

# SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



October 11, 2020

28th 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

Mon.—Fri. 9:00am—12:00pm

### 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  
5pm if weekend; 7pm if  
weekday

### 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.

Imagine the most delicious dinner you've ever had in your life. Imagine the happiest experience of your entire life. These things are absolutely nothing when compared to the eternal joy of our heavenly banquet with the Lord. The Lord invites all peoples to salvation; let us accept His invitation and enter into His eternal joy.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a** - Authentic Jewish tradition believed that someday God would invite the Gentiles -- the non-Jews -- to share in salvation. God would invite all nations to share in the great feast of joy. Today's first reading reflects this hope for universal salvation.

**2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20** - St. Paul was in jail when he wrote today's reading. The Philippian people had been kind to him when others had abandoned him. In spite of his own difficulties, Paul expresses hope to them: he has learned to cope. He is confident that God will always be with us and supply for our needs.

**Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14** - The gospel today is the parable of the great feast. As we listen to the words of this familiar parable, let us reflect how sad it is to turn one's back on God's invitation to grace. Let us pray that we shall always respond to God's invitation to His banquet of salvation, and let us resolve that we shall daily convert our lives to His ways.

## Today's Reflection: We're the Supporting Cast

Life can make us think we are in control of our lives. We plan, think, execute, and succeed (or fail). Then along comes an illness, an accident, a job loss, or one of countless other things, and we realize we really aren't in control of much. This famous phrase sums it up: Man proposes, God disposes. We can transfer this same false assumption into our relationship with God and expect Mass, prayer, and liturgy to work for us, fill us, and entertain us. But liturgy and prayer are about giving God his glory above all else. When we pray, and especially when we enter into communal liturgy, we are reminded once again that it is all about what God is doing. Isaiah says the Lord will provide for all people. God will provide! We might prepare, serve, or participate, but the director, producer, and main actor is God. We are the supporting cast. That is why liturgy is not so much about our planning, participation, or entertainment but about entering into harmony with God's action and praising him as he asks. The same point can be found in the Gospel. The king sends out invitations for his son's wedding and prepares the feast. He adjusts to the unexpected lack of interest and invites others. The ones who arrive are the ones the master has invited. It would be foolish for one of the invited guests to promote their importance. Their role is to humbly enjoy and gracefully help the king and the newlyweds to shine on their night! +

~ Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### Parish Calendar

**Tuesdays—Saturdays**  
– 7:00 am Daily Mass

**REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOW**  
Go to [stgeorge96795.com](http://stgeorge96795.com) to register.  
Don't forget to also fill out the Safe Environment form too.

**Sunday, September 20**  
**Religious Education Online Classes**

- 8:30 am —K-5
- 11:00 am—6-8
- 12:00 pm—High School

**OCTOBER**  
**Month Of The Rosary**

**Friday, October 30**  
**Culmination of October Rosary Devotion**  
– 6:30 pm —Rosary  
– 7:00 pm—Mass

**Offerings: October 4, 2020**

**Weekly Sunday—\$4244.00**  
**Funeral—\$450.00**  
**Mass Intentions—\$160.00**  
**Outreach—\$15.00**  
**Repair and Maint.—\$720.00**  
**Other—\$314.14**

*Generosity*  
changes everything

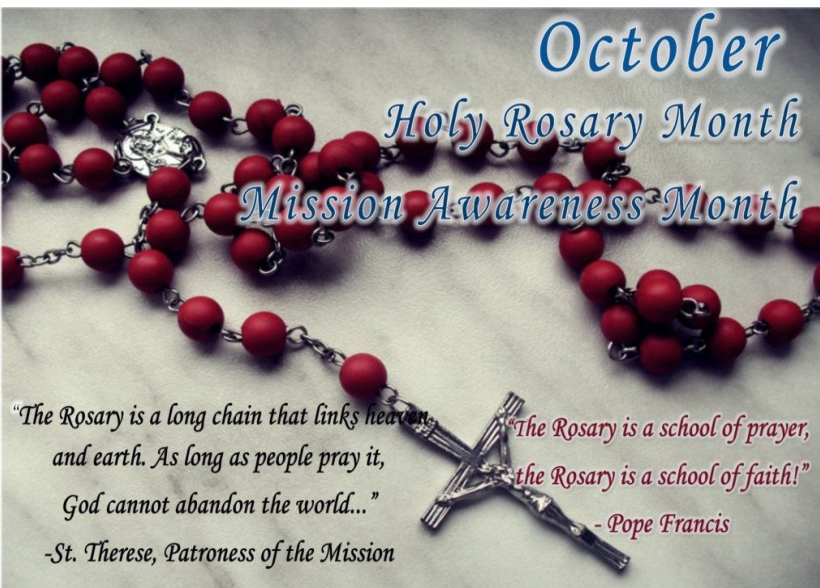
### Mahalo Cleaners!

Thank you so much to these  
dedicated and kind parishioners!

**October 3, 2020**

Adelina Dela Penia \* Betty Cadiente  
Estrel Quiambao  
Virginia Bringas \* Diane Carlos  
Teresita Dela Cruz \* Connie Villena  
Doreen Anderson \* Tina Ramos  
Louana Kaio

  
Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work



*Prayer*

Lord, I am  
grateful you  
guide us along  
safe paths. Help  
me to remain close to you  
and walk with you all the  
days of my life .



### A Word from Pope Francis

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind....Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy toward others, our faith emerges and bears fruit.... Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile...and therefore more dead than alive?

### Reflection Questions

- Is Mass about my pleasure or God's glory?
- How often do I serve and expect nothing in return?

## The ROSARY

shall be a  
**POWERFUL ARMY**  
against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin and destroy heresies. It will cause good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things.



### 54 Day Rosary Novena



Please join Relevant Radio in a **54 Day Rosary Novena** for the **Needs of the Church & our Nation** starting **September 8 and ending on October 31.**

By signing up at:

<https://relevantradio.com/54-day-rosary-novena/>

You'll receive a **reminder email** each **morning** with a short, **daily novena reflection** and can **pray the rosary for 54 days with RR during their live Family Rosary Across America®** show at **2pm Hawaii time.**

In **response** to the **crisis** unfolding in our **world** and in the **Church**, **Life Site** is offering **Catholics** throughout the world a chance to be **united daily in prayer, in the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Crusade.** The Rosary is prayed with others from around the world at 6:00am Hawaii time every morning with Father Pillari, a US priest assigned to Italy. You can find the daily **Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Crusade.**

### Come Join Us Pray the Rosary

**When: Sunday – 6:15am**  
**Tuesday - Saturday - 6:25am**  
**Where: St. George Church**  
**40 Days of Life**



### 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 but 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.

**RCIA will meet weekly beginning the week of October 11, 2020.** Classes will be conducted virtually or a combination of face-to-face and virtual meetings depending upon the needs of participants. The specific day and time will also be determined based on participant needs.

**Register now by contacting the parish office at 259-7188** and providing your name, contact number, and e-mail address.

Maria and Paul Dumas will contact you.



### 40 Days for Life

The annual **40 Days for Life** campaign begins this year on **September 23 and ends on November 1.**

The campaign aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach and an anticipated peaceful all-day vigil in front of **Planned Parenthood.**

Information on how you can support the campaign, go to:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/>

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# Reflections from the Word of God to Prepare for the 2020 Elections

Prepared by Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu (9/23/20)

[Scripture quotes from the New American Bible, Revised Edition]

As faithful citizens of the United States, the State of Hawaii, and the local regions to which we belong, we not only enjoy the right to vote, but we have a civic duty to do so to make our democracy a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The following are offered as an invitation to prayer and discernment about some of the issues facing our community to help all discern God's will regarding the persons we elect for public office. We urge you to pray over them in this time leading up to our November 3 elections.

## One Nation under God - Religious Liberty

Our nation was founded on "the laws of nature and nature's God." Do we still share this fundamental belief? For those who do believe, is that belief fostered or threatened by our culture and its leaders?

*"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)*

## The Sanctity of Life from Conception until Natural Death

Pope Francis has said that without the right to life, no other right has meaning. What can we do to halt and reverse the hidden Holocaust of abortion that is so accepted that it is protected by law? How can we assure that our leaders will work for a greater respect for life in all its stages, including the lives of convicted criminals, of the frail elderly, of the poor, and of other vulnerable persons?

*"I call heaven and earth today to witness against you. I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)*

## Unity of the Races

God has made every person in his image and likeness, yet we often live with biases, prejudices and closed hearts to people who are different from us. How can we all, as individuals and as communities, work toward justice, dignity and equality for all in our land?

*"Glorious things are said of you, of city of God! Rahab and Babylon I count among those who know me. See, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia, 'This one was born there.' And of Zion it will be said: 'Each one was born in it.'" (Psalm 87:3-5a)*

## Welcoming Newcomers

Our country is a country of immigrants, and people are still coming here to escape persecution, oppression and debilitating poverty. How can we more effectively welcome immigrants as sisters and brothers and assist them in becoming integral members of our country of immigrants?

*"You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 22:20)*

## Care for the Poor and Homeless

What can be done to provide all with good healthcare – mental and physical? How can we as a community put more people to work to restore their dignity and their ability to care for themselves and their families? How can we work toward more affordable housing?

*"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:40)*

**Pray! Vote! Stay involved! God bless our country, our beloved islands, and all our communities!**

[For more information, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Faithful Citizenship website at <https://www.usccb.org/.../forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>.]