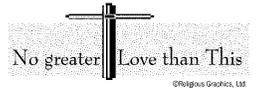


PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

May 6, 2018

The Lord has freed
his people, Alleluia!



Saturday, May 5	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, May 6	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, May 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, May 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<i>Damien Feast Day - Mass - Pupu Pot-Luck</i>
Friday, May 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 12	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:1:1-11: Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach his kingdom and continue his work

Eph:1:17-23: Believers are called to profess belief in the triune God whose greatness over all is manifested in Jesus Christ

Mk:16:15-20: The disciples were sent into the world to preach, heal and bring all people to belief in Christ

Living Catholic in the 808:

Baptism, Confirmation and THEN 1st Communion

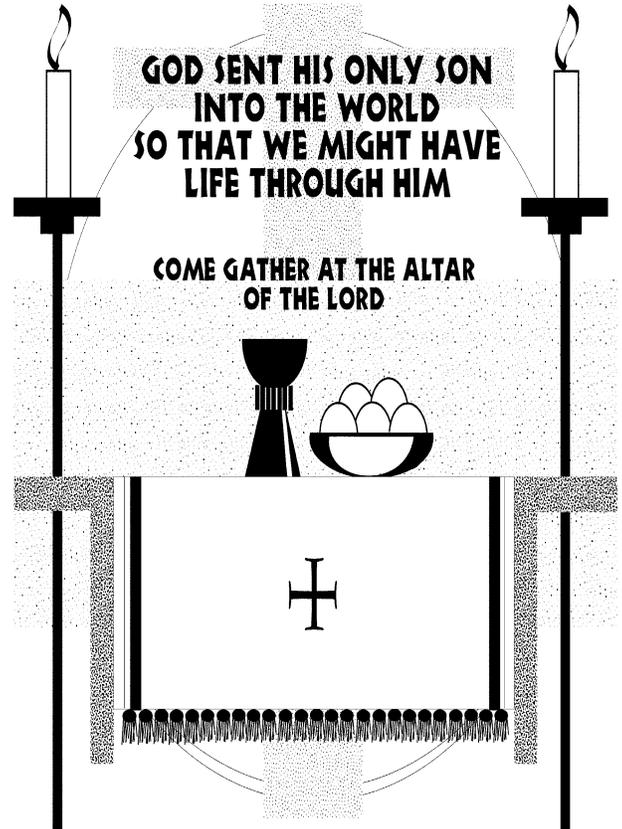
This Pentecost, half our parishes will enact the Original Order. 900+ children will receive their final two sacraments of initiation in the "original" order and another 2700+ will be confirmed. Here's a bit more about why:

The sacraments that initiate us into the Christian life are Baptism and Confirmation. Baptism and Confirmation go hand in hand, like a certificate given its official seal. In Baptism, Christians share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit comes down upon us as it did on the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Baptism and Confirmation are as inseparable as Easter and Pentecost Sundays, the first and last day of the Easter Season.

Jesus himself was baptized and then confirmed by his Father with the gift of the Spirit: "After Jesus was Baptized, he came up from the water and, behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt 3:16-17)

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, used with unbaptized aged 7+, the sacraments are received in the proper theological order, usually at the Easter vigil – Baptism, Confirmation, and then first Holy Communion. This Pentecost, May 20, in parishes all across the state, children baptized as infants will now too be confirmed prior to receiving their First Communion. #BigPentecost

***Reflections Prior to #BigPentecost
Diocese of Honolulu
Questions? Kdeneve@rcchawaii.org***



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to **Hailey Donahue, Angelina Facchini & Ellie Lleces**, they received their First Holy Communion last Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus calls his disciples his “friends” and commands them to love one other as he has loved them. We are called to be stewards of this friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us. Do we give serious attention to what his love requires of us? Does this require us to actively seek the welfare of others? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin**)

ST. RITA SOUVENIR BOOK: We are putting together a Souvenir book on St. Rita for the 90th Anniversary Luau. Please write a short paragraph about how St. Rita has affected you and drop it in the collection basket before **June 1st**. Should you have any questions please contact Sebastian Lopez. Mahalo!

Tending

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Next week, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc

For as long as memory serves, agricultural peoples have tended vines and orchards. Spring was pruning season, when the strongest branches were strengthened, the weak and dead branches fed to the fire. When Jesus looked out over the vineyards at night, he saw the small fires burning the discarded branches. All day long the vines were trussed and tended. Before long, there would be good new wine.

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PRO - LIFE : FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP: There will be a Free Parenting Workshop, **Wednesday , May 16th at Immaculate Conception in Ewa at 7 p. m.**, Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Mt 19:14; Each child is an important person to their parents and to God. As a parent, you are the “original and irreplaceable” person in your child’s religious journey. Now more than ever, you need to be the ones to educate them about God’s design for families. Young people need to know and understand what God’s plan is for healthy relationships, love and marriage. The truth is, we are made for love! But there are unprecedented challenges that many parents face today not the least of which is the devastating effects of pornography on our culture. It is an uncomfortable subject but we dare not take it lightly and sadly, it is a massive and growing problem that is affecting younger and younger children. Please come to this important workshop to learn how and why this is happening and what you can do to protect the hearts and souls of your children.

REFLECTION

We are assured in this reading that, excepting this incident, the Church was fundamentally at peace and growing steadily. Surface tensions may occur, and this is to be expected. Life is messy, after all. “Twas always thus and ‘twill always be. The only real trouble arises when the Church fails to adhere to Jesus as the sole source of its life. The second reading can be seen as operating instructions to help the Church avoid this sad state. We are advised to live by faith in the name of Jesus Christ and by a love that shows in deed and truth. That kind of active, honest love is a good test of our adherence to Jesus, the vine.

WORD OF LIFE: “Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.” **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “How to Build a Culture of Life,”** www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

Like the early Church, we may be faced with injustice and a lack of tranquility inside and outside our ranks. We are called to pray for peace and justice and to act in love and deed to bring about that very peace and justice. If we do not, there is no truth in our words. We can ask ourselves quietly and our communities out loud how willing we are to act as people grafted tightly to Christ. How willing are we to accept irresponsible disengagement from the place where we live? How willing are we to choose virtual lives, “wired” to someone else’s machinery?

WEEKLY READINGS

- May 6 Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts:101:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps:98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn:15:9-17
- May 7 Mon: Easter Weekday**
Acts:16:11-15; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 9b; Jn:15:26-16:4a
- May 8 Tue: Easter Weekday**
Acts: 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn:16:5-11
- May 9 Wed: Easter Weekday**
Acts:17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn:16:12-15
- May 10 Thu: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**
Rm: 5:1-8, Ps:33: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, 20-21; Jn 10:11-18b
- May 11 Fri: Easter Weekday**
Acts:18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn:16:20-23
- May 12 Sat: Easter Weekday**
Acts:18:23-28; Ps:47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 18:23b-28

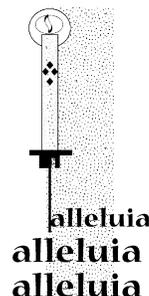
Jesus calls for our solidarity in him, which is the source of our solidarity with one another. This solidarity means engagement. Our prayers and deeds and openness cannot exist in some ethereal realm. They must be down-to-earth and carried out by down-to-earth people, like us. Human connections have fragrance and taste and texture and warmth.

First, we are called to consider the source, the risen Lord. Then to consider the flowering—the Church, that is, the people. This is the continuing Easter time of new growth and flowering. This is spring time for the soul. We are to support one another in our efforts to be at peace and to act in fairness. We are asked to take on the tough love that shows in the deeds that match our words.

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