



# 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 11, 2010

*Today's Readings:*

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20*

*Luke 10:25-37*



## *Calendared Events*

### **JULY 12-18, 2010**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> - MONDAY**

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM Women's Hula - Hall

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

#### **13<sup>th</sup> - TUESDAY**

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:30 PM Baptismal Class - Hall Meeting Room 8

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

#### **14<sup>th</sup> - WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM **NO** Tai Chi

7:00 PM YCL Prayer Meeting

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - Hall Mtg Room 8

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

#### **15<sup>th</sup> - THURSDAY**

7:00 AM MASS - Church

12:00 PM Funeral Mass (+Roland Javier) - Church

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Church

6:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

#### **16<sup>th</sup> - FRIDAY**

7:00 AM MASS - Church

11:00 AM Funeral Mass (+Francisco Fermahin) - Church

5:00 PM Adoration / Benediction - Church

#### **17<sup>th</sup> - SATURDAY**

7:00 AM MASS - Church

9:00 AM Summer Hula - Hall

10:00 AM FCC Fundraiser Pick Up - Hall Mtg Room 8

11:00 AM Wedding (DeGuzman/Diniega) - Church

6:00 PM MASS - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

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

#### **18<sup>th</sup> - SUNDAY** *(Regular Mass Schedule)*

9:30 AM RCIA - Conference Room 1-2

1:30 PM Baptisms - Church

## 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, July 12

*Isaiah 1:10-17*

*Matthew 10:34-11:1*

Tuesday, July 13

*Isaiah 7:1-9*

*Matthew 11:20-24*

Wednesday, July 14

*Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16*

*Matthew 11:25-27*

Thursday, July 15

*Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19*

*Matthew 11:28-30*

Friday, July 16

*Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16*

*Matthew 12:1-8*

Saturday, July 17

*Micah 2:1-5*

*Matthew 12:14-21*

Sunday, July 18

*Genesis 18:1-10a*

*Colossians 1:24-28*

*Luke 10:38-42*

# Pastor's Corner

## Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

As you may be aware, the liturgy of the Church is arranged in such a way that canonized saints are remembered almost each day of the week. This coming week we have some interesting saints we are asked to remember and imitate. I would like to present some of them in brief.

#### **St. Benedict, Abbot**

The feast of St. Benedict falls on July 11. Since it falls on a Sunday this year, the liturgy will not reflect it. All the same it is good to remember and honor this great saint. He is the patron of our present Pope. Our diocese has taken as priority the promotion of vocations to priesthood and religious life in a serious way. In fact we say a special prayer at every Sunday mass for vocations. St. Benedict is considered to be the father of western monasticism. He was born at Nursia in Umbria around 480 A.D. After schooling in Rome, he turned his back on the world and became a hermit. He lived in Subiaco. Soon disciples followed him there. When he had sufficient numbers he went with them to Monte Casino, where he founded a monastery. That monastery exists even today. He wrote his Rule, which established the spirituality and way of life of monastic communities ever since. His 'Rule' was widely adopted by monasteries and religious orders all across the Western world and thus he has been recognized as the 'father of monasticism in the West.' Even today there are scores of monastic orders and congregations both men and women who take St. Benedict as their patron and are called 'Benedictines'. He died in 547 and ever since the end of the eighth century he has been venerated in many places. Let us pray to St. Benedict so that he intercedes for us and continues to inspire young men and women to embrace religious and priestly vocations. Let us remember and pray for our Holy Father Pope Benedict who celebrates his name feast this day. St. Benedict, pray for us!

#### **St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church**

The feast of St. Bonaventure is celebrated on July 15. Born in 1218 he studied in Paris and became a professor there. He joined the Franciscan Order and eventually became Minister General in 1257. In the early years of the Order the number of Franciscans was few and they depended on the Charismatic leadership of St. Francis of Assisi. But as the order grew in numbers and spread to other countries the need for a more coherent administration became evident. It was St. Bonaventure who provided that leadership. He managed to reconcile the Franciscan spirit with the administrative demands of a worldwide order. He was a renowned theologian. His writings reveal a profound spirituality. He authored biblical commentaries and many ascetical and spiritual treatises. He was known as the 'Seraphic Doctor' He was appointed Cardinal Bishop of Albano, and attended the Council of Lyons, which attempted to reconcile the Churches of East and West. He died in 1274.

*Please help in keeping our Church facilities and premises clean. The groups using our meeting rooms, please take care to clean up after yourselves. We are putting in a lot of effort in this regard and your support is paramount.*

Prayers and blessings!

Fr. Tom

## Sunday Reflection

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church,  
Picayune, MS ([www.scborromeo.org](http://www.scborromeo.org))

### 1st Reading - Deuteronomy 30:10-14

The title “Deuteronomy” comes from the Septuagint *deuteronomion* (meaning “second law”). Moses is addressing a new generation of Israelites, all those who would have been under the age of twenty when the exodus began almost forty years earlier. These “new” Israelites are gathered in Moab to hear Moses restate the Law to them. This was necessary because their parents had committed apostasy in making the golden calf and by worshiping Baal-Peor by which they had thereby defiled themselves. The covenant of Deuteronomy is different from the Sinai covenant. Deuteronomy itself in 29:1 makes this clear: “These are the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant he made with them at Horeb (Sinai).”

After the golden calf, Israel deserved to die. Instead, they were placed on probation, under the strict legal supervision of the Levites, with Moses as the court-appointed guardian and probation officer. After many probationary violations, Israel was re-sentenced to forty years of detention and hard labor in the desert. At the release date, a parole hearing was held on the plains of Moab, where it was determined that Israel was not truly rehabilitated.

In Deuteronomy God retained many of the original terms of Israel’s initial probation. They had to remain under Levitical supervision, while Joshua replaced Moses as Israel’s guardian. However, the Judge realized the need to add three new sets of conditions for living at home: legal concessions, ritual stipulations and redemptive curses.

The legal concessions are permission of such things as divorce and remarriage, foreign slave-wives, and genocidal warfare against Canaanites; these are a downward adjustment on God’s part to a more realistic level of expectations for a sinful Israel. At the same time however, priests and Levites had to follow a much stricter marital morality: they were not permitted to marry non-virgins or divorcees, nor presumably was divorce and remarriage allowed.

The ritual stipulations require the sacrificial offering of firstborn from the herds and flocks at a central sanctuary. These laws may be seen as a counterbalance to the first, since the second set serve to remind Israel of its call to holiness, through to a lesser degree than the Levites.

The third set of conditions, the redemptive curses, comes at the time of our reading today. Moses solemnly declares with certitude that all the curses of the covenant will inevitably befall Israel at some point in the distant future. Previously, he had placed Israel under the curses conditionally, in a formal oath-swearing ceremony but now he says “... when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse...”

Our reading today comes from this final discourse of Moses, just prior to the selection of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. It is the conclusion of the covenant making ceremony.

### 2nd Reading - Colossians 1:15-20

This week we begin a four week tour through the Letter to the Colossians as our epistle reading.

Although imprisoned in Rome (A.D. 61-63) when he wrote this letter, Saint Paul enjoyed relative freedom in what he was allowed to do. Colossae was a city in Phrygia, about 125 miles east of Ephesus, and very close to Laodicea (now a part of Turkey). The church at Colossae was composed mostly of Christians of gentile background and had not been founded by Saint Paul himself, but by a disciple of his, Epaphras (Colossians 1:7). Paul was, however, well informed about how the church was faring. In fact, it was a visit to Rome by Epaphras that occasioned this letter because Epaphras reported to the apostle about dangerous doctrines which had recently made their way into the church, threatening both faith and morals. False teachers were introducing a series of outdated Mosaic practices - such as observance of the law of the Sabbath, identification of certain foods as unclean, and an exaggerated emphasis on the role of angels as intermediaries between God and men, which threatened to undermine the true doctrine of Christ as the only mediator.

Saint Paul uses the occasion to instruct the Colossians and to restate for them the truth about the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ, as beginning and end of all creation. He is the true creator, conserver and redeemer, for He is the Son of God.

### Gospel - Luke 10:25-37

Last week in our study of the Gospel, we heard of the mission of the seventy-two as they went out as sort of an advance party to the towns Jesus intended to visit. When the seventy-two returned, they were jubilant about what they had been able to do in His name. Jesus then cautioned them not to rejoice in what they had done, but in the fact that their real reward would be in heaven. Today we hear the parable of the good Samaritan. This passage is two-pronged. While providing a powerful lesson about mercy toward those in need, it also proclaims that non-Jews can observe the Law and thus enter into eternal life.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**



Last Week's Collection .....	\$ 11,374.50
Building Fund .....	\$ 1,240.00
Initial .....	\$ 522.00
Energy .....	\$ 302.00
Candles .....	\$ 355.00
<b>Total Collection for July 4-5, 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$ 13,793.50</b>
<i>St. Vincent de Paul .....</i>	<i>\$ 121.00</i>

Every year, the Diocese approves a list of second collections and provides envelopes for this purpose. In July, our collection will be for the Seminarian Education Fund (July 24-25). To assist with this, St. Elizabeth's will donate 10% of the 4th Sunday's collection in July.



**FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB NEWSFLASH**

The Filipino Catholic Club reminds all supporters of the **2010 Scholarship Fundraising Project to pick up** the Portuguese sausage, marinated bangus, banana macnut loaf cake, Vienna Cinnamon bread, and chocolate chip cookies on **Saturday,**

**July 17 from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth Church, Aiea. Please bring your tickets.

Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs (OCFCC) extends it's heartfelt gratitude to all who supported this year's annual means of funding financial aid to Catholic schools. Distribution of scholarship funds is scheduled for August 28 during the Charity Queen Coronation Night at St. Anthony Church in Kalihi. Desiree Bucasas of St. Anthony will be crowned the 2010 Queen of Charity, with runner's up: Cheryl Jane Paned, St. Joseph; Brianne Baysa of St. Michael; and Jacelyn Kim, St. Elizabeth as fourth winner.

Once again, Maraming Salamat, Mahalo, and Thank You to all supporters!



**Married Loving COUPLES**

– 4<sup>th</sup> of July is over, but don't let that fire dwindle, put a little fuel on your marriage and keep the sparks going..... Don't wait, time is ticking, attend the next Marriage Encounter Weekend coming up Friday, **September 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at the wonderful Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel. Please contact Jose and Mary Elizabeth Alviar at 808-391-2045 for any details, questions and registration... Early registration is encouraged...Also, check out the AWESOME ME website...

[www.lovemoredeeply.org](http://www.lovemoredeeply.org).



As Christians, we are called to tend to all who are in need, not just those we find socially acceptable. We are called to look for Christ in our brothers and sisters and to care for them with love, not just as a task that must be carried out. *Pray about it and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit ... you can't go wrong.*

Prison Ministry involves going once a week to the Halawa Correctional Facility to assist in the celebration of Mass or a Communion Service with a deacon or trained volunteer.

There is training on how to conduct yourself, what to expect when you go, and forms to complete and be approved. You also have to be certified by the Department of Public Safety with the State of Hawaii.

The Ministry is very much in need of volunteers and need your help. You only commit to serving on one Sunday each month.

Interested? Need more information? Talk to the Ministry Contact, Deacon Kin Borja. Call the St. Elizabeth Rectory at 487-2414, ext. 21 and talk to the parish secretary to leave your name and callback number or call Deacon Kin at 224-0696.



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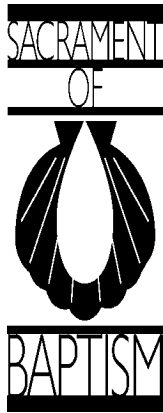
A special mahalo to all who help out with our parish-wide Aloha Sunday and farewell to Fr. Jon Cabico on the 27th of June....the food was plentiful and a good time was had by all.

**2010-11 Registration Dates**

Registration for ALL students is scheduled for:

- Sunday, August 8, in Meeting Room 8, after all masses; and
- Sunday, August 29, in the hall., after all masses.
- New students are required to provide a copy of their baptismal certificate at registration.
- Please remember that children who are to receive Holy Communion should be enrolled in our CCD 1st grade class the previous year.
- Our registration fees remain the same: \$25 for the first student, \$20 for the second student and \$15 for every student thereafter. Non-registered parishioners will be assessed an additional fee.  
*Please note: No child will be turned away due to an inability to pay the registration fee.*

Questions? Please call Manette Kokubun, CRE, at 487-7994. Mahalo.



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

*Alan Robert Cheylene Hailey-Faith Asam-Howard  
Stunner Blaze Bueno Fagarang  
Makoa Joseph Cugal Namoca  
Cassandra Isabella Velasco Orcullo  
Noah Jude Rivera  
Samuel Padraic Villavicencio*

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



**RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR:** Successful couples know that all relationships – husband wife, family, fiancé are either growing or dying- there is no such thing as good enough. That's why the leading cause of divorce in our country is a GOOD MARRIAGE! We have a 50% divorce rate because half of the couples think their marriage is good enough and stop working at making it

better. Studies show that successful couples and families set aside regular (daily or weekly) time to communicate and share. They commit to at least one directed retreat or renewal experience each year.

**IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP GROWING OR DYING?**

On **July 21**, our parish will host an informational night by a group of your parishioners who have discovered a way to continuously renew their wedding vows and keep their relationships growing and vibrant. A 2007 study released by the UCCB showed that married couples who did this had less than a 5% divorce rate!

The meeting will be best suited for young adults and up, but is especially valuable to engaged and married couples. Come see what all the excitement is about. The short one hour meeting with refreshments could change the course of your life forever! Even if you find after the meeting that it does not apply to you, you probably know someone who needs to hear about it. Watch the bulletin for the time and place.

**Young Christian Life**


Ever thought of using your talents for God?? The YCL Choir is looking for musicians ... in particular, someone who plays piano, our very own pianist! We are looking for someone, who is willing to dedicate their time and talents for the weekly meetings/practices and mass. The YCL Choir serves mass on Sundays at 6 p.m. The perks are that you will be serving YOUR church, helping with a vibrant ministry, and get to know a great bunch of youth and adults. Get involved, we could use the help! Contact Dino Javier at [rdjavier@yahoo.com](mailto:rdjavier@yahoo.com) or at 781-4700.

**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,  
Hall*

*Youth Mass,  
Sundays, 6pm*

God's blessings to  
all!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

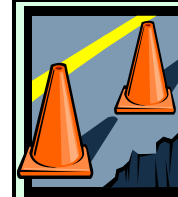
**HCCRS - 32ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services invites you to celebrate God's Word through praise & worship. This year's theme, "Got Spirit? Go!" Date: August 13 - 15, 2010; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Tom DiLorenzo; Place: Catholic Charities, Clarence T.C. Ching Campus - 1822 Ke'eaumoku St., Honolulu. For more information, call Flo Andrade 455-3224 or visit the website: <http://www.hccrs.net>

**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](http://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](http://www.Masstimes.org).

**NEWS FROM THE VATICAN OBSERVATORY FOUNDATION...99¢ FROM NOW UNTIL LABOR DAY!** In the spirit of Summer, the Vatican Observatory Foundation has dropped the price of its new App *Daily Sermonettes with Father Mike Manning* to just **99¢** until Labor Day. The App offers insightful reflections of faith, hope and inspiration with practical application to daily life. To buy the App for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch, visit [www.dailysermonettes.com](http://www.dailysermonettes.com). Proceeds from the App support the humanitarian work of the Vatican Observatory in discovery, research and education.



Repaving of  
Church /  
School  
Parking Lot

Please note the  
repaving schedule for our park-  
ing lot:

Mon - Fri

**July 12- 16**

Lot closed - not available for  
the entire week.

Saturday

**July 17**

Lot Reopens at 7am

Mon & Tue

**July 19 & 20**

Lot closed from 8am - 4pm

We apologize for the inconven-  
ience. Questions? Please call  
the rectory.