

Proud History *Bright Future*

August 16, 2009

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15

We do not know anything about Mary's life after the day of Pentecost. Christian tradition holds that Mary spent the last years of her life in Ephesus (in present-day Turkey) with the apostle John. There is also a church in Jerusalem called the Church of the Dormition (which means the "falling asleep" of Mary) at the legendary place of her death. In some parts of the Church there was a commemoration of her death.

Since the seventh century we have named this celebration the Assumption. In 1950 Pope Pius XII defined as a dogma of our faith that Mary was assumed into heaven "body and soul," without specifying whether or not Mary actually experienced physical death.

Although many have debated this question for centuries, the stronger tradition seems to be that Mary underwent actual death—like Jesus and all other Christians—before she was assumed into heaven. Whatever the details of her passing, she enjoys now the fullness of salvation that we will all share at the resurrection of the dead. She shared in the fullness of Jesus' redemption from the moment of her conception to the completion of her earthly pilgrimage.

Devotion to Mary

Mary's love for God is brought to its deepest fulfillment in heaven, where she intercedes lovingly for her children on earth. This she will continue to do until the Father subjects all things to His Will.

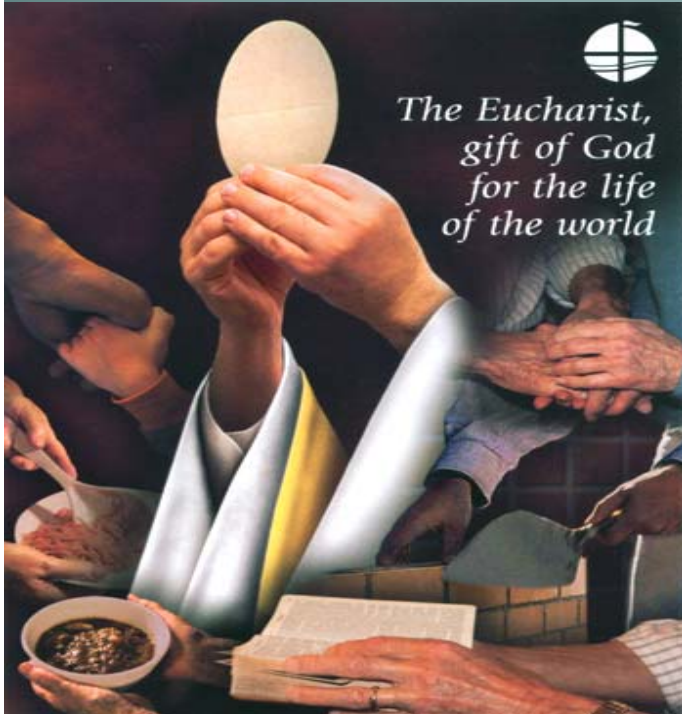


The People of God through the ages have shown Mary veneration and love. They have called upon her in prayer and they imitate her. All these ways of praising Mary draw us closer to Christ. When we honor Mary, we duly acknowledge, love and glorify her Son and observe His commandments. To venerate Mary correctly means to acknowledge her Son, for she is the Mother of God. To love her means to love Jesus, for she is always the Mother of Jesus.

To pray to Our Lady means *not to substitute her for Christ*, but to glorify her Son who desires us to have loving confidence in his saints, especially his Mother. - *Catholic Update, 1992*

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Reflection: Jesus tells the crowd, "I am the living bread." Week after week at Mass we have stories of Jesus' life. Sometimes we may find ourselves listening but not truly comprehending their message. Let us listen closely and truly savor these words. When we allow them to penetrate our hearts, we become more attuned to God's presence and action in the liturgy.

How do Jesus' familiar words speak to you and nourish your soul?

Next Sunday's Reading – August 23, 2009

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

After forty years wandering in the desert, Joshua leads the Israelites into the Promised Land. He gathers the people together and asks how much faith do they have in God? They have no room to waver. They will have no idols and will renew their faith by retelling their history.

The Israelites are the first practicing monotheists. They are the first to believe in a God revealing himself in the events of history and not in the powers of nature, which cannot represent God's power. In today's multi-cultural society, we have many diverse philosophies. We face temptation at

every turn. The challenge of Joshua is as relevant today as it is when he first speaks the words in the desert.

What tempts you to waste your time and money? How can you put God first again?

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:21-32

The author of Ephesians assumes his time's cultural definition of marriage and the secondary status of women. Yet, his analogy of marriage and the relationship between Christ and the Church implicitly raises the status of women and changes the Christian meaning of marriage by raising the status of the husband. The husband is to be the image of Christ in the marriage. He is to love his wife as himself, treating her as an equal, not as a servant or as property. He is to see himself as Christ to his family.

In the end, the author can state that a good Christian community is like a good marriage, built on love, trust, and mutual respect. To be Christian is to always act like Christ, both in public and in private. We are to give as Jesus gives, love as He loves, and in the end, share glory as He shares it with us.

How does your view of a Christian marriage relate to the bond Christ has with the Church?

Gospel - John 6:60-69

Relationships come and go in life. Real friends remain faithful. John's Gospel presents the problem of fidelity in a very straight-forward way. Some of Jesus' disciples have a hard time accepting his message, "I am the Bread of Life." In the end, discipleship requires total commitment, total loyalty. Jesus replies to the rhetorical question of the fallen-away Christians with one of his own. He asks what they would do if they witness the glorious return of Jesus to the Father. (Of course, a true Christian has already seen the glory of the risen Christ through eyes of faith.)

The followers who leave the community do so because they do not trust Jesus. They may have joined for temporary or superficial reasons or for social reasons. For all the reasons people give for leaving the community, trust in Jesus will not be present. Those who stay remain because of Jesus, because the alternatives have such a greater price. They have found their hearts' true desire and have no other place to go. The words of Christ lead to eternal life. The One who speaks to them is God's Holy Son.

Let us lead those who are in a faith crisis by prayer, compassion, and honesty. Finally, let us remember that faith and faithfulness are gifts from God.

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, Rachel V. Fire, 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, Shawn Robinson, Isaiah Somera, 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, Priscilla Adams, Josanne Arriaga, Nalei Beazley, Annie Calizar, George Calizar, Mary Ann Carvalho, Ella Chai, Dolly Creighton, Andy & Ted Dudoit, Betty Funayama, Deogracias Garcia, Jr., Shiela Garcia, Herberta Gaspar, Alberta Gouveia, Edith Grote, Joseph "Kealoha" Hewett, Tom Hinderleider, Mildred Ishimoto, Norma Ishimoto, Napu & Richard Kong, Sr. Jane Francis Leandro, Rodney Leong, Theresa Logan, George McCumber Sr., Cleghorn McKee, Moana Medeiros, Regina Meleisea, Tim Pfaltzgraff, Charla Jane Reeves, Andres Saplada, Henry Sermersheim, Fred Siders, Vickie Solidum, Judi Spencer, Francis Vasconcellos, Bernard Vierra, Red Walser, Marsha Yim

Our deceased members & friends: Samuel K. Akiona, Margaret Christian, Sam Kanamu, Cecil & William Kapu, Mary McLean, Helen Nono, Pauline Silva, Pedring Soriano, William Soriano, Sr.

Anniversary of Death: Jane Capol (4th), Rodney Philips (6th), Jason Baba (8th), James Seto, Jr. (37th)

Special Intentions: Kuuipo Chai, Lanny Fong, Kennedy Mello, Francis Mundon, Rosie & Danny Smith, Bill Trammell, Chris Treakle



Cleaners: Week of 8/9/2009

Don Barton, Marie Blanca, Mervin & Renae Chun, Billie Corpuz, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Don Hee, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Agnes Leong, Kim McDaniel, John Quisano, & Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Charles Shumaker, Robert Tabaniag, Patrick & Bev Yearian

Floral Donations: Mai, Dai & Tina Nguyen

Floral Arrangement: Mervin & Renae Chun

5th Annual Hunger Walk 2009

Hawaii Foodbank is holding their annual Hunger Walk on:

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2009

Place: Honolulu Civic Center

Time: 8:00A (registration) Walk: 9:00A

An information table will be at the back of the vestibule after the weekend Masses beginning **August 8 & 9 and 15 & 16**. Also, you can bring your donations to the Church Rectory or to the Project Share Office M-F from 8:00A – 5:00P.

Your support helps to purchase products from the Hawaii Foodbank to supplement our St. Ann's food pantry. ***Mahalo for your kokua!***

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Please join us if you or someone you care about is thinking of joining the Catholic Church or is an Adult Catholic but has not been confirmed or has not received first Eucharist.

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Time: 7:30P in the Parish Center

For more information, call Tom and Gloria Huber at 235-1437.

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**.

Technically 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.

Next Spiritual Retreat (BCC)

Strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with God. Take this opportunity to open your heart and renew your spirit, so that you can grow as a faithful witness to Jesus.

Dates: September 25-27, 2009

Time: 5:00P Friday - Mid-afternoon Sunday

Place: St. Anthony's Retreat Center

Information fliers are available at the back of the Church or visit their website: www.bcchi.com

Annual Lokomaika`i `Aha Himeni Songfest

Join us for an evening of Hawaiian Mele on:

Date: Friday, September 18, 2009

Time: 7:30P at Our Lady of Peace Cathedral

Various Catholic churches on Oahu will each present a Hawaiian or Hawaiian- English hymn, and the combined choir will sing special selections together. `Aha Himeni has to be one of the best highlights of Hawaiian Inculturation and choral musicianship!

Rehearsals for the St. Ann's choir will be on:

Dates: Tuesdays, SEP 1 & 15

Wednesday, SEP 9

Time: 7:15P – 9:00P

Place: St. Ann's Church

This event is sponsored by: H.A.L.I.A. – Hawaiian Arts & Liturgical Inculturation Awareness

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 19 & 26 @ 9A – 12N

Thursdays, AUG 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.

Augustine Educational Foundation

(AEF Collection)

The Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) kindly asks for your support for their Annual Collection this weekend, **August 15 & 16, 2009.**

Its mission is to make Catholic education more affordable for economically challenged families here in Hawaii.

100% of your donation will go towards tuition scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year. If you would like to make a donation using Visa or MasterCard, please call the office at (808) 203-2440. Every dollar can make a difference!

The Augustine Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide scholarships to economically disadvantaged students at private and parochial schools operated under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic origin or religion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pro-Life Quote

America, you are beautiful...and blessed...The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and the most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life. – Pope John Paul II

2nd 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.

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 Kanoe35712@aol.com**

Stewardship

We Did It!

May God be pleased in our lives and our works!



Parishioner Mrs. Colene Wong presents Fr. Herman Gomes with a check for \$500,000.00 for St. Ann's Church & Model Schools from the Henry H. Wong Fund. We are so grateful! – SA Photo 8/12/2009

It is in a spirit of deep gratitude that we announce the full payment of our beloved church building. For the last two decades the members of this parish community of St. Ann, Kaneohe have been faithful and generous in their efforts to build a proper and dignified edifice for the worship and love of God. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, and to all of our precious people who have made this possible.

The gift that we received from the Henry H. Wong Fund at the Hawaii Community Foundation in the amount of \$500,000 allowed us to retire the debt to the church building and turn our attention to the other parts of our campus that are in dire need of upkeep and renovation. We are certainly grateful to Henry and Colene Wong; yet we know that what we see on this property is attributed to the good will and benevolence of many, many people, past and present,

who have worked so hard for the church. We have a wonderful history of folks who know how to receive God's gifts gratefully, who cherish them with responsibility, and who know how to return a portion back to God **"with grateful hearts."**

Let us move forward, my friends, with renewed trust, that the Good God will always continue to provide for us, his children.

We are planning an ice cream social to commemorate this milestone in our parish before summer is out. Date and details of our celebration will follow in an upcoming bulletin.

FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF August 9, 2009

Regular Collection	14,236.33	BUILDING CAMPAIGN	
Special Collection		Loan Amount	63,343.71
Children's Weekly	24.00	Week of 8/9/2009	63,343.71
Building Fund and Pledges	63,343.71	Interest	
TOTAL COLLECTION	77,604.04	BALANCE	

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



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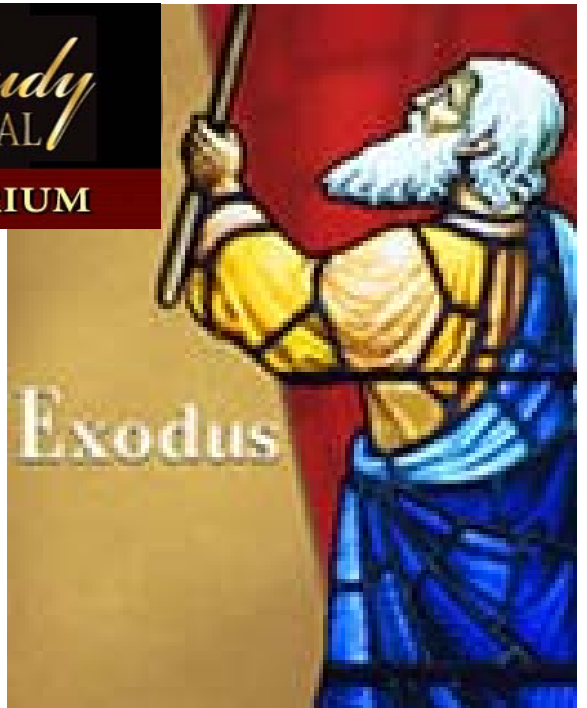
Join us for a 30-week study of this eye-opening book! Exodus is the soul of the Old Testament. Learn how the covenant God makes at Mt. Sinai is the same covenant that Jesus comes to fulfill, how the Eucharist is prefigured by the Passover, how baptism is foreshadowed in the parting of the Red Sea and oh, so much more!

If you really want to understand your faith, you simply must spend time in the book of Exodus!

Place: St. Ann's, Kaneohe – Parish Center

Classes Begin: Saturday, SEP 12th at 9:00AM
and Tuesday, SEP 15th at 7:30PM

Registration/Materials Fee: \$50.00



For more information, please stop by the information table in the vestibule or contact **Trudy Rawlins** at 239-5888 or 255-4131 or email: rawlinst@hawaii.rr.com

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!

