

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH



December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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

RE Coordinator: 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: 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.

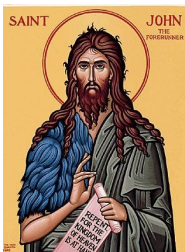
Christ calls us to be instruments of hope to this world. We long for peace, for justice, for respect for every precious human being. We long for everyone to be happy in this world and in the next. Our hope begins with ourselves. We must experience a complete conversion of heart. Let us all pray that all peoples of the world will reform their lives and turn to the Lord. Then justice and fullness of peace will flourish.

TODAY'S READINGS:

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 - All the kings descended from David were worthless and weak. In spite of this, Isaiah preserves a hope that a descendent of David — a blossom from the dead stump of Jesse -- would bring justice, peace and joy.

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9 - In spite of many crises, the people of God persevered in hope. Their example must give us encouragement. We must live in patient hope until the Lord comes in glory.

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12 - Today's gospel shows John the Baptist as a "new Elijah." He dresses like Elijah; his prophetic message is as fiery as Elijah's and he proclaims that everyone must have a conversion of heart and must show that conversion in their lives. We are not worthy of the Messiah if we rationalize our weaknesses and if we are wavering in our faith and hope.



Today's Reflection: Preparing Ourselves

John the Baptist was a prophet who fully embraced his mission in Israel. He was so good at delivering his message that some people thought he was the Messiah. He preached with authority, and people traveled from all over Judea to hear his words. His mission was to prepare the way, but not just for any man. As any pope, king, or president announces his intentions in advance so preparations can be made, John was sent to announce the coming of the Son of God and to tell the people how to prepare. Jesus came into the world when he was born in Bethlehem and walked the earth. He will come again at the end of time. And—importantly—he comes to us whenever we invite him in and always in the sacraments and liturgy. Preparing for his arrival is not a matter of fixing roads, painting houses, or organizing a parade. Our king desires a transformed spirit: “Not by appearance shall he judge (Isaiah 11:3). John warns that we cannot hide behind the faith of another; each one of us needs to show the fruits of our own faith. Yet we need not fear, for he who comes has every intention of saving us. He appears as Lord and invites us to accept his kingdom. He is also a teacher who shows us the way to the Father. Above all he is a friend who forgives unconditionally and accepts our sincere yet feeble efforts. This week, reflect on the life of John the Baptist, heed his words, and imitate him: cry out for repentance, cleanse others of their sins, and prepare the way to God. + Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Parish Calendar

Saturday, December 7

- 7:00am—EMHC retreat
- 5:15pm—First Saturday Devotion
- 7:00pm—Novena to the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 8

- 9:30am—Rel Ed students attend Mass
- 3:00pm—Divine Mercy/Novena to the Immaculate Conception
- 5:00pm—Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Spanish Mass)

Monday, December 9—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:00 pm—Mass (Holy day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:00am—Outreach

Wednesday, December 11

- 6:30pm—Respect Life Ministry meeting
- 7:00pm—Baptism Class II

Thursday, December 12

- 9:00am—Outreach
- 7:00pm—Bible Study
- 7:00pm—ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Friday, December 13

- 8:30am—Homebound Visits (Fr. Ray)
- 7:00pm—Fatima Prayer

Saturday, December 14

- 9:00am—Waimanalo Christmas Parade
- 6:00pm—Blessing of Expectant Mothers
- 7:00pm—Youth Gathering

Sunday, December 15

- 7:00am and 9:30am Masses—Blessing of Expectant Mothers
- 10:35am—Rel Ed Parent/Child Advent Session
- 10:45am—Baptism
- 6:00pm—Simbang gabi

Monday, December 16

- 7:00pm—Simbang gabi

Tuesday, December 17

- 9:00am—Outreach
- 7:00pm—Simbang gabi

Wednesday, December 18

- 7:00pm—Simbang gabi

Thursday, December 19

- 9:00am—Outreach
- 7:00pm—Simbang gabi

Friday, December 20

- 7:00pm—Simbang gabi Mass and Fr. Ray's 28th priesthood anniversary. Potluck to follow.

Offerings: November 24, 2019

Weekly Sunday—\$3011.00
 Repair and Maintenance—\$54.00
 Campaign for Human Development—\$100.00
 Bible Study—\$87.00
 Parish Outreach—\$260.00
 All Souls—\$85.00
 Other—\$314.13

Generosity
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Offerings: December 1, 2019

Weekly Sunday—\$3081.00
 Repair and Maintenance—\$137.00
 Mary Lou Scholarship—\$45.00
 Bible Study—\$60.00
 Parish Outreach—\$290.00
 Thanksgiving—\$624.00
 Funerals—\$200.00

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Mahalo Cleaners!

Saturday, 11/22/2019

Betty Cadiente * Lorraine Higa
 Carlotta Kidder * Adelina Dela Penia
 Tina Ramos * Louanna Kaio
 Emma Fuller * Estrel Quiambao
 Imelda Saramosing

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



Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena to the Immaculate Conception

Sunday
December 8
3:00pm



December Baptism Class
Wednesday, December 11
7:00pm



Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, December 8
5:00pm
(Spanish Mass)



A Word from Pope Francis



It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one doesn't understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn't understand love for thy brother if one doesn't understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.

Advent Candles



As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus' coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit, and sometimes a fifth candle is lit on Christmas. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness.

Each of the candles represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent:

WEEK ONE: The Candle of HOPE (Purple)

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church, it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

WEEK TWO: The Candle of PEACE (Purple)

During the second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.

ADVENT THOUGHT

Ignoring Time

Is ignoring time irresponsible? There are deadlines to meet, kids to feed, a dish to make for the potluck. But sometimes it's healthy to ignore time. Children often prompt us to ignore time when they interrupt us. Think of it as Jesus breaking into your life and saying, "Pay attention to me. I'm only here for a short time." Which brings us back to Advent—the season of waiting. Sometimes it's good for the soul to wait—in line, for a birthday, for marriage, for Christmas. It's a pause that gives us a chance to take a deep breath and remember what's really important, to listen to Christ speaking in the silence.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Healing Mass

Monday, December 9 at 6:00pm

Holy day of Obligation

(In Hawaii, there are two feast days that are holy days of obligation—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Christmas. Catholics are required to attend Mass on holy days of obligation.)



Advent Penitential Services
Windward Vicariate—2019



December 10— St. Ann
December 11— St. John Vianney
December 12— St. George
December 13— St. Roch
December 16— Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
December 18— St. Anthony of Padua

All services start at 7:00pm.

Respect Life Ministry
Meeting

Wednesday, December 11
6:30pm



Fatima Prayer
Friday, December 13
7:00pm



Home visits by Fr. Ray are scheduled for the 2nd Friday of the month. Call the office to make arrangements (259-7188).



Accepting candy donations for the Waimanalo Christmas Parade on December 14th. Mahalo Nui Loa!



YOUTH GATHERING
SATURDAY, DEC. 14
7:00PM—8:00PM



Religious Education News!



REMINDER to PARENTS!

Parent/Child Advent Faith Formation Session

- December 15 at 10:35am

- For all families from Pre School—12th Grade

- There will be no morning classes at 8:15am and 9:30am on December 15th.