

St. Elizabeth Church

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever is not against us is for us."

Mark 9:41

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4, 2009

28th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM Women's Hula - Hall

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

7:15 PM FCC Novena - Church

29th - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

2:45 PM Beginning Hula - Hall

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

6:30 PM Samoan Choir - Church

7:00 PM Cap Cam Mtg - Conference Room 1-2

7:00 PM YAM - Young Adult Office

30th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

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

9:30 AM Funeral Mass (+Ding Abelay) - Church

3:00 PM Intermediate Hula - Hall

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM Tai Chi - Hall Meeting Room 8

7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg - Conf Room 3

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall

7:00 PM Scouts - Meeting House

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

OCTOBER 1st - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

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

7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

2nd - FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

8:15 AM SES MASS - Church

5:00 PM Adoration / Benediction - Church

3rd - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS / Novena / Rosary - Church

8:30 AM CCD (K-6) - Hall Meeting Rooms

10:00 AM Hula - Hall

6:00 PM Mass - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

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

4th - SUNDAY (Regular Mass Schedule)

9:30 AM RCIA - Conference Room 1-2

1:30 PM Blessing of Animals - Under Trees, Navy Lot

4:30 PM CCD (7th-HS) - Hall Meeting Rooms

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37



A few words for today ...

Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit ... along with love, gentleness, patience, faithfulness, kindness, peace, generosity and self-control (cf. Galatians 5:22-23). What do we mean by the "fruits of the Spirit"? The psalm for today (Psalm 19) tells us that the *precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

We are used to thinking another way – freedom to do as we please is what makes us happy – not rules that bind and restrict us. This is where we have to dig deeper – the precepts of the Lord – what does that mean?

As Catholic Christians we are called to live in a certain way. Some might take it to mean that we live by prohibitions, a strait-jacket meant to restrict us from doing what we want. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict has often said that "Nothing could be further from the truth." As Catholic Christians, we have encountered God and he has a face and a name – Jesus Christ.

It is in following Jesus and having that intimate relationship with him grounded in the Eucharist that we come to understand what faithfulness really means. At the 2005 World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany during Holy Hour Pope Benedict gave a beautiful homily encouraging the youth to give of themselves wholeheartedly and with joy to Christ. He said that faith "is like wings" that allow you to soar with enthusiasm, to be cheerful followers of Jesus.

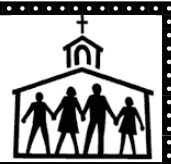
When one has this interior joy born of faith, our lives begin to deepen and we want to root out those annoying negative aspects of our life – jealousy, anger, bitterness, love of material goods, fear. We all want a challenge to do great things for God. Sometimes we spend a lifetime pushing these uncomfortable truths about ourselves under the rug, hoping they'll go away.

The Gospel message for today is to reach for the joy that lasts – not for the fast food of materialism, but for the meal that nurtures the soul. Reach for Jesus and allow him to give you the real joy of faithfulness and peace.



Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil



My dear Parishioners:

Adoration and Benediction

We have everything ready to begin our weekly *adoration and benediction on Friday, October 2, from 5 to 6 pm.* After that we will have the devotion every Friday of the week. Mark your calendars and plan ahead so that you can make use of this new opportunity to draw the blessings of Jesus on you and your family.

October, the month dedicated to the Rosary

On October 7 we celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**. Pope Pius V established this feast in 1571. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto – a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pope Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus – his birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glories remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The Rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of prayers helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

To honor Mary in the month of the Rosary, there will be the recitation of the Rosary everyday at 6:45 am followed by Mass at 7 am. Please make the extra effort to honor Our Blessed Mother.

Blessing of Animals – October 4

We keep the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. It is customary to bless animals on that day. The noon mass of the day is animated by our School children. After mass at about 1:30 pm there will be the blessing of animals and pets. An area in the parking lot will be blocked off for this purpose.

Mahalo Fr. Paulson

Heartfelt thanks to Fr. Paulson Mundanmani for helping us out with the weekend masses. Please do visit us when you come to Hawaii.

With prayerful blessings!

Fr. Tom

Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

September 27, 2009: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Israel's forty years of wandering in the desert is the context for this passage from the Book of Numbers, where we find Moses feeling overwhelmed by the complaints of the people of Israel regarding the lack of food. To aid Moses, God gives seventy elders a share of Moses' spirit of prophesy, even two elders who had not been present at the proper gathering. Joshua, being a faithful follower of Moses, became jealous about those two elders regarding their prophesying, yet Moses immediately challenges Joshua on his motive for wanting the two elders to stop prophesying. It seems that Joshua sees the gift of prophesying as a matter of prestige, rather than as a matter of service. Like the disciples in today's Gospel reading, Joshua becomes worried about his own place in the new situation. Moses reminds him that gifts are given, not for the sake of appeasing a person's sense of prestige or place, but rather for the sake of serving others in the community.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

This Sunday's responsorial psalm reminds us that the stumbling blocks to faithful discipleship can come not only from any enemies, but also from within our own hearts. However, this psalm also tells us that the surest safeguard against infidelity is close adherence to God's laws, which lead to truth, justice, and wisdom. This psalm expresses an understanding of the life-giving nature of God's laws, and gives joyful voice to the faithful who are willing to make these Laws the rule for their own lives.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Today's reading from the Book of James strongly condemns the rich who have accumulated their wealth by wrongly withholding wages that were rightfully due to the laborers in their fields. Rather than insuring the rich a comfortable future, their ill-gotten wealth instead assures them of justice at the time of final judgment. This passage is a clear call for social justice regarding the issue of fair wages for work done. In our capitalistic societies, this reading warns against the exploitation of workers, giving a theological basis for this social ethic: "the cries of the [workers] have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts."

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

In this passage from Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples again show their lack of understanding. After being rebuked by Jesus for comparing themselves to each other in order to determine who was "greatest" among them, they now compare themselves to someone who was not one of their own group. The disciples seem unconcerned with the fact that someone was obviously helped by the "intruding" exorcist. Instead, the disciples seem more concerned with protecting their own "turf." Jesus reminds the disciples that any good works done in His name serves to build up the Kingdom of God, even if the person doing the good works is not part of the group of disciples. These few verses could provide a good basis for forwarding ecumenical discussions with other Christian Churches.

In the second half of today's Gospel passage, Jesus teaches his disciples about the consequences of sin. He speaks of "Gehenna," which is a typical Jewish image for the place of punishment for sinners. This word initially referred to a valley where human sacrifices were offered at a cultic shrine, and thus the description of where the "worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." Jesus seems to tell his disciples that they should mutilate themselves if their body parts should cause them to sin. This idea of self-mutilation is rightfully abhorrent and repulsive, thus highlighting how dire the consequences of sin are. However, notice the language that Jesus uses here. He says that a body part should be cut off *if* it causes the person to sin. The point that Jesus is trying to make is not about self-mutilation, but about the truth that it is our hearts and minds which cause us to sin, not our physical body parts. Sin arises from our internal desires and intentions, not from our external physical bodies. Jesus voices this teaching that includes the idea of self-mutilation because he can be assured that people who understand his meaning will not physically harm themselves, knowing that sin originates from the heart and mind. While our physical, external selves might carry out our sins, it is our internal, rational selves which determine what the physical self actually does. That is why Jesus can make the claim that we can truly sin, even if only in our hearts and minds.



Readings for the Week

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

Baruch 1:15-22; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection	\$ 10,820.00
Building Fund	\$ 127.00
Energy	\$ 210.00
Initial	\$ 22.00
Total Collection for 9/19-20/09	\$ 11,179.00
<i>Catholic Herald</i>	\$ 12.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 660.00

Join a Rosary Rally

Sat., October 10, 11:30AM – 2PM

(Rosary starts at 12:00 noon)

Two Locations:

Aiea Rainbow Park

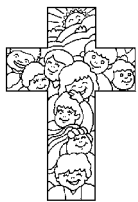
(Near McGrew Point, Pearl Harbor)
Lillian Ulgaran, Wen Stafford, & Valerie Elefante
(Rosary Rally Captains)

Under the Banyan Tree

(Across the street from St. Elizabeth Church
on Moanalua Road)
Nancy Jones, Carolina Jacobe & Ida Kim
(Rosary Rally Captains)

The Public Square Rosary Rally is to honor the 92nd Anniversary Of Our Lady's Apparition at Fatima, Portugal. This Rally is organized yearly by Hawaii's Team of Rally Captains. In 2009 God is more insulted than ever by pornography, immoral fashions, abortion, blasphemy, same sex "marriage", and embryonic stem cell research.

The Public Rosary is a new call to live Our Lady's Fatima message and spread it across America. The Blessed Mother is holding back God's punishing arm. But until when? We don't know. Time may be running out..... (For more information, please call Lillian at 371-5470 or Nancy at 728 -6746)



St. Elizabeth School Student Council Elections were held this past week. Congratulations to our 2009-2010 officers; President: Courney Choy, Vice President: Jayce Ikehara, Secretary: Nicole Corpuz, and Treasurer: Nicole Faima.



Everyone is invited!

**Replay of Canonization
of Fr. Damien**

**Sunday, Oct 11, 1pm
St. Elizabeth Church Hall**

Let us all come together for this joyful event in honor of Father Damien. We will replay the canonization of Father Damien on screen downstairs in the social hall preceded by a pot luck on Sunday, October 11th. Please call Carolyn or Chucky @ 486-5116 for more information. Mahalo.

RSVP (Please cut here and place in collection baskets or return to rectory.)

Bring a Pot Luck dish to share with your fellow St. Elizabeth family & friends!

Family Name: _____

attending: _____

Dish: _____

**Senior Citizen Outreach Ministry
.....for 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, September 30, 2009 in Conference Rms. 1 & 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Eric Crabbe will be facilitating the session on "Maintaining your independence as you age through good health and wellness".

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





sacrament of BAPTISM

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

Luke Christopher Sajo Duncan

Luke Nakoa Gabriel

Franz Yvier Nares Nerona

Hudson Micaela Keeler

Michael Romero Means III

Zandyn Kamohoalii Kalahiki Pedro

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

R.C.I.A. - the Journey of a lifetime



Sept 27 – Seasons of the Church



In Hawaii, our basic seasons are wet and dry ... unless you count “hot” and “really hot.” The Church, surprisingly is a seasonal body itself. There are feast days honoring the saints, martyrs and holy people that are the “giants” of our Church on whose shoulders we stand. Then there are the high celebrative seasons – Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. That’s what we do as the Body of Christ – we gather to worship and celebrate all that God has done for us and allow him to lead us in our

pilgrim journey on earth.

We need sponsors – at least 6! If you would like to be 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



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 2009
1:30 p.m.

As is our tradition, we invite our parishioners and SES Ohana to bring their pets for the annual blessing of animals on the Feast Day of St. Francis, Sunday, October 4th, at 1:30 p.m. We will gather under the trees in the navy lot...see you there!

Young Christian Life



YCL is for youth between the Ages of 14 & 18 years old who want to grow in their faith and relationship with God. Come, see what we are all about, join us for:

Basketball Freeplay, Wed., 5:30 pm

Prayer Meetings, Wed., 7-8:30 pm in the hall

Youth Mass, Sundays, at 6pm

Need more information? Call Davis or Carolyn Savea, Youth Directors, at (808) 630-9757. God’s blessings to all!

**Mark your calendars now...
And join us for a**



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. Shartina & Christine will be running the meetings through October 6, 2009.

All are welcomed to attend our meetings! Just come as you are, when you can! Questions? Email: yamstelizabeth@aol.com. Look us up on facebook: St. Elizabeth Young Adults... and become a fan!

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR PARTY

Saturday, October 31st, 7pm in the Hall

SPOOKY details to follow soon...just a heads up so you'll be ready!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS - You can express your commitment to your Church by making a bequest in your Will. Simply include the following statement in your Will - *“I leave to the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, St. Elizabeth Church, 99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea, Hawaii 96701, \$___ or _____% of my estate (choose one). My gift may be used for general purposes (or specify for school, building fund, Diocese, etc.)”*. For more information see your Pastor or contact Robert J. Stillwell, Ed.D., Director of Development, at 203-6723.



Foodland's Annual Community Matching Site Program

give aloha

Once again we are participating in Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. The program dates are September 1-30, 2009 and our number is 78183.