

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



October 18, 2020

29th 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

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.

We are citizens of heaven; but we are also citizens of earth. We live in a secular world. There will always be tension between this world and the kingdom of God. We shall never completely solve these tensions. Yet in every aspect of our public life we must seek to serve God. Let us pray for wisdom to be good citizens of this world while we serve the Lord in all things.

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 - Six centuries before Christ, a pagan king, Cyrus the Great of Persia, freed the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity. Cyrus did not know the true God. But he did such good things that he is even called "the Lord's Anointed." People of good will are not always found in the church pews.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b – Even when we do not see God's plans for us and for our world, we must keep up our hope and our faith. Let us pray that we shall always be faithful to our convictions in our public life.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21 - Today's gospel is an attempt to entrap Jesus by asking about tribute to Caesar. Jesus' reply is classic: Give to Caesar what belongs to him, and to God what belongs to God. But in faith, we know that all things belong to God. Let us never fear to stand up for principles of justice and religion in all areas of our life.

Today's Reflection: Our Divine Mark

Have you ever wondered why so many ancient busts of emperors and gods still exist? In any major museum around the world, you'll see rows of these masterful sculptures. The Vatican Museums have one of the best of these collections. Thousands of busts and statues of the emperors and gods were produced for civil use in ancient times. Just like the American president's portrait is in every US embassy, so Caesar's sculpted form was all over the Roman Empire. For example, a bust would be placed in the town squares of the outlying territories to indicate that a border population belonged to the Roman Empire. The sculptures of Roman gods were also set up in public places around town so that a certain religious unity was preserved. Being within the empire obliged citizens to pay tributes and taxes, and it assured them of protection. Once the Caesars declared themselves divine, their statue also required sacrifice and worship. The image of the Caesar marked what belonged to him: from land, to money, to people, to prayer. If you were under his image, you belonged to him. We also carry the mark of a divine image that indicates to whom we belong. Each human being is made in the image of God, to be his reflection. We are sculpted and formed to reflect the artist who made us. God gives humans dignity because we are an eternal reflection of God's free, intelligent, artful, and beautiful nature. Our inalienable rights, rooted in our spiritual and rational nature, come from our Creator, as do our duties. No one can take them away. It is proper to render unto Caesar what is his, but both Caesar and his subjects must render to God what belongs to God. +

~ Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Parish Calendar

Tuesdays—Saturdays

– 7:00 am Daily Mass

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOW

Go to 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

Monday, November 2

All Souls Day Masses

- 7:00 am and 7:00 pm



Offerings: October 11, 2020

Weekly Sunday—\$2517.00

Mass Intentions—\$20.00

Outreach—\$150.00

Repair and Maint.—\$345.00

MLSF—\$3.00

Generosity
changes everything

Mahalo Cleaners!

October 10, 2020

Adelina Dela Penia * Betty Cadiente
Estrel Quiambao * Louanna Kaio
Virginia Bringas * Diane Carlos
Teresita Dela Cruz * Connie Villena
Paul Dumas* Maria Dumas
Lorraine Higa



Prayer for the Election

Thank you for democracy, and for the opportunity to pick our leaders on a rotating basis. Lord, I ask that you would be with all the candidates who are running for office. Please keep them physically healthy and strong, and focused on the task before them. Turn their hearts toward you, O Lord. May they fear and revere You above all else. Help them to present their agendas clearly and honestly. Be with their vice-presidential picks as well, that they may be of help. I ask that the vice-presidential candidates' hearts and minds be open to You as well. In the Bible, You tell us that to be a leader, he or she must also be a servant; please instill a spirit of servanthood in both candidates in all their future endeavors, whether they win this election or not. Protect the candidates, and may they be obedient to Your will.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Prayer Lord, I am
grateful for the
power of your
love and grace.
Teach me to trust that you care
about my human needs and
obligations.



OFFICE IS OPEN
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
PLEASE WEAR A MASK



A Word from Pope Francis

Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and—in so far as possible—healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects.... Each person must be valued ...in his or her dignity.

Reflection Questions

- Do I realize my dignity and value come from God?
- Do I render to God what he deserves?



Culmination of October Rosary Devotion

Friday, October 30, 2020

6:30 pm—Rosary

7:00 pm—Mass



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.

All Souls' Day



All Souls Day Masses

7:00 AM

&

7:00 PM

November 2, 2020

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.**

Meditation Garden Volunteers

St. George Parish would like to thank the following people for helping in the Meditation Garden Project:

Adelina Dela Penia * Leoncia Belen
Dario & Fe Duque

Bernaldo Villanueva * Lourdes Jacalne
Erlinda Bounlangsy * Manny Valmoja

Lito Escalante * Marieta Sesuca
Martina Escalante * Gregoria Tabisora

and friends. Landscaping company who donated materials and the labor for the rosary steps.

You are welcome to visit our Meditation Garden.

Donations are very much appreciated.

Mahalo!



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/>

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>.]