

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2010

Today's Readings:
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

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Calendared Events

APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2010

26th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church
 6:00 PM Women's Hula - Hall
 7:00 PM Prayer Group - Conference Room 1-2
 7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

27th - 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 Practice - Conf Room 1-2
 6:30 OCFCC News Writing Session - Hall

28th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church
 9:00 AM Seniors' Gathering - Conference Room 1-2
 3:00 PM Intermediate Hula - Hall
 6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church
 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus - Hall Mtg Room 8
 6:30 PM Tai Chi - Conference Room 1-2
 7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg - Conf Room 3
 7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall
 8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

29th - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church
 5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall
 6:30 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Conf Room 1-2

30th - FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church
 8:15 AM SES MASS - Church
 5:00 PM Adoration - Church
 7:00 PM YCL Hoaloha Dinner - Hall

May 1st - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church
 8:30 AM CCD Classes (K-6) - Hall Meeting Rooms
10:00 AM Spring Family & Health Fair (grounds & hall)
 10:00 AM Hula - Conference Room 1-2
 6:00 PM MASS - Church
 7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom
 8:00 PM Al-Anon - 4th Grade Classroom

MISSION STATEMENT

We, St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea, a Roman Catholic faith community in the Diocese of Honolulu, live and proclaim the Gospel through the joyful celebration of the Eucharist in the Spirit of Aloha. We are committed to on-going faith formation, engaging in the ministries of charity, and promoting social justice and respect for life.



Readings for the Week

Monday, April 26

Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18
John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28

Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a
John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29

Acts of the Apostles 13:35-25
John 13:16-20

Friday, April 30

Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33
John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52
John 14:7-14



8am & 10am: CCD Staff & Families

6am: Select Members

It is ALOHA SUNDAY . . . join us for light refreshments & fellowship in the hall. Our Hosts:

Weekly Calendar (cont'd.)

May 2nd - SUNDAY (Regular Mass Schedule)

9:30 AM RCIA - Conference Room 1-2
 2:00 PM CCD Confirmation Ph 2 Rehearsal-Church
 4:30 PM CCD Classes (7-HS) - Hall Meeting Rooms

Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us as his flock and promises us the gift of eternal life. As followers of Jesus we are called to remain faithful to the grace of God.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

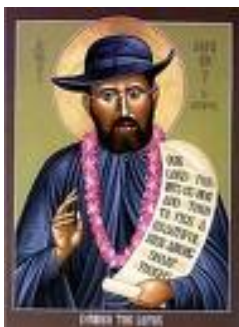


Other News From the Diocese

St. Stephen Diocesan Center - Installation of Water Storage System (from Deacon Walter Yoshimitsu, Chancellor): Preparations for installation of a new water storage system at St. Stephen Diocesan Center are underway and construction bids will be solicited later this month. As a result, the Center will be closed to all further reservations for the indefinite future. Until the water system is operational and satisfactory arrangements for fire safety are completed, use of the Center will be strictly limited to its residents, guests, and employees of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.

Pre-existing commitments for the use of the Center's facilities through the end of July, 2010 will be honored; however, new reservations will not be accepted. Sabrina Izaguirre will assist any affected groups now having reservations after July 31, 2010 to identify alternative meeting sites for their use.

We regret any inconvenience to parish groups and others who may have been considering use of the Center. Diocesan offices have been engaged in design and permitting for the improvements for a long time and we now must prepare for installation that will modernize a system that is more than 60 years old.



St. Damien: In celebration of Saint Damien's feast day on May 10, KFVE will air two historic programs celebrating the canonization of Saint Damien of Moloka'i.

The first show, "*The Story of Saint Damien of Moloka'i, Sacred Heart's Priest*" will air from **6-7pm on Saturday, May 8**. This one-hour show tells the story of Father Damien de Veuster, the Roman Catholic missionary who ministered to patients with leprosy -- or Hansen's Disease as it is called today -- on Moloka'i in the late 1800s.

The second show, "*Hawai'i's Pilgrimage to the Canonization of St. Damien of Moloka'i*" will air from **7-9pm on Sunday, May 9**. The travelogue/documentary includes footage from numerous locations including Hawaii, Belgium, Italy and the Vatican, culminating in Damien's canonization on Rosary Sunday, October 11, 2009. With interviews, raw footage, home movie-like footage and spectacular backdrops, this new special promises to be a memorable one for all viewers.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these heart-felt and historic specials in prime time to the people of Hawai'i", said KFVE General Manager John Fink. "Our goal at KFVE is to increase our quantity of solid local programming, and these specials are quality shows that will both educate and entertain viewers throughout the state."

Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

Breaking Open the Word for April 25, 2010: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

This passage from Acts describes a division that has taken place among the Jews over Jesus' identity. Not all the Jews were convinced that Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promise to their ancestors, and so they contradicted and rejected Paul and Barnabas. Paul and Barnabas see their rejection as a reminder of the prophecy found in Isaiah 49:6, which says, "I will make of you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." In light of the Jew's rejection, Paul and Barnabas interpret Isaiah's words to mean that they should now become a light to the Gentiles, preaching the risen Christ to everyone instead of limiting themselves to just their fellow Jews.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Psalm 100 was a two-parted call to worship for Israel. Verses 1 through 3 are a general call from outside the Temple walls into its outer courtyard, while verses 4 and 5 were a call to worship inside the Temple and a preparation for a sacrifice of thanksgiving. The two parts of Psalm 100 reminds us that joy and thanksgiving are the proper attitudes for worship.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

The Book of Revelation was written to the Christians who suffered persecution under Emperor Domitian (81 AD – 96 AD), offering hope in Jesus Christ to those who had already lost loved ones to martyrdom or were facing martyrdom themselves. Today's passage takes place in the heavenly courtroom, where a great multitude "from every nation, race, people, and tongue" is standing before God's throne and before the Lamb. These are Christian martyrs, who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Thus, the martyrs who remained faithful to Jesus even through death are pictured as having been redeemed by Jesus and now reign with Him in heaven, safe under Jesus' protection.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Today's passage from John's Gospel is part of a contentious conversation between Jesus and a group of Jews. This exchange between them and Jesus comes just prior to today's passage: "'How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify to me. But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep.'" (John 10:24b-26) Thus, in today's passage Jesus contrasts His "sheep" against the people He is speaking with. In order to understand this passage more fully, we need to understand the situation that the author, John, is writing his Gospel in. The earliest Christians did not have to choose between being Gentile or Jewish, as the Jewish Christians could still belong to the synagogues. However, by the time John writes his Gospel at the end of the first century AD, those Jews who believed in Jesus' divinity were being expelled from the synagogues. The problem was that, as long as individuals belonged to the synagogue, they did not need to participate in worshipping the Roman emperor; however, once they were expelled from the synagogue, they no longer had that protection and were expected to offer worship to the emperor. Those who refused were subject to persecution and death. John insists on Jesus' divinity, despite the Jewish Christians' temptation to deny Jesus' divinity in order to avoid persecution. John is trying to make clear to his audience that they need not fear persecution nor death, because those who remain faithful to Christ will be kept safe in God's hands. In today's passage, by telling the Jews that "The Father and I are one," Jesus is answering their question; He is telling them that He is both the Messiah and God. Jesus' "sheep" are the people who have heard His words and believed Him.

WEEKLY COLLECTION



Last Week's Collection	\$ 10,509.00
Building Fund	\$ 488.00
Energy	\$ 648.00
Candles	\$ 293.00
Initial	\$ 48.00
Total Collection for April 17-18, 2010	\$ 11,986.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 20.00

Every year, the Diocese approves a list of second collections and provides envelopes for this purpose. In May, our collection will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign (May 15-16). To assist with this, St. Elizabeth's will donate 10% of the 4th Sunday's collection in May.



R.C.I.A. - the Journey of a lifetime
Hearing the Call of the Spirit

Over thirty years ago, a call went out for forty government jobs under a new program called CETA, Comprehensive Employment & Training Act. Well, over 500 applicants lined up, waited an average four hours for a ten minute interview! But, you never know – taking that first step and being willing to do the time might pay off in the long run.



Mystagogia (Greek) is a time of growing in knowledge and wisdom in the "mysteries" of the faith, the sacraments and their impact on the life of the newly baptized and confirmed. Knowing about the sacraments is not the same as experiencing its work and grace in your life. As our newly-initiated members now take their place in our community, they are to continue their journey of faith and gratitude to God, placing their lives at his service, taking their place in the activities of the parish and ministries ... taking that first step.

We, as the community that welcomes them, should do all we can to encourage and welcome them into the life of the parish. *Christus resurrexit!*

Listen to the whispers

In God our hearts find joy

For more information ... please cOntact our Ministry Coordinator, Linda Cacpal, at 487 7994 or by email at: RCIA2000@hawaii.rr.com

FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB is sponsoring a *Class on News Writing* by **Patrick Downes**, Editor of HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD on



Tuesday April 27, 2010 at St. Elizabeth Church Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm. Mr. Downes will give us tips on writing an article for the media and how to express one's views onto written paper. This free lecture is open to all parishioners. To register email Lillian Lagapa Ulgaran at:

lilunlimited@hotmail.com

or call Lillian at 371-5470. All are welcome!



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY...

Many thanks to all of you who so graciously give your time to help feed the homeless at the IHS shelters. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 28**. Bring your friends and get involved! Make a difference! Our I.H.S. Ministry needs help serving dinner to over 300 homeless men, women & children at the two shelters.

- ❖ Dinner is served at the women's & children's facility from 5-5:30 p.m.
- ❖ at the men's facility from 6-6:45 p.m.
- ❖ We need 17 people to help; 5 at one shelter and 12 at the other.
- ❖ We also need desserts ...

Please bring your desserts to the rectory between 8am & 3:30pm on the 28th. Our team will pick it up & deliver it to the shelters. God bless you for caring & helping! *For details of how to get to either one of the shelters, please see the bulletin board just outside the Church.*

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DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tues., May 4	First Communion Partial Rehearsal	6:00 pm (Church)
Thurs., May 6	First Communion - Full Rehearsal	6:00 pm (Church)
Fri., May 7	Decorate (Parents)	6:00 pm
Sat., May 8	First Holy Communion Mass	10:00 am
Sun., May 16	Confirmation Mass	6:00 pm

CCD Parents, please note that the **last day of classes is May 1 & 2**. On May 2 our Confirmation Phase 2 students will rehearse for their Confirmation mass at 2pm in the church ... please be sure that your student attends.

As our year comes to an end, I would just like to say that it has been another wonderful year working with your children. Please be safe over the summer months and watch for our upcoming CCD registration dates. God bless!

**YCL Weekend #38 Retreat May 14-16
Hoaloha Dinner April 30**



YOUNG CHRISTIAN LIFE is having it's biannual YCL Retreat on **Friday May 14 thru Sunday May 16, 2010**. This is our #38 weekend for youth ages 14-20 years old. A fun, spirit and God-filled retreat you will definitely experience! The cost is \$60. Please turn in your forms and payment as soon as possible. Also, for all parents and those going/planning to attend the retreat, there is a **HOALOHA DINNER** coming up. This is an informational meeting with dinner provided. It will be on **Friday, April 30th at 7pm** downstairs in the Social Hall. We hope to see you there! For further questions about the retreat or youth ministry, please contact Davis or Carolyn Savea at 630-9757. Mahalo and God Bless.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

From Dara Perreira, *Director of Human Resources & Safe Environment (Diocese of Honolulu)*

Resources to Help Keep Kids Safe

The Web site of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers dozens of well-produced informational brochures covering a broad range of child safety topics. Go to www.ncmec.org and click on "Resources for Parents & Guardians" to find these brochures and other helpful information about child safety. For particular help you may call the Diocesan Department of Human Resources at **808-585-3337**.

Join our **SES** children in their efforts to *save the earth!*

Recycle
A Shoe

Clean Out Your Closet!
And bring your old athletic shoes to the Recycle-A-Shoe event. Any brand, no cleats. The shoes will be recycled into play & sports surfaces that keep our community active.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 • 9 A.M.~2 P.M.
FRONTING HONOLULU HALE
CONVENIENT DRIVE-THRU @ KING STREET
OR STOP BY & VISIT OUR ENVIRONMENTAL BOOTHS. INFO: 808.768.3454

Prizes for most shoes collected, Grades K-12, from **BEST BUY**

HAWAII NATURE CENTER

*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, April 28, 2010 in Conference Rms. 1 & 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Our program for this meeting has changed. Brain Gym will be scheduled for a later date. Instead, we will be viewing a film "Keys to the Eucharist". Our belief of God's presence in the Eucharist sets us apart from other Christian denominations. Join us in learning how to enrich our experience of this sacrament. A discussion will focus on the following areas:

- the presence within the Eucharist
- Significance of the Eucharist within the Sacramental life of the church
- Role of the Eucharist within God's plan of salvation
- How to deepen one's experience of Eucharist adoration
- Importance and role of Eucharist prayer

You may bring a snack to share if you wish. Come and enjoy...

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



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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREATS: *Healing the pain of abortion ~ one weekend at a time*

A Rachel's Vineyard (RV) weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion is taking place on **May 21-23, 2010** at a private retreat center in Honolulu. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Married couples, mothers, fathers, siblings and grandparents of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. For more information, please contact Lisa Shorba at **(808) 349-5071** or e-mail: RVHawaii@gmail.com. Also visit us at: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Scholarships are available based on need. *"I experienced a great inner healing. I would highly recommend this retreat to anyone who has felt the void and shame of the abortion experience. It is a wonderful way to forgive yourself, find the completely unconditional love of Christ, and grieve your loss."* ~ Anonymous testimony

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR; space is available in all grade levels on a first come first served basis. Contact the School Office for an application: 488-5322.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE a peer ministry support group for the widowed, divorced and permanently separated. We have an on going Monday evening support group. 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.