



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEACON & FIRST MARTYR ~ A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT ~ "Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the family of St. Stephen Catholic Church nurture and sustain our faith through Love, Service and Unity."

Hele Mai ~ Come join us!

✱ 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 5, 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:

Rev. 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 Rosary Before 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

Liturgical Music

Dr. Stanley Wong
(Sat. 4:00 PM)

M. Felipe

(Sunday 7:15 & 9:30 AM)



Matthew 23

"You have but one master, the Christ.

The greatest among you must be your servant.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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

FAITH FORMATION

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine-Children

Velma Guieb-Mamuad

Youth & Confirmation

Brian Laroya

Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

WGK 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Fellowship By:
PARISHIONERS



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Fellowship By:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Parish Council Announcements



SUPPLIES & INGREDIENTS LIST FOR OUR THANKSGIVING TAKE-OUT LUNCH WE NEED YOUR KOKUA!

- 35 sectional clamshell plates
- 10 lbs. yams
- 7 each, under 16 lbs. turkeys (FREE at Foodland)
- Pumpkin crunch (enough to make 35+ pieces)
- Costco Italian sausage
- 1 case pork shoulder (70 lbs. Wong's Meat Market)

Monetary donations welcome! Mark it for **"Thanksgiving Take-Out"** and place it in the collection.

Please call or text Tina at 386-5099 with your donations. She will confirm with you as others may have already donated items.

Deadline to bring items is Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 808

Getting Married on a Black Sand Beach

*Dr. Kristina M. DeNeve, Adult Faith Formation & Evangelization
Coordinator, Diocese of Honolulu*

One of my parish colleagues shared how her brother recently got married down at Punalu'u Beach. She was elated because they had been dating for over fifteen years, living together most of that time. The man wouldn't propose earlier because of complications with her ex-husband and four children. But now, fifteen years later, they were finally wed.

My coworker, a Cradle Catholic, talked story with me because she was shocked at how some people reacted to her news. When talking with other active Catholics here and there in the months leading up to the wedding, they would share in her excitement.....but only until they heard it was taking place at a beach. At that point, many good, faithful Catholics lost their smile and offered their condolences. (A beach wedding means another non- sacramental marriage, another non-Catholic priest presided wedding.)

My colleague was broken-hearted, not by the wedding, but by the reaction of these well-meaning, loving Catholic Christians. Seeing the ring on her brother's finger was one answer to a decade of prayers. It was cause for celebration, not mourning.

Sure, she now prays they will one day pursue marriage convalidation. In the meantime, can our goal of strengthening marriage and family translate into happiness about a wedding, even if it takes place on a beach?

† MASS INTENTIONS †

SATURDAY, 11.04.2017

8:00 A.M. Mass: † Ken Asato
† Charles Ray Malone, Jr.
Birthday Blessings: Pat Basilio

4:00 P.M. Mass: † Tomiko Asato
† Doreen & Francis Chia † Deceased Sisters of MSMHC
† Deceased Parents of Sisters of MSMHC
Living & † Deceased Benefactors of MSMHC
† Deceased Spiritual Directors/Directresses of MSMHC

SUNDAY, 11.05.2017

7:15 A.M. Mass: † All The Souls In Purgatory
9:30 A.M. Mass: † Ken Asato † Ronald Gushiken

MONDAY, 11.06.2017

8:00 A.M. Mass: † Tony & Sarah Louis

TUESDAY, 11.07.2017

8:00 A.M. Mass: † All The Souls In Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, 11.08.2017

8:00 A.M. Mass: † Regina Ruis

THURSDAY, 11.09.2017

8:00 A.M. Mass: † All The Souls In Purgatory

FRIDAY, 11.10.2017

8:00 A.M. Mass: *Birthday Blessings:*
Laura Chun

SATURDAY, 11.11.2017

8:00 A.M. Mass: † Ken Asato
Birthday Blessings: Mathew Kottuppallil
4:00 P.M. Mass: † Tomiko Asato
† Doreen & Francis Chia
† Deceased Sisters of MSMHC
† Deceased Parents of Sisters of MSMHC
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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, Raymond & Nancy Tom, Lawrence Perry, Roland Albarado, Eileen Green, Don Yee, RonKano, Gladys Wong, Ken Asato, Tomiko Asato, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty & Albert Chong, Shirley Wong.

It is difficult to become a saint. Difficult, but not impossible!
- St. Padre Pio



ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16267



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



We continue to sell car magnets, "He Is Risen," for a council banner. It is a great way to evangelize our Catholic faith. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated for a car magnet.

SAINT OF THE DAY

ST. ELIZABETH ~ NOVEMBER 5, 2017

What we know of St. Elizabeth comes from the Gospel, the book of Luke, in particular. In Luke, Elizabeth, a daughter of the line of Aaron, and the wife of Zacharias, was "righteous before God" and was "blameless" but childless. Elizabeth is also a cousin to the Virgin Mary.

Zachariah, desiring a child, went to pray in the temple and was told by the angel Gabriel, "Do not be afraid, Zachariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born." (Luke 1:13-15).

Zachariah was skeptical because both himself and his wife were elderly. For his skepticism, Zachariah was rendered mute until the prophecy had been fulfilled.

Elizabeth became pregnant shortly thereafter and she rejoiced.

Gabriel then visited the Virgin Mary at Nazareth, telling her that she would conceive of the Holy Spirit and become the mother of Jesus.

Mary then visited Elizabeth, and her baby leapt in her womb. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth proclaimed to Mary, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" (Luke 1:41-45).

Mary visited with Elizabeth for three months, both women pregnant with child. After Mary returned home, Elizabeth gave birth to a son and named him John. This child was chosen by God to be John the Baptist. John would baptize Christ as an example to all, that all must be reborn of water and spirit.

Although Elizabeth's neighbors assumed the child would be named Zachariah, her husband insisted that John be his name. This astonished the neighbors for there were no men named John in Elizabeth's family, but Zachariah's insistence ended the debate. At the moment Zachariah insisted that they obey the will of God, and name him John, his speech returned.

After this, there is no more mention in the Bible about Elizabeth.

THREE OF THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD SAINTS OF ALL TIME

Most Catholics can rattle off a list of who they consider to be the ten most popular saints. The lists would vary, of course, but would most likely contain many of the same names.

There are some saints, however, who are so famous that they are known around the world—not only to Catholics, but to people of all beliefs (or no particular beliefs at all).

This is a beautiful example of how holiness draws souls who are fascinated by it, even if they don't understand why. And it reminds me of Matthew 5:16, which says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Let's begin with the man who is, arguably, the most popular saint of all time.

St. Francis of Assisi - Popular portrayal: tree-hugging, world-peace-proclaiming saint with a pigeon on his shoulder.

(To be continued.)

ARE YOU A 3G CATHOLIC?

by Fr. Larry Swink
Pastor, Jesus the DivineWord, Huntingtown, Maryland

The Third "G": Get Over Yourself; It Is All About God's Grace

Notice at the end of Matthew 20 that all the workers received the same wage, whether they worked all day or just for two hours. Jesus says, "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:13-15).

Our Lord is making an important point here. The "day's wages" for every person is God's grace. Jesus wants us to understand that his grace is a pure gift. The fact that I was born into a devout family and am a priest today is a grace. The fact that all of us are here now is a grace!

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church we learn, "Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd ed. [Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000], no. 1996; see also Jn 1:12-18; 17:3; Rom 8:14-17; 2 Pet 1:3-4). What does that mean? We need to pray that God opens up the hearts of those we are trying to bring back to the Church. The founder of Opus Dei wrote in his book of meditation *The Way*, "If you are not a man of prayer, I don't believe in the sincerity of your intentions when you say that you work for Christ" (St. Josemaria Escriva, *The Way*, "Prayer," no. 109).

(To be continued.)



DAILY SCRIPTURAL READINGS

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Monday, November 6

Romans 11:29-36

St. Leonard

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Tuesday, November 7

Romans 12:5-16

St. Achillas

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Wednesday, November 8

Romans 13:8-10

St. Castorius

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Thursday, November 9

Genesis 28:11-18

St. Benignus

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Friday, November 10

Romans 15:14-21

St. Leo the G

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Saturday, November 11

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

St. Martin of Tours

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Sunday, November 12

**32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16 (154A)

[Page 222, *Breaking Bread*]

Responsorial Psalm

*My soul is thirsting for you, O
Lord my God.*

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Second Reading

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
or 4:13-14**

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Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

[Page 223, *Breaking Bread*]

St. Josaphat of Polotsk

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR LORD

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

(October 28 & 29, 2017)

Ordinary Income Expenses

Income

Kitchen	\$100.00
Website Fund	\$35.00
All Souls Day Remembrance	\$350.00
Building Fund	\$935.00
Mass Intentions	\$42.00
Sr. MaryKutty Fund	\$75.00
Sat./Sunday Offerings	\$1,762.25
Tai Chi Fund	\$130.00
Votive Candles	\$64.00
World Mission Sunday	\$20.00

Total Income \$3,833.25

Gross Profit \$3,833.25

Net Ordinary Income \$3,833.25

Net Income \$3,833.25

LAST WEEK \$2,037.39

MAHALO

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

FAITH FORMATION



PLEASE NOTE: We continue to ask, *until December 10*, for donations of socks, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to be given to those in the Nuuanu nursing home. A container will be placed in the Church office and at the main Church for your donations. **Mahalo!** in advance for your support and treasure.

Saturday, November 4, 2017 ~

Children's Music Ministry ~ 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 5, 2017 ~

Class (Family Sunday)

FAITH FORMATION



PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP

The **9:30 A.M. Wednesday** Parish Scripture Group continues on **November 8, 2017.**



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



Lean on the Cross of Jesus as the Virgin did and you will not be deprived of comfort. Mary was as if paralyzed before her crucified Son, but one cannot say that she was abandoned by Him. Rather, how much more did she love Him when she suffered and could not even weep?
~ St. Padre Pio



GOD SAID NO!

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No, it is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No, his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No, patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No, I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No, I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me.

Ahhhhh, finally you have the idea.

This day is yours, don't throw it away...