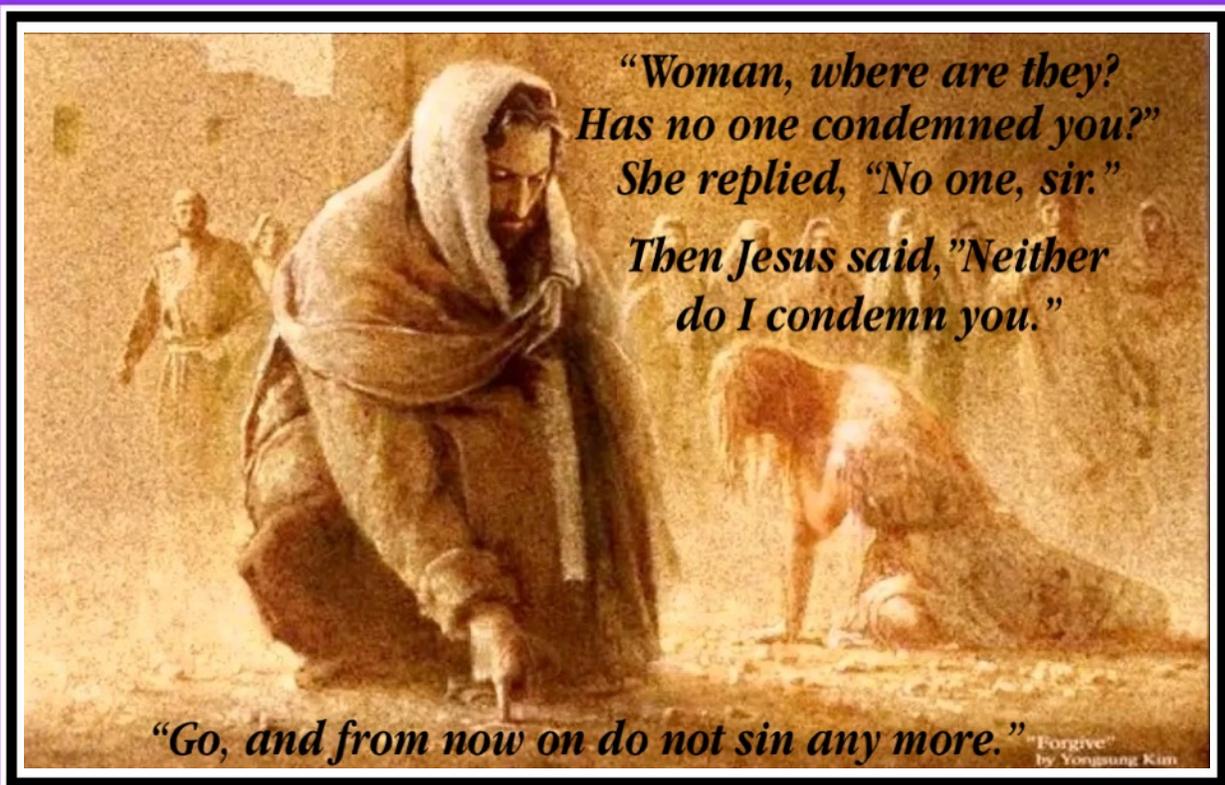


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## APRIL 3, 2022

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



#### PASTOR

*Rev. Fr. Mario Raquipo*  
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*Sr. Marykuty Kottuppallil, MSMHC*  
*Tina Welch ~ Secretary*

#### SACRISTAN

*Marisol L. Chang*

#### 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

April 2022, Vol. 24, No. 1 ~ Sunday, April 3, 2022

Transformed by Mercy

Thank you for your long letter. It did me so much good, and united me to you so closely. How I wish I could tell you all that I feel in the depths of my being! But I've never been much good at expressing myself. That stone of pride and egoism which has served me as a heart is sterile, so sterile. I am begging the Lord to give me a heart of flesh, and from the depths of the abyss I cry out to him to hear my voice. With all my strength I thank him for having had pity on my distress and for responding to my crimes with love.

How well you understand me! Yes, an immense grief and an immense joy sweep over the soul together, and for the first time I have wept tears of joy, knowing with certitude that God has forgiven me and that now Christ lives in me through my suffering and my love. You see, I am opening my soul to you. I admit that I am still a very tepid Christian, repentant certainly, and full of good will, but without much will power. I so need his love, strength, and compassion.

I often fall back into a kind of apathy and resignation, and I am unhappy because I sense at these times that all joy has gone and that there is nothing left but despair. I beg him to live in me always, to help and enlighten me, and to give me the strength to accept the sufferings his mercy has willed to send me for the sake of my birth into the light—to me, who helped sink the nails into his hands. But with him there is mercy, and because of his law I have hoped in him. Brother, I need your prayers. I pray for you, but my prayer is a very feeble light that scarcely pierces the shadows. Even so, may it be pleasing to God.

For the time being, I can write to you as often as I want; we are allowed sixty lines a day. And I can receive as many letters as are sent to me. Once a person is condemned, though, the limit is one letter a month and that only from the family. I receive Holy Communion once a month. I do not have permission to assist at Mass, being under maximum security, but for those in my situation the chaplain is obliged to celebrate a special Mass individually for each one. Without God, the cell would be such a pit of darkness and despair. I remember you in Christ Jesus.

~ Servant of God Jacques Fesch

Jacques Fesch (†1957) was a murderer who experienced a profound conversion before his execution in a French prison. / From *Light over the Scaffold: Prison Letters of Jacques Fesch and Cell 18: Unedited Letter of Jacques Fesch, St. Mary Thomas Noble, O.P., Tr.* ©1996, *The Fathers and Brothers of the Society of St. Pau, ST PAULS/Alba House, Staten Island, NY. www.stpauls.us. Used with permission.*



THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES  
The First Glorious Mystery:  
The Resurrection

**Scripture:** But on the first day of the week at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he

The First Glorious Mystery (Continued)

was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

(Luke 24:1-12). *mycatholic.life — (Prayers for Today)*



THE Second Glorious Mystery  
The Ascension

**Scripture:** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:6-11). *mycatholic.life*



(Formerly The Bishop's Circle)

Contributions provide support for parishes and diocesan ministries most in need. Please consider joining one of the special Donor Societies with a generous gift today. All donations are important and appreciated. **MAHALO!**

Your gift will especially help: Parish Priests and Deacons

Youth and young adult Ministries developing faith formation groups, programs, events, and support for Catholic schools

Those most in need: resourcing for parish food and shelter programs, and for Catholic social ministry agencies serving our kupuna, keiki and migrant communities

Please support this appeal with your generous donation.

**MAHALO!**

**St. Stephen The First Martyr**  
**Knights of Columbus Council 16267**



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**BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY**  
**PRAY FOR US!**



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**  
March 26-27, 2022

WEEKEND: \$2,051.00  
ONLINE: \$776.00  
MAIL-INS: \$1,275.00  
**TOTAL: \$4,102.00**  
**LAST WEEK: \$2,781.00**

**MAHALO!**

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

**2022 SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Rice Bowl ~ Holy Thursday, April 14



Sunday, April 3, 2022

**Finding Your Holy Places**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. . . John 8:1

**T**HIS is the only place in the Gospels where the Mount of Olives is mentioned outside of the Passion narratives. Its inclusion here tells us something important about Jesus. First, Jesus went to the garden to pray. Prayer was a priority for him. What made this particular place so conducive to prayer? It was outside the gates of the city, beyond its busyness and din. It was a place of peace and solitude after a hectic day. Jesus must have felt close to God within this natural setting. Little wonder he sought out this same holy place the night before he died.

Where is your Mount of Olives, that is, your "holy place" where you feel close to God? Perhaps it is a certain church or chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. Or maybe it's a park bench beside a lake, a pathway through the woods, a favorite jogging route or even the rocker on your back porch?

*Jesus, help me to find holy places that will nourish my communion with you.*

~ Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

**ALOYSIUS FOOD BANK**

**T**HE St. Stephen First Martyr Knights of Columbus continue to request donations of canned or non-perishable 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 is appreciated.

**Mahalo!**



**MONDAY, APRIL 4**

**6:30 pm Lenten Reconciliation**

**HOLY WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**



**Palms will be blessed for all Masses.**



**W**HAT is Lent and why is it celebrated?

Lent is the liturgical season of "preparation for the celebration of Easter. For the Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery:

Catechumens, through the several stages of Christian initiation; the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices" (*General Instruction of the Roman Calendar*).

In 2022, Lent begins on March 2 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on April 14 (Holy Thursday), as the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins. Easter Sunday is April 17.

[ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com)

**RESPECT LIFE**

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator



**The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on April 22-24, 2022.** (Arrival at 5:30pm on Friday/departure on Sunday at 5:00pm)

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats offer healing and support for anyone who has experienced emotional pain and suffering after abortion. Both women and men are welcomed to this private retreat where the mercy, love and compassion of Jesus Christ will be felt in an environment of safety and trust for healing to take place.

To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or email: [rvinhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:rvinhawaii@gmail.com)

A fee of \$175/person (covers room, meals/refreshments and retreat materials). Need-based scholarships are available. Space is limited. Registrations are strictly confidential. For more information visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.com](http://www.rachelsvineyard.com)

**Inspiring Quotes**

"Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son." *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." *Pope Benedict XVI*

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world." *Pope Saint John Paul II*

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." *Pope Benedict XVI*



**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 6:55 AM

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

† Celine Asato

† Josefina & Honorio Bautista

† Catherine Choo

† Tony & Sarah Louis

† Francis Nagasawa

† Al Tagab

† Yolanda Lee

**Healing Prayers for:**

Sally Crowell

Isaiah Ares Kim

Dawn Dunbar

Preston P.

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark

**10:00 A.M. Mass**

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 9:25 AM

† Celine & Kenneth Asato

† Vera Ashitomi

† Catherine Choo

† Rosa Fernandez

† Stephanie & Frederick Foo

† Helena Kim

† Karen Lee

† Salvador Solidum

† Nancy & Raymond Tom

† Al Tagab

† Alexander Seto

† Yolanda Lee

**Healing Prayers for:**

Nancy, Annette & Robert Contrades

Sally Crowell

Isaiah Ares Kim

Mary Souza

Denise Lin-DeShetler

**Birthday Blessings for:**

Zoe Kaili

Anne Nolasco

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark

**Mass Intentions**



**Monday, April 4, 2022**

**8:00 A.M. Communion Service**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM

Saint Isodore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark

**Birthday Blessings for:**

Anne Nolasco



**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM

Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark



**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

† Steve Aki

† Maurice, Monica, & Patricia Contrades

† Deacon Thomas Contrades

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark



**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM

Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark



**Friday, April 8, 2022**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 PM**



**Saturday, April 9, 2022**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 7:25 AM

**For the Repose of the Soul:**

† Don Yee

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Holy Rosary Prayed at 3:25 PM

**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

Carol Lau

Kay Fujii

Randy Fujii

**Prayers for Fast Recovery of:**

Mark



**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