

St. Elizabeth Church

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



"I saw a great multitude from every nation, of all tribes, peoples and languages, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb."
Revelation 7:9

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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2-8, 2009

2nd - MONDAY All Souls Day

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM Women's Hula - Hall Meeting Room 8

6:30 PM Memorial Mass - Church / Hall

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

7:00 PM YAM - Young Adult Office (Time/Day Change)

3rd - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

9:30 AM Funeral Mass (+Delores Natividad) - Church

2:45 PM Beginning Hula - Hall

6:00 PM CCD Retreat Team Mtg - Hall Mtg Room 8

6:30 PM Samoan Choir - Conference Room 1-2

7:15 PM FCC Board Meeting - Conference Room 3

7:30 PM Baptismal Class - 4th Grade Classroom

4th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

9:00 AM Seniors' Knitting - Conference Room 1-2

3:00 PM Intermediate Hula - Hall

3:15 PM Buss Leaves for Cathedral

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM Tai Chi - Conference Room 1-2

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall

7:00 PM Scouts - Meeting House

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

5th - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Church

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

7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

6th - FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

8:15 AM SES Mass - Church

5:00 PM Adoration / Benediction - Church

7th - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS / Novena / Rosary - Church

8:30 AM CCD (K-6)

10:00 AM Hula - Hall

1:30 PM Wedding - Church

6:00 PM Mass - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

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

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Today's Readings

1st Reading: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

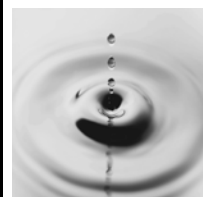
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



A few words for today ...

Flap, flap, flap ... When I was a young girl, I often thought about Mary, when the angel Gabriel appeared to her and brought God's request that she consent to becoming the mother

of the Savior. I used to wish that my own angel could appear to me and offer me what should surely be the goal for my life.

Once or twice I surely thought I heard a *flap, flap, flap* outside my window and, upon waking, looked about wondering whether there was an angel for me. Alas, no soft golden light or radiant face. I guess I would have to wonder and work toward my future like everyone else, hoping to choose the right path.

On this Feast of All Saints, our Holy Father Pope Benedict once reminded us that it is natural that "our heart reaches out beyond the boundaries of space and time, reaches to heaven. At the beginnings of Christianity, the members of the Church were also called 'saints'." (Vatican City, Nov. 1 2007)

"Effectively, Christians are already saints," the Holy Father stressed, "because baptism unites us to Jesus and his paschal mystery, but at the same time we must let ourselves be made holy, make ourselves ever more like him. At times it is thought that holiness is a condition of privilege reserved for the elect few. In reality, to let oneself be made saint is the task of each Christian and, even more, of every human being."

To assure us of this, St. Matthew reminds us of the blessedness of life here on earth when we allow God's grace to infuse our words and actions, bringing that saintliness of life to the smallest deeds.

Blessed are the peacemakers ... how many fights have you had to referee in the family?

Blessed are the sorrowing ... how many times have you given your shoulder to a friend?

Blessed are the merciful ... "Yes, dear. I know you didn't mean what you said."

Blessed are the meek ... "That's OK. I'll pick those up for you. You go ahead."

Blessed are the poor in spirit ... "Take half of mine .."

St. Matthew reminds us that a spirit of happiness and joy is the hallmark of a Christian. We are called to sing that new song that cries out from the depths and is an Amen to all that shall be, in Christ.



Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil



ALL SAINTS – November 1

On November 1, the Church keeps the Solemnity of All Saints. This Solemnity is centered around our communion with the Saints. We are familiar with the popular song: “When the saints go marchin’ in ... I want to be in their number.” This song reflects the popular piety but it is to the point. So often we see the human values out of perspective. Does the constant glittering of neon lights make us myopic? Christians are supposed to go by the light of faith. Why should we hurt ourselves by moving about in darkness when the real light is available? Christ tells us where to put our priorities. Yet we go by the candlelight of human wisdom and make mistakes.

Many great Christians, unsung heroes of outstanding love and dedication to their commitment in life, have gone before us. Let us follow them, rather than those who are successful in sports, beauty, or money-making! The glory of the saints fill us with joy, and their communion with us in the Church gives us inspiration and strength, as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them. Do not go it alone! You are part of a great family. A feeling of belonging is something all of us need.

ALL SOULS – November 2

“For Faithful People Life is changed, not ended ...” We remember the departed souls in a special way in the month of November. Please remember to visit the graves of your friends and relatives and offer prayers for their eternal repose. Call the Parish office and schedule some masses for your dear departed.

Nothing is surer than that all of us are born to die. We have to face death when it strikes our beloved ones, and finally when we ourselves are involved. We have to leave everything behind us. We may try not to think of it. Some consider death as an absurdity. Others learn to handle this reality as an integral part of our condition. The relationships we forge in our lives do not end with death. In faith we know that beyond death we will be with God. We are also aware that at the moment of death, we are not always the kind of persons we should be for all eternity; hence, a process of purification follows death before we will share life with God, as promised. On this awareness, Christians base their ancient custom of praying for the deceased, that God may grant them the vision of his glory. All Souls Day is a special day of prayer for all our brothers and sisters who have gone ahead of us. We have scheduled an extra Mass in the evening of November 2 at 7 pm to remember and pray for all the deceased members of our parish who went to their eternal reward this past year. Please try to sanctify these days as best as you can.

With blessings & prayers,
Fr. Tom



Upcoming Events

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8th – SUNDAY

(Regular Mass Schedule)

9:30 AM RCIA - Conf Room 1-2

9:00 AM FCC Meeting - Hall Rm 8

10:00 AM Mass -

Bishop Installs Fr. Tom

Reception to Follow in the Hall

4:30 PM CCD (7th-HS)

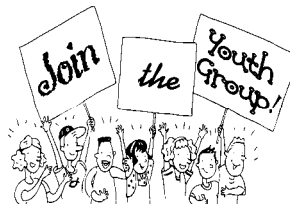
questions please call Davis Savea at (808) 630-9757. Retreat applications are at the back of our church. . Hope to see on the retreat...God 's blessings to you!

Young Christian Life



Young Christian Life will be hosting its 37th YCL retreat “Weekend 37” on Nov 6-8. The week-

end is spent with peers getting to know God better, experiencing Gods love & strengthening our faith. We encourage anyone between the ages of 14-20 to consider going on this retreat. If you have any



Congratulations to the parents & welcome little ones into our parish family.

Alena Jessica K. Chun

Josiah Kaimana Flores

Jadyn Kealani Imperial

Matthew Corpuz Montero

Lyric Siaosi Malaki Samuelu

Tiare Terno

May God bless you & grant you joy & happiness forever!

Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

November 1, 2009: Solemnity of All Saints, Year B

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

The book of Revelation is not meant to be a timeless description of what it is like in heaven, but instead is an “earthly” glimpse of a “heavenly reality.” Revelation was written around 96 A.D. by John to encourage the faithful in a time of great distress. The author expected a great persecution to break out against the Church in Asia Minor around that time. Revelation was meant to reassure the Christians that, should they be martyred for their beliefs, God will indeed vindicate their faithfulness. The author thus visualizes the triumphant state that awaits them, using the symbolic language of white robes, palms, etc., and pictures the people singing a song of triumph. History is a struggle between good and evil, and Christ’s own victory over death assures the victory of those who remain faithful. Thus, even in the middle of her troubles and struggles on earth, the Church can already sing songs of victory in her liturgy in anticipation of the coming Kingdom of Heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Psalm 24 was used by the people of Israel as part of a ritual for entering the Temple on high holy days. As worshipers approached the entryway, someone would ask them, “Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?” The people would respond with, “One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.” In this way, the people express their faithfulness to the covenant Israel made with God, and are then allowed entry into God’s presence in the Temple. Thus, knowing that they are blessed to be in God’s presence in the “house” built for Him by His chosen people, they can express their longing to “see God’s face.”

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

The First Letter of John was written around 100 A.D. for two purposes: (1) to condemn false teachings regarding the true humanity of Christ; and (2) to correct a wrong understanding of Christian existence that was being spread among the churches. Today’s passage is concerned with the claim some people were making about having been given special knowledge (“gnosis”) and having been already perfected by Christ. The author of 1 John insists on the “not yet” aspect of Christian life. He claims that being a child of God in the here-and-now is only an advance installment of our final salvation, which is still a matter of future hope. Thus, in the present, the task of Christians is to strive for purity of life in order to become pure as Christ is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

The Beatitudes form the opening of Christ’s Great Sermon. In Matthew, it is known as the Sermon on the Mount; in Luke, it is the Sermon on the Plain. Matthew chose the location of the “mount” because he understands Christ’s teachings to be the New Law, replacing the Old Law given on Mount Sinai to Moses, with Jesus being the “second Moses.” Each beatitude has two parts. The first part describes the challenges of the present life, while the second part describes the glory to come in the Kingdom of God. Jesus addresses the beatitudes not to all people, but rather to His own disciples, those who have already left everything in order to follow Him. Thus, Jesus’ disciples are meant to be the ones who realize that *they* are the poor in spirit who have no righteousness of their own, causing *them* to crave and hunger for God’s righteousness. Also, the beatitudes can be divided into two groups. The first group of beatitudes is passive in quality, while the second group is more activist. Disciples are called to combine both the passive and active sides of a right relationship with God and neighbor. Only then will they be the ones who are not only blessed in the present life, but who are also promised a future participation in the Kingdom of God.



Readings for the Week

Monday, November 2

Tuesday, November 3

Wednesday, November 4

Thursday, November 5

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40

Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24

Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10

Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection	\$ 11,540.00
Building Fund	\$ 81.00
Energy	\$ 90.00
All Souls	\$ 245.00
Total Collection for 10/24-25/09	\$ 11,956.00

Every year, the Diocese approves a list of second collections and provides envelopes for this purpose. In November, the collection is for: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (Nov. 21-22, 2009). To assist with this, St. Elizabeth's will donate 10% of the 4th Sunday's collection in November.



Bishop Larry Silva coming to St. Elizabeth's ...

On the Joyous Occasion of the Formal Installation of Fr. Tom as our Pastor!

Nov. 8 / Sunday / 10:00am Mass

We encourage you all to come and join Bishop Larry in officially installing Fr. Tom as our Pastor. OK - he's already been "on duty" since July 1, but the Church has a beautiful way of expressing the bond between a Bishop and his Pastor, and between the Pastor and his Parish. Come and celebrate and join in a simple potluck reception afterwards, in the Hall. Just a reminder that the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee are to be present at the Mass. Please sit in the reserved pews in the front, choir side.

Ministries are being contacted to assist with the reception. Please contact your Ministry lead. Others, if you would like to help out, please contact Linda Cacpal 487 7994. Thanks to Leo Naone who has graciously consented to coordinate the setup.

Didn't Make the Trip to Rome?

Well, 69 St. Elizabeth pilgrims will be enthusiastically making their own journey to Our Lady of Peace Cathedral on Wednesday, Nov. 4 to venerate St. Damien's holy relic from 4:30-5:30pm followed by Benediction and Mass. The Central Oahu Vicariate will remain in worship and meditation from morning to evening. St. Elizabeth will be leading a Holy Hour, 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Each pilgrim will be provided a program of hymns, prayers & readings for the Holy Hour. The Hour will close with Benediction and Mass, celebrated by the Vicar for Central Oahu, Fr. Manny Hewe.

Congratulations! So many of you wanted to go, we're hiring two buses. And, there's still some room on the 2nd bus – so, this is your last chance! **For those who signed up, please be at St. Elizabeth's by 3:00pm so we can leave on time – 3:15pm.**

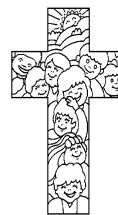
This is a huge honor for our Diocese to have Fr. Damien raised to the honors of the altar and for us, to honor him in prayer and praise for the truly holy and loving man he was. It may not be Rome, but it's home.

Questions? Please call either Linda Cacpal at 487 7994 or Bernie Teson at the Rectory 487 2414 ext. 21.



All Souls Novena of Masses

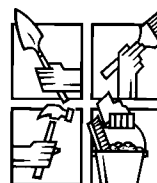
- ❖ Envelopes are available in the church for those you wish to have remembered at our Novena of Masses for your beloved deceased.
- ❖ Please complete the envelope and return ASAP so we can remember them at each Mass for the month of November.



St. Elizabeth School

Global Awareness: To aid in the relief efforts for American Samoa and the Philippines our students are collecting their spare change for our month long caring coins program.

Sports: Our CSL girl's volleyball team won the consolation championship this past weekend at Maryknoll Community Gym. They also received this year's sportsmanship award.



HELP WANTED

We are in need of a Maintenance Person for our Church & School... If interested, please call the rectory, 487-2414, for more details.

 **RCIA - the Journey of a lifetime**



Nov. 1 – The Feast of Heaven & Earth

One of our hymns goes: “Come to the feast of heaven and earth; come to the table of plenty.” In his autobiography, “*Milestones*” the Holy Father recalls his childhood and his gradual introduction to the mysteries of the liturgy. His

mother gave him a “schott” or a missal to follow along and he received more in-depth missals as he grew older. Gradually he began to take joy and realize the depth of what he was experiencing – the beauty of God’s love and power for him and all believers.

Today we enter into those mysteries with our catechumens and candidates, encouraging them to make the prayers their own and to feed on the Word until that beautiful day when they will be able to enter into the fullness of the sacramental life through baptism, confirmation and eucharist.

Catechumens:

Darci Denny, Kevin Manuel, Julie Nemoto, Glenn Remigio

Candidates:

Esther Bulseco, Sheryl-Ann Castillo, Daryl deGuzman, Janice Eala, Lydia Jasmin, Justin Kaneshiro, Corrynne Lopez, Nekita Meli, Magdalena Obiacoro, Marilou Quinones, Ryan Takiuchi, Tai Apisa, Steven Pang, Dennis Whitworth

Listen to the whispers and respond!

“Our God is not a distant God ... Our God has a heart,
Pope Benedict XVI

For more information ... please contact our Ministry Coordinator, Linda Cacpal, at 487 7994 or by email at:

RCIA2000@hawaii.rr.com



“we are the people of life because God, in his unconditional love, has given us the Gospel of Life..., and we are called to act accordingly...”
Pope John Paul II

Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

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Revenues	
Sunday Donations	\$627,000
Holy Day Donations	\$61,900
Gifts & Bequests	\$53,600
Offerings	\$23,200
Business Revenue	\$24,800
Fundraising	\$19,300
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$18,500
Total Revenue	\$828,300
Expenses	
Personnel	\$163,100
Repair & Maintenance	\$51,700
Committee Expense	\$49,600
Diocesan Assessment	\$44,100
School Subsidy	\$41,100
Supplies	\$38,100
Appreciation	\$37,700
Utilities	\$32,800
Subsidies & Assistance	\$29,200
Insurance	\$26,600
Vehicle Expense	\$23,300
Contract Services	\$19,000
Business Expense	\$11,300
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$6,100
Total Operations Expense	\$573,700
Net Excess (Short) from Normal Operations	\$254,600
Building Fund Collections	\$68,400
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$323,000
ASSETS	
Cash & Savings	\$385,900

Above is a summarized copy of the year end report recently sent to the Diocese for our parish. For the year ending June 30, 2009, St. Elizabeth parish had total revenues in excess of expenses of \$323,000 including \$68,400 designated for our Building Fund. The Building Fund is for donations towards the rebuilding of our priest’s residence.

As of June 30, St. Elizabeth Parish had \$385,900 in savings on deposit with the Diocese of Honolulu.

We are extremely grateful for the wonderful financial support you have shown to our parish.

Tom Teson, Finance Committee Chairman

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

DAMIEN OPEN HOUSE: Wed., Nov 4, from 6-8 pm. Damien is a Catholic all-boys school, grades 7-12, sponsored by the Congregation of Christian Brothers. All prospective students & parents are welcome. Guided tours of the campus will be available. Questions? Please contact Brent Limos at 841-0195 or email limos@damien.edu.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL, a Catholic School for Young Women & Men, is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Admissions Open House will be held on Sunday, Nov., 15, 2009 from 1-3 pm. An informational session will begin promptly at 1 pm.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL is having a **Garage Sale**, Sat., Nov. 14 from 8:30 am – to 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Items on sale include but not limited to: small furniture items, assorted new and used kitchen items, such as, flatware, china, glasses, knickknacks, vintage jewelry and other items. Proceeds to benefit St. Theresa School and the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent at St. Theresa's.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE a peer ministry support group for the widowed, divorced and permanently separated. We invite people of all faiths to join us. 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.