



*"... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

# SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MAY 15, 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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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/>

MAGNIFICAT

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Receiving Christ's Love, Giving Christ's Love

[The Lord said:] “The more you give me, the more will I increase your capacity for giving. You have seen that I keep my word. Why do you not always believe me? Oh, how full I am of compassion! And how I desire the generosity of some to make reparation for others. It is love that makes reparation. Sin is always a want of love for God. Just as storms are necessary in nature, so are they necessary in every living soul. Do not lose your serenity on account of those who are being tried. Pray for them; offer the sufferings of my Passion and some acts of self-denial. I ask only for love. So many anxieties and shadows in your heart! Think of me, of me—perfect beauty, splendor, peace, life, truth, holiness—of me, your God who loves you! Give me your heart—your whole heart. And do you not also wish to give me your life? I desire it, I have need of it.

“It is such a great thing to belong to me! What does anything else matter to you? Be full of joy at belonging to me. I want you to be altogether mine! Your real cloister, without boundaries, is my heart; it is your refuge and your cradle. It is always open; it is always awaiting you. It will give you joy, strength, meekness, love. For I wish you to be joyous and strong, irresistibly loving—and very meek. Am I not enough for you? Is it not sufficient for you to know that your Jesus loves you? Ask me for two graces; to be indulgent with others, and the strength silently on every occasion, without relaxing, to overcome evil with good.”

~Sister Mary of the Holy Trinity

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Living Faith

Daily Catholic Devotions

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Convicted by Love

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another....John13:35

Someone once asked me this question in a faith-sharing group: If you were arrested today for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? The question stopped me in my tracks back then, as it continues to do today. It is perhaps the perfect question to ask ourselves as a daily examination of our lives.

But like a good courtroom drama, we need to remember that circumstantial evidence rarely holds up in court. Wearing crosses, reading the Bible, praying before meals and even routinely going to Mass may look at first glance like Christianity, but judge and jury can easily see through those outward signs. Unless we love, those outer trappings of faith hold no evidence of our relationship with Christ. Only in true love can we be convicted of true faith.

Today, may I be accused and convicted of faith in you, Lord.

~ Steve Givens



During our parish Lenten Mission on Mary 30, 31, and April 1, we took a walk on the road less traveled as we journeyed through three even-ings focused on embracing sacrifice and redemptive suffering featuring talks and inspiring music by EPIC (Ever Present in Christ) Ministry. EPIC presenters were Dallas Carter, Joshua Kapok, Malcolm Zara, Kristen Zara, Jesica Kapok and Kainoa Fukumoto. EPIC Ministry continues its mission of empowering young adults to follow Christ by spiritual, social, and service paths. We were told to know, to be aware, and to recognize our God-given gifts. We can share with others the gifts that God gave us. When we share out talent, time and treasure we are doing work with the Holy Spirit as instruments of God's work. They talked about the power of Love. Share Love with one another, be kind and loving, reach out to children and youth, be a light to one another and be empowered. God has a role for us on earth. Carrying the light on the road less traveled we become stewards of God's grace. ... Our journey began the first night with Dallas talking about the seven covenants of the Bible: Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, the new covenant in the Prophets, and Eucharistic. The final night was on the covenant of marriage. On Friday, there was a rosary followed by the Stations of the Cross led by some of our religious education children. ...Kainoa's presentation brought the true meaning of the covenant of marriage home. It touched the hearts of everyone who were present. It was a very emotional journey. He put a new perspective on that can appear to be an overwhelming situation. ... It gave a lot more meaning to the phases couples quickly repeat during the sacrament of matrimony, for better, for worse, for sickness and in health and the response, "I do." It is the faith in "I do" that keeps us going daily. The speakers inspired us to overcome the challenges of our daily lives. Their presentations re-enforced and strengthened our faith. Several youth and children were also present all three nights. ... We are grateful for EPIC ministry's presence at St. Stephen. This is their third Lenten mission in our parish. A big mahalo to the charismatic EPIC Team. We also thank the Holy Family, St. Stephen, St. Damien, and St. Marianne for the overflowing joy with our parish. Fellowship in the hall ended the evening.

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“HOLY COMMUNION is the SHORTEST and SAFEST way to HEAVEN.” ~ Pope Pius X

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” ~ John 6:51

St. Stephen The First Martyr  
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BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAY FOR US



APRIL MAY 07-08, 2022

MAIL-INS: \$3,250.00  
ONLINE: \$1,236.00  
WEEKEND: \$2,143.00  
**TOTAL: \$6,629.00**  
**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**

Catholic Communication Campaign ~ May 28/29

**RESPECT LIFE**

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

- **"The Matter of Life,"** an informative documentary filled with fascinating testimonies and interviews of authors and pro-life advocates, is showing at Dole Cannery at 7:00 p.m. on May 16 & 17 (Monday and Tuesday). It asks big questions such as: are the unborn like one of us, does every person have the right to life? (Due to content, no children under the age of 15 or 16 should watch.)
- You are encouraged to participate in two Masses celebrating the **40-days for Life, 50 Days Easter Campaign** at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral on May 14 (Campaign Midpoint) and June 4 (Campaign Closing). In these masses which are part of St. Theresa's 8:00 a.m. daily mass schedule, Father Manny graciously welcomes all pro-life supporters and will bless them for their work in promoting the Gospel of Life.
- In response to the leak of a draft opinion in the Supreme Court case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, is urging all of us to intensify our prayer and fasting so that the final decision of the Court will bring about **the reversal of Roe and Casey.**

*Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us and guide us.*

**Inspiring Quotes From Catholic Saints:**

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." ~ *St. Gianna Molla*

"To be tempted is a sign that the soul is very pleasing to the Lord." ~ *St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*

"The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God." ~ *St. Catherine of Siena*

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**Moments with Mary**

When: Sunday, May 22, 2022

Time: 9AM to 5 PM

Where: St. Anthony Retreat Center  
Rose Hill Convent

3351 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

For: Interested singles, ages 16-30

Phone: (808)845-0065 to reserve your place.

Cost: Donations accepted.

<http://www.samtanthyretreat.org/>

**The Virgin Mother**

Scripture is quite clear that Mary conceived Jesus in a virginal way – by the Holy Spirit. Additionally, it is the constant teaching of the Church that she always retained her virginity. She had no other children and never engaged in the marital act with Joseph. Sometimes this is confusing since there are references in the Scriptures to Jesus' brothers and sisters. But this language was commonly used in reference to cousins. So this shouldn't confuse us if we understand the language of the time. In fact this is still a common practice in other cultures of our day. For example, those from various African countries commonly refer to those within their own village as their brother or sister when they are with them outside of that village. It was God's plan that Mary only have one Son for various reasons. It was especially so because of the fact that we are all called to become brothers and sisters of Christ through spiritual adoption. Therefore, if Jesus had blood brothers or sisters it would have undermined his spiritual brotherhood with them. It would have made their relationship with Jesus different. But God desires this deeper spiritual relationship with all people. Mary is the only blood relation to Jesus, thus, she shares a special bond with Him that no one else does. But it had to be that way if God was to become true man. Interestingly, though, even Mary's deepest bond with Jesus does not come as a result of her physical blood relationship. It comes, first and foremost, by her spiritual motherhood. She is united with her Son primarily by her perfect faith and obedience. It is this bond that surpasses the natural one.

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# Mass Intentions



**Sunday, May 15, 2022**  
**7:30 AM**

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

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

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim  
Sister Marykuty

**Anniversary Remembrance For:**

- ✦ Federico C. & ✦ Rosalie G. Cadiz

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**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
- ✦ Severino Plamenco

**Healing Prayers for:**

Nancy Contrades  
Sally Crowell  
Isaiah Ares Kim  
Sister Marykuty  
Mary Souza

**Birthday Blessings for:**

Celestino Baria

**Baptismal Blessings for:**

Roger Grace



**Monday, May 16, 2022**

**Wedding Anniversary Blessings:**

Meriam and Ben Ladrillono



**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim



**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

*Saint John I, Pope & Martyr*

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

- ✦ Steve Aki
- ✦ Deacon Thomas Contrades

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim



**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim



**Friday, May 20, 2022**  
**8:00 AM**

*Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim



**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

*Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr & Companions, Martyrs*

**Healing Prayers for:**

Isaiah Ares Kim

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**4:00 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

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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*

“Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray,  
**but He forbids you to worry.”**

*St. Francis de Sales*

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