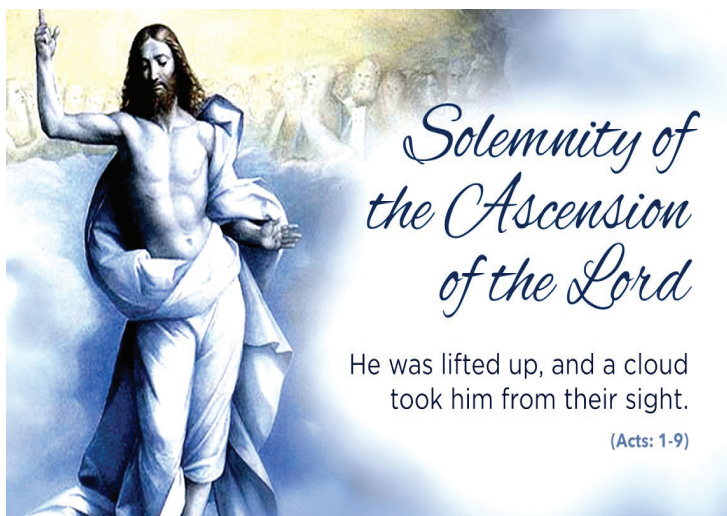


SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 12, 2024—Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

He was lifted up, and a cloud
took him from their sight.

(Acts: 1-9)

Christ Jesus has not left us. He has entered the dimension of the Father's glory in order that He may be with us in a more perfect way. He constantly intercedes for us with the Father, and He assures us that heaven is our true home. Let us realize His presence among us.

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 - Acts of the Apostles were written by St. Luke, who also wrote the gospel by that name. The gospel shows that Christ is the sign and witness of the Father's love. Acts of the Apostles shows that the Church is called to be the witness and sign of Christ's love.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23 - When He was visibly present on earth, Jesus was limited by time and space. But by His ascension, Christ is not limited to the dimensions of the earth. He is superior to every power; He is the Lord present throughout the entire universe. His glory fills the Church, which is His own Body.

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20 - The end of the gospel writings is actually the beginning of the life of the Church. Christ gives last instructions to His disciples and commissions them to witness to Him throughout the world. He proclaims that spiritual signs will accompany the proclamation of the gospel which will far outshine any spectacular physical phenomena.

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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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

MARY, MOTHER OF US ALL

Each year on Mother's Day, we express the gratitude we feel for our earthly mother but are drawn to reflect on that last gift the Lord gave to us before his total gift of Himself on the Cross, the gift of His mother to be our own. **May is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of the Lord.**

Jesus called her **Mother**. As one of his last and greatest gifts to his beloved disciple and to the entire Church, he entrusted her with these tender words recorded in the Gospel of John: ***When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, Woman, behold, your son. Then he said to the disciple, Behold, your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.*** (John 19:26, 27)

Mary was there at the Incarnation, Birth, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of God Incarnate. She was there throughout the often called hidden years in Nazareth. In the life of the Redeemer, every word and every act was redemptive, revealing the very life of God, the mystery of heaven touching earth, and the deeper purpose of our own lives. She was there in those moments whose impact is timeless. They are still as filled with the invitation of grace today as they were when they first occurred. **She was - she is - Mother.**

She was there on the great day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, which will soon be celebrated. She was there as the first evangelizer and disciple, as she gave the first Christian testimony to her cousin, Elizabeth, and won the first convert *in utero* in the person of John the Baptist. This event, traditionally called The Visitation, is recorded in the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 1: 39-45). We meditate upon it in the prayer called the Rosary.

That encounter immediately followed the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:6-38) and is one of the fruits of her humble obedient response. That response was not a onetime reaction. It was the fruit of a life of surrendered love and stretched forward to characterize her whole life on this earth and her participation in the eternal communion of Saints.

Her Fiat (Latin for 'Let it be done'), given in response to the visitation from the messenger of heaven, the angel, provides a way to live for each one of us. **Mary said YES** to the invitation to love and she humbled herself. She confronted her own fears and she entered into a way of living. All of this in continued response to an original invitation of love, a gift, initiated by a loving God.

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, May 19, 2024

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

Mother's Day Prayer

"Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen." **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!**



Father Damien of Molokai

Joseph de Veuster, the future Father Damien, was born at Tremelo in Belgium, January 3, 1840. Joseph decided to become a religious and joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. In 1859 he entered the novitiate in Louvain and took the name of Damien. In celebration of his feast day, a nine day Novena took place and this past week, Fr. Herman Gomes of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary gave a talk about him. Mass was held in his honor. All were invited.

In St. George Church, an encased relic of St. Damien hangs on the wall. Along side his relic are the relics of St. George, the patron of St. George Parish and St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint. All are welcomed to visit and pray.

GOT HULA?

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



Offerings for May 5, 2024

Sunday Offertory—\$4200
Outreach—\$166
Repair & Maintenance—\$231
Mary Lou Scholarship—\$75
Funerals—\$100
Total—\$4772

Mahalo



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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Mystagogy is an ancient form of catechesis (witnessing the faith through word, experience, prayer and liturgy) that helps us go deeper into the mysteries we celebrate in the sacraments.

A Paschal Mystagogy—Sacrifice

The Eucharistic celebration of Mass is the “source and summit” of Catholic identity and mission, from which all ministries and services flow. Offering ourselves with Jesus Christ to God the Father in union with the Holy Spirit, rooted in our baptismal call to holiness and mission, is meant to inspire our participation in the spiritual and corporal (bodily) works of mercy. For authentic Christian witness of any Catholic, living a sacramental life in Jesus Christ within the domestic, social, economic, and political spheres of society must be consistent with our participation in the self-offering of Jesus Christ in the Offertory.

Celebrating each of the seven Sacraments involves the simultaneous action of dying and rising. In baptism, as the Church teaches, we die to ourselves and rise with Christ. With Sacred Chrism, also used for Confirmations and Ordinations, each baptized person is anointed in Jesus Christ as priest, prophet, and king. One’s appreciation for the universal call to holiness and mission is predicated on understanding this threefold character of anointing. As such, each baptized person receives the necessary divine grace to serve in witness to the person and mission of Jesus Christ through missionary discipleship and stewardship.

The efficacy of Jesus’ words and actions at the Last Supper are revealed in his Crucifixion and Death on the cross. He lays down his life so we might live eternally with him in communion with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. In union with the whole Church, sharing in the common priesthood of the baptized, the members of the Body of Christ participate in the offering of Jesus. We unite our lives, all that we have to offering.

Jesus is the one who became like us in all things but sin. He shares in our experiences of pain, sorrow, joy, loss, encounter, disappointment, accomplishment, birth, and death. Having been created in the image of God, we are loved beyond comprehension by the Holy Trinity. Any offering of self that we make to God pales in comparison to that of Jesus. Imperfect as we are, we always have something to offer back to God.



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 The Month Of Mary

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 Luncheon

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

Continue While Jesus offers himself in obedience in atonement for man’s disobedience to the Father, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving. Thus, we strive to participate fully, consciously, and actively in the Eucharistic banquet. We die to ourselves and rise with him.

Life In The **SPiRiT** Seminars

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

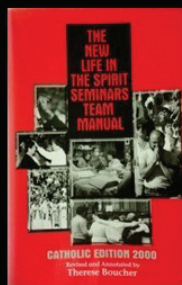
Fridays at 7 p.m.

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

7 Sessions that will change your life forever

- **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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Ko'olau Catholic Men's Fellowship



Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:19

Men's Fellowship Meeting

Thursday May 16, 2024

St. Anthony Catholic Church
Kailua

Dinner at 6:30pm

INVITE A FRIEND

\$10 Donation

Speaker:

Very Reverend Monsignor Gary Secor

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Honolulu

"The Lord will stay with you! Whenever you seek Him, you will find Him" 2 Chronicles 15:2