



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2010

Today's Readings:

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23*

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Calendared Events

MAY 24-30, 2010

24th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

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

25th - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

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

7:30 PM Baptismal Class - 4th Grade Classroom

26th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

10:00 AM Seniors' Gathering - Conference Room 1-2

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM Building Committee - Conf Room 3

6:30 PM Tai Chi - Hall Meeting Room 8

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

27th - 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

28th - FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

9:30 AM Funeral Mass (+Joseph Olivares) - Church

4:00 PM SES 8th Grade Graduation - Church

6:30 PM Adoration / Benediction - Church

29th - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM MASS - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

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

30th - 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 24

1 Peter 1:3-9

Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 25

1 Peter 1:10-16

Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 26

1 Peter 1:18-25

Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 27

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12

Mark 10:46-52

Friday, May 28

1 Peter 4:7-13

Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, May 29

Jude 17, 20b-25

Mark 11:27-33

BULLETIN BRIEF

Today the prevalent efficiency-based mentality often tends to marginalize people, considering them a burden and a problem for society. Those who have a sense of human dignity know instead that they must be respected and supported while they face the difficulties and suffering associated with the condition of their health. ...As well as the indispensable clinical treatment, it is necessary to offer the sick practical gestures of love, closeness and Christian solidarity in response to their need for understanding, comfort and constant encouragement.

-Pope Benedict XVI, Address at Sacro Cuore Hospice, December 13, 2009

Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

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We know how difficult it is to explain the intricacies of a computer to someone who has zero knowledge about it. We know how difficult it is to explain the principles of ballistics to someone who is not initiated in the science. “We face somewhat the same problem when we apply our limited hearts and minds to the contemplation of the infinite God and outpouring of his Spirit. We should therefore realize that all the Bible can do is attempt to say some meaningful things about the Spirit of God in limited human terminology. Human speech cannot possibly express adequately who God is.” The readings from the Bible bring out the main functions of the Holy Spirit. Images from the Old Testament bring out some of the characteristics of the Holy Spirit. First of all, the Holy Spirit is seen as a unifying force that brings all things together. At the tower of Babel people were confused by different tongues. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit unites by overcoming division caused by misunderstanding (different tongues!). This is a meaningful symbolism. The Holy Spirit is seen as the principle of love. Hence the symbolism of fire is used. We pray: “Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Thirdly the Spirit is seen as the breath of God-Creator hovering over the waters at the Creation. Thus the Spirit is seen as the breath that gives life. Fourthly, the Spirit is seen as a strong wind inspiring people (driving people) to go to the ends of the earth and preach the Gospel.

It is the Holy Spirit who is inspiring and guiding the Church in its journey through the centuries. The Holy Spirit is the driving force in our Christian lives. But maybe, we do not have such a devotion to the Holy Spirit and forget the Third Person of the Trinity. The feast of Pentecost should remind us to pray to, trust in and rely on the Holy Spirit to get us through the perilous journey of our lives here on earth. Our prayer today should be: “Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8TH GRADERS

Our heartfelt congratulations to our 8th graders who are graduating on May 28. As they move on to high schools it is our wish and prayer they nurture the solid Christian values they learned at St. Elizabeth School. I wish to thank in a special way Sr. Bernarda and all the teachers and staff of the School for the excellent job they are doing at the school.

Invoking the special blessings of the Holy Spirit, on each and every one of you!

Fr. Tom

Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

Breaking Open the Word for May 23, 2010: Pentecost Sunday, Year C

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

In the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit is given to the Church on the feast of Pentecost. Luke says, "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled..." However, Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast before it became a Christian feast. On the fiftieth day after Passover, the Jews celebrated their covenantal relationship with God by recalling how Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai. Just as the Gospels reinterpret the significance of the Passover meal by describing Jesus' institution of the Eucharist, the Acts of the Apostles reinterprets the significance of the feast of Pentecost, making it a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. By describing the time for Pentecost as being "fulfilled," Luke is making the claim that a time of waiting is now over, and thus the stage is set for a great event. The wind and fire are traditional symbols for the presence of God, and Luke goes into some details about the Holy Spirit's effects on the disciples. Through the Holy Spirit's power, Jesus' Gospel will be preached to all the world.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Psalm 104 is a call to praise for God's providence to and power over all Creation. With God, there is blessing and life; without God, there is not only a lack, but a void. Thus, God sends His Spirit into Creation to renew it. For Christians, this verse made the psalm perfect for the celebration of Pentecost, when God sent his Spirit upon the Apostles and began the creation of a new people, the Church.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

In this passage from 1 Corinthians, Paul teaches that the very ability to acknowledge that "Jesus is Lord" is a gift of the Holy Spirit. He makes clear that many different gifts or charisms are given to each individual within the Church, and all in order to carry out the Church's mission to bring the Gospel to the whole world. Thus, the Holy Spirit's gifts are not meant to benefit merely the individual, but is meant especially to build up the one Church - the Body of Christ - which consists of individuals united through their baptisms into Jesus' own divine life. This same Holy Spirit is the source of the power or grace necessary for the Church to remain united as Jesus had prayed for.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit is given to the Church on Easter evening during Jesus' first appearance to His disciples after His resurrection. In this scene, "the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." The fact that the disciples rejoiced is a fulfillment of a promise that Jesus made to the disciples at His last meal with them, when He said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy" (John 16:20). Jesus then commissions the disciples to carry on His mission to the world by telling them, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But this ministry can only be carried out through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel says, "...He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" This description of Jesus "breathing" on the disciples is one of John's many allusions to the Book of Genesis throughout his gospel. In this case, John is recalling how God breathed life into the clay to make Adam a living being. Thus, while the Book of Genesis is the story of God's original creation of the world, the Gospel of John is the story of Jesus' re-creation of that same world. In this re-created world, Jesus has established a new spiritual order, where people are offered not only eternal life, but the forgiveness of their sins.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection	\$ 12,025.00
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Energy	\$ 140.00
Candles	\$ 313.00
Total Collection for May 15-16, 2010	\$ 12,568.00
<i>Catholic Herald</i>	\$ 236.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 480.00

Every year, the Diocese approves a list of second collections and provides envelopes for this purpose. In June, our collection will be for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) (June 25-26). To assist with this, St. Elizabeth's will donate 10% of the 4th Sunday's collection in May.



St. Elizabeth School

St. Elizabeth school students grades 2-8 will perform a concert for their schoolmates on May 27, 2010. They will share their recorder and ukulele skills which they developed in music class this school year, under the direction of Sr. Imelda & Mrs. Carol Artahodunn.

Our students continue to participate in eco-friendly activities. We earned \$1,000.00 trading incandescent bulbs for CFL's. Continue to reduce, re-use, and recycle.

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 today....Sunday, May 23.** Thank you!

Young Christian Life



A BIG MAHALO to God who makes all things possible. Without Him, Weekend #38 would not have happened. It was a glorious and spirit-filled retreat with 16 more brothers and sisters added to our Young Christian Life family. Thank you also to Fr. Tom, Fr. Jon, Fr. Marvin, Retreat Team & Staff, Cooks, YCL Choir, Core Team, St. Elizabeth Pastoral Council & Community, Lifers of past Weekends #1-37, and especially the parents of the new Lifers for all your help, support and love. Please join us in prayer and welcome the following who have made the retreat:

Stephanie Beniek
 Dallas Brady
 Darcey Cazimero
 Brandi Ching
 Isaiah Fonoti

Samantha Garcia
 Shayla Kuehu
 Ray Javier
 Justin Kaneshiro
 Kamela Manoa

Nakita Meli
 Kevin Mortero
 Hope Rico
 Robert Smith
 Chloe Tyler
 Aaron Ulep

May God bless you as you continue your faith journey!

In Christ,
Davis & Carolyn Savea



CCD News

Congratulations Confirmandi!



Branden Abiva
Eric Angle
Evelyn Braum
JJ Borja
Nestor Calucag
Chantal Cruz
Jules Cuayzon
Theo Duplechain
Victoria Duplechain
Micho-Angelo Fernandez
Celeste Fong
Shelby Hao-Tamon
Marena Leao
Phillip Madriaga
Candace Maria

Christopher Naylon
Kekoa Okashige
Holden Paulino
Melissa Phillips
Kekai Prado
Ashlei Reese
Jessica Rico
Evan Rosca
Briana Schiff
Kendricke Severence
Robert Smith
Sigmund Sumulong
Camden Tokunaga
Jena Taira-Shinsato

We are very grateful to all who made this special celebration a success ~ Sponsors, Parents, Dino & Rose Javier and their Retreat Team, YCL Youth Choir and most especially the teachers: Cecilia Betham and Roy Ma'afala. Mahalo Nui Loa!

CCD is looking for some teachers to help us begin the next school year. If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to this ministry please call the CCD office at 487-7994. Must be a Confirmed and active, practicing Catholic.

Mahalo to all for a wonderful and successful year. God Bless everyone and have a safe summer!

Faith Formation Conference 2010 - Oahu

"Grow Strong in Spirit"

When: Wed., June 23 – Sat., June 26, 2010

Where: NEW LOCATION:

Holy Family Catholic Church & Academy
830 Main Street, Honolulu

To download a registration booklet or register online go to www.hi-care.org

The Faith Formation Conference is for everyone who wishes to celebrate our Catholic Faith and deepen our communion with Christ through the presence, insights, wisdom, and support of our facilitators and each other.

Additional information is also available through Manette Kokubun, Religious Ed Coordinator, at 487-7994.



It's Aloha Sunday

please join us in the hall for light refreshments & fellowship after the 6am, 8am & 10am Masses.



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, May 26**. 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 9am & 3:30pm on the 26th. 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.*



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



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

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. 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.

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 info see your Pastor or contact Robert J. Stillwell, Ed.D., Director of Development, at 203-6723.