



**While he
was blessing them, he...
was taken up into heaven.**

Luke 24:51

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2010

Today's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

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Calendared Events

MAY 17-23, 2010

17th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM Women's Hula - Hall

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

18th - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

9:00 AM Funeral Mass (+Henry Paresa, Sr.) - Church

2:45 PM Beginning Hula - Hall

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

6:30 PM Building Committee Mtg - Conf Room 3

19th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - 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 YCL Meeting - Hall

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

20th - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

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

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

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

7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

21st - FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Adoration / Benediction - Church

22nd - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

11:00 AM HEALING MASS with Anointing - Church

6:00 PM MASS - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

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

23rd - SUNDAY *(Regular Mass Schedule)*

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, May 17

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8

John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18

Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27

John 17:1-11A

Wednesday, May 19

Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38

John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20

Acts of the Apostles 22:30, 23:6-11

John 17:20-26

Friday, May 21

Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21

John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 22

Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

BULLETIN BRIEF

When it is a matter of contexts that concern the human being, scientist can never think that they are merely dealing with inanimate and manipulatable matter. In fact, [...] the very first instant of the human being's life is characterized by the fact that it is human life and for this reason possesses its own dignity everywhere and in spite of all.

-Pope Benedict XVI, Message to the Pontifical Academy for Life (Feb 13, 2010)

Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

WELCOME TO VERY REV. MARC ALEXANDER

Our Vicar General, Very Rev. Marc Alexander will be with us this Sunday for confirming our candidates at the 6 pm mass. Fr. Marc is no stranger to our parish. Congratulations to our confirmandi as they receive the Holy Spirit in a special way in confirmation. May they be strengthened in their effort to be responsible adult Christians.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

At the Saturday (May 8) 10 am mass 32 of our children received their first Holy Communion. The liturgy of the Church revolves around the Eucharist and it is a very important day in the lives of these children. I wish to thank Manette Kokubun and others who prepared them for it. Congrats to the parents and sponsors as well. On April 24 our SES second graders (24 of them) received their first communion. Special thanks to Sr. Emilie Basistas and her helpers.

MASS WITH ANOINTING ON MAY 22 (SATURDAY)

On May 22, Saturday, which is the eve of Pentecost, there is going to be a special mass with anointing of the sick at 11 am. It is meant in a special way for the home-bound of our parish. Please bring them to Church on that day. The mass will be followed by lunch and Leo Naone and her helpers are actively preparing for it.

WE NEED NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Volunteers who are willing to be Eucharistic ministers are requested to contact **James Fong at phone no: 488-1055 or 226-9310**. Registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics in good standing, having received sacraments up to confirmation could apply. They must be at least 17 years of age.

MASS OFFERINGS

According to the directives of Canon Law, for every mass there could be one special intention for which the priest could be given a stipend. The Ecclesiastical Province of San Francisco under which our diocese falls has decreed that every priest could celebrate two masses weekly with multiple or collective intentions. Such collective intentions will be possible for our parish for the 6 pm mass on Saturday, 6 am mass on Sunday, 8 am mass on Sunday and the 12 noon mass on Sunday. I have directed Bernie to limit the collective intentions to no more than five names (normally). The 10 am mass on Sunday will be normally for the people (pro populo). All other masses celebrated during week days and Sundays will have only one intention. The normal offering for such masses is \$10. You can offer more if you wish. We are willing to celebrate for your intentions with less or no offerings as well. Please book your masses well in advance. You may not always get the spots you want, as we have a limited number of masses. I ask for your understanding in this matter as we have to follow the directives of Canon Law and the decree of the bishops.

With prayers and blessings!
Fr. Tom

Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

Breaking Open the Word for May 16, 2010 The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Biblical scholars hold that both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same author. In today's readings, we hear that author's accounts of Jesus' Ascension from both books, but notice that there are similarities and differences in details between them; these point to the different thoughts the author is highlighting. Today's passage from Acts comes from the very beginning of the book, but it reprises the very end of Luke's Gospel, thus connecting the two books into a cohesive unit. By ending his Gospel with Jesus' Ascension, the author stresses the fact that Jesus' time on earth had historically ended; however, by starting with Jesus' Ascension in the Book of Acts, the author highlights the Church's mission of continuing to proclaim Jesus' Gospel to the world. Notice that in Luke's Gospel, Jesus' Ascension takes place on the same day that the tomb is discovered to be empty; yet in Acts, the Ascension takes place 40 days later. The number 40 is a sacred number, used for example to describe the Israelites' years and Jesus' days in the desert. This number is not meant to indicate precise historical data, but rather is meant to highlight that the events happened "at the appointed time," during which God's work was being done. This is further reinforced by Jesus' answer to His disciples' question regarding the restoration of the kingdom of Israel: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons that the Father has established by his own authority." After Jesus' ascension, the "two men dressed in white garments" serve the same function as the "two men in dazzling garments" in Luke's account of Jesus' empty tomb: they explain the significance of the event that the disciples have witnessed.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

A close reading of Psalm 47 reveals the notion of heaven and earth being united in worship. This psalm mixes a call to Temple worship (v. 1 & 5) with the image of God seated on His throne in His heavenly court (v. 6-8). Amid the call to praise and heavenly images, the author includes a kind of creed for the Israelites: The Lord is the King of all nations, and yet He favors His People over the other nations by establishing His covenant with them (v. 4). In total, this psalm voices a common belief among the early Israelites: their holy ground and holy rituals parallel heaven and its worship of God. For the Israelites, the Temple in Jerusalem was a copy of the heavenly court, and their Temple worship joined with the praise the angels in heaven offered to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

This passage from the Letter to the Ephesians voices a prayer for the Church's growth in wisdom and knowledge through the risen and ascended Christ's power and help. This is followed by an elaboration on the exaltation and kingship of Christ. As Christ's body, the Church is meant to carry Jesus' Gospel message of repentance and forgiveness into the world, over which Christ has dominion and power.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

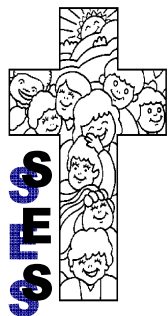
Today's Gospel passage from Luke begins in the middle of one of Jesus' appearances to His disciples, who had failed to recognize Him at first. Thus, Jesus showed them His wounds, ate with them, and used the law, prophets, and psalms to show them that, even though He was crucified, He is the fulfillment of God's covenantal promise with the people of Israel. This is the point where today's passage from Luke's Gospel takes place. In commissioning His disciples, Jesus reminds them that they are witnesses to His suffering and resurrection in fulfillment of Scripture, and that they must preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins in His name to all the nations. Thus, Luke emphasizes the aspects of forgiveness and universality of Jesus' Gospel. Notice that Jesus tells the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until they were "clothed with power from on high," and that the disciples "were continually in the temple praising God" while they waited. For the author, Jerusalem and its Temple are the central point from which Jesus' Gospel is then brought to and proclaimed to the whole world, again emphasizing that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

WEEKLY COLLECTION



Last Week's Collection	\$ 10,766.00
Building Fund	\$ 321.00
Energy	\$ 469.00
Candles	\$ 492.00
Initial	\$ 45.00
Total Collection for May 8-9, 2010	\$ 12,093.00
<i>Catholic Herald</i>	\$ 165.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 243.00

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.



St. Elizabeth School

St. Elizabeth School grades 7 & 8 attended the St. Damien Feast Day Celebration at the State Capitol on Monday, May 10, 2010. We were one of fourteen Catholic Schools that participated in this event. Our students were proud to be part of this activity.

Our students continue to participate in Eco Activities under the guidance of our Kinder teacher Ms. Leong. They continue to collect bottle caps...and look for ways to pack a snack/lunch that **REDUCES** or **ELIMINATES** any type of trash going into our landfills. Tips for a Litter Free Lunch can be found at: www.litterfreelunch.com

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, May 26, 2010 in Conference Rooms 1 & 2 at **10:00 a.m.**

Seniors.....remember Tommy Sands, a very popular singer from our era? We are honored to have his daughter, Jessica Sands, entertain us at our next meeting. She is completing her contract as an entertainer on Harmony, from the Crystal Cruise Line fleet and will be in Hawaii visiting family. She also sings Christian songs and will share her love of the Lord through song with us. All are invited... you don't have to be a senior.

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



Catholic Communication Campaign

HOW THE GOOD NEWS GETS AROUND

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support with this Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.



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

- Shaylee Isabella Biacan*
- Jhenynne Kamalani Dureg Ea*
- Brendan Alex K. Nishikawa Naone*
- Samantha Venice Roces Nipales*
- Caitlyn Jolee Gose Pascual*

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



HCCRS *Pentecost* Mass *And Potluck!*

Holy Trinity Church, East Honolulu
President: Fr. Gary Secor

Sunday, May 23, 2010
Praise & Worship at 2:30pm
Mass to follow at 3:30 pm

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Any Questions call Flo Andrade: 455-3224
Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services,
<http://www.hccrs.net>

FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB..... SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Please support our FCC in their efforts to raise scholarship monies for our Filipino youth. As in previous years, various food items are being offered. Members of the Club will have tickets available for purchase after all masses on Sunday, May 23. Thank you!



ALOHA SUNDAY is May 23 . . . join us for light refreshments & fellowship in the hall. Our Hosts:

6am: Select Members
8am: Aloha Committee, Prison Ministry & I.H.S. Ministry
10am: Prayer Chain

We look forward to seeing you!



A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

St. Elizabeth Health Ministry

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert.

- Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after.
- Laughter boosts the immune system. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease.
- Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals.
- Laughter protects the heart. Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow.

<http://helpguide.org>

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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. 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.

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.

CUSTODIAN POSITION

St. Elizabeth Parish has an immediate opening for a part time custodial position. Duties include: cleaning restrooms, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, stripping and waxing, washing windows, mowing the lawn, weed whacking, weed control, painting and other minor maintenance repairs. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older, possess a valid Hawaii Driver's License, have the ability to speak English clearly and effectively, and have good organizational skills. Starting pay is \$15.00/hour. Please submit resume to: St. Elizabeth Church, 99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea, HI 96701; Fax: 487-2168; email stelizabe001@hawaii.rr.com; or apply in person.