

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

May 7, 2017

The merciful love of God,
fills the earth!

Saturday, May 6	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, May 7	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>First Communion Celebration</i>
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, May 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, May 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Healing Mass - St. Damien of Moloka`I -<i>Pupu Potluck</i>
Thursday, May 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, May 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 13	..... 10:30 a. m.	Funeral Service Robert Sills, Jr (+)
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:6:1-7: Challenges in the early Christian community

1 Pet:2:4-9: Christ is the true foundation

Jn:14:1-12: "You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

Congratulations to following children, who will be receiving their First Holy Communion today at the 9 a. m. Mass

Kaylee Niho

Kamaleialoha Sanchez

Zarya Kahanaoi

Isabella Korejko

Keoni Farias

Alyssa Hiongson



We also congratulate ***Chloe Werner-Celes*** who received her First Communion on Easter Sunday. Please join us after the 9 am Mass for a light lunch and dessert potluck. Let's share food and fellowship as we celebrate our young people's growth in faith.

**Living Catholic in the 808:
The (Easter) Message Continues!**

We celebrate Easter not just to celebrate a past event – as marvelous as the event of resurrection from the dead is! We celebrate Easter so that the risen Jesus may continue to breathe his Spirit out upon us like a wild fire, so that we can joyfully and courageously proclaim his love to everyone.

But do we lock ourselves behind closed doors, privately believing, but not daring to share our belief in Jesus with others? (Do) we believe for ourselves, but forget what Jesus said on the night of his resurrection, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

As we (continue to) celebrate Easter we recall an amazing event of the past, the resurrection from the dead of the crucified Christ. But that event is also ever present, and moves us boldly into working toward the fulfillment of the work Jesus began.

It may bring us to the hardships that Jesus himself suffered, but it will surely bring us to eternal life and the fullness of joy. This is why, even with the hardships of our journey, we lift our voices and sing our hearty "Alleluia!" May that "Alleluia!" be the song that everyone hears us sing, whether with our voices or through our actions.

***Excerpt from 2017 Easter Message
+Bishop Larry Silva
Diocese of Honolulu***

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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

RE CELEBRATION & MINISTRY APPRECIATION: Come on out to **Our Lady of Kea'au next Sunday, May 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.** We're going to celebrate another great year of Religious Education and to appreciate everyone who serves in our parish ministries. Its Mothers' Day, so pack up the family for lunch. The pool; will be open, and there'll be games, prizes, snacks, and fun. It's time to celebrate and appreciate!

WORD OF LIFE: "In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him." USCCB, "God's Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation" www.goo.gl/oXNDBj

WEEKLY READINGS

May 7 Sun: 4TH Sunday of Easter

Acts:2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt:2:20b-25; Jn: 10:1-10

May 8 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:11:1-18; Ps:42: 2-3, 43:3, 4; Jn:10:11-18

May 9 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn: 10:22-30

May 10 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:12:24-13:5a; Ps:67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8; Jn:12:44-50

May 11 Thur: Easter Weekday

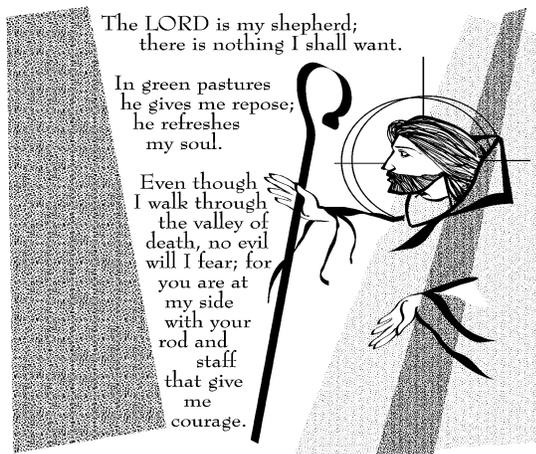
Acts:13:13-25; Ps:89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn: 13:16-20

May 12 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:13:26-33; Ps:2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn: 14:1-6

May 13 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:13:44-52; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn: 14:7-14



NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Saint Peter plays a prominent leadership role in the first two readings, urging his listeners to be baptized and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit; and encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have just renewed our baptismal promises at Easter and the Holy Spirit dwells in us in a special way. Are we good stewards of those baptismal vows? Have we renewed our commitment to follow in Jesus' footsteps? Have we opened our hearts to discern the will of God in our lives? Take some time to reflect on the importance of our baptismal renewal and our lives as disciples of the Lord. (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

THAT'S NOT ME

I will never forget my very first day of school. In those days, class sizes in Catholic grammar schools were quite large; my first grade class had fifty-two students. Our teacher made large name tags for each of us to wear that first day. Unfortunately, my name tag read "Edward Gallagher." This is not my name. When I saw this, I tried to protest, "Sister, that's not my . . ." She immediately responded, "Now, Edward, there will be no talking back to Sister." I tried again, "But Sister . . ." Her hands more than full with fifty-two of us, there apparently just wasn't time for this conversation. So, I went through my first day of school named someone I was not. I will never forget my mother's face as she stood on the front porch ready to welcome her first-born son home from his first day of school. She took one look at "Edward Gallagher," frowned, and immediately went to the phone to straighten things out with the school.

CALLED BY NAME

This early life experience taught me much about the value and importance of my name. In today's Gospel we hear the Lord Jesus tell his followers that sheep learn to recognize the voice of the shepherd. They will not follow a stranger's voice. In the Rite of Baptism, the very first question put to the parents is, "What name do you give your child?" And just before the words "I baptize you . . ." the priest or deacon calls the one to be baptized by name. In a sense, we learn to hear our name called by God from the moment of our rebirth in the waters of baptism. This is the root of all vocational calls, whether to marriage, holy orders, or the consecrated life. On a day when we remember that Jesus is our caring shepherd, let us listen once again to the Lord calling us each by name into loving service.

