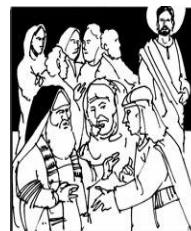


St. Elizabeth Church

AUGUST 16, 2009

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The crowds argued among themselves. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

John 6:51

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST 17-23, 2009

17th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM Women's Hula - Hall

7:00 PM Golf Meeting - Conference Room 3

7:00 PM Prayer Group - Conference Room 1-2

18th - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM Hope Alive - Conference Room 3

6:30 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Church

7:00 PM RCIA Core Grp - Hall Mtg Room 8

7:00 PM YAM - Young Adult Office

19th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

8:00 AM Seniors' Knitting - Conf Room 1-2

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM Tai Chi - Hall Meeting Room 8

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall

7:00 PM Scouts - Meeting House

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

20th - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Church

7:00 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM Samoan Choir Practice- Conf Room 1-2

21st - FRIDAY

ADMISSIONS DAY (Rectory Closed)

7:00 AM MASS - Church

22nd - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

1:30 PM Wedding - Church

6:00 PM Mass - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

8:00 PM AI-Anon - 4th Grade Classroom

23rd - SUNDAY (Regular Mass Schedule)

9:30 AM RCIA - Conference Room 1-2

"The past cannot be changed.
The future is yet in your power."
- Hugh White



Today's Readings

1st Reading: Prv 9:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

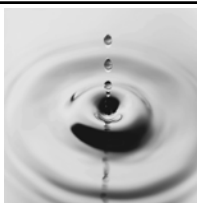
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Next Week's Readings

1st Rdg: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading: Eph 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69



A few words for today ...

I'm sure, though I haven't seen any surveys lately, that shopping must be almost THE favorite pastime, even when there's absolutely no intention of buying anything! The Mall has

A.C., certain favorite coffee bistros, movies, even live entertainment on the weekends – who needs to have much in the wallet to have a good time?

Trying clothes on can take up a whole day ... without buying anything. We just want to try it on ... "How do I look?" Even worse when it's shopping in a group – "Hey, that's cool on you ... why don't you buy it?" "Nah, my Mom would kill me if I came home with this!"

And it's not just young people – we of a certain age can spend hours in the "Depot" ... fantasizing about our next home improvement project or our next craft kit or getting a free makeover for our new "look."

What's wrong with comparison shopping? Nothing, really. In fact, it can be kind of smart if you're trying to earnestly find the best price for something you really intend to repair, make or wear. It's when it gets to be a kind of surreal way of life that nothing really gets done.

In today's Gospel, continuing to go deeper into the 6th Chapter of John, it's amazing how many times Jesus sets himself apart as "the" only one. Read the passage through again and note how many times lines like these occur:

"**I** am the living bread .."

"**My** flesh is true food and **my** blood is true drink."

"Whoever eats **my** flesh and drinks **my** blood has eternal life."

Jesus is not shy about speaking the truth. Wander around and listen to other so-called prophets if you like, but sooner or later, you have to come back to Jesus. We did a bit of wandering in the late '60's trying out T.M., ashrams, yoga, even communes. Each may have had some benefit in their own way perhaps bringing peace of mind, health, a calmer way of being, but none promised eternal life or the salvation of your soul.

This life can be beautiful but it takes something beyond ourselves to make sense of it. Without the Son of God, nothing adds up. Without the Bread of Life to nourish and sustain us, without the grace to love our neighbor, well, you'd just be shopping around without ever finding the Real Thing.



Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil



My dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

You are certainly aware that the Catholic Church is governed by Canon Law. I am quoting below the Code of Canon Law that pertains to the duties of the pastor so that you can keep a check on me:

Can. 519 – The Pastor (*parochus*) is the proper pastor of the parish entrusted to him, exercising the pastoral care of the community committed to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for the same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the cooperation of other presbyters or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according to the norm of law.

Can. 528 – 1. A pastor is obliged to make provision so that the word of God is proclaimed in its entirety to those living in the parish; for this reason, he is to take care that the lay members of the Christian faithful are instructed in the truths of the faith, especially by giving a homily on Sundays and holy days of obligation and by offering catechetical instruction. He is to foster works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice. He is to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth. He is to make every effort, even with the collaboration of the Christian faithful, so that the message of the gospel comes also to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith.

2. The pastor is to see to it that the Most Holy Eucharist is the center of the parish assembly of the faithful. He is to work so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments and, in a special way, that they frequently approach the sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and penance. He is also to endeavor that they are led to practice prayer even as families and take part consciously and actively in the sacred liturgy which, under the authority of the diocesan bishop, the pastor must direct in his own parish and is bound to watch over so that no abuses creep in.

Can. 530 – The following functions are especially entrusted to the pastor:

1. the administration of baptism;
2. the administration of the sacrament of confirmation to those who are in danger of death, according to the norm of can.883,3;
3. the administration of Viaticum and the anointing of the sick with due regard for the prescription of can. 1003, as well as the imparting of the apostolic blessing;
4. the assistance at marriages and the imparting of the nuptial blessing;
5. the performing of funerals;
6. the blessing of the baptismal font during the Easter season, the leading of processions outside the church and the imparting of solemn blessings outside the church;
7. the more solemn celebration of the Eucharist of Sundays and holy days of obligation.

So please help me to perform my duties as it is required of me. I will be delegating my duties to someone else only in case I am unable to do it and it will be on a case-by-case basis.

With blessings!
Fr. Thomas Purayidathil



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon

August 16, 2009: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

The book of Proverbs belongs to a group of Old Testament books sometimes referred to as “wisdom literature.” Many cultures world-wide have a set of “wisdom literature,” usually compiled to give people good advice regarding court settings. However, Israel’s wisdom literature is for all of her members and speaks of living in right relationship with God and one another. In the book of Proverbs, “wisdom” and “folly” (or “foolishness”) are personified as two women (a figure of speech that is used by many cultures world-wide). In chapter 9, the author has both Wisdom and Folly prepare separate banquets, with each inviting the same guests to their respective banquets. Today’s passage highlights the invitation given by Wisdom, while verses 13 through 18 of the same chapter speak of the invitation given by Folly. In her invitation, Wisdom calls to the “simple” and those “who lack understanding” to “eat of my food” and “drink of the wine” so that “you may live” and “advance in the way of understanding.” We human beings - made in God’s image and likeness and having the gift of reason - are free to choose either banquet. In either case, the invitation demands a response.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Today’s responsorial Psalm is a repeat of last Sunday’s verses. In connection with the reading from the book of Proverbs, the psalmist speaks of the “poor” and “lowly,” echoing the call of Wisdom to the “simple” and those “who lack understanding.” Thus, today’s psalm can highlight for us the realization that Wisdom’s “banquet” has as its source “the goodness of the Lord,” which is cause for us to “bless the Lord at all times” and let our souls “glory in the Lord.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Today’s reading from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians is, again, a continuation of the last few weeks’ “parenthesis,” or ethical exhortation. This reading, while not meant by the author to be explicitly tied to the readings from Proverbs and Psalm 34, also re-echoes the main themes found in both. We are reminded to “live, not as foolish persons but as wise,” trying to “understand what is the will of the Lord.”

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Being the third installment from John 6, today’s gospel reading progresses from Jesus’ earlier discourse on the “bread of life” to his explicitly Eucharistic teachings regarding the “flesh” and “blood” of the “Son of Man.” Five times in today’s exchange we hear Jesus use the word “flesh”: “the bread that I will give is my *flesh*”; “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man”; “whoever eats my flesh”; “my flesh is true food”; “whoever eats my flesh.” With four of these quotes, Jesus also speaks the word “blood”: “drinks his blood”; “drinks my blood”; “my blood is true drink”; “drinks my blood.” Following these, Jesus states that “the one who *feeds* on me will have life because of me.” Today’s passage ends with Jesus’ claim that “whoever eats this bread will live forever,” neatly completing the earlier claim that “the bread that I will give is my flesh.” Here, an understanding of the Jewish practice of sacrifice is necessary. Remember, Abraham’s covenant with God was sealed with the sacrifice of a ram. In the Temple of Jerusalem – the same Temple that Jesus claimed was his Father’s house - the blood of sacrificial animals was poured out on the altar and the flesh eaten as integral parts of the sacrificial act itself. This sacrificial food was no ordinary food; those who gave up the life of the sacrificial animal as an offering to God received life from the very victim that had been sacrificed. Thus, by eating Jesus’ body and drinking his blood in the Eucharist, we join in Jesus’ own sacrifice on the cross, gaining a share of his own divine life.

Senior Citizen Outreach Ministryfor the Young at Heart

Mission: Faith Community whose mission is to nurture the spiritual, social, health and service needs of all seniors of St. Elizabeth Church by fostering hospitality, involvement, and opportunities for spiritual growth.

Please join us for fun and fellowship at our monthly gathering on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in Conference Rms. 1 & 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Father Tom, our new Pastor, is joining us to bless all the Seniors present. We will also be learning how to make a knotted Rosary from Lee Ramos.

You may bring a snack to share if you wish.

Come and enjoy.....

- Socializing with old friends and making new friends
- Praying together
- Talk Story with your fellow St. Elizabeth Seniors





WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection.....	\$ 12,719.50
Building Fund	\$ 749.00
Energy	\$ 746.00
Total Collection for 8/8-9//09	\$ 14,214.50
<i>Catholic Herald</i>	\$ 203.00

Every year, the Diocese approves a list of second collections and provides envelopes for this purpose. In September, the collection is for: Catholic University of America (September 12-13, 2009). To assist with this, St. Elizabeth's will donate 10% of the 4th Sunday's collection in September.

CCD News

Just a few updates for our CCD Families:



- **Late/Final Registration**
TODAY, Sunday, August 16 after all Masses in Meeting Room 8. If you are new to our program, a copy of you child's baptismal certificate is required at registration.

Please remember that children who are to receive Holy Communion should be enrolled in our CCD 1st grade class the previous year.
- **Interested in becoming a CCD Teacher?** Please contact Manette at 487-7994.



RCIA - the Journey of a lifetime

Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour



Jesus the Divine Revelation

In the Gospel of John, Ch. 14 there is found what is called the Last Supper Discourse. Jesus is gathered with his chosen Twelve and, in an hour of grief, speaks of his departure from them. He consoles them and promises his return. He is very patient with them, knowing their fears. He reveals himself as the way, the truth and the life. He is still teaching them, gently reminding them "If you know me, then you will also know the Father. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." (v. 7)

In the word "revelation" the veil that clothed the mystery of who God is has been lifted – revealed – and now we know that God has a face and a name – Jesus Christ. Whoever comes to know him knows God himself.

Our RCIA is a growing group, 21 in number. Please keep them in your prayers as they strive to grow in faith and love. If you would like to act as an RCIA Sponsor, we definitely need committed Catholics who are enthusiastic about their faith and will to be spiritual friends to one who is God within the Catholic Church. To contact us, email or call our ministry contact below:

Listen to the whispers



*"Our God is not a distant God ...
Our God has a heart,"*

Pope Benedict XVI

St. Elizabeth RCIA:
Ministering to all adults seeking to know the Lord in the Catholic Church
Ministry Coordinator: Linda Cacpal 487 7994



RCIA CORE TEAM MTG - Aug 18- 7pm

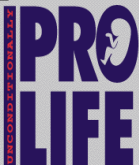
Our regular monthly meeting is "ON" in the assigned Meeting Room – check the Bulletin Weekly Calendar. You should already have received an email of the Agenda. In God our hearts find joy.



**10th Annual Golf Fun Fest
August 28, 2009**

SIGN UP NOW.....We are still in need of door prizes and will be very grateful for any donations (i.e., gift cards or certificates, cash, televisions, new appliances, new golf balls, etc.) We also need donations of canned sodas, beer and chips. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office before August 27, 2009.

This year's FunFest is being held at Waialeale Golf Course. Please consider playing with us...invite your family and friends for a day of fun and fellowship. Applications are available at the Rectory or at the Church entrance. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event...we'll meet on Thursday, August 27 at 6:30pm in Conf Room 1-2 to discuss details. Need more info? Please call Faga Tuala at 291-4687.



There is much talk about healthcare, of which many of us do not understand. We must be careful about where we get our sources of information. Since the mainstream media is a liberal media, the whole truth will not be told, such as the new healthcare reforms will force taxpayers to pay for abortions, even if we think it is morally wrong. Also Christian healthcare workers will be forced to participate in these practices or face losing their jobs. There are many good resources on the Catholic websites and news channels, such as FOX. Please be informed about this IMPORTANT issue and what it is really about. It may sound good, but we all must do our homework.

ALOHA SUNDAY is August 23 ...

Come meet fellow parishioners and enjoy light refreshments, in the hall after the 6, 8 & 10am Masses. Our hosts this month:

<u>6am</u> Select Members	<u>8am</u> Elizabethans & St. Vincent de Paul	<u>10am</u> Monday Night Prayer Group
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Hope to see you there!



A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

from St. Elizabeth Health Ministry

Is an electric toothbrush better than a regular toothbrush?

It's possible to brush your teeth effectively with a manual toothbrush. But an electric toothbrush can be a great alternative to a manual toothbrush, especially if you have arthritis or other conditions that make it difficult to brush well. The bristle movement of an electric toothbrush might even help you remove more plaque from your teeth and improve your gum health. If you choose to invest in an electric toothbrush, look for one that's comfortable to hold and easy to use. A rotating-oscillating head is best. Other specific features, such as adjustable power levels, timers and rechargeable batteries, are up to you. What's most important is regular brushing, whether you choose a manual toothbrush or an electric toothbrush, and daily flossing.

Alan Carr, D.M.D., MayoClinic.com



ST. ELIZABETH'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY YOUNG ADULTS

meet every **TUESDAY** at 7pm in the **Youth & Young Adult Office**. If you are 18 *(high school graduate) to 35 years old, single, dating or married, we invite you to join us for scripture sharing & fellowship.

All are welcomed to attend our meetings! Just come as you are, when you can! Questions? Email: yamstelizabeth@aol.com, or call Jason or Chucky at: 486-5116 (office). Look us up on facebook St. Elizabeth Young Adults and become a fan! **COYYAB News.... Central Oahu Vicariate Youth Social, Sat., August 29, 2009, At the Water Park, (Entrance Fee: \$23.99 + tax / Lunch Provided) See your Youth Ministers for more details.**



A TRIP TO THE BEACH!

It's that time of year... we're planning now so mark your calendar for the

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Monday, Sept. 7, 9am-3pm
Bellows ~ Pavilion 5C

Bring Your Own Everything!
Something to grill, something to drink, something to share...*As in previous years, Fathers will provide the charcoal & paper goods.*

SPECIAL NOTES

- ❖ *Military Families - other than your ID, no additional information is required for you to enter Bellows AFS.*
- ❖ All others - if there is even a remote chance that you want to attend the picnic, please be sure to:
Sign up no later than August 30th (sheets are at the front entrance to the church) and include the following information:
-Last four of SSN or Driver's License #
-Make, Model, License Plate # of each driver's vehicle.
-Note: Children 12 & younger need not be listed.
- Have in your possession when you approach the guard:
-A valid driver's license
-Current proof of Hawaii auto insurance
-Current vehicle registration
-Current vehicle safety inspection paperwork.
-The lack of any one of these items could result in the vehicle (not the people in it) not being allowed onto the base.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ... When you care enough to love the very best in your marriage, treat yourselves to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, please contact Ricky & Jo Ann Viernes at 393-2396 and/or visit our website www.lovemoredeeply.org.

CAMP MOKULEIA APPRECIATION DAY—AUGUST 30: Join us for a day of appreciation as friends of the camp gather to enjoy the place that has brought such blessings. Enjoy the beach & pool, hike the trails, play volleyball, basketball & soccer...Gather for a picnic style lunch and an awards ceremony that will bring laughter and many mahalos as we celebrate the contributors that make Camp Mokuleia the jewel of the North Shore. Call 637-6241 for more information on this free day at the camp.

RETREAT FOR LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, 8:30am—3pm, St. Stephen Diocesan Center, Kaneohe, with Fr. John Chandler, SJ and Maxine Pollock. Come and spend some time away with God and your peers. Remember who called you into ministry and how you can re-ignite your hope and passion. For more information please contact Sharon Chiarucci at 203-5733 or email her at schiarucci@rcchawaii.org.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE a peer ministry support group for the widowed, divorced and permanently separated. Persons of all faiths. Call Arlene 949-3387 or Linda 294-8571 for more information.

Marriage Help – RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information call 625-7430 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

FREE MINISTRY For nationwide Mass times & locations, call: 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-627-7846) or check on-line at www.Masstimes.org.
