

JOHN 10:27

**“My sheep
hear My
voice, and
I know them,
and they
follow Me.”**



SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 8, 2022

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST Wednesday: After Mass until 6:00 PM
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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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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Stephens-Catholic-Church-Nuuanu-100906711581421/>



The Good Shepherd

Each year, when spring with its breezes begins to usher in the birth of so many sheep, and to deposit the numerous young of the fruitful flock about the fields, the meadows, and the paths, a good shepherd puts aside his songs. He anxiously searches for the tender sheplings, picks them up, and gathers them together. Happy to carry them, he places them about his neck, on his shoulders, and in his arms. He wants them to be safe as he carries or leads them to the protecting sheepfolds.

The good shepherd, the text reads, *lays down his life for his sheep*. The force of love makes a man brave, because genuine love counts nothing as hard, or bitter, or serious or deadly. What sword, what wounds, what penalty, what deaths can avail to overcome perfect love? Love is an impenetrable breastplate. It wards off missiles, sheds the blows of swords, taunts dangers, laughs at death. If love is present, it conquers everything.

But is that death of the shepherd advantageous to the sheep? Let us investigate. It leaves them abandoned, exposes them defenseless to the wolves, hands over the beloved flock to the gnawing jaws of beasts, gives them over to plunder and exposes them to death. But what are we to do, since Life himself could not die unless he had decided to? Who could have taken life away from the Cover of life if he were unwilling? He himself said: *I have the power to lay down my life and I have the power to take it up again. No one takes it from me*. Therefore, he willed to die—he who permitted himself to be slain although he was unable to die. And who doubts that these slain martyrs will arise, and live, and reign, since Christ himself, though slain, has arisen, and lives, and reigns? Hear the voice of the Shepherd: *My sheep bear my voice and follow me*. The sheep who have followed him to death must also follow him to life. They who have accompanied him onto the midst of insults must also accompany him into honor. They who shared his passion must also share his glory.

Where I am, he says, *there also shall my servant be*. Where? Truly, above the skies where Christ is sitting at the Father's right hand. O man, let not living by faith disturb you, nor the long time you must hope fatigue you. Your destiny is a certain one, and is being kept for you with the very Author of all things! *You have died*, Scripture says, *and your life is bidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life shall appear, then you too will appear with him in glory* (Col 3:3-4)

~ Saint Peter Chrysologus

Saint Peter Chrysologus (†450), *Doctor of the Church, was the archbishop of Ravenna, Italy.* / From *Saint Peter Chrysologus: Selected Sermons and Saint Valerian Homilies, The Fathers of the Church, Volume 17*, George E. Ganss, S.J., Tr ©1953, *The Catholic University of America Press, Washington, D.C. Used with permission.*

We the Sheep

We are his people, the sheep of his flock...Psalm 100:3 (responsorial)

I have a friend who doesn't like being compared to sheep. She wishes Jesus would have chosen an animal with a higher intelligence (like a dolphin), greater power (like a lion) or more graceful beauty (like a racehorse). But I tell her, maybe that's precisely why Jesus chose the sheep. We humans, like sheep, are not always very bright. We are often weak and powerless. And at times, we act in very ugly ways. And so, like sheep, we desperately need a "Good Shepherd," someone to care for us, guard us and lead us to life-sustaining water and pastures. And that's precisely what Jesus does for us.

There's another way we are like sheep: We need other sheep for companionship and support. As the old proverb warns, "A lone sheep is a dead sheep."

Jesus, Good Shepherd, thank you for caring for me, guarding me and leading me throughout my life. And thank you, too, for my fellow sheep who encourage and inspire me daily by their efforts to follow you.

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



Inspiring Quotes

"One must not think that a person who is suffering is not praying. He is offering up his sufferings to God, and many a time he is praying much, more truly than one who goes away by himself and meditates his head off, and, if he has squeezed out a few tears, thinks that is prayer."

Saint Teresa of Avila

"When I shrink from suffering, Jesus reproves me and tells me that He did not refuse to suffer. Then I say 'Jesus, Your will and not mine'. At last I am convinced that only God can make me happy, and in Him I have placed all my hope..."

Saint Gemma Galgani

"If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

St. Stephen The First Martyr
Knights of Columbus Council 16267



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BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAY FOR US

REMINDER:



SUNDAY, MAY 8, 10:00 AM MASS is Corporate
Sunday for the Knights of Columbus.



APRIL 30-MAY 01, 2022

MAIL-INS:	\$ 425.98
ONLINE:	\$ 500.00
WEEKEND:	\$2,041.72
TOTAL:	\$2,967.70
LAST WEEK:	\$3,261.79

MAHALO!

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund
- Good Shepherd Sunday ~ May 7/8
- Catholic Communication Campaign ~ May 28/29

RESPECT LIFE

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

Author Unknown

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THE HOLY NAME OF MARY

Every name begins a relationship



A name doesn't imply that you know everything about someone, but it does make a person "invocable." To know that there is a "someone" standing before you is not to know too much. When that "someone" has a name, however, he or she is placed in relationship with you, and relationships are what matter most. By means of a name, we go beyond a mere concept, beyond a mere thing. A name includes another in our circle of shared existence. No one wants to be a mere number or to be just a "Nigerian," just an "athlete," or just an accountant." Titles and monikers flatten people. They reduce someone to where they came from, what they excel at, their profession, their hair color, their language, and on and on. A name opens a door to the more complex reality that is every human soul.

The God of Christianity is not a mere concept who does, but a being who is. He has a name. He is Jesus Christ. He is the Holy Spirit. It's hard to imagine truly knowing, or loving, a nameless entity whose identity is its function. We don't, after all, love "country." We love Poland, or the Philippines, or Bolivia. And we don't love "husband" or "wife," we love the concrete, specific, named person to whom we are married. Our love of God begins in the same way our love of people does—by asking His name.

Jesus Himself called out "Mary!" in the garden on the morning of His resurrection, and her spoken name elicited a beautiful response: "Rabboni!" In Chapter Three of the Book of Exodus, God calls Moses, by name, to approach Him in the burning bush. God first states that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But Moses is not completely satisfied with knowing *that* God is, or *for whom* He is. So Moses asks the question everyone asks when they want to deepen a relationship: "What's your name?" God then pulls the curtains aside and invites Moses into His inner life, into relationship with Him. He reveals something more intimate. He tells Moses His name—"Yahweh" or "I am Who Am." God hands over part of Himself to man. He can now be called upon. He is invocable. No one can force you to reveal your name. It's personal, because to reveal your name is to become vulnerable.

Today the Church commemorates a name, as much as the person who bears it. The holiness of the name of God, which the Second Commandment forbids man to take in vain, is reflected in the holy names of all the saints and holy things and holy places dedicated to Him. The name of the Mother of God, the Holy or Blessed Virgin Mary, should be safe in our mouths. This feast falls during the Octave of the Birthday of the Virgin Mary and was inserted into the Church's universal calendar just after the triumph of the Christian army over the Turks at the Battle of Vienna in 1683. The feast was suppressed after Vatican II but once again placed in the calendar by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002.

Mary's name evokes tenderness and maternity. All Christians should call upon the blessed name of the Mother of God as the most powerful intercessor before the throne of Her Son in heaven. Her name puts us in relationship with her. She is not far away. She is close to us, as a mother should be, and she wants to be called upon by her children who are so in need of her.

Saint Mary, may your holy name be always respected and honored, because you are closer to God than we are, because you know Him more intimately than we do, and because we trust that you will be with us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Sunday, May 8, 2022

7:30 AM



MOTHER'S DAY

For the Repose of the Soul of:

- ✦ *Celine & Kenneth Asato*
- ✦ *Josefina & Honorio Bautista*
- ✦ *Catherine Choo*
- ✦ *Tony & Sarah Louis*
- ✦ *Francis Nagasawa*
- ✦ *Al Tagab*

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim
Sister Marykutty

10:00 A.M. Mass

For the Repose of the Soul of:

- ✦ *Celine & Kenneth Asato*
- ✦ *Vera Ashitomi*
- ✦ *Rosa Fernandez*
- ✦ *Helena Kim*
- ✦ *Salvador Solidum*
- ✦ *Al Tagab*
- ✦ *Don Yee*

Healing Prayers for:

Nancy Contrades
Sally Crowell
Isaiah Ares Kim
Sister Marykutty
Mary Souza

Birthday Blessings for:

Tracee Aki

Baptismal Blessings for:

Roger Grace

Mass Intentions



Monday, May 9, 2022

8:00 AM

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim

Birthday Blessings for:

La`akea Gum



Tuesday, May 10, 2022

8:00 AM

*Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka`i,
Priest (OM)*

*Saint John of Avila, Priest & Doctor
Of the Church (OM)*

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Wednesday, May 11, 2022

8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

- ✦ *Steve Aki*
- ✦ *Deacon Thomas Contrades*

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Thursday, May 12, 2022

8:00 AM

Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

Saint Pancras, Martyr (OM)

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Friday, May 13, 2022

8:00 AM

Our Lady of Fatima (OM)

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim

Heavenly Birthday Blessings For:

Rosa Fernandez



Saturday, May 14, 2022

8:00 AM

Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim

4:00 PM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

- ✦ *Celine & Kenneth Asato*
- ✦ *Doreen & Francis Chia*
- ✦ *Clare Marie Bell*

Healing Prayers for:

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

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2022 Liturgical Desk Calendar*

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For The Sick & The Homebound

Luz Abcede, Nancy Asato, Stephanie Baron, Paula Carrington, Nancy Contrades, William Cuenca, Bernard Ho, Margaret Robello, Ken Ryan, Patti & Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Richard Wong

✦ For The Deceased Of The Parish ✦

Steve Aki, Celine & Kenneth Asato, Vera Ashitomi, Ignacio Q. Babauta, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Catherine Choo, Sam Chun, Stephen Fujii, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Martin Luke, Salvador Solidum, Vickie Solidum, Al Tagab, Jack Wong, Shirley Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee

“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 J. Sheen

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