

Proud History Bright Future

August 23, 2009

St. Ann's Church & Model Schools 46-129 Haiku Road Kaneohe, Hawaii www.saintannshawaii.org

Mass of the Holy Spirit

August 24, 2009

Administrators, faculty and staff of all Catholic Schools on Oahu will gather on **Monday, August 24, 2009, at 8:30AM** for the "Mass of the Holy Spirit" at St. Ann's Church, Kaneohe. The Mass signifies the beginning of the new school year for all Catholic Schools.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit offers us a special opportunity to pray for our students, staff, teachers and administrators as they return for the new school year:

- *Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds.*
- *Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us to follow Jesus' way of love.*
- *Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another.*
- *Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day.*
- *Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence. Amen.*

*Excerpt from the Prayer of St. Augustine
Blessings for God's People, 1983, Ave Maria Press*



A Student's Prayer

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding.

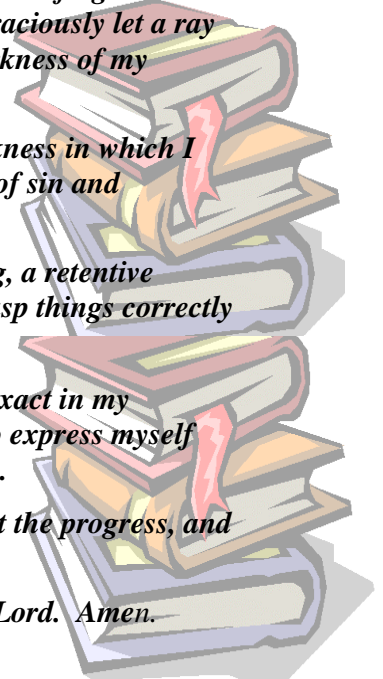
Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance.

Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion.

*I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
St. Thomas Aquinas*



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Recognize the presence of God in the Eucharist!

Today's Reflection:

Today, we hear the story of a people who recognize God's presence in their lives. Joshua recalls God's protection when the Israelites flee the yoke of the Egyptians. Peter recognizes Jesus as "the Holy One of God." Each week at Mass we, also, recognize the presence of God in our lives and in the celebration of the Eucharist. This awareness and our willingness to serve God impel us to extend God's presence beyond the doors of the church into our everyday lives.

Where do you recognize God in your everyday life?

Next Sunday's Reading – August 30, 2009

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Living among different clans and cities, each with their own god, the Israelites face many temptations and many choices. Toward the end of his life, Moses reminds the people they follow a unique God who works in the lives of His people. His Law is also unique, insisting upon high moral character and action with compassion and justice. They are to keep the entire Law and not pick and choose based on convenience. The honor of the people reflects the justice of their Law, which, in turn, reflects the goodness of their God.

Today, with many authorities vying for our attention, the test of authority is the results its rules have on daily life. The results of moral living prove God's authority.

What are some ways that you can be more compassionate to others?

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
James' first question is how can his community live out the Law as followers of Jesus? Worship of God has ethical consequences. Gentiles who join the Church have a relationship with God not based upon the covenant of Moses but upon faith.

James stresses following the ethical duties found in the Law. Those who have a relationship with God will live God's Law by performing acts of charity and keeping a morally upright reputation. This is what James means by the phrase "be a doer of the Word." James places the moral lifestyle of the Christian in the context of grace.

Every good gift comes from God. The highest gift is his "Word," the indwelling of Christ through the power of the Spirit. The life of grace is the ethical life.

How will you bring the Word to others? How does your faith guide your everyday actions?

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

With the decline of Judea and the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians, the people migrate (Diaspora) to different parts of the world. Their practices such as ritual washings remind them of their heritage, their current faith, and the reason they are not like other peoples.

Jesus teaches nothing people do can hasten the coming of God's kingdom. No ritual done for its own sake can lead to a closer union with God. A relationship with God is more important than scrupulous obedience to the Law. The good of God's creation (i.e., his people) is more important than the good of the Law.

Jesus finishes with a teaching on morality. He points to the heart as the source of morality, not the stomach. (This reference relates to a practice called "korban," a way to get around the Law, a loophole.) Jesus declares breaking kosher does not make a Jew like the Gentile. Living at a higher moral standard makes the believer distinct, different. The core of that higher morality begins in the mind and the heart.

How do you prepare your mind and your heart to celebrate the Eucharist?

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, 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, Carmelita Diego, Andy & Ted Dudoit, Betty Funayama, Edith Grote, Joseph "Kealoha" Hewett, Tom Hinderleider, Mildred Ishimoto, Norma Ishimoto, Carmen Kiyabu, Sr. Jane Francis Leandro, Rodney Leong, Theresa Logan, George McCumber Sr., Cleghorn McKee, Moana Medeiros, Regina Meleisea, Tim Pfaltzgraff, Charla Jane Reeves, Andres Saplada, Fred Siders, Vickie Solidum, Judi Spencer, Francis Vasconcellos, Bernard & Priscilla Vierra, Red Walser, Deacon Billy Whitfield, Marsha Yim

Our deceased members & friends: Samuel K. Akiona, Gladys Ornellas, Mary Ramos, Helen Sato, Robert H.N. Yee

Anniversary of Death: Santos Agas (2nd), Ellen Lui (5th), Julia E. Omilda (5th), Thomas Dooley (15th), Randy Badua (22nd)

Wedding Anniversary: Fred & Elizabeth Kamaka (50th)

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



Cleaners: Week of 8/16/2009

Marie Blanca, Dennis Chai, Billie Corpuz, Stella Dela Pina, Maleko Fagasa, Suzann Filleul, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Sam Halas, Don Hee, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Aileen Ma, Kim McDaniel, Loren & Judy Rocheford, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto

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

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.

For more information, please visit their website at www.hawaiifoodbank.org **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

Priests For Life

Join us for dinner with keynote speaker, Fr. Frank Pavone as he highlights the realities of Abortion and the Gospel of Life on:

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2009

Place: Hale Koa Hotel, DeRussy Room at 6:30P

For more information call Deacon Kin Borja at 224-0696 or 448-6674 or email: Kinborja@aol.com

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



Christmas – Almost Here!

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:

Wednesday, AUG 26 @ 9A – 12N

Thursday, AUG 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.

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.

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

Dates: Tuesdays, SEP 1 & 15

Wednesday, SEP 9

Time: 7:15P – 9:00P at St. Ann's Church

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

Catholics Returning Home (CRH)

St. Ann's Church will offer a six-week program, Catholics Returning Home. A ministry geared for non-practicing Catholics who wish to return to full participation in the Church. Sessions begin:

Mondays: SEP 21, 28 OCT 5, 12, 19 & 26

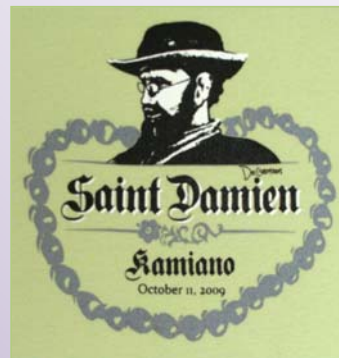
Time: 7:00P – 8:30P

Place: St. Ann's Parish Center, 2nd flr.

There is no better time than the present. Find your way back to God through the Catholic Church and/or help others return home. For more information, call Jerry or Lilian McClellen at 247-7561.

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

In Giving, We Receive

Habitat for Humanity, Vietnam 2009

A report by Parishioners Dave & Bernie Reeves



This summer we led a trip to Vietnam under the auspices of Habitat International. Habitat for Humanity believes in the "theology of the hammer" which means that we demonstrate Christ's love by working to build or renovate houses so that every family has a simple, decent house. We also work many Saturdays at Habitat projects in Waimanalo and recently, just finished one that is set to be dedicated on August 22nd.

For the Vietnam project, we gathered a team of 16 people from the U.S., Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore. The team was great. Each person contributed money for a donation, trip expenses and airfare. Several wonderful St. Ann's parishioners also made donations for our trip.

Each night, part of the Habitat plan included a time set aside for reflection. Even though being a mixed group of Christian, Jewish, Baha'i and no formal religion, we all shared something of ourselves and came away better for it.

The Womens' Committee and the Communist Party in the district must approve Habitat projects in Vietnam. They asked how much we were paid to do this. My reply that we paid our own way and even contributed money for the loan made to the families for their renovations surprised the deputy chairman. By the end of the second week, they invited our team to the Headquarters, and the Party Commissioner asked some local Khmer minority women to sing and dance for and with us. Their dance was similar to our hula and they exhibited the same feeling of Aloha. It was an experience we will never forget.

One thing that makes Habitat so meaningful is we work side by side with the poorest of the poor. We find out that they are wonderful people who are hard working, resourceful, happy and thankful for the little that we do for them. They are so grateful for a couple of days' work such as digging a foundation for their new house or putting in a tile floor in place of the hard-packed dirt. We all have found the truth of the words of St. Francis: *"It is in giving that we receive."*



Parishioners Bernie & Dave Reeves volunteer their time, hard work & personal resources to help build homes for our Vietnam neighbors. – Habitat Vietnam Photos by: bethhatem, 8/12/2009

FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF August 16, 2009

Regular Collection	14,142.33
Augustine Collection	1,048.00
Children's Weekly	25.50
Building Fund and Pledges	
TOTAL COLLECTION	15,215.83

How Do I Share God's Gifts With Others?

I cleaned my room without being asked. – Keila M.

I helped Dad get things ready for a trip to the sandbar. – Ilima M.

I helped to recycle bottles and cans. – Laynee S.



Catholic Scripture Study INTERNATIONAL

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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!

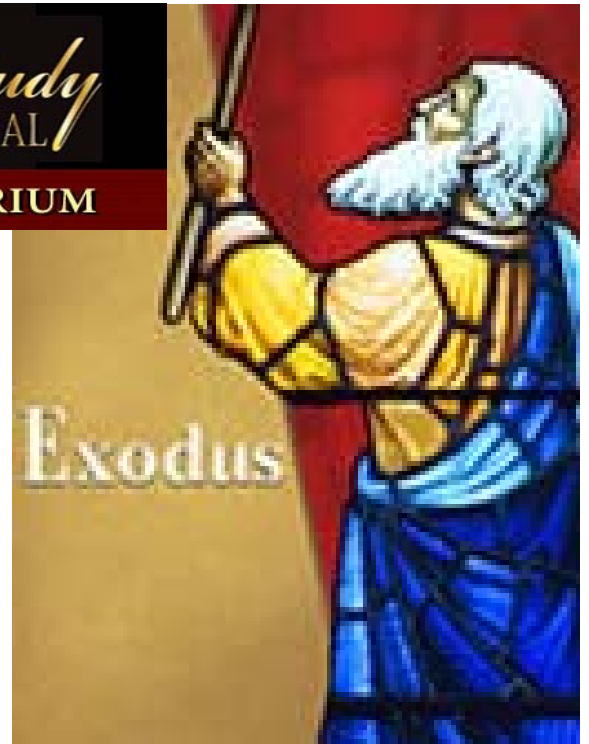
If you really want to understand your faith, you simply must spend time in the book of Exodus!

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

Registration Deadline: *Monday, August 24, 2009*



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!

