

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



September 15, 2019

24th 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 STAFF

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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: Follows Tues. Novena
& Fri. Rosary
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.

The greatest mystery of faith is that God loves us even when we are unlovable. The lessons of today's Mass show how God is moved to mercy and compassion toward sinners. If we should ever have the misfortune to fall into sin, we should remember that God still loves us with an everlasting love. He will always move us with His grace to return to enjoy His forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 - When the Israelites sin grievously, God thinks of destroying them. Moses admits that the people have sinned, but he calls upon God to forgive them out of His loving kindness. They deserve nothing, but God cannot abandon those who are His own.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 - God's love works miracles. It changes sinners into saints. Today's second reading describes how St. Paul was moved by the grace of God to become a completely different person. Because of God's mercy, Paul's arrogance and pride gave way to humility and love.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32 - Today's gospel has several parables of the great love of God for sinners. Jesus did not come to save the "saved." He came to save those who were lost. Let us have confidence that He loves us as we listen to His word.



Today's Reflection: Are We "Older Sons"

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all-too-human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his younger kid rotten. The more he talked, the more I realized that there is a little of the elder son in all of us. We want to be rewarded, and we want those who are wrong to be punished. I think today's account in Exodus was written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we see that his love was so powerful that the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition. "It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written. +Mary Katharine Deeley

Parish Calendar

September 17

- 9:00am—Outreach

September 18

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 19

- 9:00am—Outreach

- 7:00pm—Bible Study

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 20

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 21

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 22

- 9:30am—Catechetical Sunday blessing of Catechists

- 10:45am—Parish Pastoral Council meeting

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 23

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 24

- 9:00am—Outreach

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 25

- 6:30am—40 Days for Life rosary

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 26

- 6:30am—40 Days for Life rosary

- 9:00am—Outreach

- 7:00pm—Bible Study

- 7:00pm—Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 27

- 6:30am—40 Days for Life rosary

- 6:00pm—Mass for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

- 7:00pm—Potluck

September 28

- 6:30am—40 Days for Life rosary

September 29

- 6:30am—40 Days for Life rosary

- 10:45am—Altar Server's meeting

Offerings: September 8

Weekly Sunday —\$3005.91

Repair and Maintenance—\$824.00

Mary Lou Scholarship—\$345.00

Bible Study—\$80.00

Parish Outreach—\$155.00

Religious Education—\$20.00

Funerals—\$300.00

Rel Ed Donations—\$30.00

Other—\$125.00

Mahalo Cleaners!

Saturday, 9/7/2019

*Carlotta Kidder * Rachel Barrett
Teresita Dela Cruz * Betty Cadiente
Virginia Bringas * Diane Carlos
Doreen Anderson * Estrel Quiambao
Emma Fuller * Adelina Dela Penia
Joe Ka'akua * Imelda Saramosing
Connie Villena * Louanna Kaio
Leoncia Belen*

Saturday morning, 7:30-8:30am.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I too eager to advocate punishment instead of forgiveness?
- Before meting out punishment, do I pause to recall my own sins and failings?

Lost and Found

The church office has acquired a couple of lost and found items that remain unclaimed. Call the office if you're looking for an item left in church or on the grounds. Mahalo!



A Word from Pope Francis

Emails, text messages, social networks, and chats can be fully human forms of communication....Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is public square...where we can either encourage or demean one another.



Healing Mass

October 31

7:00pm

The month of October will culminate with a healing Mass. Come and be anointed. Feel the healing presence of God.

Youth Ministry—What does it mean for youth?

Three goals express the Catholic Church's focus for ministry with adolescents.

Goal 1: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

- The challenge of discipleship—of following Jesus—is at the heart of the Church's mission. Youth need a spiritually challenging vision that meets their hunger. Catechesis, a life long process of deepening a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, is an essential component of youth ministry.

Goal 2: To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

- Ministry with adolescents recognizes the importance of each of these faith communities in helping young people grow in faith. Young people experience the Catholic community of faith at home, in the parish (especially in youth ministry programs), in Catholic schools, and in other organizations serving youth.

Goal 3: To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

- Ministry with adolescents promotes the growth of healthy, competent, caring, and faith-filled Catholic young people. The Church is concerned for the whole person, addressing the young people's spiritual needs in the context of his or her whole life. Ministry with adolescents fosters positive adolescent development *and* growth in both Christian discipleship and Catholic identity.

Youth ministry is a program available at St. George for those from 8th grade through high school. Join In!



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

September 22

10:45am

Mary's Haven



Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 18— September 26

7:00pm in church

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz is a Filipino saint venerated in the Catholic Church. A Chinese-Filipino, he became his country's protomartyr (first martyr) after his execution in Japan by the Tokugawa Shogunate during its persecution of Japanese Christians in the 17th century.



Mass for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

September 27 at 6:00pm

Potluck to follow

The Power of the Rosary



There are many people and situations needing prayer. One of the most powerful prayers is that of the rosary. Two rosary events will occur soon. Mark your calendars and participate.

40 Days for Life

An event that prayerfully and without judgment works to end abortion. You can participate by:

- Praying and fasting with family/friends
- Joining others in prayer vigils throughout the 40 days of the campaign—prayer vigils will take place at a planned site in Honolulu. Register online at <https://40daysforlife.com> to sign up for this.
- The 40 Days for Life rosary will be recited from Sept. 15—Nov. 3 at 6:30am in church.

October Daily Rosary at St. George Church

St. George Church traditionally says the rosary daily during the month of October. You can participate by:

- Signing up to lead the rosary on one of the nights. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board fronting the church.
- Rosary is recited daily at 7:00pm
- On the last evening, October 31st, the rosary will be recited in different languages.

Praying the rosary and fasting are the spiritual weapons to defeat evil!