

# SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



October 25, 2020

30th 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.

Humans are great imitators. We learn to speak by imitating others. We learn our morals by observing others. Let us imitate God by showing our love of every person. In ancient times, pagans remarked, "See how these Christians love each other." Let us always strive to be good models of God.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26** - The Torah (or law of Moses) reminded the Hebrews of their humble roots. They were outcasts and aliens; yet God made them great. Because of God's goodness to them, they were to be good to others. Today's first lesson shows us that the Old Law was also a Law of Love.

**2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10** - The Thessalonians had been pagans. But they converted to Christ and completely changed their ways. In so doing they became models of faith and love to their neighbors, who in turn were drawn to Christ. God calls us to be models in our own community. By our lives we shall show the real meaning of faith and love.

**Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40** - In today's gospel, Jesus quotes two passages from the Law of Moses; He combines two commandments of love which had never before been placed together. He shows that we cannot love God without a practical love of our neighbor and we cannot truly love our neighbor without first loving God.

## Today's Reflection: Jesus Gave and Asks For All

Jesus was a radical. This is expressed by the word all in today's Gospel. All your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. What does that command leave out? That's right, nothing! Jesus gave it all, and he asks for it all. That is radical. Jesus is the first one to give us the example of this total and self-giving surrender to God the Father. When prayer was more important than sleep, he prayed. When he had to go without food, like in the desert, he did. When he knew that God wanted him to stay in town, he did. And when it was time to move on, he did as well. When he knew God wanted him to preach a word of compassion or condemnation, he did, regardless of whether the person was a beggar, Peter, Pilate, or Herod. He gave all his heart, mind, and soul to God. And what about loving his neighbor as himself? He loved not only his perfect, immaculate Mother, but he also loved his imperfect fellow human beings: his apostles, disciples, and fellow Jews whose faith and understanding were slow. He loved Judas and chased down discouraged apostles heading to Emmaus. He loved his enemies just as much. Tax collectors, publicans, Roman soldiers, Samaritans all received words and acts of love. The poor also had a special place in his heart, as was evident by his many miracles of soul and body for them. His love even went beyond those people he encountered in his life and reached everyone for all times. He established the sacraments and his Church to accompany on their earthly pilgrimage all those who would follow him throughout history. He descended into hell to save those who had gone before him and opened heaven. In short, he gave it all! And so, he can ask the same from us as well. +

~ Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *Parish Calendar*

#### Tuesdays—Saturdays

– 7:00 am Daily Mass

#### 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

#### DECEMBER

#### Baptismal Classes

#### Monday, December 7

- 7:00 pm

#### Monday, December 14

- 7:00 pm

### **Offerings: October 18, 2020**

**Weekly Sunday—\$2839.00**

**All Souls—\$195.00**

**Funeral—\$500.00**

**Outreach—\$20.00**

**Repair and Maint.—\$95.00**

**MLSF—\$5.00**

*Generosity*  
changes everything

*Prayer*

Lord, I am grateful your commandments to love are simple and to the point. Keep my focus on loving you. Stretch my heart to love my neighbor, too.



### **Mahalo Cleaners!**

**October 17, 2020**

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

  
Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work



### A Word from Pope Francis

All of us, living and dead, are in communion, that is, as a union; united in the community of those who have received baptism, and of those who are nourished by the Body of Christ.... We are all the same family, united. For this reason, we pray for each other.

### Reflection Questions

- What is Jesus asking as you strive to give him your all?
- Joy comes from giving our all. Do you experience that joy?



### 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

### All Souls Wall Of Remembrance

Bring the picture of your deceased loved ones to display on the **Wall Of Remembrance** during the month of **November**.

Please bring your pictures in during the weekend masses on October 31st and November 1st

### All Souls Envelope

- Available at the back of the church
  - Fill in names of loved ones
  - Put envelope in bowl on the altar.

The envelopes will be placed in a bowl on the altar and your **loved ones** will be **remembered** at all **Masses** during the month of **November**

**All Souls Day Masses will be offered for them on November 2, 2020**



CHURCH  
CLEANING

### Cleaners Needed

Looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the church on Saturday mornings after the 7:00 am Mass.

If interested please show up Mahalo!

### Baptism Classes

**Mondays: December 7th and 14th**  
**7:00 pm**

**In the Church Hall with**  
**Deacon Ed Cho**  
**(Face masks are mandatory)**

### Baptism Ceremony

**Sunday: December 20th**  
**at 10:45 am**

**Following the 9:30 am Mass**

**Please call the office at 259-7188 for more information.**



### Meditation Garden Project

The Parish would like to thank Adelina Dela Penia, Leoncia Belen, Dario Duque and friends in helping with the Meditation Garden Project this week.  
Mahalo!



# 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>.]