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Parable of the Fig Tree

Luke 13:1-9

....“For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down, why should it exhaust the soil?” He said to him in reply, “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”

❧ MARCH 20, 2022 ❧



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, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is said 35 minutes before Mass.

MASS SCHEDULES

MONDAY

[In the St. Catherine Chapel ~ Communion Service]

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/>

MAGNIFICAT

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Repentance and Forgiveness

Repentance is a powerful word. We should use it not only in Lent but constantly because daily we commit acts, say words, have inward movements that we are sorry for, wish we had not said or done, and in some way wish to atone for. That is good. It is also good to know the sin is not the immediate cause of this or the calamity. Sometimes God sends us sorrow, trials, and sadness so that we repent, do penance, and turn our face to him. At times it is very hard to understand that those calamities and tragedies can make us understand the love of God, and his tenderness and mercy shine with a new shine, better than ever. Let us be reassured and let us open ourselves to whatever God sends us. A supposed calamity changes into a benediction, into something we could offer to God. Let us look at things that way; it takes faith, but you pray for faith.

Let us be listeners of Christ's voice, and realize that what seems to us a tragedy is but a message, full and pressed down, of his love. Pain and suffering can lead to repentance and unite us again with Christ, especially if we have lost him temporarily.

Sin is turning my back on God. I walk away from God, into a deadly place, a Godless place, in which I look at mirrors, and in every mirror I see myself. Sin is the adoration of self, in a manner of speaking, instead of God. The Eastern Churches pray: "Turn not away your face from your servant, for I am afflicted! Hear me speedily, attend to my soul and deliver me!"

Listen and you will understand the starting point of Lent, the mysterious mixture...of darkness and light. I stand before God, before the glory and the beauty of his kingdom. I realize that I belong to it, that I have no other home, no other joy, no other goal. I also realize that I am exiled from it in the darkness and sadness of sin: "for I am afflicted, Lord!" Only God can help in that affliction, only he can attend to my soul.

~ *Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty*
Catherine de Hueck Doherty (†1985) born in Russia, established the Friendship House in Harlem, New York, in 1938, and later the Madonna House Apostolate in Combermere, Canada.

SAINTE JOSEPH (Continued)

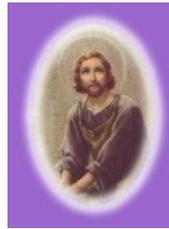
It's also clear that Joseph took his vocation seriously. Pope Saint John Paul II gave him the title "Guardian of the Redeemer." Over and over, he showed his unwavering commitment to his role as the guardian of his legal Son, Jesus, and of his wife, Mary. His life was spent providing for them, protecting them and offering them a father's heart.

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MARCH MONTHLY DEDICATIONS

SAINTE JOSEPH



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Matthew 1:24

What is it that made Saint Joseph so great? He wasn't immaculately conceived as our Blessed Mother was. He was not divine like Jesus. But he was the head of the Holy Family, its guardian and its provider. He became the legal father of the Savior of the World and the spouse of the Mother of God. But Joseph is not great only because he was given such incredible privileges. First and foremost, he was great because of the choices he made in life. Today's Gospel refers to him as a "righteous man" and as a man who "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Thus, his greatness is primarily on account of his moral righteousness and obedience to the will of God.

Joseph's obedience is especially seen in the fact that he obeyed the voice of God given to him in the four dreams recorded in Scripture. In his first dream, Joseph is told "do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). In his second dream, Joseph is told, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him" (Matthew 2:13). In his third dream, Joseph is told, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead" (Matthew 2:20). And in his fourth dream, Joseph is warned to go instead to Galilee rather than Judea (Matthew 2:22).

When these dreams are read in succession, it is clear that Saint Joseph was attentive to the voice of God. We all have dreams, but Joseph's dreams were different. They were clear communications from God, and they required a willing recipient. Joseph was open to the voice of God and listened in faith as that willing recipient.

Joseph also responded with complete submission and full determination. The commands Joseph received were not insignificant. His obedience required that he and his family travel great distances, take up residence in strange lands, and do so all in faith.

St. Stephen The First Martyr
Knights of Columbus Council 16267



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BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
PRAY FOR US!



MAIL-INS: \$71.00
 WEEKEND: \$1,615.00
 ONLINE: \$834.00
TOTAL: \$2,520.00
LAST WEEK: \$4,514.71

MAHALO!

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

2022 SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief Services
 March 26/27



Sunday, March 20, 2022

Holy Fear

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God... Exodus 3:6

The story of the vocation of Moses begins on a routine day when he was a shepherd, leading a flock of sheep across the desert to the mountain. It was there he saw a bush on fire—but astonishingly, the bush was able to withstand the flames. Curiosity urged him closer to this remarkable sight. It was there he heard the voice of God call his name from the fire. Because of this overpowering encounter of the brilliance and exalted glory of God, Moses respectfully covered his face. From that moment on, his days of shepherding sheep were over; now he would shepherd his people to freedom. For Moses, the fear of God was “the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10)—and it was a healthy fear and reverence, one of deep humility and exalted respect.

Lord lead us by the light of grace.

~ Fr. James McKarns

ALOYSIUS FOOD BANK

The St. Stephen First Martyr Knights of Columbus continue to request donations of canned or non items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Please leave your donations next to the door opposite the left side of the stage in the Church Hall. Your participation in this effort will be much appreciated. **Mahalo!**

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scouring at the Pillar



Scripture: Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.” (John 19:1-7)

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns



Scripture: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And

Third Sorrowful Mystery (Continued)

kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. (Matthew 27:27-31)

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RESPECT LIFE

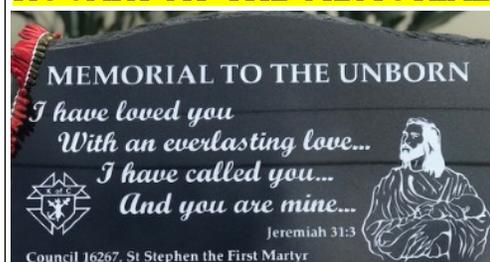
Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

My Spiritual Bouquet

Since some supporters cannot physically pray in front of Planned Parenthood during the 40 Days for Life campaign happening now and continuing until April 10, you are being asked to participate in a Spiritual Bouquet to offer your prayers and sacrifices for the unborn and the end of abortion. Please remember that you don't have to fill out all the offertory blanks on the form – only those you wish to give. For example, if you can only give one Mass or one rosary, that's good. Even if everyone gives just a little, it will add up to a lot.

Please use the forms inserted in this and last weekend's bulletins. If you have any questions or need a form, please contact me at juanitaruis@aol.com When you come to Mass, you can return your forms by placing them in the box at the back of the main church. Thank you.

ROSARY AT THE MEMORIAL



The Holy Rosary will be prayed at the Memorial to the Unborn on Fridays of the month at 6:15 PM. All are invited to participate.

Mass Intentions



Sunday, March 20, 2022

7:30 A.M. Mass

Holy Rosary Prayed at 6:55 AM
"THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES"

For the Repose of the Soul of:

† Celine & Kenneth Asato
† Josefina Bautista

† Catherine Choo † Tony & Sarah Louis
† Francis Nagasawa † Al Tagab
† Donna McDonnell

Healing Prayers for:

Sally Crowell Isaiah Ares Kim
Preston Pacolba Marlena Silva

Birthday Blessings For:

Matthew Tinay
Pamela Christine Nolasco

10:00 A.M. Mass

For the Repose of the Soul of:

Holy Rosary Prayed at 9:25 AM
"THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES"

† Celine & Kenneth Asato

† Vera Ashitomi † Catherine Choo
† Rosa Fernandez
† Stephanie & Frederick Foo
† Helena Kim † Karen Lee
† Salvador Solidum

† Nancy & Raymond Tom † Al Tagab
† Roland Guieb † Mamerta
† Rufino & Romana Baron

Healing Prayers for:

Nancy, Annette & Robert Contrades
Isaiah Ares Kim Mary Souza
Denise Lin-DeShetler Sally Crowell

Birthday Blessings For:

Christine Jochim Matthew Tinay
Pamela Christine Nolasco

Condolences For:

Lauren Wright

75th Anniversary Blessing For:

Sister Marilyn Evans



Monday, March 21, 2022

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM
"THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Tuesday, March 22, 2022

8:00 A.M. Mass

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM
"THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

Saint Isidore the Farmer

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Wednesday, March 23, 2022

8:00 A.M. Mass

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM
"THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

For the Repose of the Soul of:

† Steve Aki

† Maurice, Monica, & Patricia Contrades
† Deacon Thomas Contrades

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Thursday, March 24, 2022

8:00 A.M. Mass

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM
"THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim

1st Birthday Blessings For:

Tobias Wong

PLEASE NOTE: All requests for Mass Intentions must be turned in to the office no later than 9:00 A.M. on Tuesdays in order to be posted in the next Sunday's bulletin. MAHALO!

Friday, March 25, 2022

8:00 A.M. Mass

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM
"THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

For the Repose of the Soul of:

† Mac Pataray

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim

Birthday Blessings For:

Kay Fujii
Maris Ho



Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM



Saturday, March 26, 2022

8:00 A.M. Mass

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM
"THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

For the Repose of the Soul:

† Don Yee

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim

4:00 P.M. Mass

Holy Rosary Prayed at 3:25 PM
"THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES"

For the Repose of the Soul of:

† Celine & Kenneth Asato
† Doreen & Francis Chia

Healing Prayers for:

Paula Carrington
Isaiah Ares Kim
Juanita Ruis
Ken Ryan
Patti & Wayne Silva



For The Sick & The Homebound

Luz Abcede, Nancy Asato, Stephanie Baron, Paula Carrington, Nancy Contrades, Robert Gerard Contrades, William Cuenca, Bernard Ho, Isaiah Ares Kim, Sophia Lacuesta, Annette Manaday, Margaret Robello, Ken Ryan, Patti & Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Isabella Torres, Richard Wong

† For The Deceased Of The Parish †

Steve Aki, Celine & Kenneth Asato, Ron & Tomiko Asato, Vera Ashitomi, 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, Vicky Solidum, Al Tagab, Beatrice Tom, Gladys Wong, Jack Wong, Shirley Wong, Clement Yee,

Don Yee

