



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 9, 2010

*Today's Readings:*

*Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

*John 14:23-29*



### *Calendared Events*

#### **MAY 10-16, 2010**

#### **10<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

7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

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

**7:00 AM MASS - Church**

2:45 PM Beginning Hula - Hall

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

6:30 PM SES PTG Meeting - Hall

7:30 PM Baptismal Class - 4th Grade Classroom

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

**7:00 AM MASS - Church**

3:00 PM Intermediate Hula - Hall

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

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

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

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

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

**7:00 AM MASS - Church**

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

9:30 AM Funeral Mass (+Larry Kam) - Church

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

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

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

**7:00 AM MASS - Church**

**8:15 AM SES Mass / May Crowning - Church**

**5:00 PM Adoration - Church**

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

**7:00 AM MASS - Church**

10:00 AM Hula (General Rehearsal) - Hall

11:00 AM Lighthouse CD Discussion - Conf Room 1-2

1:00 PM Knights of Columbus - Hall Mtg Room 8

**6:00 PM MASS - Church**

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

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

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

6:00 PM Confirmation Mass - Church

7:00 PM YCL Retreat Potluck - Hall

## 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 10

*Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15*

*John 13:1-5, 12-17*

Tuesday, May 11

*Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34*

*John 16:5-11*

Wednesday, May 12

*Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1*

*John 16:12-15*

Thursday, May 13

*Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

Friday, May 14

*Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17*

*John 15:9-17*

Saturday, May 15

*Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28*

*John 16:23b-28*

God loves each human being uniquely and profoundly.

*-Pope Benedict XVI, Message to the Pontifical Academy for Life (2/13/2010)*

# Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

This Sunday (May 9) we keep mother's day. I lost my mother some five years ago. But I have found many loving people who have proved themselves as great mothers to me. I am grateful. As we remember and honor all mothers let us remember in a special way our Blessed Mother to whom is dedicated this month of May. A teacher who was teaching fractions asked a question to her class. "Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you – your parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get?" A little boy said "a sixth." The teacher said " I am afraid you do not know your fractions. Remember there are seven of you." "Yes teacher", said the boy, "but you do not know my mother. Mom would say she did not want any pie."

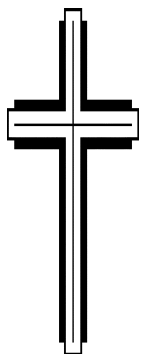
Pope John Paul II in 1995 during an Angelus message said: " women must recognize that among the gifts and tasks proper to them, her vocation to motherhood stands out particularly clear. With this gift, women assume almost a "foundational" role with regard to society." And in his letter to the women, the Pope said: "Thank you, every woman, for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding of the heart and help to make human relations more honest, profound, and authentic."

While we appreciate and honor our mothers, they in their turn must discover first, that their wombs are sanctuaries of love in which every human life is welcomed, valued, and loved. Mothers must build in their hearts a new culture in which unconditional love conquers the temptation of selfishness and in which self-oblation becomes the most powerful tool of self-realization.

***On Mothers' Day we thank God for the gift of mothers!***

With prayers & blessings,

Fr. Tom



## HEALING MASS With Anointing

Saturday, May 22, 2010  
11:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Church  
99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea

Lunch to follow in the parish hall.

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## ST. DAMIEN SPECIALS

- Hawaii's Pilgrimage to the Canonization of St. Damien of Molokai, KFVE, Channel 5, May 9, 7-9 p.m.
  - Lei draping ceremony/prayer service, 10 a.m. Monday, May 10 Hawaii State Capitol: All Catholic schools have been invited to participate in this special day to honor and remember the charitable deeds of St. Damien. The program will include a prayer service and reflection followed by the lei draping and concluding with the Benediction.
  - Mass 6 p.m. Monday, May 10, Co-Cathedral of St Theresa, Kalihi. Celebrant Bishop Larry Silva. All are invited to both events.
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## Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

### Breaking Open the Word for May 09, 2010 The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

#### **First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

In this passage from Acts, Paul and Barnabus have just returned from preaching Jesus' Gospel to the Gentiles. However, the situation they now face pits Jewish Christians against Gentile Christians. The Jewish Christians were trying to force the Gentile Christians into following and embracing Jewish laws. Paul and Barnabus strongly object to this teaching by some of the Jewish converts, and so the scene is set for the first Church council, now known as the Council of Jerusalem. Today's passage skips past this important council gathering, and instead tells us of the decision made by the council and the way it was promulgated and put into effect. In the words used in the letter, it is clear that the members of the council believed that the Holy Spirit had guided their deliberations. What is important to remember is that the Holy Spirit indeed continues to guide our Church through these kinds of councils, especially when the times or culture presents the faithful with changing and evolving circumstances.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

Psalm 67 mirrors the themes found in Numbers 6:24-26. The difference between the blessing in Numbers and this psalm lie in the universal nature of the blessing. In Numbers, God blesses Israel through their priests; in Psalm 67, God's rule and guidance – and thus His blessings - are universal. Thus, the refrain of the psalm is a loud call to universal worship ("Oh God, let all the nations praise you!") for all the blessings the faithful know God will give them in times of trouble and strife. Such blessings are proof of God's majesty, power, and faithfulness.

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

This passage from the Book of Revelation continues last week's description of the heavenly Jerusalem, where good triumphs forever over evil. God's relationship of covenantal love with His Church is rooted in His covenant with Israel, and so John describes twelve gates marked with the names of Israel's twelve tribes, all integrated with twelve stone foundations marked with the names of the twelve apostles. The Temple in Jerusalem was understood by the Jewish faithful as the place where God dwelt among His people. So by saying that the New Jerusalem will have no temple, John makes the point that God now dwells intimately among His people, the Church of Jesus' faithful disciples. His Church is built of "living stones" laid upon the foundation of Jesus' teachings, which were passed on by the apostles.

#### **Gospel: John 14:23-29**

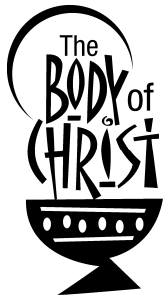
Jesus continues what is known as His "farewell discourse" in today's Gospel passage; these were Jesus' parting words to the disciples during His last meal with them on the night before He died. Today's passage is Jesus' response to one of the disciple's question of, "Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus' response is that love is the bond which makes Jesus' and the Father's presence among the faithful real. Thus, the world – those who do not accept Jesus or keep His word – will not be able to discern or experience this in-dwelling of God. Also, Jesus promises the presence of "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name..." Thus, the Holy Spirit will remind the disciples of all that Jesus had told them before His crucifixion so that they will later understand the significance of what He had said. And having promised His continued presence among the faithful, Jesus then gifts His disciples with His peace. However, the Lord's peace is not the mere absence of pain or suffering, but rather is a peace that can exist *despite* any pain or suffering the faithful might be undergoing. Again, the central point in this passage is that the disciples' love for God and each other are the requirements for receiving the gifts that Jesus offers through His own love and the love of God the Father.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**



Last Week's Collection .....	\$ 11,088.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 1,163.00
Energy .....	\$ 461.00
Candles .....	\$ 284.00
<b>Total Collection for May 1-2, 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$ 12,996.00</b>
<i>Catholic Herald</i> .....	\$ 140.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i> .....	\$ 125.00

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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
& BENEDICTION  
Fridays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**We at St. Elizabeth Church have the opportunity to spend an hour with Jesus as a parish community. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.**

**"Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you"...**  
**Matthew 11:28**

**"My Peace is My Gift to you" ...John 14:17**

**Please Join Us!**



Andrew Haissig, a guest seminarian from the Theological College in Washington DC will be leading the next CD discussion on Saturday, May 15th at 11 am in Conference Rooms 1-2. The CD to be discussed is "The Lord's Prayer" by Scot Hahn in which he highlights the differences between the Muslim and Christian faiths, outlines the role of men in the church and many more relevant issues of our day.

Pick up your CD at the kiosk in the back of the church. Remember, the CDs are not free - they are purchased by the Knights and any return on them is placed in a fund for vocations. Please be as generous as you can, at least the full suggested amount.

**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





**The parish-wide "Pot Luck" ALOHA SUNDAY** is set for June 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



**US AIR FORCE**

TSgt Frank Keoni Abreu  
 CSMJ James Bickie  
 SSgt Tevet Bruhn, Jr.  
 MSgt John Buendia  
 SSgt Darrell DeMotta  
 Sgt. Bernard Espinosa  
 Sgt Edwin Espinosa  
 Brian Marcos, E7  
 Tsgt. Kristie Revera  
 Msgt. Gary Rucks

**US MARINES**

LCrp Jose Giron  
 Sgt Levingston D. Hodges III

**US NAVY**

PO1 Marc John Alejo (Res)  
 Capt Brad Bellis  
 MRC Antonio Castro  
 PO1 Arnel Gacad  
 PO2 Kristopher Keahiolalo  
 Lt JG David Silva  
 Cdr. Jana Vavasseur

**US ARMY**

Ethan Mae Aganon, E2  
 Spc Romar Agmata  
 SSgt. Roke Almeida  
 Lt. Col. John E. Amadeo, Jr.  
 Richard Atmospera  
 PFC Rene Baliscao  
 Sgt. Robert Calimlim  
 1Lt Joseph Chaves, Jr.  
 Capt Frank Cho  
 Sgt Prescott Dela Cruz  
 SSgt Samuel DeMent  
 Lt. Col. David Doherty  
 CW3 Tomas Flores  
 Capt Ron Geronimo  
 CWO Andrew Keahiolalo  
 Spc Liza Lehua Lino  
 Bienvenido J. Pascua III (Res)  
 PV2 David Luis R. Quiambao  
 PV2 Richie Steven S. Quiambao  
 Sgt Philip Santiago  
 LTC John A. Smyrski  
 Sgt Shane K. Wada  
 Jerome LeHiwa Wills  
 Sgt Clifton Young

**NATIONAL GUARD**

Spc Nick Abelardo  
 Joseph K. Ahsing  
 Sgt. Efren Antonio  
 Sgt Clyde Bueno  
 BGen Joseph J. Chaves  
 Pelias Espinosa, Jr.  
 Sgt Shawn-Patrick K. Kalani  
 Ryan Mina  
 Sgt Lance Taufa'asau  
 Sgt Leonard H. Ventura

**OTHER**

Lorenzo Depaynos, Jr.  
 Howard Egger  
 James Fea'tiame  
 Pete Leao  
 Tofi & Frank Lopez  
 SFC Sampson T. O'Toole  
 Eric Soares

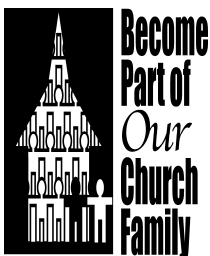


**A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**  
 St. Elizabeth Health Ministry

**STRESS BUSTER FOODS**

According to TheStreet.com, the following 6 foods do a great job of regulating stress hormones and lowering blood pressure ~

- Bananas
- Leafy greens like spinach
- Nuts such as almonds
- Oily fish like salmon
- Mangos – High in Vitamin C
- Avocados – High in Potassium & healthy monounsaturated fat



**Register Today ...**

Complete one of our registration forms (located in the holders to the left as you enter the church) so that we can better serve you.

**C** Thank you to all those who helped make  
**C** Peace & Forgiveness a success ....  
**D** teachers, parents and especially the  
**D** retreat team. What a awesome job they did!  
**N** Congratulations to our CCD First Communicants!  
**E** Thank you to all the families have a safe and fun  
**W** summer. Remember Jesus loves you. Watch out  
**S** for CCD registration.



## **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](mailto:RVHawaii@gmail.com). Also visit us at: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:stelizabe001@hawaii.rr.com); or apply in person.