

PARISH CALENDAR

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection
of the Lord

April 9, 2023

We are God's people.
The sheep of His flock, Alleluia!



Saturday, April 8	..... 8:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	NO MASS
Monday, April 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAY
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 11	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, April 12	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 13	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, April 14	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, April 15	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:2:42-47: Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.
1 Pt:1:3-9: Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.
Jn:20:19-31: Through locked doors the risen Lord came, stood before the disciples, and said, "Peace be with you."

We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.sritananakuli.org/livestream>



We welcome **Brandon Oili, Jaclyn, Jayven, and Josiah Okuda** into our Christian family. They have spent the last year preparing for the Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. **Brandon, Jaclyn, Jayven and Josiah** will receive the life-giving waters of **Baptism** and the anointing of **Confirmation** they will also be receiving their **First Eucharist** at the Easter Vigil.



Congratulations to **Grayson Hoppe-Cruz, Julianna Jingco, Zorion Kahanaoi, Brailyn, Kailyn, Xaisha Oili and Stacy Vitug** who will also be receiving the Sacrament of **Confirmation** and receiving their **First Eucharist** at the Easter Vigil

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to the following Young Adult and child who also will be receiving the Sacrament of **Confirmation** at the Easter Vigil.



Zarya Kahanaoi

Taylor Santos-Balisacan



We welcome **Keolakahalekai KamaKeeaina** into our parish family **Keolakahalekai**, was baptized into the Christian faith at the 10 a.m. Mass.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rachel Vineyard Weekend - Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30th. Arrive at 5:30 pm on Friday/Departure, on Sunday at 5:00 pm.

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further... and join us on our next retreat!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. Call us today if you need someone to talk to. To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 490-2571 or email rvinhawaii@gmail.com.

A fee of \$175/person (covers room, meals/refreshments and retreat materials). Need-based scholarships are available. Space is limited. Registrations are strictly confidential. For more information visit www.rachelsvineyard.com.

RICE BOWL: HAPPY EASTER! Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

WORD OF LIFE: "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (Spe salvi 31). "USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 9 Sun: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts:10:34a, 37-43; Ps:118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col:3:1-4; or 1 Cor:5:6b-8; Jn:20:1-9

Apr 10 Mon: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:2:14, 22-33; Ps:16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt:28:8-15

Apr 11 Tue: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:2:36-41; Ps:33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn:20:11-18

Apr 12 Wed: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:3:1-10; Ps:105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:24:13-35

Apr 13 Thur: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:3:11-26; Ps:8: 2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lkn:24:35-48

Apr 14 Fri: Friday within the Octave of Easter

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

Apr 15 Sat: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

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

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ's forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia! (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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OUT WITH THE OLD

If you made a good Lent, you sacrificed some things you probably needed to do without. Now Easter is here. Do you go back to your old habits? Or have you made some changes for the good?

If you eliminated some bad habits, let them go. You will be tempted to bring them back or to replace them with some others! It is better to replace bad habits with habits of charity—or with nothing at all.

Paul uses the image of yeast to make this point when he writes to the Corinthians. We often think of yeast as something good that helps make a good loaf of bread rise. But he imagines it as something else—an impurity that gets in the way of a good, hearty unyeasted loaf.

If yeast has gone bad, we replace it with yeast that is good. But to Paul, yeast was never good to begin with. So if it is bad, get rid of it and bake without it. He writes, "Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened." He continues, "Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

So put away those bad pre-Lenten habits of malice and wickedness. And celebrate Easter the way God made it—in sincerity and truth! Happy Easter!

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Alleluia! Alleluia!

God of joy,
you raised Jesus from the dead
and unlocked the path to eternal life
for all of creation.
Awaken us to the gift of salvation
poured into the world
with Christ's victory over death.

Infuse our hearts with joy
as we pray, sing, and dance in celebration.
Bless our Easter worship
and time gathered with family and friends
this day.
Through Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 9, 2023

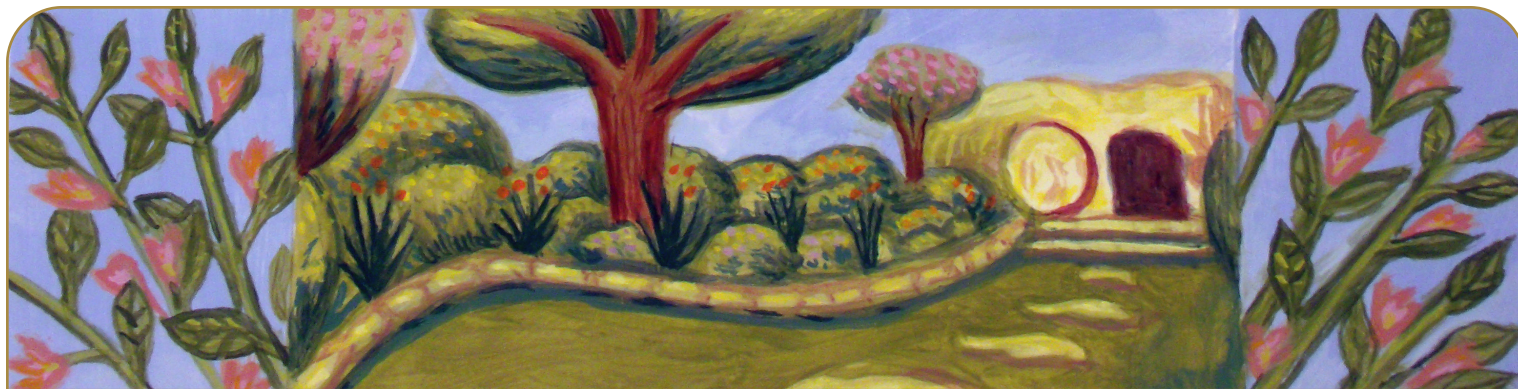
Alleluia!



Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; Sequence Victimae paschali laudes; John 20:1–9 or Matthew 28:1–10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13–35. Celebrating Easter is like watching the sunrise in the most beautiful place ever visited. All along our journey through Lent our eyes have been tuned for directional arrows in the Scriptures pointing our steps toward God, who summons us unceasingly.

At Easter we open our hearts fully as the Son rises gloriously and his rays fill us with joy. Together with the

community of faith, we renew our baptismal vows. Like a long-married couple renewing their marriage vows, we baptized Christians renew our commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church. We welcome sprinkles of blessed baptismal water as a symbol of our bond in faith. It is a joyous response to God's invitation to return to him with ready hearts. The resurrection is celebrated with our jubilant renewal of faith as the Gloria and Alleluia are sung and trumpets and bells resound. Our sanctuaries and homes are filled with fragrant flowers and our tables hold choice foods to share with those we love. The Son is alive and with us always! Alleluia!



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 10 Do Not Be Afraid

In Matthew's resurrection account, the first appearance of the risen Lord is to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary." The encounter is utterly unexpected. The women were looking for the disciples. They could not imagine seeing Jesus. The first words Jesus speaks are "Peace" and "Do not be afraid." With their fear dispelled, the women embrace their call to be the first witnesses of the risen Christ. *Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 11 Called by Name

John's resurrection account mirrors Matthew's in that the first appearance of the risen Lord is to Mary Magdalene. Consumed with grief and confusion, Mary is unable to recognize Jesus until he calls her by name. At the sound of her name, Mary is forever transformed. With certainty, she announces the good news. On the day of our baptism, and continually throughout our lives, God calls us by name and sends us as living witnesses to the world. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 12 Be Alert

There is so much good news to unpack and celebrate about the resurrection of Jesus that the Church gives us fifty days in the Easter season to do this. Today is one of the many times when we hear about the time Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. He approaches and walks with them, first listening, then teaching, and ultimately revealing. Jesus does that with each of us, day by day, through the Easter season. Be alert for when he shows up! *Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 13 Go Deeper

As Jesus ate and spoke with his disciples in Jerusalem, Luke tells us that "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45). He reinterpreted sacred Scripture in light of his birth, death, and resurrection, revealing a new layer of meaning about the plan of God. How might we allow our daily reading of the Scriptures through this Easter season to bring us to a deeper understanding of the paschal mystery in our time? *Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 14 Fifty Days

Today we hear from John about Jesus' third appearance to his disciples, this time on the beach of the Sea of Tiberias. The disciples have returned to their occupation of fishing. Jesus will be sending them back to the vocation to which he called them as evangelists. Jesus did not give up on his beloved disciples; he does not give up on us. Easter is not over; it has just begun. During these fifty days of Easter, we have time to contemplate how the Lord draws us close, feeds us, and empowers us to be living witnesses of joy. *Today's readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 15 Go Out to the Whole World

The octave (eight days) of Easter concludes with Mark's account of how Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene. She immediately went to announce the good news. But, alas, she was met with resistance and disbelief. Witnessing the truth of Jesus Christ in today's culture requires confronting skepticism and rejection. But as Jesus instructed the disciples then, he commands us now to persist and "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). *Today's readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*

