

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



August 15, 2021
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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

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
12:00pm—Meditation
Garden
Novena to St. Joseph:
19th day of each month
12:00pm—Meditation
Garden

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.

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.

First Reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab - The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside. Mary gives birth and the child is taken straight up to God where a place of safety was ready. A voice shouted from heaven, “Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 - Christ has been raised from the dead. All men will be brought to life in Christ in proper order. Christ as the first-fruits. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 - Mary is acknowledged as the ‘mother of my Lord,’ by Elizabeth and the greatness of Mary's child is proclaimed. And Mary proclaims “The Magnificat” in response as she is blessed both as Jesus' mother and as someone who has heard and obeyed God's word. God promises to bring his people peace and prosperity. Mary's assumption into Heaven is a sign of the fulfillment of God's promise of eternal life..



Today's Reflection: Mary's Astonishing "YES"

Imagine someone who knew nothing of Christianity, who had never seen the New Testament, who had never heard the Gospel. Suppose this person hears just one song—the Magnificat, Mary's hymn from the Gospel of Luke. What will that person think? In some translations of Scripture, Mary says her soul "magnifies" the Lord. She rejoices in God who saves her. Someone who also believes in God will find this appealing and hopeful. But what does it mean that Mary magnifies the Lord? This woman sings about what God does. God blesses those no one else sees. People who know Someone has created everything might be in awe of this God. Here is Someone with enormous power. The poor fear such power, yet God shows them mercy. Human tyrants abuse power. This God sweeps them away. But how could Mary's life magnify this God, this Lord? She sings of Abraham. Her God created descendants from a nomad, descendants who later left slavery in Egypt. Moses asked this God, what should we call you? "Call me I AM." No normal name can say what this God is. This God is doing something new now, so this woman sings. How does Mary magnify the Lord? Her life is the window through which we see the image of the eternal God taking our own form. Her heart is a lens through which our eyes focus in wonder as her response, her yes to God, receives God's presence. This woman was asked by God to do something extraordinary. She said yes. And with that yes, she is taken up forever in something astonishing.

+ **Dan Finucane** - *Bringing Home the Word*

Parish Calendar

Thursday, August 19, 2021

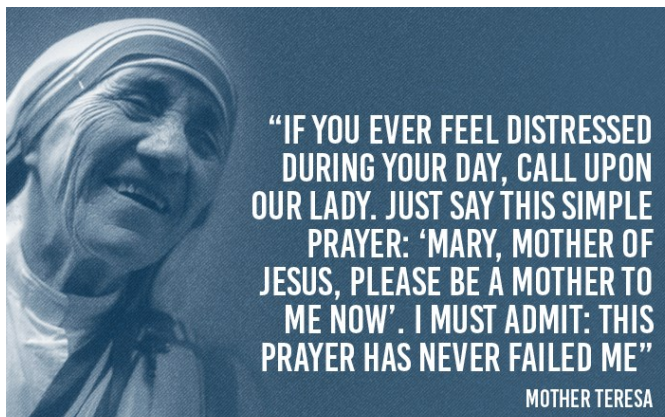
- 12:00pm—Devotion to St. Joseph—Garden

Sunday, August 29, 2021

- 10:45am—Baptism Ceremony

Sunday, September 12, 2021

- 8:15—First day of Sunday School



Offerings: August 8, 2021

Sunday Collections—\$3017.00

Mass Intentions—\$55.00

Outreach—\$15.00

Repair and Maintenance—\$410.00

Rel Education—\$130.00

Mahalo for your Generosity!

Mahalo Saturday Cleaners!

August 7, 2021

Leoncia Belen * Virginia Bringas

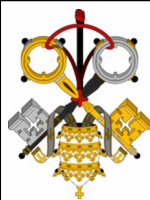
Betty Cadiente * Vise Williams

Teresita Dela Cruz * Adelina Dela Penia

Tina Ramos * Carlotta Kidder

Mapu Fuller * Louanna Kaio-Almony





A Word from Pope Francis

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.



Mary's life is the window through which we see the image of the eternal God taking our own form.

- How would you explain the importance of Mary to a non-Christian?
- What might God be asking you to do? Are you willing to say yes to his call?



Baptism Preparation Class for August

Baptism Ceremony on August 29 at 10:45am following the 9:30am Mass.

Baptism Preparation Class for September

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, September 1 and 8 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

Baptism ceremony is on Sunday, September 26 following the 9:30am Mass.

Please call the office to register.

SACRISTAN MINISTRY

The preparation for liturgy and getting ready for Mass, celebrations, funerals, services, etc. cannot be completed without sacristans. Mahalo to

Diane Carlos, Denis Dela Cruz and Carlotta Kidder for their work in this ministry.



SACRISTAN

Covid Prayer to Our Blessed Mother



"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can resume its normal course. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

Are You Being Called?

Do you think you're being called to serve in some form of ministry at St. George Church? Call the office at 808-259-7188 and we will help direct you to the coordinator of your area of interest.





DEVOTION PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

**Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 12 noon
in the Meditation Garden. All are invited.**

Pope Francis' Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph,
to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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 and 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.



***"Talk Story and Coffee" in Mary's
Haven at 8:00am. on Sunday,
August 15, 2021. Come on by.***

RCIA
A Journey In Faith

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Feast of the Assumption gives each of us great hope as we contemplate this one facet of the beautiful woman of faith, our Blessed Mother. Mary moves us by example and prayer to grow in God's grace, to be receptive to His will, to convert our lives through sacrifice and penance, and seek that everlasting union in the Heavenly Kingdom. In 1973, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in their letter *Behold Your Mother* stated, "Christ has risen from the dead; we need no further assurance of our faith. Mary assumed into heaven serves rather as a gracious reminder to the Church that our Lord wishes all whom the Father has given Him to be raised with Him. In 'Mary taken to glory', to 'union with Christ', the Church sees herself answering the invitation of the heavenly Bridegroom."



Mary was a woman of great courage and character. She was a person of discipleship and faith and the first true follower of Jesus.

Mary was chosen and prepared by God to be the mother of His Son, and she freely chose to cooperate fully in the graces given to her in the vocation she received.

In Mary's Song of Praise (The Magnificat), she says, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty had done great things for me, and holy is His name."