



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 30, 2010

*Today's Readings:
Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15*

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Calendared Events

MAY 31-JUNE 6, 2010

31st - MONDAY Memorial Day

The rectory will be closed today in observance of Memorial Day.

7:00 AM MASS - Church

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

June 1st - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

9:00 AM Funeral Mass (+John Chong-Gum) - Church

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

2nd - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

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

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM Tai Chi - Hall Meeting Room 8

7:00 PM Pastoral Council - Conference Room 1-2

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

3rd - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

8:30 AM SES Kinder Year End Celebration - Hall

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

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

7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

4th - FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Adoration / Benediction - Church

5th - 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

6th - 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 31
Zephaniah 3:14-18 or
Romans 12:9-16
Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday, June 1
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 2
2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, June 3
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 4
2 Timothy 3:10-17
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday, June 5
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Mark 12:38-44



BULLETIN BRIEF: Christianity is not mainly – or even significantly – about politics. It's about living and sharing the love of God. And Christian political engagement, when it happens, is never mainly the task of the clergy. That work belongs to lay believers who live most intensely in the world. Christian faith is not a set of ethics or doctrines. It's not a group of theories about social and economic justice. All these things have their place. All of them can be important. But a Christian life begins in a relationship with Jesus Christ; and it bears fruit in the justice, mercy and love we show to others because of that relationship.

-Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., "The Vocation of Christians in American Public Life," Address at Houston Baptist University, March, 2010.

Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

TRINITY SUNDAY

The first thing our parents taught us about our religion was most probably the sign of the cross. The last thing a priest will do at our graveside is make the sign of the cross over our body. A Christian's life is marked 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' The Scriptures speak to us about God the Father being the creator or originator of all life; God the Son is the redeemer and God the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier. The revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit tells us about what God is for us. But as to the mysterious unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we know little. It tells us what God is for us. To the mysterious unity of the three Persons but making One God, we can only stammer with inadequate human concepts, which are not able to express the ineffable mystery of God in himself. Human beings want to know. But we must realize that more important than knowing about God is knowing God, the way two beloved know one another! An intimate person-to-person relationship gives a knowledge that cannot possibly be expressed in human terminology. It is this kind of knowledge of God that will ultimately satisfy human beings. As St. Paul says: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" (Rom 11:33).

As we celebrate this Solemnity of the Trinity, we are reminded God is not a loner but lives in community: three distinct persons but One God. As the God-head exists in a love-relationship we are asked to live with others in a relationship of love and compassion. May the Holy Trinity enable us to live this commandment of love in our lives. (*Adapted from St. Joseph Sunday Missal*).

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (May 31)

During this month of May, we have tried to honor our Blessed Mother in a special way. Let us conclude this month with this feast. There will be the regular 7 am mass on that day which will be solemnized. It is a holiday and everyone who can make it, is encouraged to come for mass and pray for the special intercession of Mary on our behalf.

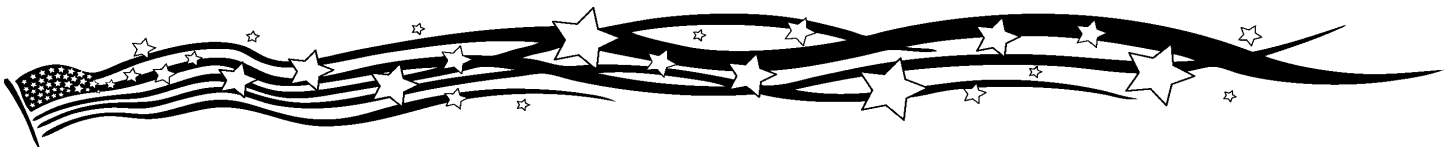
Wish you all a HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

MAHALO FR. JON CABICO!

By now you are aware that Bishop Larry has reassigned Fr. Jon to the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. At this time we do not know who may be coming here. Fr. Jon will be celebrating the 10 am mass on June 27. After the mass we will have an opportunity to wish him well. It is a parish-wide Aloha Sunday for us and all of you are invited to be present.

With prayers and blessings!

Fr. Tom



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

Breaking Open the Word for May 30, 2010: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year C

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

In today's passage from Proverbs, a personified "wisdom" describes her role in creation. In describing wisdom, the author of Proverbs is personifying one of God's attributes. Thus, wisdom is portrayed as being responsible for the order of Creation, being "...beside [God] as His craftsman..." This teaches that, just as there is right order in all of Creation, there should also be right order in relationships.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 8 is a declaration of God's greatness. Not only are God's name and power recognized as awe-inspiring, but the order of His Creation reflects God's nature. Also, the psalm recognizes that, despite humanity's relatively small size in relation to the cosmos, God gave humanity a place of high honor in the hierarchy of Creation, along with dominion over other creatures. Thus, humanity should be in awe of God not only for His power, but especially because of His blessings. Note that verse 4 uses the phrase "son of man." Because of this phrase, the early Church used Psalm 8 as part of their explanation for their having faith in Jesus as the expected Christ and Messiah (see Hebrews 2:6-10, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, and Matthew 21:15-16). Jesus was the Son of Man who was given a place of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

In this passage from Paul's letter to the Romans, he is teaching the truth that has been revealed through Jesus Christ: "...since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand." This peace with God - gained through Jesus - allows Paul to boast not only of Jesus' Gospel, but also of the afflictions that he suffers because he proclaims the Gospel. In this passage, the Spirit plays the role that Jesus promised the Spirit would play in the reading from John: to lead every generation to understand the truth of the Father's love that has been revealed by Jesus Christ the Son.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Today's passage from John's Gospel is again set during Jesus' farewell discourse to His disciples during His last meal with them the night before He dies. He knows that they do not fully understand what He's been trying to teach them, and that they will not be able to understand the events that lie ahead: Jesus' suffering and scandalous death on the cross. Thus, Jesus tells them, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." When Jesus tells the disciples that "...the Spirit of truth...will guide you to all truth," He is not claiming that the Holy Spirit's gift will be knowledge about inevitable future events. What Jesus means by "the things that are coming" are His upcoming suffering, death, and resurrection, which will all frighten and disillusion His disciples. However, once the disciples receive the Spirit, they will come to understand those final events in a new light. For John, to "see Jesus' glory" means to recognize Jesus' divinity as manifested in His miraculous saving acts. Yet Jesus' mightiest saving acts take place in His death and resurrection, which only become most fully known and understood after the disciples receive the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Holy Spirit serves not to teach the disciples a new truth, but to make clear to the disciples the same truth that Jesus Himself had been trying to teach them: that God is love, and that Jesus the Son has revealed the Father's love.

WEEKLY COLLECTION



Last Week's Collection	\$ 10,389.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,235.00
Energy	\$ 105.00
Candles	\$ 246.00
Total Collection for May 22-23, 2010	\$ 12,975.00
<i>Catholic Herald</i>	\$ 125.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 206.00

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.

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

*Alan Robert Kurt Boone
Kelton Kumagoro Kapilikoa Onomura
Travis Haukapila Pelina
Bryson Kristopher Kela Valdez*

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



Young Christian Life

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 Mtgs, Wed., 7-8:30 pm, hall
Youth Mass, Sundays, 6pm*

Need more information? Call Davis or Carolyn Savea, Youth Directors, at (808) 630-9757. God's blessings to all!



The parish-wide "Pot Luck" ALOHA SUNDAY & FAREWELL TO FR. JON is set for June 27th after the 10 a.m. mass. The parish will be providing paper goods and drinks. We are asking for the rest ... food, appetizers and desserts. Share or cook a favorite dish! Mark your calendars. Get involved and come fellowship with YOUR parish ohana! Mahalo to Manette Kokubun, our event coordinator.

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.



**Remember Those
Who Served**

Join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2010

10:30 a.m. Mass at Co-Cathedral/St. Theresa

~11:45 a.m. Eucharistic Procession

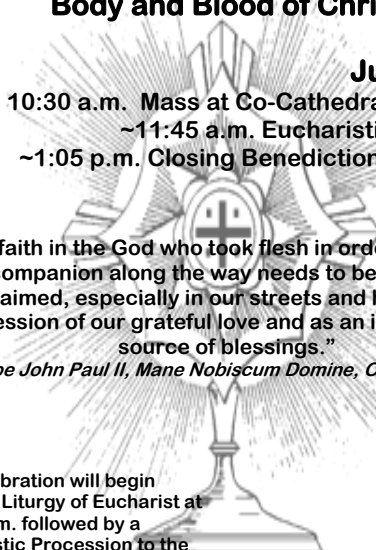
~1:05 p.m. Closing Benediction at Cathedral

“Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings.”

Pope John Paul II, Mane Nobiscum Domine, October 2004

Our celebration will begin With the Liturgy of Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. At the Cathedral, we Will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Closing Solemn Benediction.

Those who will be participating in the procession are advised to bring their own bottled water.



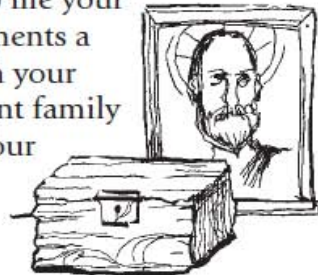
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Thoughtful Moments

Keep your paperwork!

Make sure to file your Church documents a safe place with your other important family documents. Your children will need their Baptismal Certificates for just about everything to do with the Church – registration for religious education, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc.



Heal together

The most effective way to convince our children of the value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to seek it ourselves. If you haven't been to Confession in years, remember that it is first and foremost a sacrament of healing. And welcoming a penitent sinner back to God's forgiveness is one of a priest's greatest joys.

Spread peace

Violence is power used to hurt. It can be physical – a blow, a gunshot, a bombing. But it can also take other forms, such as threats, nasty remarks, or withering glances. All forms are hurtful and dangerous. Ridding our families of such violence will help to change our communities, too.



International Children's Day is June 1, 2010

(From Iwie Tamashiro, Director, Catholic Relief Services)

June 1 is International Children's Day, a day when the world turns its attention to the health and welfare of children around the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) keeps much of its focus on children every day, and in Haiti we've been working for 50 years to make the lives of children better.

Before the earthquake, CRS Haiti provided food and support to more than 100 orphanages and child-care centers in Port-au-Prince and Les Cayes. In the weeks after the quake, CRS brought food, water, hygiene kits, child-care materials and counseling support to affected centers. CRS protection teams established "child-safe spaces"—with large tents, recreational and educational materials, and trained staff and volunteers—in the sprawling urban settlements and tented cities. These spaces kept children active and safe while schools were closed. Over the last two weeks, an average of 1,075 children attended the 'child friendly spaces' each week.

CRS teams are also registering unaccompanied children and helping with family reunification efforts. In the long term, we will continue to support vulnerable children and families, especially orphans, unaccompanied minors and displaced people, to help prevent child trafficking and dangerous border crossings.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in our work to help the Haitian people in their recovery. By supporting CRS programs that **empower Haitian communities to build back better**, you are giving Haitian families the means to not only survive this catastrophe, but to thrive. For more information please visit,

www.crs.org.

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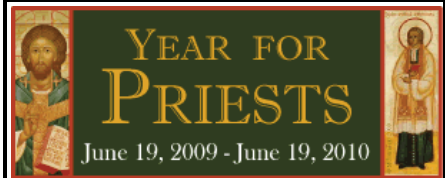
ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR; space is available in all grade levels on a first come first served basis. Contact the School Office for an application: 488-5322.

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.



June 3, 2010, Thursday 6:30 p.m.
St. Theresa Co-Cathedral. The **Serra Club of Honolulu is sponsoring the closing Mass for “Year for Priests.”** The Mass will be preceded by one hour of prayers for priests and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Your assistance with the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass would be appreciated. Concelebrants for the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva are welcome.