

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Finding Strength in the Cross

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

February 24, 2019

GOOD NEWS!

Arturo Mari, the photographer who followed St. John Paul II from the first to the last day of his pontificate, was once asked which of the millions of photos he took of the pope captured him best. He cited the ones of the pope holding his crozier, resting his head on it as he prayed during so many Masses around the world. This silver pastoral cross accompanied St. John Paul everywhere and was his constant companion in all of his sufferings.

It shows Jesus hanging from a cross that is literally bowing under the weight of his body. You can feel the pull of gravity drawing the victim down in desperation. The photos show St. John Paul resting his forehead on the back of the cross, lost in prayer.

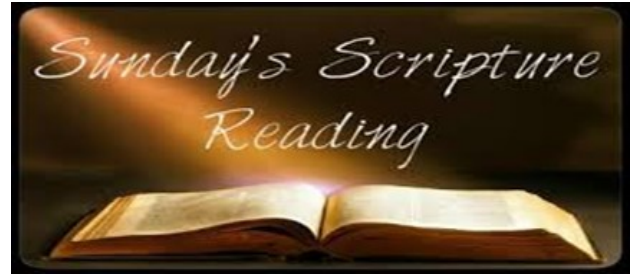
The papal photographer said this image more than any other summed up the pontiff because, before becoming a public figure who changed world history, he was a man of prayer, deeply loving Jesus. He was a man immersed in prayer who spent hours on his knees in order to have the strength to stand with and for those who most needed him.

This is a lesson for us. In order to live the beatitudes, we need to lean on Jesus and find our strength in him. Resting ourselves on the empty side of the crucifix is the best place to learn to love like him and be strong like him.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection: Do I believe in the patience and love of Christ on the cross as the best show of strength?

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Reading I - 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

There is a message here to those, like Saul and his men, who wrongly accused David. God defends his own. God defends the innocent and He will bring about justice.

Reading II - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

As being descendants from Adam we have all been born in his likeness, and subject to the same kind of corruption, disgrace and death; we shall also be raised to a life immortal, such as he now enjoys in the kingdom of God. This proceeds on the ground that what is here spoken belongs to Adam in his twofold state – mortality and immortality, of disgrace and honor, of earth and heaven.

Reading III - Luke 6:27-38

Jesus sets into place the two principles which pose stumbling blocks for most modern Christians: the repudiation of privilege based on wealth and the repudiation of retaliation that spawns violence. These principles are diametrically opposed to the assumptions of the market place that shape American culture.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading— Sirach 27:4-7

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel - Luke 6:39-45



FEBRUARY Prayer Intentions from
Pope Francis

Human Trafficking—For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Welcome to the Family
Congratulations



Alefosio Dejesus Kelekolio Jr.

Please pray for him, recently baptized, and for his family, that he grow up to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK
Please pray for the sick

Loranzo Alota
 Becky Alota,
 Darlene Amoro
 Arthur Cababa
 Susie Cababa
 Avon Czerwinski
 Regina Czerwinski
 Aida Diao
 Yuriko Enomoto
 Encornita Esteban
 Charles Goo

Robert Heisler
 Stanley Ho
 Maria Elena Jencks
 Jack Jucewicz
 Christopher Jucewicz
 Richard McCrea Jr.
 Edwin C. Munalem
 Betty Ann Nault
 Judy Orlando
 Rita Stocker
 Andrea Pontillas
 Ruth Tavares-Toma



Rite of Election for Oahu celebrated by
Bishop Larry Silva

Pray for the catechumen and candidates of our Diocese who will be baptized and received into the Catholic faith at Easter. In the ancient church, the catechumens who wanted to be baptized would give their names to their pastor some time before Lent. If the pastor thought they were ready, he would submit their names to the Bishop. At the beginning of Lent, all those seeking baptism would go before the Bishop who would question the catechumens and their godparents about the catechumen's lifestyle. If the Bishop discerned they were ready their names were inscribed in a book or on a scroll. They now become Elect in their final preparation before Sacraments.

Our Rite of Election will be Sunday, March 10, 2019
at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa at 1:00 p.m.

MARCH 2019 BIRTHDAY and/or
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Please complete this form with your pertinent information so that we may remember you at Mass and with prayers and blessings on your special day in **MARCH**. Fill in this form (**please print clearly**) and place it in the collection basket or return to the office no later than **March 3, 2019**.

NAME: _____

PH# _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ **(check)** **DATE:** _____

~ AND/OR ~

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: _____ **(check)**

DATE: _____ **NO. OF YEARS MARRIED:** _____



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME - TALENT - TREASURE



The Hawaii Food Bank Distribution was Friday, February 15th. Mahalo to all our volunteers who helped sign in the kupuna and packed 143, 32 pound Hawaii Foodbank boxes.

The next Foodbank Senior Box distribution is March 15th.

MAHALO NUI LOA!

With your contributions of non-perishable food items for the January Catholic Care Brown Bag Project, volunteers prepared 50 bags, for our Kupuna, families and those in need of supplemental food.

Mahalo to our volunteers who came to help pack the brown bags with food.

Our next Catholic Care Brown Bag Collection is March 16th and 17th

Sorting and packing will be March 18th at 9:00 AM.

Distribution will be March 19th and 20th.

Mahalo for sharing your food supplies with those who have less. Your donations help us to help others.

Do you know someone in our parish who would benefit from receiving a food bag to help them make ends meet?

*Please tell them to contact our
Catholic Care Helpline
(808) 941-0675*

*All information we receive remains
confidential.*

During Lent we will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection.

We will reflect on how this encounter can be transformative. We will see how our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving can respond to Pope Francis's invitation to *Share the Journey* by supporting those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

As we prepare for this holy season, it is especially important to come together as a family and reflect on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war that our brothers and sisters forced to flee their homes. In so doing, we pledge to stand alongside these members of our human family, supporting them as the Gospel calls us to do.

Please consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

P.S. Did you know that CRS Rice Bowl has a web page specifically for families? Visit crsricebowl.org/families for activities that will help your family grow in our Catholic faith this Lenten season.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

Our Lady of Fatima Love & Peace at Home



It was an honor and privilege to have Our Lady of Fatima visit our home and grace our family with her presence. Our daughters were excited to prepare for our rosary readings each day. With all the challenges we have

in our world, having Our Lady of Fatima in our home provided love and peace in our family. Our Lady of Fatima's amazing visit in our home went quickly, but the week's blessing will last a lifetime.

We are thankful for the time and blessings Our Lady of Fatima has graced our family with during her visit.

With grateful hearts, The Nagao Ohana

Our Lady of Fatima continues to bless Sts. Peter and Paul Parish with her presence. We offer an opportunity for families to grace their home with her presence while praying the rosary daily.

With an open heart, Our Lady of Fatima's visit to your home serves to strengthen the eternal love our Blessed Virgin Mary continues to share with us. Our Lady of Fatima emphasizes the importance of devotion to the rosary, just as she shared with Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia in their Fatima village over 100 years ago. The prayer allows us to slow down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence.

Please call the church office and leave a message for Bernie Lopez or Anna Flores if you are interested in welcoming Our Lady of Fatima into your home for a week.

Young Adults

Luke 6:33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same."

Our Young Adults meet every week for fellowship and ministry to others and to one another. If you are looking for a family to be a part of call Sunu and Amala.

- Wednesdays ESL (English as a Second Language): call Sunu to find out meeting place. Practice English conversation Wednesday 5-6 pm
- * Thursdays Bible Study: Young adults Bible study at Church Thursdays 5-6 pm
- * Second Saturday Church Cleaning: Once a month, just for a few hours, we help clean the church from 8.30 AM.

We'll keep looking for other ways we can help remove trash, plastics and other debris from the surrounding beach and park areas of Ala Moana <http://www.waikikiaquarium.org/interact/special-events/ala-moana-beach-cleanup/>

As the young adults ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul, inspired by St. Don Bosco, we wish to volunteer, learn, reflect, and be happy. *Servite Domine in laetitia* (Serve God cheerfully). Being part of this group, in this phase of our journey in life, will allow us to help each other to grow spiritually, intellectually and physically. If you have any interest, questions, comments, ideas, etc. please e-mail us at trivialFyr@gmail.com or txt [305-898-0378](tel:305-898-0378).

Hope to see everyone soon!

Aloha,

Amala & Sunu

STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collection for **February 16-17** is as follows:
\$11,210.03

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$8,991.24
Mass Intentions	372.00
Baptism	100.00
Electric Votive & Candles	591.10
Total:	\$10,054.34

ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	39%
UNIDENTIFIABLE	61%

Building Fund	\$48.00
Outreach	20.00
Donation	197.69
Thanksgiving	5.00
Christmas	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
All Souls	5.00
All Saints	5.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
First Offering	5.00
Catholic Care Project	175.00
Total:	\$480.00

Special Collections:

Augustine Ed. Fund	94.00
Latin American Mission	1.00
Black & Indian Mission	1.00
50th Anniversary	316.00
Stained Glass	244.00
Catholic Campaign-Human Dev.	15.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	4.00
Total:	\$675.00

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



is for the **Building Fund, February 23-24**. Our Kitchen Renovation has begun. Please watch for updates and days the office will be closed because of the construction. Mahalo to our volunteers and project directors who have put in much of their time and energy.

This Week's Events February 24 -March 2, 2019

*M – Main Church, U–Upstairs Parish Conference Room,
R – Reception room, B - Blue room, G - Green Room,
C – Courtyard*

Sunday February 24

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 am —Rosary (M)
8:15 am — Youth choir practice (B)
10:15 am—R.C.I.A.

Monday February 25

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

Tuesday February 26

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

Wednesday February 27

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:30 am – Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
1:00 pm – Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace (R)
6:00 pm – RCIA (B)
7:00 pm – Scripture Study (B)

Thursday February 28

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
5:15 & 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

Friday March 1

First Friday

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:40 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
10:00 – 11:30 am Confession and Spiritual Direction
10:45 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet
11:15 am—International Rosary
11:45 am—Benediction

Saturday March 2

First Saturday, BVM

11:15 am – Rosary
3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

AROUND THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



We ask our parishioners and guests kokua and exercise reasonable caution and care when entering and/or exiting church grounds. We remind you that the fine for the violation of jaywalking is \$130.

The church also asks our driving parishioners and guests to exercise caution and good judgment in entering and exiting the church's parking lots in relation to on-coming traffic and/or pedestrians.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation in these important matters.

50th Anniversary

Mahalo to our volunteers and to the Anniversary committee for the delicious malasadas that was sold after the 5:00pm mass this past Saturday.

The funds raised will finance the projects to prepare the church for her 50th Anniversary.

We are looking for creative minds who can interview, organize and write for the church 50th Anniversary book and video.

Please contact the office at 941-0675.



DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

May 24 - 26, 2019

at the
Hawaii Convention Center

Theme:

Divine Mercy and the Message of Fatima




>>> Learn how Divine Mercy is a Preparation for the Second Coming of Christ

>>> Learn about the connection of Divine Mercy to Fatima

>>> Listen to Miraculous Healings Through Our Lady's Intercession

>>> Venerate the United Nations Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and be blessed

>>> Venerate the First-Class relics of St. Jacinta, St. Francisco, St. Faustina

>>> Come, Witness and be Healed

Listen to great and dynamic guest speakers...

Don't miss this powerful conference!

Register early... Seats are limited!

March 6th begins the holy season of Lent. Traditionally the days before Ash Wednesday were days cooks would try to use up eggs, milk, meat and lard in their pantries. These things were not allowed during Lent. Hence the tradition of malasadas on Shrove Tuesday.

Join your parish family for Mardi Gras
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

From 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

in the celebration before Lent

Bring a side dish or entrée to feed 10-12 people or your favorite thing to give up for Lent.

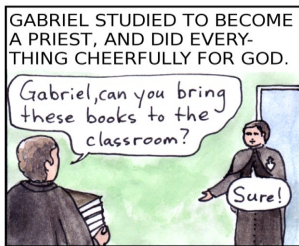


Come usher in the Season of Lent with the burning of Palms at about 7:30 p.m.

Bring in your blessed palms from last year to burn for Ash Wednesday

Saint Gabriel Possenti

February 27



WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL.

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David and King Saul Word-Find

S O L D I E R S L H O H
T S O I V E D A V I D U
A L N S W A S U M M Y R
R E G R K I L L E D K T
T E W A R R I O R W I I
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D I O L H U N T I N G G
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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.

