

PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday
of Easter
(Divine Mercy)

April 23, 2017

Jesus, I trust in you!

Saturday, April 22	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 23	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mas
	.....9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p. m.	Feeding Menu: Hamburger Helper's (Any type)
Friday, April 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	.....9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Close
Saturday, April 29	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Mass - Pot-Luck Graduation Party

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:2:14, 22-33: Peter compares Christ to King David.

1 Pet:1:17-21: You are ransomed by the blood of Christ.

Lk:24:13-35: The two recounted how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread,

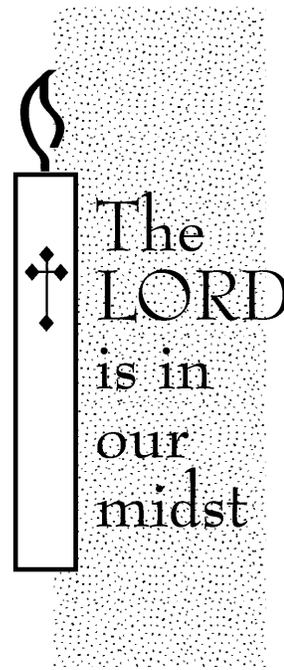
LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 808: What Easter Means to Me

After the resurrection, those who encounter the Risen Lord are so deeply touched that they cannot be the same again. The resurrection therefore is the center piece of Christian faith. St. Paul underlines this point when he writes, "if Jesus is not raised from the dead, our preaching is in vain and we are the most pitiable me." (1 Cor 15:14) Easter is not an historical commemoration but a way of life that we celebrate on Easter Vigil and thereafter every day and every Sunday throughout the year at Holy Mass.

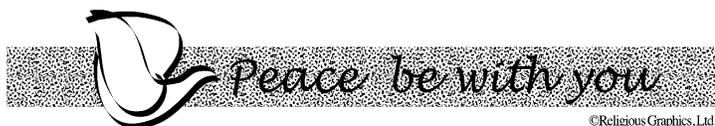
On the movie *Risen*, the Roman Tribune Clavious, on assignment to find the body of Jesus goes all the way to Galilee where the Risen Lord appears several times. In the end, after witnessing the Ascension, he is completely changed and affirms "I can no longer be the same again."

No one encounters of the Risen Lord and remains the same. The Joy of Easter as a way of life is transformative – for everyone who has been deeply touched by the Risen Lord. Our Easter faith renders us to be powerful instruments of evangelization. Like the first eye witnesses, we are so filled with the joy of the resurrection that we cannot but share the joyful news. Christ is risen!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Are you confused about "Assisted Suicide"? Bishop Silva has asked all of our help to stop the bill from passing in our state. The bill appears to be stalled now in the House of Representatives in Honolulu. Assuming that the assisted suicide bill remains stalled in committee this year, then its proponents are going to come back with a vengeance next year (starting in Jan 2018). They have already spent over a million dollars already to try to get this passed and they are not going to give up now as they are very close.

Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church in Ewa on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 PM to learn more from Eva Andrade (Hawaii Family Forum), Rep Marcus Oshiro, Dr. Craig and Nurse Joy. We need to have our Catholic community and our parish families understand what this is really all about so that they can educate their family and friends. This bill targets the most vulnerable among us and we must stand up for them. Please call me with any questions. Mahalo, Bob McCulloch, Respect Life at St. Rita's, 672-5718

PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL: (APRIL IS PREVENT CHILD ABUSE MONTH) Did you Know? All dioceses and eparchies have Victim Assistance Coordinators, assuring that victims of abuse will be heard. In 2016, dioceses and eparchies provided outreach and support to 250 victims/survivors and their families who came forward to report abuse. Continued support was also provided to 1, 510 victims/survivors and their families who reported abuse in prior years.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: THANK YOU: Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl as soon as possible..

WORD OF LIFE: "Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that 'you can with sure hope entrust your child' to the Father and his mercy (EV 99)." (www.goo.gl/MpC7RG) – **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-17 Respect Life Program**

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 23 Sun: 2ND Sunday of Easter

Acts:2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt:1:3-9; Jn; 20:19-31

Apr 24 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:4:23-31; Ps:2: 1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn:3:1-8

Apr 25 Tue: Mark, evangelist

1 Pt:5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk: 16:15-20

Apr 26 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:5:17-26; Ps:13:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn:3:16-21

Apr 27 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:5:27-33; Ps:34: 2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn: 3:31-36

Apr 28 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:5:34-42; Ps:27: 1, 4, 13-14; Jn: 6:1-15

Apr 29 Sat: Catherine of Siena, religious and doctor of the church

Acts:6:1-7; Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn: 6:16-21

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.
(International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

A GRAND EXPERIENCE

Ever since I was a child I have marveled at photos of the Grand Canyon in geography and travel books. The sheer size of this natural wonder, with its many strata of brilliant colors, always made me want to see this great place in person. A few years ago, while vacationing in Arizona, a day trip to the Grand Canyon became part of the itinerary. I will never forget that very early morning as we drove into the area. My heart was racing as we turned each corner, wondering if the glimpse around the next corner would reveal the wonder I had so long dreamed to see. As with most visitors to the Grand Canyon, my hopes were more than fulfilled. The images of the canyon, seen in real life, are branded on my memory and imagination forever. No matter how many times I describe my experience to people who have never visited this awesome place, I know that my words will never substitute for their actually seeing it for themselves.

THE GRANDEST MIRACLE OF THEM ALL

Today we hear the story of "doubting Thomas," who announces that he will not believe that Jesus has risen until he sees it all for himself. Over the years, on this particular Sunday, we have probably heard that we are very much like Thomas, not truly believing until we see things for ourselves. Each week when we gather around the altar, we are given a chance to see and taste the very presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Do our hearts race as we turn the corner of the liturgy when we prepare to pray the Eucharistic Prayer? We are called to come to church each and every week to expect a miracle. And that miracle far surpasses any natural wonder we will ever see. For here we are given a glimpse, not of a grand canyon or any other natural wonder, but of the very kingdom of God. Let any doubts melt away and be replaced by hopeful anticipation of encountering the Lord each and every week.

My Jesus Mercy!

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