



St. Stephen Catholic Church

DEACON & FIRST MARTYR

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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* DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ APRIL 23, 2017 *

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY [Main Church] ... 4:00 PM

SUNDAY [Main Church] ... 7:15 AM

SUNDAY [Main Church] ... 9:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Chapel of St. Catherine

MONDAY ~ SATURDAY ... 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY ... 3:15 ~ 3:45 PM
or by appointment

PASTOR:

Fr. Mario Raquepo

(Cell) 808.228.3053

STAFF:

Rev. Deacon Ronald Choo

Sister MaryKutty Kottuppallil

Celine Asato

Tina Welch, Secretary

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

DEVOTION & ADORATION

Holy RosaryBefore Mass



First Wednesday of the month ~ after 8:00 AM Mass

From 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Other Wednesdays

8:30 AM ~ 9:00 AM

PARISH MINISTRIES

Homebound & Bereavement

Virginia Jordan & Helen Luke

Hospitality

David Tom

Altar Servers

Liturgical Music

Dr. Stanley Wong

(Sat. 4:00 PM)

M. Felipe

(Sunday 7:15 & 9:30 AM)



PARISH MINISTRIES

Lectors

Beverly Perry

Holy Communion At Mass

Jennifer Tamayo

Sacristy

Celine Asato & David Tom

Respect Life

Juanita Ruis

Holo Holo Ministry

Stan Contrades

* JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU *

FAITH FORMATION

CCD-Children

Velma Guieb-Mamuad

Youth & Confirmation

Brian Laroya

R.C.I.A.

Debbie Fujiyama

Parish Scripture Group

Francis Jordan

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council

Patricia Silva

Stewardship/Discipleship Council

Randy Tom

Finance Council

James Solidum

Knights of Columbus

Randy Tom

Liturgy Committee

Sr. MaryKutty Kottuppallil, MSMHC

Social Fellowship

Sui Kozuma & Kitchen Crew

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Priest and Homebound Ministers are available to visit the infirm or hospitalized. Please contact the Parish. For sacramental emergency, call 595.3105 and press #2.

BAPTISM: Sacramental preparation is required. If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized, please call the Parish office for more information.

MARRIAGE: The Diocese of Honolulu requires couples to marry in the Church and participate in the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact the office for Marriage Preparation at least 6 months before the wedding.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Kokua! Please contact your Church prior to making arrangements with a funeral home.

PARISHIONERS: When changing address/telephone, or moving out of the Parish, please notify the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Stephen, please use the forms available at the entrance of the Church or contact the office.



This Sunday's Gospel ~ April 23, 2017

John 20:19-31

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



RESPECT FOR LIFE

April Intention: That God may bless and console the fathers of aborted children.

Five Reasons Planned Parenthood should be Defunded:

1. Planned Parenthood is about abortion, not healthcare.
2. Planned Parenthood is a corrupt, criminal enterprise.
3. Planned Parenthood is a racist organization.
4. Planned Parenthood is a political machine.

Visit www.priestsforlife.org for more information.

Also, from April 20-28 and from April 29-May 7, pro-lifers are asked to participate in campaigns of prayer and fasting to end abortion and the evils of Planned Parenthood. Prayers for this interdenominational effort can be found at www.PrayPP.com.



MAY 14TH, BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN WASHINGTON, DC.

The National Shrine is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America, and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. Your donation is vitally important to the daily operation and ministry of the National Shrine. Your generosity is humbly appreciated. May you and your family be richly blessed. For more information, visit www.nationalshrine.com.

This collection is scheduled for Mother's Day, May 14th and will help to finish the beautiful mosaic that will adorn the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of America's Catholic church in Washington, DC

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS APPROVED BY BISHOP LARRY SILVA

MAY 27, 28, CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Your contribution helps us connect people here in the United States and around the world to the merciful love of Christ through social media, television, radio, and print media. And half of your donation stays in your diocese to support local communications projects! To learn more about the Catholic Communication Campaign, please visit www.usccb.org/cc.

† MASS INTENTIONS †

SATURDAY, 04.22.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Ken Asato
4:00 PM Mass: † Tomiko Asato
† Betty Chong † Doreen & Francis Chia
† Shirley Wong

Happy Birthday to:
Carlene Takushi & Stacey Lynn

SUNDAY, 04.23.2017

7:15 AM Mass: *Healing of:* Albert Chong
9:30 AM Mass: † Ron Kano (1 yr Anniversary)

† Darin Higashiguchi Hartsell
Birthday Blessings!
Sarah, Nicholas, Eliana & Alex Abcede

MONDAY, 04.24.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Tomiko Asato
Birthday Blessings! Randy Tom

TUESDAY, 04.25.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Jose Gosiaco

WEDNESDAY, 04.26.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Randy Porrus
Birthday Blessings! Beverly Jean Mann

THURSDAY, 04.27.2017

8:00 AM Mass: *Birthday Blessings!*
Arlette Aki

FRIDAY, 04.28.2017

8:00 AM Mass: *All the Souls In Purgatory*

SATURDAY, 04.29.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Ken Asato
4:00 PM Mass: † Tomiko Asato
† Betty Chong † Francis & Doreen Chia

PLEASE PRAY



FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Margaret Robello, Joe Chang, Carrie Talwar, Fred Lum, Nancy Asato, Richard Wong, Benito Bautista.

† FOR THE DECEASED †

Harry Bender, Charles Ho, Edith Demello, Catherine Aoki, Donna McDonnell, Jerry Tarutani, Vickie Solidum, Nancy Tom, Lawrence Perry, Roland Albarado, Eileen Green, Don Yee, Ron Kano, Gladys Wong, Ken Asato, Tomiko Asato, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty Chong



ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16267



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Contact Worthy Grand Knight Randy Tom
eMail Address: randy.tom0972@gmail.com

- ◆ Thanks to the parishioners who donated food to the Aloysius Tom Food Pantry. We collected and delivered 355 pounds of food to the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary for their "Hale Aloha" elderly care center in Waianae on April 13.
- ◆ Thanks for supporting the 2017 Operation Rice Bowl campaign. Please place your donations in the Mass collection baskets.
- ◆ We hosted a Formation Degree exemplification on Friday, April 21, and have 7 Knights who advanced to the next level of Knighthood. Please congratulate and pray for the following: Steve Aki, Stan Contrades, Frank Jordan, Ben Ladrillono, Alfredo Lee, James Solidum, and Dr. Stanley Wong.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CATHOLIC MAN?

Ecce Homo — Behold the Man

HOW DOES A CATHOLIC MAN LOVE?

Studies have shown that many men today are living friendless lives. This has its effect on marriages where men have no emotional support apart from their wives, as well as on children, who should see true friends in the lives of their parents but often do not. What a blessing to have the presence of good faithful friends to provide the encouragement and accountability we need to be free! Indeed, as the Scriptures tell us, "as iron sharpens iron, so one man must sharpen another" (Proverbs 27:17).

Man as Husband — The Purpose of Masculine Erotic Love

Next, let us seek to understand more deeply man's calling to spousal love. Every man is made to live as a husband and a father in *some way*: "God assigns the dignity of every woman as a task to every man." Each an is called to commit and give of himself completely. For most men, this call is marriage while for others, this call is to the priesthood or to some other sincere and total self-gift in God's service. Yet, in our day, such commitment is often seen as settling for something conventional, even boring; something that limits freedom or threatens love.

Nothing could be further from the truth! Instead, I remind you of the words of St. Josemaría Escrivá: "{T}here is a need for a crusade of manliness and purity to counteract and nullify the savage work of those who think man is a beast. And that crusade is your work.

(To be continued.)

Into The Breach — An Apostolic Exhortation To Catholic Men
Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Temple Emanu-El invites the community to remember the eleven million victims of the Holocaust at this event at 7:00 PM on Sunday, April 23. Featured are a photo exhibit and guest speakers from the German Consulate.

All are invited.

FAITH FORMATION

Liturgical Ministries



[Sat. 04.29] ~ David Houle, Michelle Silva
[Sun. 04.30] ~ Sandy Wong, Sweetie Pacarro



*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

[Sat. 04.29] ~ Val Ho, Randy Tom
[Sun. 04.30] ~ Jennifer & Joel Tamayo, Meriam Ladrillono



CHURCH CLEANERS

Group 3 ~ Saturday, April 29, 2017
Carolyn & Bernard Ho, Christy Nakano, Helen Luke, Velma Mamuad, Nohea George

PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP

The 9:30 AM Wednesday meeting of the Parish Scripture Group continues in the SPAM conference room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council meets on the **third Thursday** of the month, at 6:00 PM in the SPAM Conference Room.



R.C.I.A. CORNER

Sunday, April 23, 2017

C.C.D. CORNER

Sunday, May 7, 2017

CRAFT FAIR/BAKE SALE

50/50 Raffle Drawing (Details to follow)

Please support the CCD Children & Youth

**** If you would like to man a booth, please contact the CCD/Faith Formation staff. ****



DAILY SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Monday, April 24

Acts 4:23-31

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Tuesday, April 25

1st Peter 5:1-14

St. Mark

Wednesday, April 26

Acts 5:17-26

St. Cletus

Thursday, April 27

Acts 5:27-33

St. Zita

Friday, April 28

Acts 5:34-42

St. Peter Chanel

Saturday, April 29

Acts 6:1-7

St. Catherine of Siena

Sunday, April 30

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

**Acts of the Apostles
2:14, 22-23 (46A)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

St. Pius V, Pope

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR LORD

Weekly Offerings: (April 15 & 16, 2017)

Ordinary Income Expenses

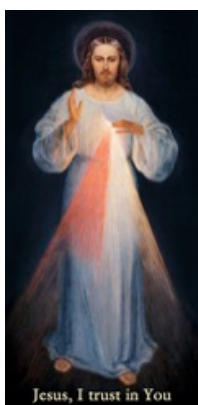
Income

Easter Fund	\$3,960.62
Elevator Fund	\$310.00
Holy Land Fund	\$273.00
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
Rice Bowl	\$705.03
Sat./Sun. Offerings	\$932.00
Votive Candles Fund	\$77.00
Total Income	\$6,287.65
Gross Profit	\$6,287.65
Net Ordinary Income	\$6,287.65
Net Income	\$6,287.65
LAST WEEK	\$4,428.76

MAHALO

We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent, and treasure to our Parish Community.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



What is Divine Mercy? *The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion*

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to

share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as *The Divine Mercy* is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to *The Divine Mercy* had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

For a full understanding of Divine Mercy, we recommend *Divine Mercy Message and Devotion*, by Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC.

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.