

PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday
of Easter
Divine Mercy

April 3, 2016

Jesus, I trust in You!

Saturday, April 2	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, April 3	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, April 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, April 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Leadership Meeting - Church
Wednesday, April 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, April 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, April 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Saturday, April 9	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts: 5:27-32, 40b-41: The apostles are arrested for preaching the Gospel.

Rev: 5:11-14: John's vision of the cosmic chorus.

John:21:1-19: The disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the seashore.

**Living Catholic in the 808:
What Does Mercy Really Means?**

I believe today's Gospel offers us the key to understanding what mercy actually looks like in the nitty gritty reality of our lives. Certainly, I could talk about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, quote Pope Francis, or discuss the Catholic devotion called the Divine Mercy Chaplet. But, nothing explains God's mercy like the experience of peace Jesus offers in today's Gospel.

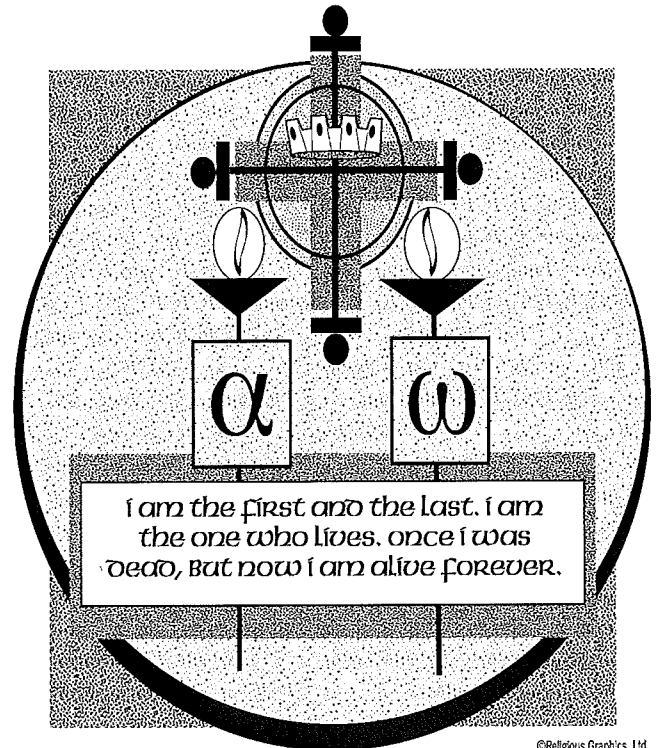
After all, if you really, truly believe in the resurrection -- that evil does not win, that death is not the final answer, that our weaknesses and limitations are eventually and forever banished by Jesus -- if you experientially glimpse this, what emotion are you likely to have?

Initially, it will probably be complete, overwhelming awe. Moses at the burning bush. John at Jesus' baptism. The disciples in the Upper Room.

But, in the long term, in the midst of the ordinary daily grind, I believe that awareness of God's love and mercy manifests itself in Jesus' peace. I mean this literally: the more the resurrection gets into the marrow of our bones, then the more we experience and know God's mercy. And this experience slowly but surely gives us peace in the midst of life's happenings.

"Peace be with you."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRS RICE BOWL - THANK YOU: Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say **THANK YOU!!!** If you have not turned in your Rice Bowls please do so ASAP. Visit www.crsricebowl.org For more information.

RESILIENCE WORKSHOP: Presented by our own Sr. Bitrina Kirway free of charge. In this two hour presentation, learn the key to transforming stress into positive energy thus improving mental focus, emotional stability and coherence which leads to joy and inner peace.

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

TIME: 10:00 am to NOON

PLACE: St. Francis Trailer

Please sign up on the back wall or see Cathy Agor.

MISSIONARY BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

(MBCC): You are invited if you are 18 years or older to come to our next encounter (retreat). MBCC Encounter is open to people who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. **It is \$60.00 for the entire weekend**, which includes food/snacks, room, and good fun...It is a Spirit-filled weekend so come and join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal and Christian fellowship. The **Missionary Basic Christian Community of Hawaii - Renew (MBCC) #104 retreat** is Friday evening through Sunday afternoon on **April 22-24, 2016 at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley.**

We are looking to revive the bible sharing community at St. Rita which is the Woven Hearts community, for now the Pu'uwai Ho'ano community is willing to help with this. The **Pu'uwai Ho'ano (Sacred Heart) community** would also like to invite you to experience life in a bible sharing community. We meet **every Mondays at Sacred Heart Church Religious Education bldg. in the R.E. room #3 at 6:30pm.** If you want to come call first so we have enough refreshments for everyone please contact **Hardy Boro at 755-5775** or any of the Pu'uwai Ho'ano community members. If you need more information check out the MBCC website: www.mbccchawaiiirenew.com Mahalo and God bless!

WORD OF LIFE: "You may be thinking, 'I don't deserve to be forgiven. My sins are too great!' Thankfully, God's love is greater than all the sins of all time. Jesus offers his grace and forgiveness to every repentant heart." www.hopeafterabortion.com "Project Rachel: Peace Starts Here" www.goo.gl/Fa65Az

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 3 Sun: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts:10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col:3:1-4; Jn: 20: 1-9

Apr 4 Mon: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Isa: 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Lk 1:26-38

Apr 5 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts: 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn:3:7b-15

Apr 6 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:5:17-26; Ps 34: 2-3, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk: 24:13-35

Apr 7 Thur Octave of Easter

Acts:3:11-264; Ps 8: 2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24-35-48

Apr 8 Fri: Octave of Easter

Acts:4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, & 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn: 21:1-14

Apr 9 Sat: Octave of Easter

Acts: 4:13-21'; Ps 118: 1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear it proclaimed that many "signs and wonders" were performed in public by Christ's followers, a demonstration that produced two results. First, the people of Jerusalem outside the Christian community were awed by what the disciples were performing. And in the midst of all this amazement, many were being converted. Good stewards know of the evangelizing power emanating from their daily acts of love, compassion, mercy and generosity. They believe that if they stay focused on Christ each day, every act has the power to transform a broken world. What "signs and wonders" will we perform today?
(International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

SIGNS AND WONDERS

People long for "a sure thing," concrete proof that they can see and touch. The healing of the sick, as in today's reading from Acts, is surely concrete proof of divine action. But just as Jesus, when he healed the sick, wanted people to see more than the immediate healing of ailments, so, too, Peter and the apostles are given the gift of healing the sick to lead the people to God. There is more to illness than the body; Peter and the apostles, and indeed all in ministry today, are charged with the healing of souls. That's where we must make a leap of faith, because we can't see or touch the healing of souls, but we must know it in our hearts. We do not see, yet we must believe.

The second reading, from Revelation, draws on many images that resonate with those familiar with the Hebrew scriptures. The author has a vision of heaven, a vision given only to him, and he is commanded to testify to Jesus Christ, the risen Lord who now dwells in heaven, who has conquered death and sin for all time. We are called in faith to believe his testimony. We do not see, yet we must believe.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED

John's Gospel today places us with the disciples, behind a locked door, hiding, whimpering, fearful. Yet Jesus Christ comes to us, because Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows that we have the ability to spread the word of salvation, to be the church of Christ on earth. So he comes and bestows on us the great power of the Holy Spirit, the power that will build the church, the power that will spread the word. But not everyone was there, not everyone believes. Thomas needs more; he needs concrete proof. So Jesus comes back, because Thomas needs to see him. Jesus loves Thomas, and invites him to deepen his faith. So, too, Jesus Christ invites all of us to a deeper faith. Some of us may need miracles or signs and wonders to believe. But many of us have been given the gift of faith without the need to see for ourselves. Let us help each other come to deeper faith in the resurrected Lord.



PEACE
Be with you!

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JESUS CHRIST
the alpha and omega

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