SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



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PASTORAL STAFF

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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

Pastor at least six months prior to wedding date.

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son for our salvation. Even when we were sinners, God brought us life through the death and resurrection of His Son. We cannot boast about our own merits, but only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today's liturgy calls us to be grateful. In a spirit of humility we must be witnesses of the light of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 - God's people in the Old Testament were ungrateful. They repaid God's love by idolatry; they laughed at the prophets and killed God's messengers. They were therefore punished by the destruction of Jerusalem and captivity in Babylon.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10- God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ. By grace we have been saved. By grace, we have been saved through faith—a gift of God. God has prepared good works in advance, that we should live in them.

Gospel: John 3: 14-21 - God is truth, life and light. In the Old Testament, these nouns were applied only to God. But Jesus says He is truth, light and life. He is therefore saying that He is equal to God. He is the gift of the Father's love. He then tells us that we are to Call to arrange an appointment with the live, to do the truth, and to walk in light. In other words, as the Father has sent the Son, so the Son sends us to be witnesses of His love to the world.

Today's Reflection: Healed Through His Wounds

J esus refers to the story Michelangelo painted into a corner of the Sistine Chapel, The Brazen Serpent. It is about the time the Chosen People were attacked by serpents and many were dying. God instructed Moses to place two serpents on a staff and lift it up over the people. All they had to do was look at the serpents to be miraculously healed of their bite wounds. We have all been bitten by sin. This can be our own self-destructive choices and attitudes, or we can be victims of other's sins. Yet sin and suffering doesn't need to have the last word. We can overcome if we choose to look at Christ crucified and learn his lesson of love. Jesus teaches us to not be defined by our ugly choices or the wounds we suffer. Our wounds and weaknesses can become the place of our healing. Jesus wants to heal us. That is why he let himself be lifted up! To embrace this healing is simple yet challenging. First it requires simple faith to believe you are loved by the Father, no matter what. Second, we need a constant, often-denied effort on our part to sincerely repent and work with God's grace to transform self-limiting attitudes and habits into virtues. Even if you feel dead in your transgressions now, Jesus has already secured your path to life. Grace awaits you. The first step is to accept the love from he who is lifted up with arms outstretched to receive you. + Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Parish Calendar

Tuesdays—Saturdays - 7:00 am—Daily Mass

<u>Saturdays</u> - 5:15 pm—5:45 pm—Confessions

MARCH

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
- 7:00 pm — Taize prayer in church.

Thursday, March 18, 2021
- After 7:00 am Mass. Stations of the Cross
(St. George's Meditation Garden)

Friday, March 19, 2021
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross in church.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
7:00 pm— Taize prayer in church

Thursday, March 25, 2021

- After 7:00 am Mass. Stations of the Cross (St. George's Meditation Garden)

Friday, March 26, 2021

- 7:00 pm —Stations of the Cross in church.

Holy Week and Easter Triduum

<u>Saturday, March 27—Palm Sunday Vigil</u> - 6:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday
- 7:00am and 9:30am Masses

<u>Monday, March 29—Holy Monday</u> - 7:00am and 7:00pm Masses

<u>Tuesday, March 30—Holy Tuesday</u> - 7:00am and 7:00pm Masses

<u>Wednesday, March 31—Holy Wednesday</u> - 7:00am and 7:00pm Masses

<u>Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday</u> - 7:00pm Mass—No morning Mass

<u>Friday, April 2—Good Friday</u> - 7:00pm Service—No morning Mass

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

Sunday, April 4—EASTER SUNDAY
- 7:00am and 9:30am Masses

APRIL

<u>Saturday., April 17—Confirmation/1st Eucharist Mass</u> - 6:00pm—Bishop Larry Presiding



Called Home

Catherine Magsanide

Mass at St. George Church on March 18, 2021 at 10:00am

Rest in peace!



The church office will be temporarily closed on Mondays. The office is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9am—12p.
Thank you kindly!



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.

LENTEN PRACTICES

The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Shading Project

Great news! The construction
of a shading system that will go from church
roof to hall roof and over the steps leading to
the hall will begin shortly—weather
permitting. The awning will be a sure way to
keep that area cool and to protect people
from inclement weather. Blessed!

Offerings: March 7, 2021 Weekly Sunday—\$4149.00 First Offering—\$25.00 Mass Intentions—\$20.00 Repair & Maintenance—\$215.00

Mahalo for your Generosity!

Mahalo Saturday Cleaners! March 6, 2021

Diane Carlos * Connie Villena Betty Cadiente * Carlotta Kidder Teresita Dela Cruz * Louanna Kaio Beth Ann Lockert * Denis Dela Cruz



Spiritual Reflections by Pope Francis A Time To Cleanse Our Hearts

In this time of Lent we are preparing for the celebration of Easter, when we will renew the promises of our baptism. Let us walk in the world as Jesus did, and let us make our whole existence a sign of our love for others, especially the weakest and the poorest. Let us build for God a temple of our lives and make it approachable for those who we find along our journey. If we are witnesses of the living Christ, so many people will encounter Jesus in us, in our witness. But does the Lord feel at home in my life? Do we allow him to "cleanse" our hearts and to drive out the idols, those attitudes of cupidity, jealousy, worldliness, envy, hatred, those habits of gossiping and tearing down others. Do I allow him to cleanse all the behaviors that are against God, against our neighbor, and against ourselves? Jesus cleanses with tenderness, mercy, love. Mercy is his way of cleansing. Let us, each of us, let us allow the Lord to enter with his mercy to cleanse our hearts.

What most hinders God from coming to dwell in the temple of my heart?



WEEKLY LENTEN **SCHEDULE**

Taizé Prayer

Wednesday evenings (March 17, 24) at 7:00 pm in the church

Stations of the Cross

Thursday mornings after 7am Mass.

(March 18, 25) at St. George's Meditation Garden

> Friday evenings (March 19, 26) at 7:00 pm in the church

Confessions are on Saturdays from 5:15pm-5:45pm

Mahalo mui log

To Dan and Beth Ann Lockert for leading the meeting for the Crisis Management Ministry and for their continued support of St. George parish.

To Paul Burnett and Donald Miranda for their generous time and effort to get the work done on the sacristy windows.

Your support is much appreciated!

Just a Friendly Reminder:

The flowers growing on the parish grounds are for all parishioners to look at and enjoy. We ask that they

be kept intact on the bush and that people refrain from picking them.

Thank you for your kind consideration!

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.