

20
th
S
U
N
D
A
Y
I
N

O
R
D
I
N
A
R
Y
T
I
M
E

*I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already blazing!*

Luke 12:49-53

frkevinkilgore.com

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2022

Feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & **Martyr**

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 Raquepo
[Cell] 808.228.3053

STAFF

Sr. Marykitty Kottuppallil, MSMHC
Tina Welch ~ Secretary

SACRISTAN

Marisol L. Chang

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 prayed 35 minutes before Mass.

MASS SCHEDULES

MONDAY

[In the St. Catherine Chapel ~
Communion Service, 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

DEACON & FIRST MARTYR

2747 PALI HIGHWAY, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817 ~ 808.595.3105

Email: ssccpali@rcchawaii.org Website: ssccpali.net

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

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



*Abandoning Ourselves
to Our Heavenly Father and Mother*

Jesus himself in the Garden of Olives said, when he was begging his Father to release him from the appalling suffering that awaited him: *My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will* (Mt 26:39). And the cup did not go away, and Jesus, the Son of God, went through a heartrending Passion. God knows better than we do what is useful: health or sickness, wealth or poverty, respect or defamation. We can and should pray when we are discouraged, but it is essential to defer to the will of God.

If [your suffering] were to increase even one degree your glory in heaven for all eternity, then it would secure an infinite benefit. Life passes quickly, even suffering passes, while eternity will last forever. It is worth it.

I invite you to give yourself to the divine Immaculate Mother, as a child to the best of mothers. Appeal to her with simplicity in all your worries, sufferings, and temptations and she will happily accompany you throughout this short life. And how blessed death will be, under the cloak of the Immaculate! None of those who love her will be lost forever. Courage, then!

~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (†1941) was a Conventual Franciscan priest who spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through print and radio in Japan and his native Poland. He was martyred in Auschwitz. His feast day is August 14. / From The Writings of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Volume 1. © 2016, Nerbini International, Inscripta Sagl, Via Riviera 1, CH6900 Lugano, Italy. Used with permission.

**REFLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 14, 2022
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. [Luke 12:49](#)”

[Source content: mycatholic.life](#)

This passage reveals two things to us. First, it reveals Jesus’ intention to “set the earth on fire.” Second, it reveals that He desires “it were already blazing.”

What does it mean when Jesus says that He came to set the world on fire? Fire is a powerful image that offers much insight into the Christian life. First, fire consumes. So it is with Christ. He came to consume us. He came to transform our little lives into blazing fires. This reveals that there is much potential in each one of our lives. We have potential to become something totally new if we allow the spark of grace to ignite our souls.

Fire also has the potential to make a difference. Its heat keeps us warm, its light allows us to see in darkness and its energy produces power in various ways to help us in our daily lives. So it is with grace. God’s grace transforms our cold hearts, leads us through the darkness of life and provides us with all we need to live productive

Faithful Friends

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us... Hebrews 12:1-2

After a stirring recital of the great heroes of the faith, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews shows his hand. These examples of faith-filled men and women are to be for us an encouragement in the daily challenges of living out our faith. It has always seemed a great consolation that I am borne up by others in my faith, and that I am likewise called to help bear up the faith of others.

This reminds me of Jesus’ healing of the paralytic. Unable to come into the presence of Jesus on account of the press of the crowd, his friends go to such lengths as to lower him through the roof and lay him at the feet of the Master. When Jesus sees the faith of his friends, Jesus tells the paralytic that his sins are forgiven. We are called to be such friends.

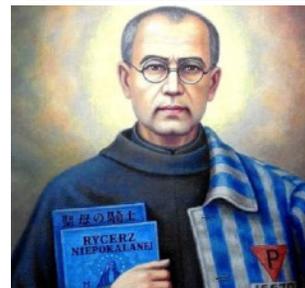
~ Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A.

Reflections for Sunday, August 14 (Continued)
lives.

It’s interesting to note that Jesus did not only say that He came to set the world on fire; rather, He said that He wished it were already blazing. This desire of our Lord is an invitation to move out of a mediocre and lukewarm existence into a life of radical Christian living. We are not called to be partly transformed, or even mostly transformed. No, we are called to become blazing fires of faith, transformed by God to make a difference in the world!

Reflect, today, upon the fire within your own soul. How brightly is that fire burning? You need to feed that fire on a daily basis fanning it into flame with complete commitment. Seek to become that blazing fire that the Lord desires of you and you will be amazed at how fully you can be transformed by grace.

Lord, set my heart on fire with the brightness of Your love and mercy. Help me to be open to the complete transformation of life that You desire of me. I give myself to You without reserve, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus I trust in You.



SAINT OF THE DAY
Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe

1894 — 1941

August 14 — Memorial

Liturgical Color — **Red**

Patron Saint of prisoners, drug addicts, journalists, and the pro-life movement

[Content Source: mycatholic.life](#)

Prisoner 16670 was tough, immersed in God, and ready when the moment came.

Saints are made, not born. Even more so martyrs. Maximilian Kolbe was so impressive a man that he may have been canonized even if that oh-so-brief, oh-so-intense, my-life-for-his exchange in the grim prison yard of Auschwitz had not led to his martyrdom. Baptized as Raimund, from a young age Kolbe felt the call to self-sacrificing holiness. When he was a boy of twelve,

St. Stephen The First Martyr

Knights of Columbus



~ Council 16267 ~



2B1 ASK1

Contact Worthy Grand Knight

George Abcede



eMail Address: sggabcede@gmail.com ~ (808) 221-7205

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAY FOR US

ALOYSIUS FOOD BANK

The Knights of Columbus request your assistance in providing canned goods for the Aloysius Food Bank to help those in need. Please leave your donations into the plastic container in the entrance of the Church. Your gifts toward this cause will be greatly appreciated. **Mahalo!**

RESPECT LIFE

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator



- **The 40 Days for Life (40DFL) campaign is now all year long. Volunteers are needed to PRAY TO END ABORTION, outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 839 S. Beretania Street. If interested, please contact Susana Kwock at 808-341-2643, Agnes Tauyan at 808-348-448, or your Parish Respect Life Ministry.**

In her most recent email, Anne Shigeta-Koch, Leader of 40DFL Honolulu, reported, "The first baby has been saved during our 40DFL 365 vigil. Our dedicated and good-hearted man, Bill R., has once again talked with a mom and she chose life for her baby!"

- **If you can't make it to Planned Parenthood, please join in the praying of the Pro-Life Rosary every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Stephen Memorial to the Unborn.**

SAINT OF THE DAY *(Continued from Page 2)*

the Virgin Mary came to him in a vision and held out two crowns for him to choose from: one white for a life of purity, and one red for martyrdom. The pre-teen Maximilian responded to his Lady: "I choose both."

After the Germans invaded Poland in September 1939, Kolbe's apostolates were curtailed. He organized a hospital at the monastery and, along with the reduced community of brothers, gave shelter to refugees, including about 2,000 Jews. He was arrested by the Germans in 1939 and held for almost three months. He was pressured, but refused, to sign a document recognizing his German ancestry (Kolbe's father was an ethnic German) in exchange for more food rations and better treatment. In February 1941, German SS men came and shuttered his monastery. Kolbe and four other friars were arrested, though twenty other brothers offered themselves in their stead. In May 1941, Kolbe was transferred to the heavy labor division of Auschwitz for the last act of his life.

He carried out his priestly ministry as best he could in the hell of Auschwitz and endured severe beatings for it. In July, just two months after he arrived, a prisoner escaped from the camp. As both deterrent and reprisal, the head of the camp ordered ten men to be starved to death in the escapee's place. The victims were chosen at random from a prisoner roll call. One of the unfortunate chosen, a married man named Francis,



August 6-7, 2022

MAIL INS: \$850.00

ONLINE: \$1,068.00

WEEKEND: \$2,112.00

TOTAL: \$4,030.00

LAST WEEK: \$3,383.00

MAHALO!

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Charities Hawaii — August 20/21

1822 Keeaumoku St., Honolulu HI 96822

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe *(Continued from left column)*

begged for mercy: "My wife! My children!" What followed this desperate pleading was profound, left an indelible impression on all who witnessed it, and is packed with an almost liturgical character.

Perhaps remembering his childhood vision of the Virgin, and perhaps inspired that the chosen man shared the name Francis with the founder of his religious order, Kolbe removes his cap and slowly emerges from the bedraggled group of prisoners. A filthy, striped rag of a uniform is draped over his skeletal frame. He is barefoot. But he has dignity. There are no frivolous men in Auschwitz. He speaks directly to the commanding officer in German: "I want to take his place." Kolbe's bearing must command respect, because, according to an eye-witness, the officer responds to him using the formal "You." "Warum wollen Sie für ihn sterben?"—"Why do you Sir want to die for him?" "Because he has a wife and children." "What is your profession?" "I am a Catholic priest." A few moments of silence and then "Gut." "Good" or "Right."

After two weeks of no food or water in a bunker, a guard injected carbolic acid into the arm of the indestructible Kolbe on August 14. His body was cremated the next day. His ashes floated from the smokestack over the gray wasteland of Auschwitz on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption. He, a priest, became what he offered. Like Saint Polycarp of old, burned like bread at the stake, Kolbe's life ended in a liturgical doxology where his own body became the bread of sacrifice.

First-class relics of Saint Maximilian exist only because his Franciscan barbers thought he was a saint. They saved hairs from his head and beard without his knowledge. The man whose life he saved, Francis Gajowniczek, lived for another fifty-three years, to the age of 93, dying in 1995. He was present in Rome when Pope Saint John Paul II, who lived just an hour from Auschwitz in 1941, canonized his fellow Pole Saint Maximilian Kolbe in 1982.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, you were prepared to be generous in your last moments by a long life of sacrifice, humility, and devotion. May we so prepare ourselves day in and day out, so that when a moment of heroic generosity presents itself, we will respond like you.

**"Darkness can only be scattered by light,
hatred can only be conquered by love."**

~ Pope John Paul II



Sunday, August 14, 2022

7:30 AM

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Celine & Kenneth Asato

✦ Josefina & Honorio Bautista

✦ Tony & Sarah Louis

✦ Francis Nagasawa

✦ Jimmy Solidum

✦ Alfredo Tagab

Healing Prayers for:

Brittany Fujiyama

Preston Pacolba

Carl Teves

10:00 A.M. Mass

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Celine & Kenneth Asato

✦ Vera Asbitomi

✦ Rosa Fernandez

✦ Helena Kim

✦ Jimmy Solidum

✦ Salvador Solidum

✦ Al Tagab

Anniversary Remembrance:

✦ Narciso Ladrillono

Healing Prayers for:

Luz Abcede

Nancy Contrades

Sally Crowell

Carl Teves

Mass Intentions



Monday, August 15, 2022

8:00 AM

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Jimmy Solidum



Tuesday, August 16, 2022

8:00 AM

Saint Stephen of Hungary

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Jimmy Solidum



Wednesday, August 17, 2022

8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Steve Aki

✦ Deacon Thomas Contrades

✦ Jimmy Solidum



Thursday, August 18, 2022

8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Jimmy Solidum

Birthday Blessings for:

Nohea George



Friday, August 19, 2022

8:00 AM

Saint John Eudes, Priest

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Al Ibarra

✦ Jimmy Solidum



Saturday, August 20, 2022

8:00 AM

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Jimmy Solidum

Birthday Blessings for:

Catalina Evangelista (98th BD)



Saturday, August 20, 2022

4:00 PM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

✦ Celine & Kenneth Asato

✦ Doreen & Francis Chia

✦ Al Ibarra

✦ Jimmy Solidum

✦ Al Tagab

Healing Prayers for:

Paula Carrington

Juanita Ruis

Ken Ryan

Patti & Wayne Silva

Source of Content (Vestment colors/Saints): Ordo 2022

Source of Content (Prayer Dates & Masses):

2022 Liturgical Desk Calendar



Prayer Requests

For The Sick & The Homebound

Luz Abcede, Nancy Asato, Stephanie Baron, Paula Carrington, Nancy Contrades, 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, Al Ibarra, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Martin Luke, James Solidum, Salvador Solidum, Vickie Solidum, Al Tagab, Nancy & Raymond Tom, Jack Wong, Shirley Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee