

# SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 5, 2024—Sixth Sunday of Easter

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT



LOVE

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

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## OUR MISSION

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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## STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Raymund Ellorin  
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## OFFICE HOURS

Tue—Fri, 9 a.m.—noon

## MASS TIMES

Saturday at 6 p.m. Sunday Liturgy  
Sunday at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Monday at 7 a.m. Communion  
Service  
Tuesday thru Saturday at 7 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5:15–5:45 p.m. or by  
appointment

## BAPTISM

Please call the office to register for  
classes which are required for  
parents and godparents.

## MARRIAGE

Call for an appointment with the  
Pastor at least six months prior to  
wedding date.

## ANOINTING THE SICK

Call the parish office to schedule.  
Communion may also be arranged  
for the homebound.

The pastor will do home visits on a  
regular basis on the 2nd Friday of  
every month. Call the parish office  
to schedule a visit.

## FUNERAL

Please contact the parish office  
upon death and before making  
burial arrangements with the  
mortuary and cemetery.

## BECOMING CATHOLIC Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Sunday, 8:15–9:30 a.m.  
Please register at the parish  
office.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K – 5, 8:15–9:15 a.m.  
Grades 6 -12, 8:15–9:15 a.m.  
Please call the parish office for  
more info.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration forms are available in  
the church, on our website, or  
from the parish office.

## DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday at 6 p.m.

## Rosary

Monday—Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Second Sunday of the month at  
11 a.m.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m.

## Respect Life Rosary

First Wednesday of the month at  
noon in the Meditation Garden

## Fatima Rosary

13th day of the month at noon in  
the Meditation Garden

## Novena to St. Joseph

19th day of the month at noon in  
the Meditation Garden

The theme of this Sunday's liturgy is clearly love. In movies, television programs, and songs on the radio, the subject is very often about love. Even in the church, we speak frequently about love. The readings remind us that the center of all living, Christian or secular, is love.

What then is love? Love is reaching out to others without expecting anything in return. True love expresses itself in action rather than in words. Such is the love of God for his creation. God's love is poured out in abundance on every single creature and it continues to flow out whether there is a response or not. The Father's love, John's letter tells us, was expressed in our midst when he 'sent into the world his only Son, so that we could have life in him'. In his own words in John's gospel, Jesus would express this truth in this way: *'A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friend'*. (Jn. 15:13)

It is that love which we too are supposed to have. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us just one commandment: *"If you want to be my disciple, then you must love one another, as I have loved you."* It is this love that enables us to love our enemies and want to be reconciled with them. To love them with *God's love* is to want the very best for them, to want them to reform, to be changed, to be healed of hate and negativity. Therefore, John reminds us: *"Wherever there is love, there is God"*.

The unconditional love of a Christian is a way of life. It is an internal attitude which influences every single thing we do and say and think. *Fr. Peter*

## A BLESSED EVENT CELEBRATED WITH BISHOP LARRY SILVA

April 28, 2024 will be the day remembered as a blessed event—a celebration of sacraments, candidates, sponsors, parents, families, friends and parishioners. But mostly it will be marked with appreciation, tears and overall joy! Bishop Larry Silva was here! St. George Church has been blessed with having him visit us twice in 2024 already. We are grateful! As he administered the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, the candidates' feelings of apprehension turned into excitement then relaxation and calm. The Holy Spirit's presence was evident. One could feel the 'chicken-skin' moments as Bishop Larry anointed each candidate. When each one received Jesus' Precious Body and Blood, the community watched, nodded and smiled. The church community welcomed seven newly Confirmed into the fold. The Sacraments of Initiation were received and accepted. Their faith journey has begun and will continue with the support of those who witnessed their anointing. Of course, the celebration continued with the sharing of ono food, fellowship and hula.. Yes, it was a blessed day!



Isabella Gallardo-Teixeira  
 Rosalynn Gallardo-Teixeira  
 William Ka'eo Fernandez  
 Maesen Freitas  
 Malala McMoore III  
 Robert Neumann III  
 Jonah Wells



I love to read  
 the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, May 12, 2024  
**First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26**  
**Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:11-16**  
**Gospel: Jn 17:11b-19**

### Religious Education is on Summer Break

Religious Education is saying Aloha and A Hui Hou for the summer. It is closing this school year and looking forward to seeing all of its students and many more when school starts up again in September. It was a year dedicated to proclaiming Jesus' as our center and focus. Mahalo to all the students, parents and supporters who helped make this year one "to remember, to celebrate, to believe". Registration for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year begins in August.. See you then!

**JOE ARAGON**, St. George Parish's talented and generous parishioner/artist, painted a portrait of Bishop Larry Silva and presented it to him after the Sunday Sacrament Mass. Joe has graciously worked on and finished painting the portraits of all who have been a Pastor here at St. George church. The portraits were on display in the church hall after the St. George feast day Mass.



### GOT HULA?

Be on the lookout for the announcement for hula class starting up this summer. Details will be forthcoming.



### Offerings for April 28, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$3860  
 Mass Intentions—\$10  
 Outreach—\$120  
 Religious Education—\$40  
 Repair & Maintenance—\$185  
 Mary Lou Scholarship—\$50  
 Joseph Dutton—\$20  
**Total—\$4285**

Mahalo 



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL | June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

THE CONCLUDING RITES: **After communion, it is convenient to leave a time of silence** so that both the priest and the faithful can take **advantage of those moments of intimacy** with the Lord. To complete the prayer of the people of God and to conclude the whole Communion Rite, the priest says the post-Communion prayer, in which we ask that the Mystery we have celebrated produce abundant fruit in the faithful and in the Church.

After the post-Communion prayer, **the priest greets the faithful and blesses them, tracing the sign of the Cross and invoking the Trinity:** *"The Father, and the son and the Holy Spirit." He does so as Our Lord who, speaking to His disciples in the moment of His ascension, "raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."* (Lk 24:50-51) So now, through the priest who represents Him, *the Lord blesses the Christian people, who have come together in the Eucharist to celebrate. The Eucharistic celebration ends with the **sending of the Christians into the world.*** In effect, as Christ sent out His disciples before ascending into Heaven, **"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"** (Mk 16:15), now the same Christ, concluding the Eucharist, through the priest, sends out all the faithful, so that they go back to their ordinary lives, and always announce the Good News.

The concluding rite of the Mass is very short but important. The priest gives us God's blessing before we are dismissed to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Both the blessing and dismissal are important! We are given the graces of God's blessing that we will need as we live out our lives during the week. The dismissal reminds us that the Mass may be concluded, but our call to live out our Catholic identity goes with us to work, school, our family and friends. While we have been dismissed, it is a mark of respect to allow the priest and assisting ministers to leave first in the recessional hymn as we process out of Mass into the world.



## 70th Anniversary Calendar

The theme of the Parish's 70th Anniversary Celebration is "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe" and the theme song is "We Remember" from Marty Haugen.

### Every Sunday

3 p.m. Divine Mercy prayers in church

### MAY

#### Wednesday, May 1—Thursday, May 9

##### Novena to St. Damien

7 p.m. Nightly

#### Thursday, May 9, 2024

##### St. Damien of Molokai's Path to Sainthood

6 p.m. Novena to St. Damien

7 p.m. Spiritual Talk with Fr. Herman Gomes

#### Friday, May 10, 2024

##### Feast of St. Damien

6 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Agape—Fellowship

#### Sunday, May 19, 2024

##### Mother's Day Celebration

9:30 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Appreciation Lunch for all Mothers

#### Monday, May 27, 2024

##### Memorial Mass for those departed in 2023-2024

7 p.m. Mass

#### Friday, May 31, 2024

##### May's Flower Celebration for Blessed Virgin Mary

5 p.m. Santacruzian Procession

6 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Gala Night—Fellowship

### Questions of the Week

Jesus says, "love one another as I love you." How do you compare Jesus' love for you, to your love for Him? The world is in constant conflict. Why is your love important to helping to solve these conflicts? Or is your love enough? What do you think is needed for your love to dissolve hate?

# Life In The **SPiRiT** Seminars

at **St. George Church** (Waimanalo)

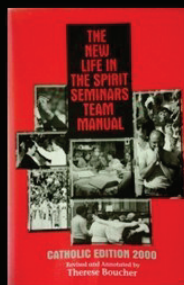
**Fridays at 7 p.m.**

**(April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 17, 24)**

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- **GOD's Love** (April 5)
- **Salvation** (April 12)
- **New Life** (April 19)
- **Receiving GOD's Gifts** (April 26)
- **Growth** (May 3)
- **Transformation** (May 17)
- **Baptism In The SPiRiT** (May 24)

Keynote: **Dominic Olaso** DETF Head Servant



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