

PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday
of Easter

April 30, 2017

May I never boast except in
the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday, April 29	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 30	..... 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, May 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, May 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mas
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Pastoral Council Meeting - St. Francis Trailer
Thursday, May 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, May 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Close
Saturday, May 6	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:4:14a, 36-41: Peter preaches to the Jews.

1 Pet:2:20b-25: "By his wounds you have been healed."

Jn:10:1-10: A call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the gate and the shepherd

LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 808: What Easter Means to Me

Of all the mysteries of our faith. I'll admit, I've always been a Christmas person. That the One who is fully divine loves us so much as to also become fully human, well, that will always take my breath away.

As I age, however, Easter takes on more meaning. I'm at an age where I am experiencing my first diminishment, life limitations I either did not have or did not notice just a few short years ago. And, like every other human being, I don't like it. God did not create us to like loss!

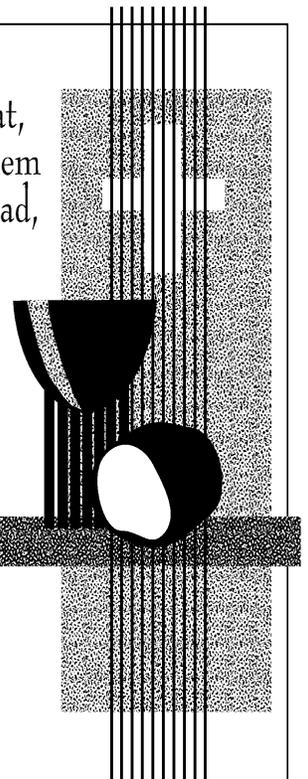
Easter helps me face diminishment in two important ways. First, I am astounded that Jesus, fully divine and fully human, chose not to eliminate my pain, but to join me in it. Quite simply, Jesus joins me in my suffering. God's -very self is there with every suicide, every abuse, every hunger, every pain, petty though most of those may be.

Giving meaning to suffering could be enough. But, Easter isn't (just) about suffering. Jesus conquered death. Literally, One day, I will die. Before that, I will suffer. God-willing, I will face many diminishments in my life. Easter means Jesus will transform them. Through Easter, through the Resurrection, Jesus brings(me) life.

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And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



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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? Safe Environment training is taking place in all dioceses of the United States. Over 2 million clergy, employees, and volunteers have been trained to prevent and respond to the abuse of children. Contact your local coordinator to find out how you can get involved.

WORD OF LIFE: "If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom." *Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation* www.goo.gl/MpC7RG – **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-17 Respect Life Program**

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 30 Sun: 3RD Sunday of Easter

Acts:2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt:1:17-21; Lk: 24:13-35

May 1 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:6:8-15; Ps:119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn:6:22-29

May 2 Tue: Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the church

Acts:7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b, & 8a, 17 & 21ab; Jn: 6:30-35

May 3 Wed: Philip and James, apostles

1 Cor:15:1-8; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5; Jn:14:6-14

May 4 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:8:26-40; Ps:66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn: 6:44-51

May 5 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:9:1-20; Ps:117: 1bc, 2; Jn: 6:52-59

May 6 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:9:31-42; Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn: 6:60-69

AND IT HAPPENED THAT . . .

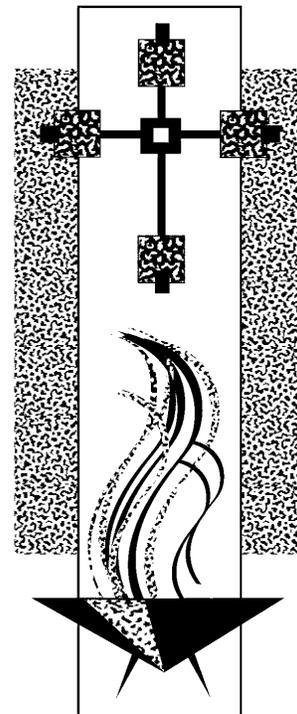
The two major components of today's familiar Gospel hinge on this phrase: "And it happened that . . ." But what monumental moments of grace that seemingly insignificant phrase introduces! The first time it appears, the risen Christ joins the disciples on their journey. The second time, he joins them at table and breaks bread with them. Twice also there are "openings" in this passage. The first is the opening of the scriptures to the disciples, which will help them realize that through this "breaking open" of God's inspired word their hearts came to burn with the fire of faith. Second, the breaking of the bread causes their eyes to be opened, so that they recognize Christ with them. And so it happens, each and every Lord's Day, as it happened on this "first day of the week," that in the opening of the word and the breaking of the bread, we come to know Christ with us.

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others. (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

FINDING GOD IN BROKEN THINGS

The two disciples were having trouble, as many of us still do today, finding the presence of God in broken things. The body of their Lord had been broken on a cross. They were confused at the broken seal on the tomb—not yet understanding what this meant—thinking perhaps that the grave had been desecrated. Their dreams of the reign of God that Jesus had preached were broken, too. Luke tells us they were "downcast." They were surely not expecting to find God's presence in this stranger on the road whom they did not recognize. But as they continued on their journey with him, his sharing of the scriptures inspired them to keep him as companion, and at their table he became the host. Then grace was present, known, seen, and believed in the broken bread. Their joy overcame their fear of traveling after nightfall (a dangerous undertaking in that time and place), and they sped to Jerusalem to share their good news. We, too, must journey with Jesus, allow him to open our eyes and set our hearts on fire. Then, overcoming all our fears in joyful faith, we must continue on as messengers of the gospel.



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