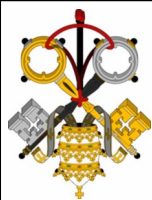
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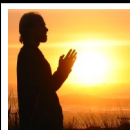
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A Word from Pope Francis

The proclamation of the Gospel is destined for the poor first of all, for all those who all too often lack what they need in order to live a dignified life. To them first are proclaimed the glad tidings that God loves them with a preferential love... Go to the poor first of all.



If we believe in Jesus only because we have seen a miracle, then our faith may waver.

- Is my faith in Jesus rooted in a deep, personal conviction?
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- Do I regularly pray and participate in the sacraments to strengthen that conviction?

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.



MAHALO! CHURCH CLEANERS

We all value the cleanliness of the Church when we come to Mass on the weekends. It takes a crew of many hands to get the Church ready, cleaned and sanitized for all of us. Thank you to the faithful volunteers who give time on Saturday mornings to clean the pews, floors, carpet and wash the windows. You are most appreciated.

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! USHERS



We acknowledge the ushers who welcome people to Mass and take care of their needs. They handle money collections and sanitize the Church after every Mass. They are the ones getting chairs for overflow in the Church and those we can count on to lend a hand. Thank you, Ushers, for your service to St. George Church.

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Calling High School TEENS!

The LECTOR ministry is looking for St. George high school teens to become lectors at Sunday Mass. Training will be provided and support is available anytime. This is a great way to give back to your Church community.

You can text or call Auntie Bootsie Kauwe, lector ministry coordinator, at 808-282-0781 to ask questions or to make your commitment. In the meantime, thank you for thinking about it!

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



For those interested, please contact Paul or Maria Dumas.

Class begins on September 12 at 8:15am.



Religious Education Classes

Sunday school starts on September 12.

Grades K—5 start at 8:15am.

Grades 6—High School start at 10:35am.

Please pray for our youth!

Praying in Good Faith

Here is a paradox. Does intercessory prayer work? We ask for healing of cancer, and a friend dies. We pray for peace, and wars continue. We implore our Lord for family unity, and alienation divides parents and children. Are our prayers effective? What should we expect as we approach our providential Father in heaven? Mary, the mother of Jesus, once again points the way. Her faith was deep and firm. Her refrain was: “May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Yes, ask that Grandma’s cancer be arrested, if it is your will, Lord. Yes, grace us with peace and family unity, but in your time, Lord. A radical trust and faith should underlie every petition. Let us not limit our prayer life to asking the Lord to meet our needs. As people of faith we should praise God for God’s majesty and glory; we should thank God for all the gifts in our lives; we should appeal to God for forgiveness. We should come to God aware of our own sinfulness and our need for mercy. In the end, it is God’s WILL that should be the basis of all prayer.

God’s Will, Not Ours

William E. Gladstone offers this prayer:

“Pardon, O gracious Lord and Father, whatsoever is amiss in this my prayer, and let thy will be done, for my will is blind and erring.”

Gladstone knew that God could do so much more than we could ask for or imagine. This humble attitude is the key to all “effective” prayer.

Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.” (Luke 22:42).

+ Bishop Robert F. Morneau



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