

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion
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.



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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.

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.

Today is Palm Sunday which honors Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem; it is also called Passion Sunday, in commemoration of His suffering. It is the last Sunday of Lent; yet we use festive red vestments. Jesus is acclaimed at the beginning of this week with "Hosanna." At the end of the week there are shouts of "Crucify him." Finally, there is the paradox of the Paschal Mystery which we celebrate: Through His death, He destroys sin and death; He wins the victory of salvation through the cross.

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 - The Suffering Servant takes to himself the grief and guilt of every person. He humbles himself and through his obedience he heals all. The Suffering Servant songs are the most primitive ways of explaining how Jesus, the Messiah, could suffer and die.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11 - At the time of Jesus, the Jews thought that the Messiah would always triumph; he could not be defeated; he could not suffer or die. Because Jesus suffered and died, and because things were not instantly perfect, they rejected Him. In the second reading, St. Paul uses a very ancient hymn to show how Christ enters His glory through humility and obedience.

Gospel Reading: Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47 - The Passion of the Lord.

Today's Reflection: Acceptance of the Passion

There is a sharp contrast between Jesus' and Peter's acceptance of Christ's passion. Both are afraid, but while Jesus faces and embraces, Peter hides and denies. We understand Peter's gloomy darkness and identify with the confusion and weakness leading to his failure. Like us, he tries to follow Jesus, but at a safe distance. He wants to be close, but not too close. He wants to feel he hasn't abandoned him, to be there—but remains on the fringe. But following Jesus always leads to moments of truth. Jesus and life have a way of bringing us full circle to face our true selves. Are we in or out? How deep is our love? This time, Peter's love for Jesus fails. But like us, Jesus looks at him with understanding and gives him a chance to be honest, repent, and follow him once again. Jesus' acceptance of his passion is our example. First, he suffers freely. He's not being forced into a fate he cannot escape. As a result, he is calm, self-possessed, in control of his heart, and patient. Second, he suffers peacefully without resentment. He isn't constantly recriminating against Judas, Peter, or John during his trial or flagellation. He doesn't seek blame or payback. Not only is he not bitter or resentful, but he is full of compassion and focused on others: on the elderly women, his Mother, John the Apostle, forgiving his tormenters, and leading the good thief to heaven. Let's enter this holiest week following our Redeemer and imitating his example.

+ Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Parish Calendar

Tuesdays—Saturdays

- 7:00 am—Daily Mass

Saturdays

- 5:15 pm—5:45 pm—Confessions

Holy Week and Easter Triduum

Saturday, March 27—Palm Sunday Vigil

- 6:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

- 7:00am and 9:30am Masses

Monday, March 29—Holy Monday

- 7:00am and 7:00pm Masses

Tuesday, March 30—Holy Tuesday

- 7:00am and 7:00pm Masses

Wednesday, March 31—Holy Wednesday

- 7:00am and 7:00pm Masses

Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday

- 7:00pm Mass—No morning Mass

Friday, April 2—Good Friday

- 7:00pm Service—No morning Mass

Saturday, April 3—Easter Vigil

- 7:00pm Mass—No morning Mass

Sunday, April 4—EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:00am and 9:30am Masses



APRIL

Friday, April 2, 2021

- OFFICE CLOSED—Good Friday Holiday

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

- 6:00pm—Bishop Larry Presiding

Offerings: March 21, 2021

Weekly Sunday—\$3019.00

Funerals—\$1000.00

Mass Intentions—\$150.00

Repair & Maintenance—\$410.00

Outreach—\$145.00

Mahalo for your Generosity!

Mahalo Saturday Cleaners!

March 20, 2021

Betty Cadiente * Carlotta Kidder
Teresita Dela Cruz * Louanna Kaio
Beth Ann Lockert * Denis Dela Cruz
Adelina Dela Penia * Tina Ramos



Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday

9:00am—12:00pm

Close on Mondays, Weekends and Holidays

*Office closed on Friday, March 26 (Kuhio Day)
and Friday, April 2 (Good Friday).*

Important Notice

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. “

“God bless you all, and have a blessed Lent, a joyful Easter Triduum, and a grace-filled Easter season!”

LENTEN RULES & REGULATIONS

FASTING

- ♦ In the dioceses in the United States, **Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2).**

The sick and elderly are exempt from these regulations.

- ♦ **To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most**, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) are not permitted on fast days.

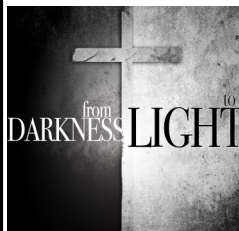
ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ♦ **Catholics aged 14 and up** are to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.** **The sick and elderly are exempt from these regulations.**
- ♦ **To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry** at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

A Word from Pope Francis



This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love...but also the ability to “wash our hands” at the right moment.



Journey to Joy

Opening ourselves to joy also sensitizes us to sorrow—and vice-versa. The two go hand in hand. Holy Week illustrates this in a profound way. In a handful of days, we travel from the bleakest stage of the Christian journey to its most glorious. In fact, the power of the latter depends upon the apparent hopelessness of the former. If we want to live the joy of the resurrection to its fullest, we have to be willing to shine a light on the dark underbelly of our own lives and clean up our acts. To recognize the ways in which our actions—or lack thereof—contribute to the pain of the world. We need to be willing to acknowledge that, all too often, we’re part of the problem. To grieve for the suffering of others and acknowledge the ways in which our own failure to act can contribute to that suffering joins us to the heart of God. When we unite ourselves to the heart of God, we feel compelled to change—to act as God’s hands and feet in the world. And it is through this action that we discover the full joy of the resurrection. + Kathleen M. Basi

“Lord, you empty yourself out in loving service to all people. Give me a selfless spirit that I may be of service to others.”

Preparing for Holy Week

Holy Week reveals contrasts: crucifixion *and* resurrection, death *and* life, sin *and* salvation, sorrow *and* hope. How can we best prepare to remember the Paschal lamb in the middle of a lingering pandemic? We can renew our minds as Paul told us in Romans 12:2. Here are some specific ways you can do this during Holy Week.

***Focus on Jesus and his timeless work on the cross—not on temporary issues.**

***Focus on the gospel which is the declaration of the victory we have in Christ.**

***Focus on real suffering—not on temporary discomfort.**

***Focus on hope not despair**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

(March 27—April 4)

March 27—Palm Sunday vigil Mass at 6:00pm
March 28—Palm Sunday Masses at 7:00am and 9:30am

March 29—Holy Monday Masses at 7:00am and 7:00pm
March 30—Holy Tuesday Mass at 7:00am
March 31—Holy Wednesday Masses at 7:00am and 7:00pm



EASTER TRIDUUM

April 1—HOLY THURSDAY Mass at 7:00pm—No Morning Mass
April 2—GOOD FRIDAY Service at 7:00pm—No Morning Mass
April 3—EASTER VIGIL Mass at 7:00pm—No Morning Mass

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

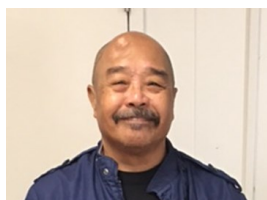
April 4—EASTER SUNDAY MASSES at 7:00am and 9:30am

“Come Celebrate the Joy of Easter”

****During Holy Week, the Church will remain open throughout the day.****

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 looking forward to serving the parish and its parishioners. His focus will be totally on the Church and the needs of St. George Parish.



Shading Project

The construction of a shading system that goes from church roof to hall roof and over the steps leading to the hall is complete. The awning will be a sure way to keep that area cool and to protect people from inclement weather. Blessed!



Donations in memory of Kevin Williams helped in the construction of the awning.

Mahalo

Mahalo nui loa

To all the invisible yet active parishioners who make things seem ordinary and normal when we go to Mass and services. These are people who are hidden in plain site... ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, music ministry, maintenance crew, sacristans, Rel Ed catechists, RCIA team, cleaners, gardeners, sanitizers, flower arrangers, ironers, sewers, cooks, Pastor...