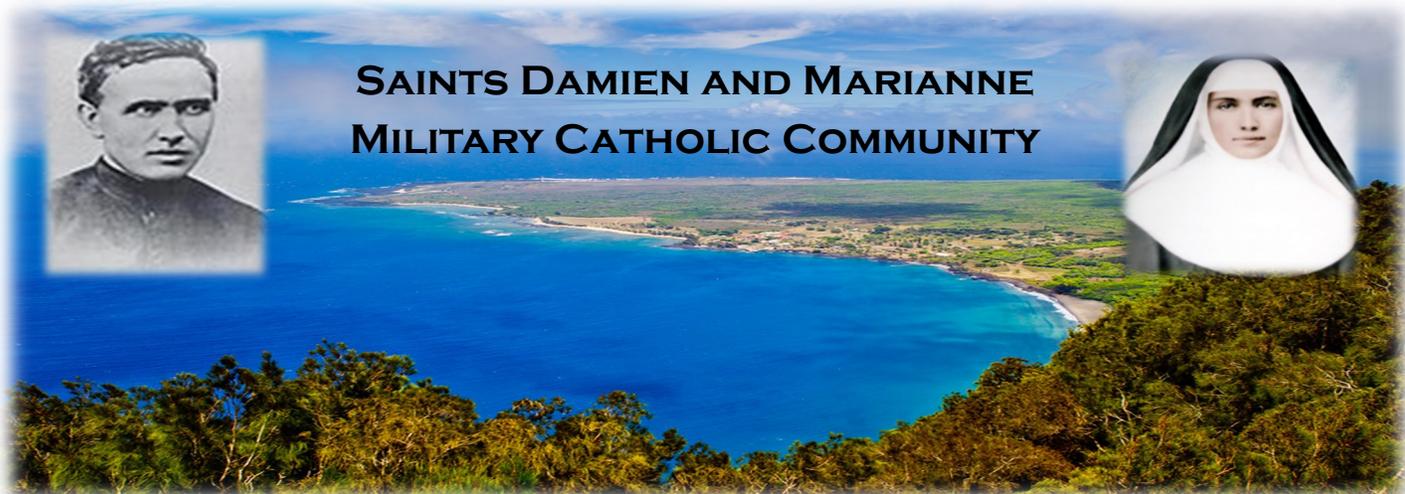




SAINTS DAMIEN AND MARIANNE MILITARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday.....0830 AMR

Sunday..... 1100 MPC

DAILY MASS

Tues & Wed.....1130—MPC

Thurs & Fri.....1130—AMR

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

Responsorial: Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6

A lament from exile for the loss of Jerusalem

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

Gospel Reading - John 3:14-21

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

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Continue GOSPEL REFLECTION...

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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HOLY WEEK

Saints Damien and Marianne Military Catholic Community

Palm Sunday: AMR – 8:30 am, MPC – 11:00 am

Holy Thursday: AMR – 6:00 pm, MPC – 6:00 pm

Good Friday: AMR – 6:00 pm, MPC – 6:00 pm

Easter Vigil: MPC – 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: AMR – 8:30 am, MPC – 11:00 am

March 14: Second Scrutiny for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

The readings this Sunday is the “second scrutiny” for the fourth Sunday of Lent. The scrutiny's are rites celebrated during the RCIA process that provide final moments of grace, repentance, and conversion for the catechumens before they receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. This year, we have 4 catechumens at Main Post Chapel, Schofield. The scrutiny's are taken from YEAR A readings., (below). AMR will follow the YEAR B readings found on the front page of this newsletter.

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Invitation to Prayer: Jesus, you are the Light of the World. You bring light and life beyond my imagining. I ask you humbly: anoint me, wash me, shine your light into my life. Make me one who is sent, to proclaim the mighty works you have done for me.

Reflection:

In today's scrutiny, the catechumens encounter a Jesus who anoints, washes, and shines light into the darkness. All the readings for today are connected by these themes. In the first reading, Samuel anoints David's head with oil, marking him as the next King of Israel. In the Psalm, the Lord is a shepherd who leads to restful waters, guides through dark valleys, and anoints with oil. In the second reading, the baptized are “light in the Lord” and “children of light,” opposed to the works of darkness. And in the Gospel, God, for the first time in the Bible, gives sight to a man born blind, through an “anointing” with clay (vs. 11) and a washing with water.

Whenever a theme or set of themes emerge so prominently, it's because the Church is urging us to reflect on them and apply them to our own lives. And so I ask you:

- ◆ In what ways has God anointed you? What gifts have you received from Him? What role has He chosen you to fulfill, for the sake of His people?
- ◆ In the Bible, water represents healing, forgiveness, and the movement of the Spirit. What wounds do you need Jesus to heal? What relationships did you need Him to restore? What sins do you need Him to forgive?
- ◆ Search your heart. Go there with Jesus. What dark recesses of your heart has He not conquered yet? Where do you need Him to shine His light of truth? What lies have taken root that He can expel? What strongholds of Satan can He destroy?

The catechumens in your parish – and around the world – are wrestling with these very same questions as they await the sacraments that will transform them forever. And when we ask ourselves these questions, even as life-long Catholics, a transformation awaits us too. The Light of the World desires to make all things new, including you.

Prayer: Jesus, you are wonderful. You anoint me until my cup is overflowing. You lead and guide me like a good shepherd. You make me a child of the light. You wash me and cure my blindness. I am in awe of you. Closing: Take the questions listed above and bring them to Jesus in prayer. Spend time with them, as much time as you need. Today's readings are a witness of the mighty deeds of the Lord. What is He waiting to do in you and through you?

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VOLUNTEERING

JOIN A MINISTRY: DON'T MISS OUT ON THE BLESSINGS OF SERVICE

Reasons 5 and 6 on Why You Should Join A Ministry:

5. Children tend to emulate what they see, not what they hear.

When Jesus selected His apostles, He chose them to be “with Him.” How significant. It’s not trite: ministry is more often “caught” than “taught.” Perhaps this principle is what motivated Luke to write of all that Jesus began both “to do and to teach.” Teaching is most effective when doing on the part of the teacher precedes it.

When my oldest son got his driver’s license a number of years ago, I found myself riding shotgun on occasion. One day, as we traveled along a local highway I noticed that he was committing two fatal flaws: (1) He was not wearing a seatbelt, and (2) he was driving 80 mph. Appalling! Where did he learn to be so reckless? Certainly not from the driver’s manual. And definitely not from what I preached to him. Oh, yeah, but then there’s the nasty little thing about my example—oops.

What are your children learning about positive, heart-motivated ministry by watching you? Someday soon you’ll be riding shotgun.

6. The commission is great.

Remember, what Jesus commissioned us to do is what He demonstrated Himself time and again in His personal ministry. Jesus always saw people. In the desperation of their need and in the fragility of their faith, He saw them. Social status, ethnic background, sullied reputation, gender, race, or age—nothing precluded Jesus’ involvement in the lives of others.

Until we contextualize what we do (including the places we go and the jobs we perform) in terms of the gospel, we are missing out on a big part of the reason we’re even here on this planet.

The woman at the well, blind Bartimaeus, and the man by the Pool of Bethesda—they all occupy places on our journey too. Oh, they may have different names and different problems, but they all need Jesus. And we have been commissioned to tell them.

If we are to reach every creature with the gospel, then we need every Christian to embrace the Great Commission.

(Excerpt from “10 REASONS TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY” By Kurt Skelly, 2014. Every week there will continue to be more on serving the Church by joining a ministry).



Volunteers needed:

March 20th @ 10am

We will be cleaning the chapel to get ready for Easter Celebrations.

Lunch will be provided.

Families encouraged to bring kids/teens who are willing to get their hands dirty.

COMMUNITY

ONLINE GIVING



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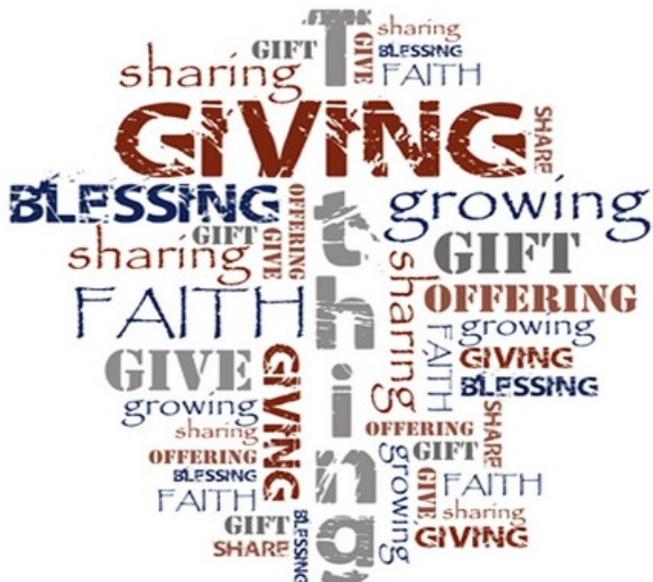
SUN MAR 14	4th Sunday of Lent	AMR 8:30 am MPC 11:00 am
FRI MAR 19	Stations of the Cross	AMR 4:30 pm MPC 6:00 pm
SUN MAR 21	5th Sunday of Lent	AMR 8:30 am MPC 11:00 am
FRI MAR 26	Stations of the Cross	AMR 4:30 pm MPC 6:00 pm
SUN MAR 28	Palm Sunday	AMR 8:30 am MPC 11:00 am
THUR APR 1	HOLY THURSDAY	AMR 6:00 pm MPC 6:00 pm
FRI APR 2	GOOD FRIDAY	AMR 6:00 pm MPC 6:00 pm
SAT APR 3	EASTER VIGIL	MPC 7:30 pm
SUN APR 4	EASTER	AMR 8:30 am MPC 11:00 am
SUN APR 11	2nd Sunday of Easter	AMR 8:30 am MPC 11:00 am
SUN APR 18	3rd Sunday of Easter	AMR 8:30 am MPC 11:00 am
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Weekly Sunday Mass

Attendance and Offering

7 MAR 2021... 0830.....	112.....	\$140.00
	1100.....	\$377.00
Total funds collected.....		\$517.00
Year to date.....		\$6067.07

(Weekly offerings do not reflect online donations)



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Baptism:

Baptisms are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at both MPC and AMR. Please contact Keahi Teson, CPLC kteson@rcchawaii.org for more info and intake forms.

Reconciliation:

Confessions are held one half hour before each mass. You may also make an appointment with a priest, their contact info is to the left of this page.

Marriage:

Effective 2 February 2015, the Archbishop for the Military Services has established that the period of preparation prior to the celebration of marriage in the Archdiocese is six months. Pre-nuptial counseling is required. To schedule an appointment please contact Fr. Yuen Caballejo or Fr. P. J. Camiring. Anointing of the Sick: Please contact one of the priest.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education:

Grades Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Classes for Sacramental prep

First Holy Communion, 2nd grade

Confirmation 8th grade

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

Due to the COVID restrictions, classes for Kindergarten thru grade 8 are parent led. Sacramental Preparation is conducted virtually with a certified Catechist.

*E Haku I Ka Pu'u Wai
(Weave One Heart)*