



"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen." Luke 24:5

St. Elizabeth Church

APRIL 4, 2010

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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Upcoming Events

APRIL 5 - 11, 2010

5th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM Hula - Hall

6:00 PM Praise Team Mtg - Hall Mtg Room 8

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

7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

6th - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - School Office

6:00 PM CCD Retreat Team Mtg - 3rd Grade Classroom

7:00 PM FCC Board Meeting - 2nd Grade Classroom

7:30 PM Baptismal Class - 4th Grade Classroom

7th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - School Office

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - 3rd Grade Classroom

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - YCL Office

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

8th - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - School Office

8:30 AM Seniors' Knitting - Conference Room 1-2

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

9th - FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Adoration - Church

10th - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

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

11:00 AM Lighthouse Seminar - Conf Room 1-2

6:00 PM MASS - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

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

11th - SUNDAY (Regular Mass Schedule)

9:30 AM RCIA - Conference Room 1-2

9:30 AM Filipino Catholic Club Meeting - Hall

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

MISSION STATEMENT

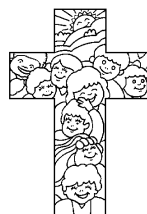
We, St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea, a Roman Catholic faith community in the Diocese of Honolulu, live and proclaim the Gospel through the joyful celebration of the Eucharist in the Spirit of Aloha. We are committed to on-going faith formation, engaging in the ministries of charity, and promoting social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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 11)

The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy are sponsoring the annual Divine Mercy Crusade in the Diocese of Honolulu to be held from April 7 – 12, 2010 in connection with the Divine Mercy Sunday. Fr. Tom Sullivan, a member of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy based in Kentucky will give reflections and celebrate Holy Masses during the crusade.

For information and schedule of the Divine Mercy Crusade venues, please visit www.divinemercyhawaii.org or call 808-389-5764.



St. Elizabeth School

During the week of 3/15-19/10, SES 5th Graders participated in Star Base Atlantis. This U.S. Navy community outreach program offers real world learning experiences in science, math, and technology engineering. In addition, our students engage in activities that develop their self-esteem, positive goal choices and teamwork.





Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil



HAPPY EASTER

“The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia.” The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation on which our Christian faith is built. Most of us have been brought up with the teaching that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. We simply accept it and in accepting it for a lifetime, we also take it for granted. We see from the Scriptures that even the Apostles were slow in believing in the resurrection of Jesus. They needed repeated reminders and personal experiences to accept this singular event in the history of creation. Once they did accept it, however, they went about preaching the Good News to the ends of the earth and all of them bore witness to the resurrection with their lives. It is interesting to note that the first believers not only preached the Good News, they sought to live out the unity that faith in Jesus should bring. Through his resurrection Jesus has overcome death, sin and suffering and brought peace to all. Peace or ‘Shalom’ is the peace of God to those who believe in Jesus. Jesus wants us to extend our hands in peace to everyone, even our enemies. So, as we celebrate this Easter, let us try to be reconciled with everyone and let us begin in our families. Let us put to rest all misunderstandings and forgive everyone who may have hurt us one way or other. May the joy and peace that only the Risen Lord can provide us fill our hearts!

Happy Easter to each and every one of you!

Fr. Tom

*A heartfelt **mahalo** to all who have contributed in any way in making our Lenten and Easter celebrations such a spiritual experience. The Risen Lord himself will reward you abundantly!*



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

Breaking Open the Word for April 04, 2010: Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection, Year C

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage from Acts, Peter proclaims the Gospel to the household of Cornelius, a Roman centurion and a "righteous Gentile" who worshiped the Jewish God and showed partiality to the Jews. However, Cornelius did not himself convert to Judaism, because it would have meant resigning his commission in the Roman Army; military service required offering incense to an image of the Emperor as a sign of allegiance, which was considered to be idolatry by the Jews. However, by entering the house of a Gentile, even a righteous one, Peter made himself ritually impure. Nevertheless, Peter was there to proclaim the Gospel, which is summarized in today's passage. However, notice what is included and what is missing in Peter's summary. Instead of starting with Jesus' birth, Peter begins with what happened to Jesus at His baptism by John, which inaugurated Jesus' public ministry of exorcisms, healings, and good works. Peter makes the point that Jesus' death was caused by human acts, but that His resurrection was brought about through God's act. By speaking of his own personal witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter stresses the reality of Christ's resurrection. But not only that, Peter's personal witness was where he received God's commission to preach that Jesus is Lord and that those who believe in Christ will receive the forgiveness that God offers to all people, Jews and Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Psalm 118 gives us some of the most famous lines from Scripture: "This the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." This psalm is especially appropriate for Easter because in the Book of Psalms, Psalm 118 is the last in a cycle of praise psalms (psalms 113-118). It was recited with the fourth cup of wine during the Passover, and it may have been used during the Feast of Tabernacles as a royal prayer of thanksgiving for victory over Israel's enemies.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or I Corinthians 5:6b-8

In the letter to the Colossians, today's passage is a prologue to the author's appeal for living a proper lifestyle. He starts with a basic teaching on baptism: baptism is a death to self, and a rising to life in Christ. So now that believers have received a share in Christ's risen life, they should act accordingly and not live immorally. Even though the risen life that believers have received is not fully present now, it will come to fruition when Christ returns in His glory. Until then, Christians must wait patiently.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote against some people in the community who had bragged about their fellowship with an incestuous Christian, and Paul even insisted on the excommunication of the sinner. So in today's passage, Paul uses an analogy of the Passover meal to urge repentance in the community. The incestuous Christian's presence was the "yeast" that could spoil the dough that would produce the unleavened bread. If the evil - whether it was the incestuous man or the attitude of boastful acceptance - were allowed to remain, the Christian celebration of the Passover (i.e., "the Lord's Supper") would be polluted ("unclean") and, so, not worthy of true worship. So, excommunication and repentance by the community was the preference. True worship comes from the humble-hearted and those seeking forgiveness, not the arrogant and the prideful.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

This resurrection scene from John's Gospel emphasizes the empty tomb as the main cause for faith, rather than the appearance of Jesus. For the Jewish, preparing a body for burial was a cultural privilege and duty that ranked with care for widows and orphans, thus elevating one's reputation. As such, the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary took place in the context of a charitable act. But John added another twist to his Gospel: There were also two male witnesses to the event (which, in an ancient Jewish court of law, verified the fact of the case). Thus, it only took a small leap of faith to conclude that Jesus, the Lord and Messiah, had truly risen from the dead. This belief is the main hinge upon which all Christian faith is linked together; if Jesus had not risen from the dead, then he would have been just another man.



Readings for the Week

Monday, April 5

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6

Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7

Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 8

Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 9

Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10

Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 11

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection	\$ 13,272.00
Building Fund	\$ 172.00
Energy	\$ 75.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 371.00
Candles	\$ 360.00
Total Collection for March 27-28, 2010	\$ 14,250.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 225.00
<i>Retreat (Fr. Mat)</i>	\$ 2,386.00

Every year, the Diocese approves a list of second collections and provides envelopes for this purpose. In April, our collection was for the Holy Father (April 2). To assist with this, St. Elizabeth's will donate 10% of the 4th Sunday's collection in April.



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

Easter Joy

It's only the beginning ... but what a launch! As when mothers give birth, the pain and suffering of the process is nothing compared to the joy of the precious son or daughter now in her embrace. Our Elect and Candidates were fully embraced in the arms of Holy Mother Church and our Lord last night as they were baptized, confirmed and received His Body and Blood for the First (but not last!) time.

So, today, we are celebrating the joy of that embrace and will resume our formation sessions on April 11, next Sunday – 930/Conf Rms 1-2. And looking ahead to May 23 and the fire of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with a pot luck closing event.

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



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the Diocesan Department of Human Resources at **808-585-3337**.

Did You Know?

Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse

Child sexual abuse is a great deal more prevalent than many imagine. In fact, studies tell us that one in ten adult men and one in five adult women say that they were molested before the age of 18. That means that, directly or indirectly, child sexual abuse will touch most of us during our lifetime. And although we would like to believe that most accusations are false, the facts tell us that children rarely lie about being molested. In fact, they rarely tell anyone at all. An adult study about the prevalence of sexual abuse found that 42% of the men and 33% of the women who were victimized as children had never told anyone.

For particular help you may call the Diocesan Department of Human Resources at **808-585-3337**.

Source: Sharon Womack Doty, "Refresher from the Protecting God's Children® Program," featured January 7, 2008, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus.



The Light of the Resurrection The Liturgy of the Easter Vigil

Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper which recalls the institution of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders and Good Friday that invites us to meditate on the mystery of Christ's redemptive death, we entered into the great silence of Holy Saturday when the earth was quiet and according to an ancient homily of Holy Saturday, "God lay asleep in the earth."

The Easter Vigil Mass proclaims the resurrection of Christ and his victory over sin and death. The joy of the resurrection fills our hearts as we experience this first Mass of Easter which contains elements that we find in no other Mass – the Church, in a sense, pulls out all the stops and speaks to the senses – incense, light, oil, water, bells, fire, voices and glorious music to express our joy that Christ is truly risen.

The Vigil Mass begins with the Blessing of the Easter Fire – it is the fire of the Resurrection. We bless our Paschal Candle with the new Fire and listen to the glorious words – "Christ yesterday, today.. the beginning and the end" ... as we trace the sign of the cross and insert red points of incense into the Candle to recall Christ's wounds. Then, the Deacon processes the Candle into a totally darkened church – like the tomb where Christ lay asleep or like the womb where rebirth is awaiting. We proclaim "Christ Our Light!" three times and begin to light our own tapers with the Light of Christ. The Deacon then sings the *Exsultet*, our song of joy in this night like no other night.

Then, like children around a campfire, Scripture is opened to recall the actions of God in our history – seven readings from the Old Testament are available and we choose at least three. Last night we heard the account of the Creation, the exodus of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea, and from the prophet Isaiah enjoining all to "Come to the water." Then, the lights go up and the bells ring out while we sing the "Gloria" for the first time since Lent began. We listen to the words of St Paul from Romans, reminding us that in our baptism we die to self and arise in a like Resurrection, as a new creation in Christ. Then, the wonderful account of finding the empty tomb in the Gospel of Luke "*He is not here; he has been raised.*"

In the midst of this pageantry and drama of the mysteries of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection we also have the joy of experiencing the full initiation of adults and older children into the faith. "Yes! We do believe!" is said over and over again during the Renunciation of Sin and the Profession of Faith and the Assembly's renewal of baptismal promises. The Journey of the Candidates to the font of baptism, the fire of the anointing in Confirmation and receiving our Lord's Body and Blood for the first time is the Journey of all of us as pilgrims striving to be faithful followers of Christ. We are a new creation in the life of the Church, ascending during our earthly years to the heavenly Jerusalem to behold the beauty of Christ's unveiled face, as he promised.

Linda Cacpal



Christian Life Hiking Event April 10, 2010

Time: Meet at St.Elizabeth's at 8:30am to carpool down.

Hike Location:
Mariner's Ridge about 9:30am

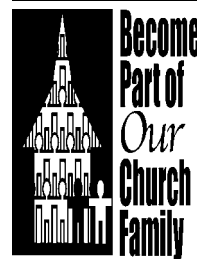
Who: Welcome All Adults

Extra Info:
Potluck and fellowship to follow (location for potluck to be announced).

Hike Rating: Novice

It's new and exciting....join us if you can for a day of good fun! For more information, please call Chucky at 478-9917.

See you at the hike!



PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new parishioners and ask that you remember to register with the church. Registration forms are available at the entrance to the church (in the bins on the left side), and at the parish office during regular office hours. So that our priests can better serve you, especially at the time of baptism, marriage, or a funeral, it is most helpful if you are registered and actively participating within our parish community.

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

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. Tuition assistance for registered St. Elizabeth parishioners is also available. Contact the school office for either application at 488-5322.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE a peer ministry support group for the widowed, divorced and permanently separated. We invite people of all faiths to join us on a weekend of Closure of the Past and Discovery of a New Beginning in an atmosphere of compassion & understanding. May 14, 15 & 16, 2010, at St. Anthony's Retreat Center, Oahu. \$245: includes meals, tuition & accommodations. Note: Available and ongoing: Monday evenings 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.

THE WOMAN I AM: If you experienced or are experiencing physical, emotional, or psychological abuse in your relationship, please join us We have openings in our Support Group for Women . Call us to make an appointment for an assessment. Fees are \$25 for the assessment and \$10 per group; **however** no one will be turned away due to an inability to pay the fees. **Sessions begin on Monday, April 12** (once per week) **for 10 weeks (5:00 pm to 6:30 pm)**. We will be taking a holistic approach (mind, body, spirit) to awareness and healing. Catholic Charities Hawaii, 1822 Keeaumoku St., Honolulu. Call Chiyo at 527-4477 or Tanja at 527-4489