SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin Deacon John Tolentino

OFFICE STAFF

Director of RE: Vicky DeSilva

OFFICE HOURS

Tues.—Fri. 9:00am—12:00pm Office closed on Mondays

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

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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.

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.

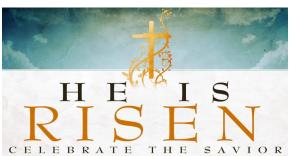
Jesus Christ rose from the dead! He gives us hope of our own resurrection. Through baptism we died and rose in Christ. We died to sin, and arose in the life of grace. During Lent, we have renewed our baptism by dying again to selfishness and sin. Let us now pledge that we shall always live lives of holiness in the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

TODAY'S READINGS

Ist Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 - We have many witnesses who saw Christ Jesus risen from the dead, who ate and drank with Him after His resurrection. They gave their life's blood as a testimony to the certainty that He had risen from the dead.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 - Baptism is the sign of our mystical death and resurrection in Christ. By our baptismal vows, we pledge that we shall always die to sin and always live to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 20: 1-9 - The empty tomb.



Today's Reflection: Transformed By Christ

We've all been waiting for this. For six weeks we've focused on letting go of our treasure to help others, taking in a little less food, and reaching out to God a little more, all so that we might in some small way prepare for this day—the greatest celebration of our Church year. So now, after the alleluias have been sung, the baptismal vows repeated, and the Easter lamb or ham eaten, it's time to ask ourselves, "What was all that preparation for? How have I changed?"

When I was young, I gave up candy or little treats for Lent, but after Easter I happily went back to eating candy and carried on as before. As a young adult, I began using Lent to correct bad habits. I had a little more success keeping those at bay after Easter but, I confess, I didn't see myself as transformed. "How have I drawn closer to Christ through this Lent? How will I show forth the glory of his resurrection in my life? How will I do these things?" These are good questions for all of us to ask as this Easter winds down. Once they realized what had happened, the early Christians couldn't keep it to themselves. They preached about Jesus' death and resurrection wherever they went, witnessed to the change he'd made in their lives, and tried to live differently. They invited others to join them. Jesus calls us to do no less.

How have Lent and Easter and the memory of Christ's death and resurrection changed you? How will you live out that change? + Mary Katharine Deeley

Parish Calendar

Tuesdays—Saturdays
- 7:00 am—Daily Mass

Saturdays

- 5:15 pm—5:45 pm—Confessions

<u>APRIL</u>

<u>Saturday, April 3—Easter Vigil</u> - 7:00pm Mass—No morning Mass

Sunday, April 4—EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:00am and 9:30am Masses
- No Religious Education Classes

Sunday, April 11

- Rel Classes resume

Saturday., April 17—Confirmation and 1st Eucharist Mass

- 6:00pm—Bishop Larry Presiding

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday 9:00am—12:00pm

Close on Mondays, Weekends and Holidays



Offerings: March 28, 2021
Weekly Sunday—\$4046.00
Holy Land—\$17.00
Mass Intentions—\$60.00
Repair & Maintenance—\$10,895.00
Outreach—\$2.00
First Offering—\$7.00
Blessings—\$50.00
Other—\$314.14
Easter—\$7.00

Mahalo for your Generosity!

Mahalo Saturday Cleaners! March 27, 2021

Betty Cadiente * Diane Carlos Teresita Dela Cruz * Louanna Kaio Beth Ann Lockert * Denis Dela Cruz Adelina Dela Penia * Mapu Fuller Connie Villena * Bill Roddrigues







FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA

Resumption of the Sunday Mass Obligation

"Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed."

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A Meditation on Resurrection

Looking at the world, it would be easy to become depressed.

Pollution has wreaked havoc with our environment. Hatred and diseases have wrecked many lives. To believe in resurrection is to believe in the justice and the creative power of God. It is to believe that every person can be saved, that no situation is so desperate that it is beyond the grace of God. Imagine Jesus lying dead in the tomb as if you were there. Now imagine you are watching his Resurrection. What happens as he is restored to life glorified? Look at something ruined like an old building or a garden. Imagine it fully restored. Picture the stages in its restoration: what would be done first, what next, and so on. Think of how body, mind, and spirit can appear to go to ruin. Imagine someone you know being restored, heart and soul. Pray that the image of God may be fully restored in each person. Now look inside yourself. What needs to be resurrected? Picture God restoring that part of your life step by step. What do vou need to do? Pray: Creating God, you rebuild what is broken, restore what has fallen into despair. Take my life into your hands. Breathe your Holy Spirit into me. Recreate me. Restore me to yourself. Amen.



Dear Lord Jesus Christ, by Your radiant and magnificent resurrection, You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence, and brought us joy. How inestimable is

the tenderness of Your love!

A Word from Pope Francis

"May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel



the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of His glorious day. A day that knows no end".



Happy Easter

As the night wanes And the dawn of a New Day appears,

May the Lord flood your lives
With the light and joy of His Resurrection.
May his peace pervade your minds and
hearts

And the wonder of His love Enlighten your days. May God bless you and your families Today and throughout this Holy Season.

Welcome to Deacon John Tolentino

St. George Church is happy to welcome



Deacon John Tolentino to our parish. Deacon John will be serving our parish in the place of Deacon Ed Cho who retired.

Deacon John was raised in Kahalu'u and is the oldest of eight siblings of which one brother has passed on. He graduated from Farrington High School in 1972 and is a retired mechanic/manager of a Chevron/Texaco Service Station. He has been a deacon since 2015. Most deacons who serve the church are married but Deacon John belongs to a small group of unmarried deacons. He is happy to be in Waimanalo and is looking forward to serving the parish and its parishioners. His focus will be totally on the Church and the needs of St. George Parish.



Congratulations to those who received sacraments at Easter Vigil

"May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen the gifts and fruits bestowed upon you. May your journey of faith be filled with the grace and mercy of the Father who loves us above all things. May the days of mystagogy immerse you into what it is to believe, celebrate, live and pray as Catholics within the larger community of the parish and the Universal Church."



Jamie Chong Keanu Jordan Yoshida **Brandi Young**

Confirmation

Emele Blackmon Kealena Shayla Carlos-Willis **Rachel Tacto Fernandez**



Baptism

Kashden Kahiau Yoshida

Keahi Blackmon (Baptism on Easter Sunday)

An Easter Message from Fr. Raymund Ellorin

Dear St. George Parishioners,

It is a wonderful feeling to be able to celebrate Easter with you again. Last year was a tough year filled with worry, apprehension and fear of the unknown. But with all we've been through together as a parish, it is with HOPE that we've come this

far and it is with HOPE that we will continue with our work and plan for better days.

We were able to live-stream the Mass to help those at home 'attend' Mass with the comfort of seeing familiar spaces and faces. And as people are feeling safer to be out of the house, it is great to see more and more parishioners in church.

To continue with keeping our church and grounds ready for all to enjoy, we've added an awning to shelter people moving from church to hall in rain and hot sun. The Meditation Garden is open for all to use in prayer and quiet moments. Thanks to the faithful gardeners who quietly go about keeping it beautiful for you, it is always ready for your visit. A special mahalo goes out to all the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes for the parish and its parishioners. Sharing their gifts of time, talent and treasure is most appreciated.

I see the bright eyes of optimism and the courage and confidence from many to carry forth with their lives. You've faced many difficulties this past year but you've survived. With the Lord as our Guardian and Guide, we can continue to be the HOPE that will bring us together again as a parish. Our new normal will be that we will be a stronger parish who learned to adjust, survive and endure. The light at the end of the tunnel is Jesus in his glory and the ultimate HOPE that he gave us to join him in his Father's house. How blessed is that?

May this Easter Season bring your household the joy and peace you long for. May the Holy Spirit bless all of you with his gifts of enlightenment and may FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY prevail within your hearts to be shared with the many who are lost and searching. May you be the one who brings lasing love where it is needed. And May you be blessed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Have a blessed and HOPEFUL Easter!



