

# Proud History Bright Future

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St. Ann's Church & Model Schools 46-129 Haiku Road Kaneohe, Hawaii [www.saintannshawaii.org](http://www.saintannshawaii.org)

## Feast of the Holy Trinity



The Holy Trinity by Hendrick van Balen, Flemish, circa 1620.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a mystery because God's revelation has made known its meaning. We could never have reasoned it out for ourselves; God—through the Spirit—had to help us. As a mystery, God's Trinitarian reality will always be more than our human minds can ever fully comprehend.

The doctrine of the Trinity grew out of Christians' experiences of God in revelation, redemption, and response. The New Testament uses both *binitarian* (meaning Father and Son alone; Romans 1:7; Ephesians 6:23) and *Trinitarian* formulas (1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19.)

Several passages in the New Testament begin to explore how the three Persons function and how they relate to each other. 1 Thessalonians 1:19, the first paragraph of the earliest New Testament writing we possess, mentions the Three Persons. We also find it in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; the Farewell Discourse in John 14:16; and the baptismal formula of Matthew 28:19. In the early church, the New Testament teaching appears in its baptismal creed, in its rule of faith, and in its doxologies.

Finally, in the fourth century, so many difficulties had arisen that the former ways of explaining the doctrine were no longer satisfactory. The Councils of Nicaea (A.D. 325) and Constantinople (A.D. 381,) defined a new expression, using philosophical and religious categories, to clarify the theology.

In order to do their work, the council members used a new philosophical terminology precise enough to make the necessary clarifications. The Nicene Creed expresses the real distinctions among the three Persons, the co-equality of the three, and their co-eternity. The Athanasian Creed (late fourth or early fifth century) further explains these important points.

The Trinitarian doctrine describes one God, expressed in three Persons, with each Person being unique, yet sharing the same divine reality. This doctrine has always challenged the attention and devotion of Christians. Even our frustration to understand it invites us to enter more fully into this incomprehensible divine mystery. The effort to deal with the Trinitarian mystery is part of the life of each Christian.

The feast day of the Trinity developed in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Thomas á Becket, who became a bishop on Trinity Sunday in 1162, popularized it in England. The Western Church made the feast universal in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

*Living the Good News, Denver, Co. 2004*

## *Holy Trinity Sunday*



### ***Today's Reflection:***

Our God is three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in one God. When we pray, we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross while naming each person of the Holy Trinity, reminding us of the relationship that is the Godhead. Our relationship with God is as his children. God calls us to relationship with God and with others.

*As we celebrate the Holy Trinity, let us examine our relationship with the Trinity and with each other.*

### ***Next Sunday's Reading – June 14, 2009***

**Exodus 24:3-8**

**Hebrews 9:11-15**

**Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

### **First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8**

These verses mark the people's acceptance of the covenant. A sacrifice and sprinkling follow a communion meal. The leadership meal signifies God's acceptance of his people and the sacrifice and sprinkling verify their acceptance of God. The sacrifice is a sign of self-giving to God. When the people receive the sprinkled blood, they acknowledge their dependence upon their Maker.

Life seals the bond between God and his people. As God gives life, the people respond in kind. Sacrifice in the Old Testament is a way to honor God.

***What life have you received in prayer? At Mass?  
What do you give God in return?***

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15**

The eternal high priesthood of Jesus Christ is a major theme in this letter. As Christ offers himself to the Father, he enters into the heavenly "Holies of Holies." As the priest and the place (Calvary and Jesus on the cross), Jesus dies "once and for all." These three—Jesus, place, and activity—turn the particular into the universal and eternal so that Christians will receive an eternal inheritance.

Faith in God allows them to partake in the heavenly, eternal self-giving of Jesus Christ. Christians view their worship as a participation in the worship Jesus gives to the Father.

***When we pray and share communion, we become one with Christ as he worships the Father.***

### **Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

Mark wishes to stress the meal and its aftermath are Jesus' initiative. Jesus has already made arrangements for Passover. He is in charge, not his followers, his betrayer, or the Sanhedrin. Because of his relationship with the Father, Jesus obeys the will of the Father in the unfolding scenes.

During the meal, Jesus institutes the Eucharist. He takes a meal that celebrates the liberation of Israel from slavery and transforms it into a meal that looks forward to the Kingdom. He makes the change with his self-giving (sharing himself in the form of bread and wine.) The crucified Lord is to be the sign of the end times. His sacrifice on the cross is THE worship of the Kingdom. The arrangement God makes with believers through the sacrifice of his Son is the covenant of the Kingdom.

Of course, we do not live in the Kingdom, but constantly live in expectation of God's reign. The Eucharist we celebrate makes the Kingdom real because the Lord is truly present. He is with us at Mass so he can be one with us. Our struggles, pain, even our anticipation of the Kingdom become His. And the gift of his self-giving becomes ours.

***What impact has your experiences of divine intimacy at Eucharist had on your life?***

www.word-sunday.com -Larry Broding, 1999 - 2009  
World Library Publications, Jerry Galipeau, APR - AUG 2009

## ***Please pray for:***

**Our deployed Military Personnel:** Joey Adams, Kevin Blecha, Kale Akui Cabanilla, Daniel Carreiro, Jr., John Carvalho, David Clemons, Brian Patrick Emerson, Christopher Frost, Keoni Halemano, Blake Homer, Michael Hun, Matthew Ingold, Brandon W. Josue, Justin Kaihenui, Clayton Kaneakalau, Kalani Kai Liana, William Lurbe, Jr., Steven P. Middlecamp, Kukea Naber, Patrick Salanoa, Michael Scarborough, Shawn Robinson, Isaiah Somera, Benedict Tesoro, Jacob A. Wruck

*Please continue to pray for all our military and their families and help us be current in our listing by letting us know when they return.*

**Our sick members and friends:** Isaac E. K. Adams, Puanani Adams, Alma Ahuna, Auntie Sophie Akui, Boo-D Alapag, Josanne Arriaga, Nalei Beazley, Erlene Cabrinha, Veronica Cambra, Mary Cemy, Ella Chai, Mary Cocks, Dolly Creighton, James Deep, Betty Funayama, Sr. Jane Francis, Edith Grote, Tom Hinderleider, Mildred Ishimoto, Norma Ishimoto, Kapua Kauwale, Arlene Lau, Jonette Lau, George McCumber Sr., Moana Medeiros, Candice Muneoka, Shirley Nakamura, Charla Jane Reeves, Daryl Jean & Lei Salima, Andres Saplada, Henry Sermersheim, Fred Siders, Jerry Solberg, Vickie Solidum, Judi Spencer, Lisa Stephenson, Patricia Tagupa, Jeannette Taylor, Rosemary Taima, Kawika Tom, Francis Vasconcellos, Bernard Vierra, Kalani Walser, Edith Wilhelm, Zion Whitfield, Smitty & Diane Wong, Isabelle Young

**Our deceased members & friends:** Erin Bryan, Edith Frank, Victoria Higa, Margaret Luis, Charlene Ruthkowski-Moniz

**Anniversary of Death:** Adeline Zimbra (4<sup>th</sup>), Cynthia Ho (11<sup>th</sup>), Jose Sierra (28<sup>th</sup>) John "Joao" Fernandez (43<sup>rd</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversary:** Sam & Emily Halas (50<sup>th</sup>), Dave & Chris Langsi (50<sup>th</sup>)

**Special Intentions:** Kaipo Cayetano, Kuuipo Chai, Mary Clemente, Derek De Lima, Tilly & Manny De Mello, Lanny Fong, Kennedy Mello, Francis Mundon, Clayton & Maryann Salvador, Makanaokalani Taylor, Bill Trammell, Chris Treakle



### **Cleaners: Week of 5/31/2009**

Don Barton, Dennis Chai, Mervin & Renae Chun, Billie Corpuz, Andrew Dau, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Don Hee, Susie Hipolito, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Raynette Lum, Jerry & Lilian McClellan, John Quisano, Titi Ricafort, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Gary & Marce Sakamoto, Charles Shumaker, Kamille Wedemeyer, Carl Wild, Patrick & Bev Yearian

**Floral Donations:** Don & Jean Hee, Mai, Dai & Tina Nguyen

**Floral Arrangement:** Vernon Gomes, John Murray & Nancy Fukushima

## **Accepting Summer Applications**

St. Ann's Summer Program starting **June 8 to July 17, 2009**. All sessions are available for boys and girls ages 6-13 years. Summer brochures are available at the school office. To pick up a copy or register for classes, please call 247-3092, ext. 221.

## **Positions Available**

### **ELC Summer Program**

**Early Learning Center Summer Teachers (3-5 year olds)** Must meet Child Development Associate (CDA) and Department of Human Services (DHS) requirements. For more information and/or to apply, please call 247-3092, ext.250

### **St. Ann's Model Schools (2009-2010)**

#### **F/T Teacher Aide for Grade 1**

For more information and/or to apply, please call the school office at 247-3092, ext. 222.

## **Homebound Ministry Needs You!**

We are in need of volunteers to help serve the homebound, those in care homes and institutions. Homebound ministers not only bring the Eucharist and Holy Scripture to our fellow Catholics but also serve as a vital connection to our faith community. For more information, call 247-3092, ext.245.

## **Praise & Scripture Sharing**

**Date: Friday Evenings (Started: June 5, 2009)**

**Time: 7:00P – 9:00P at the Food Court**

Join us in fellowship as we praise God singing songs and sharing His Word. We invite all Young Adults (18 to 36) to an evening of praise and scripture sharing. For more information, please call 343-5557 Deacon Billy Whitfield.

## **Summer Scripture Sharing**

Prepare your hearts and minds to receive the Word of God as we explore the Sunday Liturgy readings.

**Date: June 9– August 25, 2009**

**Time: 7:00P at the Parish Center**

**No registration. No homework. No fees.**

**No Excuses – Join Us!**

For more information, contact Trudy at 255-4131.

## Windward Community Blood Drive

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2009

Time: 7:00A - 1:00P

Place: Windward Mall, Kaneohe

Requirements are simple, you need to be:

- **18 years of age or older**  
(17 with parental consent)
- **In good health (free of cold or flu symptoms for 72 hours)**
- **Have a valid picture ID with birth date**

Please call the Blood Bank of Hawaii to schedule your next life saving donation at 848-4721.



## Significance of A Feast Day

By Paul Turner

**A feast is a day of special significance on the Roman Catholic Church calendar.**

Precisely, a “feast” does not rank as high as a “solemnity,” but it does rank above a “memorial.” In everyday speech we use the word to cover almost any special day, such as “the feast of St. Valentine” or “the feast of St. Patrick.” But the official calendar does not include these in its special category of “feasts.”

Feasts include some special events in the lives of Jesus and Mary (Birth of Mary, Visitation, Holy Innocents, Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration). We have other feasts associated with apostles, evangelists, and archangels. A final category of feasts includes days of historical significance honoring the deacon and martyr Lawrence, the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome (John Lateran,) and the first display of the relics of the cross (Triumph of the Holy Cross.) In the United States, the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed as a feast.

Locally, we observe feasts for the principal patron of the diocese, the anniversary of the cathedral’s dedication, the patron of a region or wider territory and other days proper to an individual church or religious order. So, for example, if your cathedral is St. Patrick, you will observe March 17 as a solemnity there and as a feast in the parish churches of the diocese. However, it is an optional memorial in other dioceses.

Mass on a feast day includes the Glory to God and special readings from the lectionary. When certain feasts fall on a Sunday (Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, John Lateran, Triumph of the Cross,) they replace the Sunday liturgy. However, we use the Sunday liturgy on Saturday evening.

*ML Resource Publications, San Jose, CA 2006*

## Faith Formation Conference 2009

**“Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us”**

By Lisa Gomes, Associate Director

This is open to ALL who wish to celebrate our Catholic faith and deepen our communion with Christ. Come nurture your spirit and be re-energized! Bishop Larry Silva will keynote this year’s O’ahu conference.

**Dates: June 24 –27, 2009**

**Place: Damien Memorial School  
1401 Houghtailing Street, Honolulu**

Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education

Phone: (808) 203-6747 Toll Free: (877) 263-8855

Visit [www.hi-care.org](http://www.hi-care.org) for more information.

## Summer’s Here & Christmas Is Coming!

When doing your summer-time clean-up this year, keep in mind St. Ann’s Church and Model Schools’ Christmas Festival. **This year’s festival will be on Saturday, December 5, 2009.** We greatly appreciate donated items to help supply our various booths. (We will need baked goods, jams and jellies, potted plants and flowers, handmade arts and crafts, quilts and other hand sewn items, any new household items, and Christmas greenery artfully arranged.)

We will also be doing **Hey, Mr. Postman** again.

**Crafters’ workshops** will begin on Wednesday mornings, 9:00A-12:00N in June and on Thursdays, June 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30P-9:00P at 46-280 Hoana Street. For more information call Daniel Pires at 247-0868, (Phyllis Pires at 247-3092, ext. 248, or Sharon Mattos at 247-3092, ext. 244.)

# Stewardship

## Give From The Top

The saying, “charity begins at home,” is not found in the Bible, but it does make a point. We should help those in need, beginning with those closest to us: our family, our relatives, our neighbors. It may be easier to help the anonymous poor of Ethiopia than a relative who can’t manage money. In the Old and New Testaments, both agree that our generosity should begin with those we are bound to in one way or another.

The difficulty with the saying “charity begins at home” is that we often use it to justify charity *ending there*. On the contrary, our acts of charity are to ripple ever farther out to the needs of the world.

**Christian Stewardship** takes a positive view on money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange, but a symbol of the person who has it. We reveal who we are through the way we acquire money, use it and share it.



Christian Stewardship trains us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gift we have. To give to God should be “from the top,” – not what may be left over.

*Parish Publishing, LLC, New Canaan, CT February 2006*

*Always give God your very best  
in time, talent and treasure.*

### FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF May 31, 2009

Regular Collection	14,551.14	BUILDING CAMPAIGN	
Special Collection		Loan Amount	118,884.47
Children’s Weekly	18.50	Week of 5/31/2009	2,301.86
Building Fund and Pledges	2,301.86	Interest	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>16,871.50</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>116,582.61</b>

For the needed renovations of the Parish Center and on-going maintenance, thanks to you we have a great start!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (Total to Date): \$282,491.70**

*Gift-wrap your Sunday donation by using the church numbered envelopes. Call the Rectory, 247-3092, ext.244*

#### How Do I Share God’s Gifts With Others?

I helped my neighbor get up from falling. – Ilima M.

I share God’s gifts by praying for the homeless and donating my toys. – Alyssa L.

I emptied the trash cans without being asked. – Keila M.

I helped my mom in whatever she needed. – Agnes B.

# Our Scouts Continue To Make A Difference!

On Saturday, May 23, 2009 St. Ann's Boy Scouts Troop 113, Scout leaders and several parents held another clean-up workday at St. Ann's cemetery because they noticed that since their first effort in February, it wasn't long before mischief makers began



Boy Scouts, Leaders & parents volunteer to clean St. Ann's Cemetery for their service project and haul out another 900 lbs. of trash. Great job! A Big Mahalo to everyone who helped! - Photo courtesy: Chris Dau, JUN 2009

dumping trash again. Located on the mauka side of Windward Mall, the team put on their gloves and started to haul out approximately 900 pounds of trash. Jeaneen Heldt and Bernie Amando provided the use of their trucks to load and transport the trash to the Kailua dump. Some participants were Sean Alloy-Craig, Lyle Alloy-Glover, Andrew Dau, Chris Dau, Alex Heldt, Jenna Heldt, Brandon Iwamasa, Kurt Polhman, Vinson Polhman, Kyle Twogood, Jim Vanderkamp, and Nick Vanderkamp. Thank you Boy Scouts for continuing to serve and make a difference in our community!

## Summer Bible Camp For Grown-Ups

Sponsored by St Ann's RCIA for the St Ann's Parish Community and Interested Friends

**Dates: Wednesdays - July 1, 15 & 29, 2009**

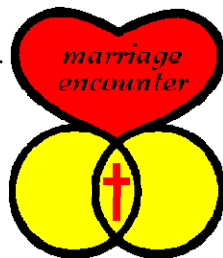
**Time: 7:30 PM at St Ann's Parish Center**

This will be a practical and basic introduction to the history, structure, and use of the Holy Bible. With these skills and knowledge, your study and use of the Bible will become second nature. Bring your own Bible or use ours.

## Marriage Encounter

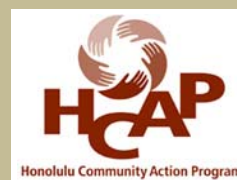
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (WWME) can help enrich and strengthen your marriage. Call to register for the next Oahu WWME Weekend on July 24 – 26, 2009.

For more information & registration, please call Ricky & Joanne Viernes at 393-2396. Visit their website at [www.lovemoredeeply.org](http://www.lovemoredeeply.org)



## LIHEAP – June 1- 30, 2009

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program



**ENERGY CREDIT OR ENERGY CRISIS INTERVENTION**

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) was created under

the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (OBRA) to help low and fixed income households pay their fuel and utility bills. Applications are available at the back of the vestibule or at the Church Rectory.

### APPLICATION HOURS:

**Monday – Thursday 9:00A – 12:00P**

**Tuesday Evening – 4:30P – 6:30P**

**Friday – 9:00A – 12:00P and 2:00P – 3:30P**

**Honolulu Community Action Program**

**Windward District Center, 47-232 Waihee Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744 (Serving Kahuku to Waimanalo)  
Tel: 239-5754**