

PARISH CALENDAR

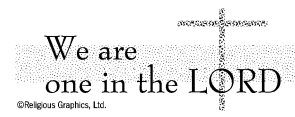
Seventh Sunday
of Easter

(Feast of the Ascension of the Lord)

June 2, 2019

Lord, hear my voice,
for I have called you!

Saturday, June 1	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, June 2	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, June 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, June 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, June 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, June 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, June 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, June 8	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:2:1-11: The Spirit's presence is made manifest among Jesus' disciples
1 Cor:12:3b-7, 12-13: All the Spirit's gifts are equal and necessary for the whole body.
John:20:19-23: Jesus' peace and forgiveness is to be shared with others.

Reflection

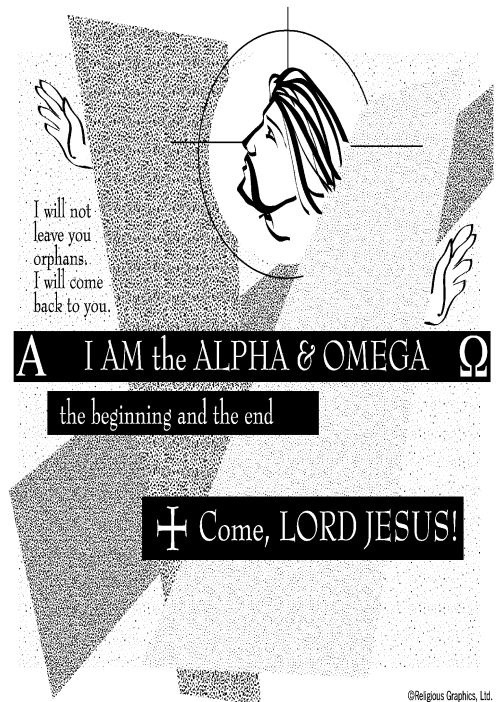
The first reading and the Gospel for today are both from the writer of Luke's Gospel. The brief Gospel passage gives us unadorned facts. Jesus recalls his mission and the Apostles'. He clearly directs them to return to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father. After blessing them he is "taken up" into heaven. This "taking up" connotes being carried up in the way that an acceptable sacrifice ascends to the throne of God. The Apostles understood this; they were nourished on Scriptures that spoke of acceptable sacrifices. The Apostles seemed deeply moved by all they had seen and witnessed since they first walked with Jesus. Their joy carried them to Jerusalem, where they waited and prayed.

The first reading reiterates and further develops this experience. The Acts of the Apostles is sometimes referred to as the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit" or "Luke's Second Gospel." Acts opens with a greeting to Theophilus, one who is "beloved of God." This great name can describe us as well as the original, unknown Theophilus.

Here we are told of the forty days of post-Resurrection appearances of the risen Lord. We are again told of Jesus directing his apostles to return to Jerusalem and wait. But something new is disclosed: they are to await the powerful baptism of the Holy Spirit. This great promise feels far off and inconclusive, however. The Apostles' anxiety crowds out everything else. They still expect the restoration of Israel, and they want something concrete. They must feel that everything is once again slipping away from them, not to mention Jesus himself.

Jesus does not give them any pat answer. He insists on the reality of the empowering Spirit. And he tells them that their future is to carry on his mission to the very ends of the world. And then he leaves them stunned and uncomprehending. Two men, or angels, bring them back down to earth with yet another promise. He will return just as they have seen him leave.

We know that in a few short days the powerful Holy Spirit will come. We know that the Apostles were frightened before the moment of the Spirit's descent and boldly confident afterward. But the eleven didn't know about that on the Mount of Bethany that day of the ascension of Jesus, and we can surely understand their bewilderment. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: The school supply drive will start from **Saturday, June 1st thru Tuesday, June 25th**. We will distribute the school supplies at our June Feeding, (June 26th). There will be a box at the back of church to place your donation. Please see flyers inserted in today's bulletin.

CANOE REGATTA PARKING: On **Father's Day June 16th** there will be a Canoe Regatta at Nanakuli Beach, will be offering parking to the public at \$8 a stall, we would like request help with parking for our parishioners we will have three shifts from 6:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.. A sign up sheet is on the Waianae side of the church please sign up to help. All funds raise will go to our general fund.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Today, we are taking up the collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the Internet, television, radio and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Honolulu to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

WORD OF LIFE: "By 18 weeks in your mothers' womb, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"*

WEEKLY READINGS

Jun 2 Sun: Ascension of the Lord

Acts:1:11; Ps:47; Eph:1:17-23; Lk:24:46-53

Jun 3 Mon: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

Acts:19:1-8; Ps:68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn:16:29-33

Jun 4 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:20:17-27; Ps:68:10-11, 20-21; Jn:17:1-11a

Jun 5 Wed: Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Acts:20:28-38; Ps:68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35c-36ab; Jn:17:11b-19

Jun 6 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:22:130; 23:6-11 Ps:16:1-2 & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn:17:20-26

Jun 7 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:25:13b-21; Ps:103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn:21:15-19

Jun 5 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:28:16-20, 30-31; Ps:11: 4, 5 & 7; Jn:21:20-25

For Our Own Good

We all remember being told that something was for our own good. Usually this was said by adults when we were not eager to face what lay ahead—venturing out into an unknown world, risking the loss of all that was familiar and comfortable. The adults who urged us on knew we were as ready as we'd ever be. So off we went on our own. But then again, not entirely on our own.

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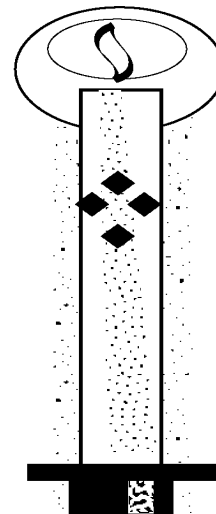
NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Our wholeness comes from having our total existence fed: body, mind, and spirit. To put it plainly, wholeness, meaning, and joy come to us completely when we love and serve God with our entire being. That is, when we choose to be good stewards of our entire existence: bodies, minds and souls. (A Stewardship Minute, Parish Publishing LLC)

Reflection

Today's second reading sounds the expected note of triumph. It is introduced with an equally joyous responsorial psalm—"a blare of trumpets for the Lord." In Ephesians, the "Queen of the Epistles," Paul outdoes himself. He shares with us his prayer that is also a prose poem. His deeply felt wish list for us knows no bounds. Paul wants for us what he knows by experience. But he also wants us to know what Jesus knows. This feast of the Ascension brings Jesus' life full circle from heaven to earth to heaven. His return to the Father is a pledge of our journey to the Father in the Son and Holy Spirit. Today, Paul reminds us, we are members of his body, the Church, and share in his fullness.

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