

# Proud History Bright Future

August 2, 2009

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

## Eucharistia!



Fr. Herman Gomes celebrates the Eucharist with St. Ann's parish community. 4/2009

### Why Do We Go To Mass? To say "thank you, God."

That's why we call the Mass "Eucharist." The word *Eucharist* comes from the New Testament Greek word, *Eucharistia* for "giving thanks." At each Eucharist, we begin the central act of the Mass which we call the *Eucharistic prayer*—our great "thanksgiving prayer"—the priest invites: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." And we all respond that "it is right," that it is the right thing to do to give God thanks and praise.

To say "thank you" is what one does when receiving a gift. From your earliest years your parents taught you that whenever someone gives you something, you are to say, "Thank you." And once you were old enough to write, they encouraged you (forced you might be more accurate) to write a thank-you note to those who gave you gifts on your birthday, at Christmas or on other special occasions. "Thank you" is the proper, human response to a gift. It indicates gratitude and appreciation for something freely given, something we did not merit or earn.

### What a Gift!

Catholics celebrate the Eucharist because we know that we have been given a gift. Our very existence is a gift; God didn't have to create us. And not only do we exist. We live *redeemed*—saved from sin by the death of Jesus on the cross and destined for eternal happiness. If that isn't a gift, I don't know what is!

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we gather with other grateful Catholics and we listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed. We hear again and again of God's gifts: creation, freedom, salvation, healing, redemption and everlasting life. Filled with gratitude for so great a gift, we, in turn, want to give a gift to God. We bring forward bread and wine, our food and drink, the symbol of our very lives, and place them on the altar, God's banquet table. And *we say, "Thank you, God!" in our Eucharistic prayer.* And in the course of that prayer we remember how—at that first Eucharist—Jesus himself took bread and wine and *gave God thanks.*

And then something wonderful happens. God changes our gifts and gives them back to us as a gift more wonderful than we ever could have imagined: the very Body and Blood of Christ. And we joyfully process to the altar a second time—this time not to *give* a gift of bread and wine, but to *receive* a gift—a divine gift, a transforming gift. - Rev. Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M., [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)

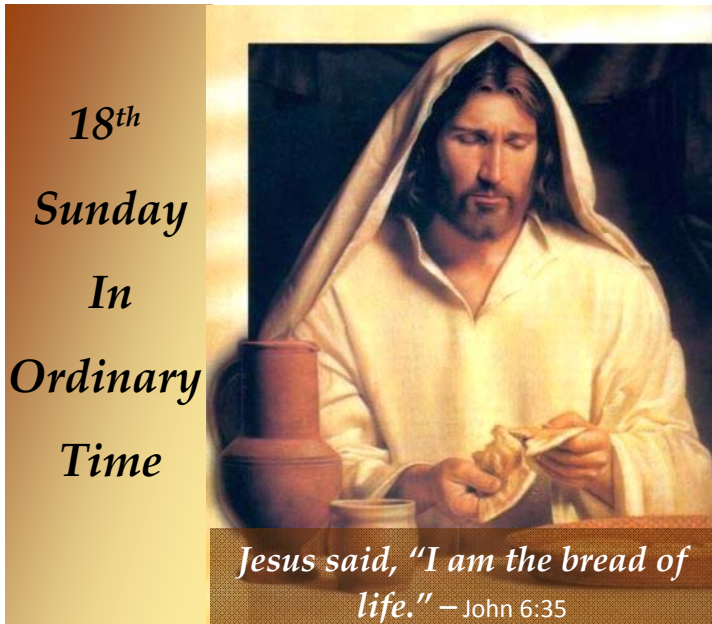
### Key Thought

Jesus gave directions, gave thanks, and gave food so the disciples could give what the people needed to be filled and satisfied. These are wonderful blessings that Jesus gives.

When we look to him and seek to really serve him, he blesses us with power and ability above normal human capacity. This zone of blessing and ministry can also be ours if we will offer Jesus ourselves and remove the things we allow to get in the way of our faith in him.

<http://www.heartlight.org/wjd>

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary



18<sup>th</sup>  
**Sunday**  
 In  
**Ordinary**  
**Time**

*Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." – John 6:35*

**Today's Reflection:** In today's Gospel, Jesus makes the startling revelation, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." These words foreshadow his words at the Last Supper. At every Mass, we remember the Last Supper. We share in Christ's love for us in his sacrifice of himself for our sake. And we do this in the context of a life-sustaining meal. Jesus, the bread of life, is the promise of life everlasting.

*How does Jesus, the bread of life, sustain you?*

**Next Sunday's Reading – August 9, 2009**

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

**Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

**John 6:41-51**

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

People have many reasons to believe in God. There are just as many reasons to stop believing: 1) cultural indifference and skepticism, 2) a feeling of personal abandonment by God and others (i.e., the Church or family), or 3) hostility toward public display of religious activity. All three are common in our day; Elijah also experienced these reasons.

In this reading, Elijah was on the run from Queen Jezebel for preaching against idolatry in Israel. He was alone, for no one cared to hear his message, even after the signs God performed through Elijah. And, he was spiritually tired to the point of despair; he even prayed for death. Yet, through an angel, God gave him strength to continue his journey and his mission. Daily trust in God is a chief reason to believe. But, what can we do when the pressures of daily living overwhelm this trust? What can we do when we want to give up? Elijah's

answer was prayer and openness to God's will. With prayer and an open heart, we, too, will be strengthened by God for our faith journey.

*How have prayer and an open heart to God's will helped you through the tough times?*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

The author compares a shameful lifestyle with that of the Spirit. A life of rage, bitterness, and shouting and slander tore down the community. He encourages his audience to live the life of the Spirit and treat each other with respect and true affection. In other words, to treat each other as God had treated them.

The early community believed its worship joined with that of the risen Lord in heaven. His love led to his passion and death. Both were one act of worship, a self-sacrifice that was like smoky incense that rose to heaven (the vision of smoke rising heavenward during sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem represented the petition of the offering party.) Unlike the bitterness of the clique infighting, a life of love raised the believer beyond the earthly realm to that of the angels. The Christian lifestyle was an act of worship that unites the believer to the Master. The challenge of infighting vs. love is as acute today as it was two thousand years ago in Ephesus. Those who love bind the community together and raise it to another level.

*How have you shown love and respect to your fellow neighbors?*

**Gospel: John 6:41-51**

The gospel opens with discussion between Jesus and his audience. The people "murmured" against the statement Jesus made, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." How could this local son claim so much? How could he hold himself as high as a prophet?

Jesus (and only Jesus) came from the Father and had "seen" the Father. Jesus found his source directly in the Father. The image of bread weaves the themes from 6:44-46 together: God's initiative in the ministry of Jesus, the source and witness of Jesus, and the power to raise up the faithful.

The "Bread of Life" is an indication and a promise of life with God. When we receive the Body of Christ in Communion, we taste the Kingdom. We respond to the invitation of the Father to come to his table, we "feast" upon the life of his Son, and we "inebriate" ourselves with the Spirit.

*How have you shown love and respect to your fellow neighbors?*

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, Michael Alau, 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:** Aunty Sophie Akui, Boon D Alapag, Josanne Arriaga, Nalei Beazley, Lucy Caires, Annie Calizar, George Calizar, Veronica Cambra, Hilda Cannon, Mary Ann Carvalho, Ella Chai, Dolly Creighton, Emily Donato, Betty Funayama, Alberta Gouveia, Edith Grote, Tom Hinderleider, Mildred Ishimoto, Norma Ishimoto, Sr. Jane Francis Leandro, George McCumber Sr., Cleghorn McKee, Gene McIntyre, Moana Medeiros, Candice Muneoka, Elsie Pacheco, Marie Pukini, Charla Jane Reeves, Mary Santiago, Andres Saplac, Henry Sermersheim, Fred Siders, Vickie Solidum, Donald Roy Souza, Judi Spencer, F. B. Stephenson, Patricia Tagupa, Francis Vasconcellos, Bernard Vierra, Kalani Walser

**Our deceased members & friends:** Juliana Clarabal, Dolores Cozby, Honorato Fuentes, James Hoban, Sr., Gloria Kapule, Mapu & Richard Kong, Dorothy Lincoln, Gwendolyn Mae McMahel, May Morris, Sixta Ugale, George Zalopany

**Anniversary of Death:** Dr. Ui'lani Bermudez (10th,) Federico Alikpala, Sr. (30th)

**Special Intentions:** Kuuipo Chai, Lois Chuckey, Tilly & Manny De Mello, Lanny Fong, Tom Giacobello, David Ignacio, Kennedy Mello, Francis Mundon, Makanaokalani Taylor, Bill Trammell, Chris Treakle

*Thank You*

**Cleaners: Week of 7/26/2009**

Don Barton, Marie Blanca, Billie Corpuz, Andrew Dau, Stella Dela Pina, Suzann Filleul, Nancy Fukushima, Don Hee, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Kim McDaniel, John Murray, Loren & Judy Rocheford, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Celia Simon, Patrick & Bev Yearian

**Floral Donations:** Mai, Dai & Tina Nguyen

**Floral Arrangement:** Lilian & Jerry McClellen

## **Registration for Religious Education Programs - (Starting August 23!)**

It's time to register your keiki for the Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs.

**Dates: Sundays, August 2 & 9, 2009**

**Time: 8:00A – 12:00N at the Food Court**  
(or online at [www.saintannshawaii.org](http://www.saintannshawaii.org))

Children and teens, ages potty-trained 3 year olds through 18 year olds. RE/YM classes begin August 23rd.

**New/Returning youth must be registered to attend.**



*No child will be refused because of costs.*

*Scholarships are available upon request.* For more information call the RE Office at 247-3092 ext. 225.

## **If You're A "Techie" – We Need You!**

The AV/Tech support ministry needs more helpers for ALL Masses. Especially for the Saturday 6:00P Mass, Sunday 8:45A and 5:00P Masses. Technical savvy teens or adults are welcome. Experience is not required as we will provide training.

For more information or to volunteer, please call the Rectory at 247-3092, ext. 231.

## **Windward Community Blood Drive**

**Date: Saturday, August 8, 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.



## Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration is an act of love to God. It is a quiet, reflective time of personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

*Adoration will be on Friday, August 7, 2009 from 7:00A to 7:00P in the Queen of Peace Chapel.*

## Gift of Wisdom

Where there is love and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance. — from [The Simple Way](#)

## Christmas Festival – 4 Months Away!

This year's Christmas Festival will be on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Please keep us in mind for any donated items to help support our various booths. (We will need baked goods, jams and jellies, potted plants and flowers, handmade arts and crafts, quilts, any new household items, and Christmas greenery.)

Also, a favorite booth **Hey, Mr. Postman** returns again.

### Here's what you can do:

- *When you are on vacation, look for something unique or interesting and pack it for mailing.*
- *Write or email your family and friends in far-off places and ask them to send a package.*
- *All donated items should have a \$5.00 minimum value.*
- *Mark your parcel with General, Adult or Child.*
- **Mail to:** St. Ann Church  
Hey Mr. Postman  
46-129 Haiku Road  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

*(See Church bulletin board for complete details.)*

### Crafters' Workshops will be on:

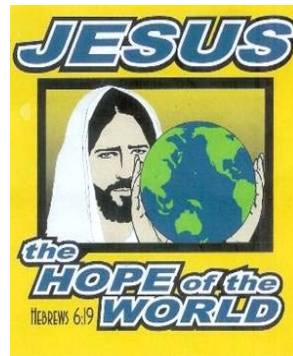
**Wednesdays, AUG 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 9A – 12N**

**Thursdays, AUG 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 6:30P-9:00P**

**Place: 46-280 Hoana Street, Kaneohe**

Donations can be dropped off at the Business office: M-F 7:30A – 4:30P. For more information call Daniel Pires at 247-0868, Phyllis Pires at 247-3092, ext. 248, or Sharon Mattos at 247-3092, ext. 244.

## Hawaii Catholic Charismatic



## Renewal Services

You're invited to the Annual Conference on:  
**Dates: August 14 - 16, 2009**

- **Friday, August 14 @ 5:00P-10:00P**
- **Saturday, August 15 @ 8:00A – 10:00P**
- **Sunday, August 16 @ 1:00P – 4:00P**

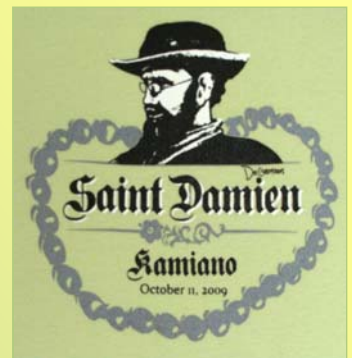
**Place: St. John Apostle and Evangelist**  
95-370 Kuahelani Avenue  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789

**Keynote Speaker:** Fr. Daniel Balizan is an enthusiastic speaker with a special gift for encouragement. He currently is the pastor of St. Patrick/St. Joseph Parish in Raton, NM. Father Daniel serves as the Archbishop's Liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

For information call Florence Andrade at 455-3224 or visit their website at <http://www.hccrs.net>

## Special T's Honor Damien

Inspired by the life of Fr. Damien and his love for Hawaii's people, fellow parishioner, Lee Gonsalves, has created a new t-shirt design to commemorate the canonization of Fr. Damien. Now available at the following locations:



- **St. Ann's Resource Center**  
*(located in St. Ann's Church and open on Sundays after 7:00A, 8:45A & 11:30A Masses.)*
- **Cathedral Gift Shop**  
*(located at Windward Mall and Ala Moana Shopping Center.)*
- **Agape Shoppe** *(located at 39 Maluniu Avenue in Kailua town.)*

# Stewardship

## Working Miracles

Our patron saint, St. Ann is not only our guide and protector, but also a great example of humility, gentleness, patience and a faithful servant of the Lord.

Last Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, our parish celebrated the Feast of St. Ann with an open invitation to all by Fr. Herman Gomes, to enjoy a spaghetti dinner and fellowship in the parish food court. More than 350 people responded to the invitation and the Adult Faith Formation (AFF) Team prepared more than enough food to accommodate the expected crowd. While those that attended were far less than anticipated, the dinner was sumptuous and the fellowship fantastic. After dinner, a special presentation by Maxine Pollock of Scrub Bucket Ministries gave an enthusiastic testimonial on sharing the love of God. Following that, everyone joined in a sing-a-long led by Jocelyn Tamashiro as Auntie Alma Ahuna played the piano to accompany the group.

At the end of the evening, the AFF Team was now faced with a dilemma: what to do with the



Enjoying the celebration at this year's Feast of St. Ann. L-R: Fr. Herman Gomes, Teddi Hussey, Alma & Roland Ahuna & Iva Lehmann. – Photo by: T.Rawlins 7/24/2009

leftover food? At first, the AFF Team considered giving the leftovers to the people who attended but parishioners, Dave and Bernie Reeves had a better suggestion. Their idea was to give it to the River of Life Mission to help feed the homeless. And so with that, all the leftovers were packed and sent with Dave and Bernie to be delivered to those who really needed it.

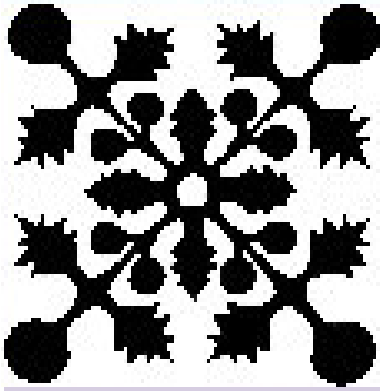
To quote Dave and Bernie, "It seemed to be the Lord once again working through all the people at St. Ann's...all playing our part." AFF leader, Alika Sheldon added, "once again, our Lord worked His miracles and we were his faithful servants. Saint Ann would be proud of us!"

### FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF July 26, 2009

Regular Collection	14,766.72	BUILDING CAMPAIGN	
Special Collection (Project Share)	2,813.00	Loan Amount	75,411.82
Children's Weekly	21.50	Week of 7/26/2009	5,105.11
Building Fund and Pledges	5,105.11	Interest	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>22,706.33</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>70,306.71</b>

*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 to pick up trash in the ocean. – Taylor S.  
 I helped to recycle bottles and cans. – Laynee S.  
 I read some books to my cousin. – Theresa D.  
 I walked all my neighbor's dogs. – Alyssa L.  
 I spent some time visiting my grand-aunt. – Ilima M.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BILAC on `Oahu - 2009

**Big Island Learning & Arts Center** Conference will be held at Chaminade University/Saint Louis School/Marianist Center of Hawaii. The conference offers various workshops on topics involving liturgical and musical ministries, community building, personal spirituality and wellbeing. One highlight of the conference is the evening concerts that combine performances by well-known liturgical musicians and composers from across the nation.

**Dates: November 5 – 7, 2009**

**Place: Chaminade University/St. Louis School /Marianist Center of Hawaii**

**Phone: (808) 967-7788**

**Mail to: P.O. Box 706, Volcano, Hawaii, 96785**

**or email Joe Camacho at [Kano35712@aol.com](mailto:Kano35712@aol.com)**

*Complete workshop listing and registration forms are available online at <http://www.marianisthawaii.org>  
Early registration is encouraged.*

## St. Ann's 5th Annual Scholarship Dinner

### Planners & Volunteers Needed!

Our 5th Annual "An Affair of the Heart" Scholarship Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the beautiful Koolau Golf Club Grand Ballroom.**

This worthwhile and elegant evening is put on by St. Ann's Education Council Members, a Council made up of parents from the ELC, School, Religious Education & Youth Ministry Programs and members of the school administration. Last year we raised over \$45,000 in scholarship funds due to the generous hearts of our parishioners, parents and local businesses.

As we begin planning for our 5th Annual Event, we are looking for volunteers who want to share their time and talent for this worthy cause. We are seeking help with planning the event, mailouts (clerical) and marketing, silent auction solicitations, flowers & decor (centerpieces/favors) and entertainment. **If you or anyone you know may be interested, please call our Education Offices at 247-3092, ext. 221.**

***Thank you for your continued support!***

