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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2021



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1:17



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST Wednesday: After Mass until 6:00 PM ~ All other Wednesdays: After Mass until 9:00 AM



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday~Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

A Catholic Community
Diocese of Honolulu

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."*

DEVOTION

*The Holy Rosary is said 35 minutes
before Mass*

**MASS SCHEDULES
(Main Church)**

MONDAY

Communion Service Only ~ 8:00 AM
Tuesday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 AM
Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:30 AM
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM
or by appointment



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LINK TO SUNDAY'S 10:00 A.M. MASS STREAMING:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Stephens-Catholic-Church-Nuuanu-100906711581421/>

St. Stephen The First Martyr Knights of Columbus Council 16267



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Contact Worthy Grand Knight George Abcede
eMail Address: sggabcede@gmail.com ~ (808) 221-7205

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAY FOR US!
BEATIFIED: OCTOBER 31, 2020 ~ FEAST DAY: AUGUST 13

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

MAGNIFICAT

January 2021, Vol. 22, No 11

Fishers of Men

Inasmuch as I advance, sustained by God, in the way that he has indicated for me, my duty is increasingly clear to me. It is important not to lose myself in unrealizable plans and projects, not to live in the future, but patiently to turn thought into action, good will into determination. I have had much conversation and discussion with some dear friends who do not believe...

There is a veil between them and God, a veil that allows only a few rays of love and beauty through. Only God, with a divine gesture, may part this veil, and then the true life shall begin for them. And I, whom am worth so little, believe in the power of prayers that I unceasingly offer for them. I believe in prayer because God exists, and because he is the Father. I believe in this mysterious reality that we call the communion of saints. I know that no cry, no desire, no yearning of our inmost depths is lost, but all go to God and through him to those who inspired us to pray. I know that only God effects our intimate transformation and that we can only point out to him those we love, saying, "God make them live."

Christianity alone addresses the individual, that which is most interior: it alone penetrates to our depths and is able to renew us. All Christians are obliged to be concerned about this crisis through which we are passing. This will perhaps change us profoundly. New needs require new apostles. The people—the masses, the majority of the country, those workers, peasants, and humble laborers of every kind—need to be shown the true source of all freedom, justice, and real transformation. If we do not make God known to them, we shall have failed in our most important obligations. But that is a work that demands self forgetfulness, disinterestedness, a steady determination for which we need God and for which we must completely transform ourselves.

~ *Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur*

Sister Leseur (†1914) a French lay woman whose cause for canonization is underway.

YOUR KOKUA (HELP) NEEDED: MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a *Mass Intentions* request, please fill out a *Mass Intentions* envelope that you will find in the back of the church or on the table in the hallway opposite the Chapel, or you may fill one out in the office during office hours.

This helps the Secretary to ensure that names are spelled correctly, times and dates are correct, and the activity, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc., are also correct when she enters the information into



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

ONLINE: \$ 822.00
WEEKEND: \$ 1,485.00
TOTAL: \$ 2,307.00
LAST WEEK: \$ 3,845.00

MAHALO!

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

2021 SCHEDULES

CHURCH CLEANERS



GROUP 6

Friday, January 22, 2021

* Sui Kozuma

Patti Silva ~ Rose Paraz

Meriam Ladrillono ~ Sue Ann Yasuoka

GROUP 1

Saturday, January 30, 2021

* Cathy Devaney

Glenn Abcede ~ Marissa Abcede

Caroline, Ed & Kawika Hasegawa ~ Mary Tom

LECTORS



Saturday, January 23 ~ Sister Marykuty, Randy Tom

Saturday, January 30 ~ Sue Ann Yasuoka, Scott Bell

Sunday, January 24, 2021

7:30 A.M. ~ Koby Yamamoto, Patti Silva

10:00 A.M. ~ Monica Hahn, Sweetie Pacarro

Sunday, January 31, 2021

7:30 A.M. ~ Nathan Jochim, Chester Hughes

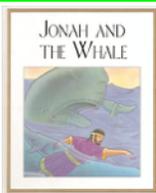
10:00 A.M. ~ Ginny Jordan, Sandy Wong

MASS INTENTIONS (Continued)

the Liturgical Desk Calendar.

Please help us by **printing** the information and checking the appropriate box(s) if the person is deceased, or it's a birthday/anniversary or for healing prayers, etc.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. **Mahalo!**



"LIVING FAITH"
 Daily Catholic Devotions
 Sunday, January 24, 2021
www.livingfaith.com

Time After Time

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time. ...Jonah 3:1

Clearly, Jonah remembered what had happened the first time the Word of God came to him. Rather than go to the city of Nineveh to preach what would surely be a most unpopular message, Jonah had hopped aboard a boat to Tarshish trying to escape an unwelcome task. But Jonah could not outrun God—a storm and a three-night stay in the belly of a whale proved that to him. So, when the Word of God came to Jonah a second time, he stopped, listened and set about following God's invitation.

There's some consolation here for any of us who have ever tried to ignore, escape or run away from the nudges that God sometimes sends into our lives. The Holy One is persistent, returning a second, a third and as many times as necessary, until we give a full hearing to God's Word and embrace God's message.

~ Sr. Christ Koeliboffer, I.H.M.

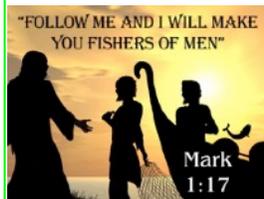


Jesus began to preach and heal:

Here there is a message for us: the word of salvation does not go looking for untouched, clean and safe places. Instead, it enters the complex and obscure places in our lives. Now, as then, God wants to visit the very places we think he will never go. Yet how often we are the ones who close the door, preferring to keep our confusion, our dark side and our duplicity hidden. We keep it locked up within, approaching the Lord with some rote prayers, wary lest his truth stir our hearts. And this is concealed hypocrisy. But as today's Gospel tells us: "Jesus went about all Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity" (v. 23). He passed through all of that varied and complex region. In the same way, he is not afraid to explore the terrain of our hearts and to enter the roughest and most difficult corners of our lives. He knows that his mercy alone can heal us, his presence alone can transform us and his word alone can renew us.

So let us open the winding paths of our

hearts — those paths we have inside us that we do not wish to see or that we hide — to him, who walked "the road by the sea"; let us welcome into our hearts his word, which is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12).



Finally, to whom did Jesus begin to speak? The Gospel says that, "as he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men' (Mt 4:18-19). The first people to be called were fishermen: not people carefully chosen for their abilities or devout people at prayer in the temple, but ordinary working people.

Let us think about what Jesus said to them: I will make you fishers of men. He was speaking to fishermen, using the language they understood. Their lives changed on the spot. He called them where they were and as they were, in order to make them sharers in his mission. "Immediately they left their nets and followed him" (v. 20). Why immediately? Simply because they felt drawn. They did not hurry off because they had received an order, but because they were drawn by love. To follow Jesus, mere good works are not enough; we have to listen daily to his call. He, who alone knows us and who loves us fully, leads us to put out into the deep of life. Just as he did with the disciples who heard him.

That is why we need his word: so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one word that speaks to us not about things, but about life.

2020 YEAR-END TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2020-year-end is enclosed with this week's bulletin; it is required by the Diocese that letters be sent to parishioners who have given \$250 or more during the taxable year.

If you have a discrepancy on your report, please call our secretary, Tina, during part-time office hours of 8:30 AM to 12 Noon, Tuesday thru Thursday, at (808)595-3105.

Or eMail Tina at: sccpali@rcchawaii.org

Mahalo!

RESPECT LIFE
 Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

This year the **National Prayer Vigil for Life** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC will be closed to the public. However, the evening Rosary, Mass, and Holy Hour on January 28 (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., local time) and the morning Mass on January 29 (3 a.m.) will be televised by EWTN.

In light of the fact that we are in the midst of a pandemic which may be peaking, and in view of the heightened pressures that law enforcement officers and others are currently facing in and around the Capitol, this year's **March for Life Rally** will be virtual. Only a small group of pro-life leaders from across the country will be invited to march in Washington, DC this year. These leaders will represent pro-life Americans everywhere. You can RSVP to watch the rally virtually at www.marchforlife.org Or, you can watch it on EWTN on Friday at 4:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or on Sunday at 6 a.m.

(Information from marchforlife.org, usccb.org, and ewtn.com)

BULLETIN ENTRIES: TIME SENSITIVE

All entries/articles for the bulletin must be sent to the Church office/editor no later than **10:00 A.M. on Tuesdays**. This also includes requests for the bulletin's *Mass Intentions* section.

This allows time to complete entries into the bulletin. Wednesday morning, after the 8:00 A.M. Mass, the bulletin is printed, folded, and stuffed into envelopes, and prepared for outgoing mail.

Bulletins are mailed out on Wednesday afternoon by the secretary. Your assistance and attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Mahalo!



ORDINARY TIME

COMING EVENTS

January 23/24 ~ *Second Collection.*
Church in Latin America and Black and Indian Missions

PARISH MINISTRIES



Interested in becoming a Catholic, or know of someone who is interested?

Please call the office at:
(808) 595-3105

If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and how you may be reached.

Mahalo!

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 **six (6) months** before the wedding.



Let us all give a warm welcome to a new member of the St. Stephen Parish:
Connie Puswald

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better & Happier. "Be the living expression of God's kindness: Kindness in your face. Kindness in your eyes. Kindness in your smile."

~ Blessed Mother Teresa



Sunday, January 24, 2021



7:30 A.M. Mass

- ✦ Tony & Sarah Louis
- ✦ Francis Nagasawa
- ✦ Odie Laroya

Healing Prayers For:

Bernard Ho
Isaiab Ares Kim
Robert Gerard Contrades

10:00 A.M. Mass

- ✦ Steve Aki
- ✦ Vera Asbitomi
- ✦ Salvador Solidum
- ✦ Al Tagab
- ✦ Karen Lee
- ✦ Helena Kim
- ✦ Odie Laroya
- ✦ Josephina & Honorio Bautista
- ✦ Paulino & Sebastiana Barnachea
- ✦ Avelino Plamenco
- ✦ Aurelio Plamenco
- ✦ Primo Cabagnot, Jr.

Healing Prayers For:

Nancy Contrades Mary Souza
Stephanie Baron. Efred Baria

Birthday Blessings For:

Hudson Dicondina Baria

Monday, January 25, 2021



8:00 A.M.

Communion Service

Healing Prayers For:

Isaiab Ares Kim

Birthday Blessings For:

Megan Tamayo

Tuesday, January 26, 2021



8:00 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers For:
Isaiab Ares Kim

Wednesday, January 27, 2021



8:00 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers For:
Isaiab Ares Kim

Thursday, January 28, 2021



8:00 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers For:
Isaiab Ares Kim

Friday, January 29, 2021



8:00 A.M. Mass

Birthday Prayers For:
Kaimana Silva

Healing Prayers For:

Wayne Silva
Isaiab Ares Kim

Saturday, January 30, 2021



8:00 A.M. Mass

✦ Don Yee

4:00 P.M. Mass

- ✦ Doreen & Francis Chia
- ✦ Nancy & Raymond Tom
- ✦ Betty Lowe
- ✦ Beatrice Tom

Healing Prayers For:

Paula Carrington
Isaiab Ares Kim



Prayer Requests

For The Sick & The Homebound

Luz Abcede, Nancy Asato, Stephanie Baron, Paula Carrington, Nancy Contrades, Robert Gerard Contrades, Bernard Ho, Isaiab Ares Kim, Margaret Robello, Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Richard Wong

✦ For The Deceased Of The Parish ✦

Steve Aki, Kenneth Asato, Ron & Tomiko Asato, Vera Asbitomi, Ignacio Q. Babauta, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty & Albert Chong, Sam Chun, Stephen Fujii, Eileen Green, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Karen Lee, Frederick Lum, Salvador Solidum, Al Tagab, Beatrice Tom, Gladys Wong, Jack Wong, Shirley Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee