

PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

May 21, 2017

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia!

Saturday, May 20	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 21	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Confirmation Class
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass - St. Rita /Pupu Pot-Luck
Tuesday, May 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Finance Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, May 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p. m.	Feeding Menu: Baked Beans and Hot Dog
Friday, May 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 27	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:1:1-11: Jesus' final commission of the apostles
Eph:1:17-23: Paul prays with encouragement for the church Ephesus
Mt:28:16-20: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING

CLASS OF 2017:

We congratulate the following youths from our parish who have graduated from high school:

Kathleen Bareiszis	Auli`i Basso
Napua Enos	Tiffany Gabaylo
Gabbie Galano	Sara-Lyn Kaeo
Keala Pomaikai	Austin Savea



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Congratulations to all those who have graduated from College.

Living Catholic in the 808: The Kaona of Aloha

All Lent, "ALOHA" kept creeping into my consciousness and I found myself looking for the KAONA, hidden meaning, especially as I reflect on my vows in light of my Franciscan spirituality and charism. These reflections led me to this beautiful historical discovery:

Hawaii Revised Statutes 5-7.5 says that "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. Aloha brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. These are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawaii's people.

Aloha was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawaii. . . . and later beyond the islands.

"Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

"Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for our collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see that which cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 16414: The Knights of Columbus, Council 16414 is pleased to announce that the First Scholarship to deserving students entering College are awarded to **Tiffany Gabaylo and Sara-Lyn Kaeo**. We thank you for supporting us and we will continue to do the things for St. Rita that are needed and hope you will continue to keep us all in your prayers. Again, we are always looking for new members who are of like mind. Please call Pat Maher @ 808-888-5783 or 440-478-0448(cell) if you are interested.

SAMOAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: Will host an *Easter Season Seminar* with **Archbishop Alapati Lui Mataeliga**, **Friday, June 2nd and Saturday June 3rd @ 6 pm** at Holy Family Parish Center. There will be a Samoan Catholic Community Mass, **Sunday, June 4 @ 3 pm** at Holy Family Parish, Archbishop Alapati Lui Mataeliga will be the Presider. For more information contact either Fr. Konelio Faletoi at 808-987-5577- e-mail lfaletoi@rcchawaii.org or Deacon Jerome Vito at 808-636-7971.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Next week, our second 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. 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/ccc. Envelopes are attached to this weeks bulletin.

COLLECTION FOR TRINITY DOME: Thank you for your generous support of the Trinity Dome collection. Your participation will bring to completion the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, our church, America's Catholic Church. For more information, please visit: www.trinitydome.org.

WORD OF LIFE: "Like the Good Samaritan, may we always treat each person with merciful love and respect that affirms the gift of his or her life." "Moved by Mercy" Reflection Flyer - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities www.goo.gl/xTiiSM

WEEKLY READINGS

May 21 Sun: 6TH Sunday of Easter

Acts:8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt:3:15-18; Jn: 14:15-21

May 22 Mon: St Rita of Cascia

Phil:4:4-9; Ps:1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:6:27-38

May 23 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:16:22-34; Ps 138:2ab, 2cde,-3, 7c-8; Jn: 16:5-11

May 24 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:17:15, 22-18:1; Ps:148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn:16:12-15

May 25 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:18:1-8; Ps:98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn: 16:16-20

May 26 Fri: Philip Neri, Priest

Acts:18:9-18; Ps:47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn: 16:20-23

May 27 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:18:23b-28; Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn: 16:23b-28

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship. (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

REMEMBERING GRANDMOTHER

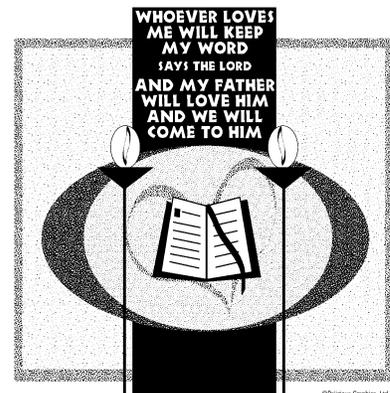
When I was a child, I loved spending time with my grandmother, a large woman with a big welcoming lap. Her house had such unique aromas—a mixture of my grandfather's sweet-smelling cherry tobacco and the food that was always under preparation in the kitchen. When we were very little, she would sit us in her lap, take a deck of cards, and begin to bend the deck back and forth. Before our very eyes the deck was transformed into a swirl of cards. Whenever I find myself missing my grandmother, I take out a deck of cards and bend them back and forth until the swirl of cards once again magically appears. As I bend the cards back and forth, I can imagine her generous lap beneath me. When I close my eyes and inhale, I can almost smell the cherry-scented pipe tobacco mixed with the aroma of her wonderful food.

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Today the Lord Jesus promises his fearful disciples, "I will come to you" (John 14:18). The Church's sacraments are visible signs of the Lord Jesus continuing to "come to us" through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each time we share in Christ's body and blood, he is made present through the Spirit. In a way, the Church's sacramental life is like my experience of taking out a deck of cards and bending them back and forth in order to bring the memory of my grandmother to life. We take ordinary elements, like bread, wine, water, words, and oil, and when we accompany these elements with sacred gestures and words, we experience the very presence of Jesus Christ. As we look forward to Pentecost, let us grow in our awareness and love for the sacraments that bring us into contact with the Lord Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.



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