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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B (Apr 28, 2024)

"Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us." Easter joy! We are one with Jesus.

THE ORDER OF MASS

At the Eucharist, the Church comes together to hear the Word of the Lord, to pray for the world's needs, to offer the sacrifice of the Cross in praise and thanks to God, to receive Christ Jesus in *Communion*, and then to be sent forth in the Spirit as disciples of the Gospel. Through the experience of these sacred mysteries in the liturgy, the "summit toward which the activity of the church is directed," the people of God are renewed and given new strength to live out the Christian faith daily (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 10).

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD

REFRAIN *Legato* (♩ = ca. 92)
(a tempo)

We have been told, we've seen his face and heard his voice _____ a - live in our hearts; _____ "Live in my love with all your heart, _____ as the Fa - ther has loved me, so I have loved you." _____

rit. last time 1-3 to Verses Final D Fine

VERSES

1. "I am the vine, you are _____ the branch - es, and
2. "You are my friends, if you keep my _____ com - mands, _____
3. "No great - er love is there _____ than this: to

1. all _____ who live in me will bear _____ great fruit." _____
2. no long - er slaves, I call you friends." _____
3. lay down one's life for _____ a friend." _____

rit. D.C.

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Greeting

Sprinkling Rite

NEW CREATION

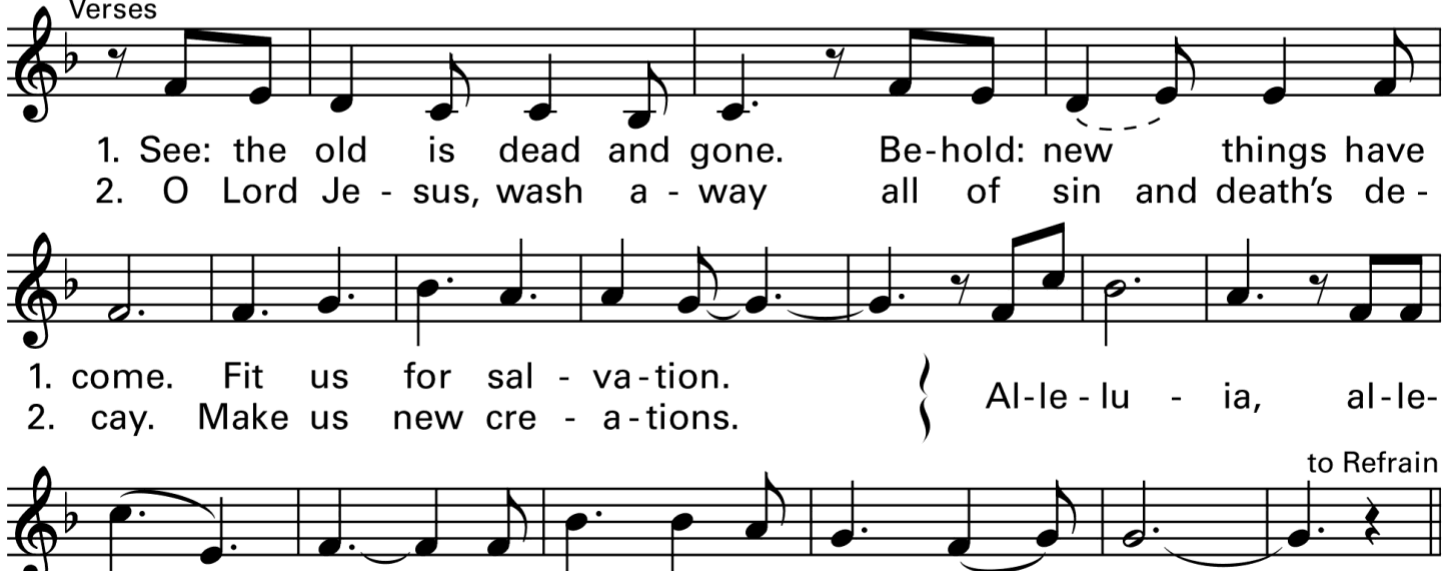
Jackie François

Refrain



From death to life: I no long - er live, but Christ now
lives in me. Clothed in righ - teous-ness and
crowned with ho - li-ness, we are new. Al-le - lu - ia!

Verses



1. See: the old is dead and gone. Be-hold: new things have
2. O Lord Je - sus, wash a - way all of sin and death's de -
1. come. Fit us for sal - va - tion. } Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-
2. cay. Make us new cre - a - tions. }
1, 2. lu - ia. De-light in re-demp-tion's song.

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GLORY TO GOD

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and
Thomas N. Tomaszek

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to

peo-ple of good will. (1. We) A - men.

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

1. we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,

1. heav - en - ly King, O God, al-might - y Fa - ther.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of

2. God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

2. sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the

2. sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right

2. hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

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GLORY TO GOD (CONT. 2)

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. to Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a melodic line with two triplet markings over the notes G4, A4, B4 and G4, A4, B4. The second staff continues the melody with a triplet over G4, A4, B4. The third staff concludes the verse with a triplet over G4, A4, B4 and a fermata over the final note, followed by the instruction 'to Refrain'.

Collect • A period of silence, the priest says the Collect and all respond: **Amen**

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

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Responsorial Psalm

I Will Praise You, Lord, in the Assembly of Your People (Or: Alleluia)

(Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32)

(Psalm 22)

Francesca LaRosa



I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sembly of your peo - ple.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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R. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

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Second Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 15:4a, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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Homily

Profession of Faith • Nicene Creed [*All bow at the **bolded text***]

I believe in one God, / the Father almighty, / maker of heaven and earth, / of all things visible and invisible. / I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only Begotten Son of God, / born of the Father before all ages. / God from God, Light from Light, / true God from true God, / begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; / through him all things were made. / For us men and for our salvation / he came down from heaven, / **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, / and became man.** / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, / he suffered death and was buried, / and rose again on the third day / in accordance with the Scriptures. / He ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory / to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, / who proceeds from the Father and the Son, / who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, / who has spoken through the prophets. / I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. / I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins / and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer • As priestly people, we unite with one another to pray for today's needs in the Church and the world.

ALL MASSES:



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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

VINE AND BRANCHES

Trevor Thomson

Refrain




I am the vine and you the branch-es. Re-main in
me as I re-main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.

Verses



1. A new com - mand - ment I give you: e - ven
2. No great - er love is there than this: than to
3. I am the liv - ing bread from heav - en; if you
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood re -
5. The words that I have spo - ken are
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so

to Refrain



1. as I have loved you, now love one an - oth - er.
2. lay down your life, your life for your friends.
3. eat this bread, you will live for - ev - er.
4. main in me and I re-main in them.
5. spir - it and life, they are spir - it and life.
6. you must do just as I have done.

Text based on John 6:35–63; 13:14–15; 15:1–13.

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All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Preface [All respond at the *bolded text*]

The Lord be with you / **And with your spirit** / Lift up your hearts / **We lift them up to the Lord** / Let us give thanks to the Lord our God / **It is right and just.**

Holy

HOLY

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in
the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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HEMOLELE (Holy, Holy, Holy) | 7AM HAWAIIAN MASS

Hemolele (Hemolele) 2x

Hemolele, ke Akua mana | Ame ka ikaika | Hosana, ki'eki'e

Ua piha ka lani, A me ka honua | kou nani | Hosana ki'eki'e

Pomaika'i ka mea | hele mai ma | Ka inoa o ka Haku

Hosana ki'eki'e, Hosana ki'eki'e

PLEASE KNEEL DURING THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER. Those on the outside, remain standing or kneel, and profoundly bow during the elevations.

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Mystery of Faith

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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Tom Tomaszek

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Amen

AMEN

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano

A - men. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases of 'Amen', and the second staff contains the melody for the next three phrases. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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The Lord's Prayer

KA PULE A KA HAKU | 7AM HAWAIIAN MASS

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani,
E ho'āno 'ia Kou inoa,
E hiki mai Kou aupuni,
E mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma ka honua nei.
E like me 'ia i mālama'ia ma ka lani lā.
E hā'awi mai iā mākou i kēia la
I 'ai nā mākou no nēia lā.
E kala mai ho'i iā mākou, i kā mākou lawehala 'ana
Me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i kā mākou.
Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai,
E ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of Your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

No ka mea, Nou ke aupuni,
a me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia, a mau loa aku
Āmene.

Sign of Peace

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THE COMMUNION RITE
Lamb of God

LAMB OF GOD

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Steve Angrisano

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

sins of the world: grant us peace.

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E pua hipa o ke Akua (Lamb of God) | TAM HAWAIIAN MASS

E pua hipa o ke Akua, E lawe aku oi a ka hewa. O ko ke ao nei.
E aloha mai ia makou, E aloha mai ia makou (Repeat)

E pua hipa o ke Akua, E lawe aku oi a ka hewa. O ko kea o nei.
Ha'a wi mai i makou, Ha'a wi ka maluhia, ha'a wi ka maluhia.

[In the Diocese of Honolulu, please remain standing after the "Agnus Dei."]

Priest: Behold the lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All respond: **Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

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Communion

As you proceed to receive holy communion, we invite you to spiritually prepare yourself and approach with humility, reverence, and confidence.

REMEMBRANCE OF YOU

Sarah Hart and Sarah Kroger

Verses



- 1. We re - mem - ber the night you broke the bread, the mer - cy
- 2. We re - mem - ber the night you took the cup, the pour - ing
- 3. We re - mem - ber the night of ag - o - ny that led the
- 4. We re - mem - ber the day love moved the stone to make the



- 1. of the words you said, and the life you would lose to make us
- 2. out of death - less love. In the sins you would bear, our hope re -
- 3. King to Cal - va - ry. Oh, the pain you en - dured, your love to
- 4. pow'r of heav - en known and to wel - come us all to life in

1: to Verse 2
2-4: to Refrain



- 1. new. We break this bread in re - mem - brance of you.
- 2. newed, we take this cup in re - mem - brance of you.
- 3. prove. We take this gift in re - mem - brance of you.
- 4. you. We come to the feast in re - mem - brance of you.

Refrain



This is your bod - y we come to re - ceive. This is the prom - ise we've



come to be - lieve. We are one bod - y in spir - it and truth.



We give our lives in re - mem - brance of you.

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Period of Silence or Song of Praise: At St. Michael’s, during feast days and special liturgies, we offer a song of thanksgiving, sometimes joined with our Hula Ministry. The proper response for the is **“AMEN.” NO APPLAUSE after conclusion.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Greeting · Final Blessing · Dismissal

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

Go make a dif - frence. We can make a dif -
 - frence. Go make a dif - frence in the world.
 Go make a dif - frence. We can make a dif -
 - frence. Go make a dif - frence in the world.

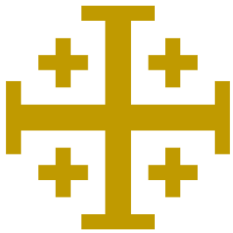
Verses

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
 2. We are the hands of ___ Christ reach - ing out to those in
 1. see ___ the love of ___ God in you and me. ___
 2. need, ___ the face of ___ God for all to see. ___
 1. ___ We are the light of the world, _ not to be hid - den but be
 2. ___ We are the spir - it of hope; ___ & we are the voice of
 to Refrain
 1. seen. Go make a dif - frence in the world.
 2. peace. Go make a dif - frence in the world.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I - Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 | Psalm - 22:26-27,28,30,31-32 | Reading 1 John 15:4a,5b | Gospel - John 15:1-8
Primera Lectura - Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 | Salmo - 21:26-27,28,30,31-32 | Segunda Lectura - 1 Juan 15:4a,5b | Evangelio - Juan 15:1-8



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Acts (Hechos) 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

Psalm/Salmo: **98(97): 1,2-3,3-4**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **1 John (1 Juan) 4:7-10**

Gospel/Evangelio: **John (Juan) 15:9-17**

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at saintmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

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DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Where do they get their energy!” Maybe you’ve said that about your children as they run around the yard while you’re trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes abound about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it’s proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, “Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live.” (*Word on Fire Bible*, 548) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus’ love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ’s message in the Gospel. With Jesus as “the power and energy source in which we live,” we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out “boldly in the name of the Lord,” but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God’s commandments, John says, we “remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” In other words, those who remain in Christ “will bear much fruit” – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, “where does he/she get her energy?”

PRAY Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than his love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where he has given you conversion of heart, and ask him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

Life of Stewardship

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that - as a branch never separated from its vine - God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

Parish News

Joseph Dutton Special Collection

This week our special collection will be for the Cause of Servant of God Joseph Dutton, Layman. With your support, a humble Civil War lieutenant with a fervent desire to serve God may become Hawai'i's third saint. Your support will allow this important work to continue in the Vatican. Any contribution will make a difference. Envelopes are provided in this week's bulletin.

St. Joseph School Collection - MAHALO!

MAHALO to everyone who contributed to our collection for St. Joseph School this year! We were able to bless St. Joseph School with \$20,000. These funds will go to continue to support and perpetuate Catholic education on our island.

Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on **May 11, 2024**. Runners start at 6:45am and walkers start at 7:30am. We are recruiting everyone to **join Team Catholic Charities** to fundraise and participate in the event. Fr. Lio has issued his annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West Hawaii Vicariate (and Fr. Steve Macedo) to raise the most funds. There will also be prizes for the top three fundraisers for Team Catholic Charities. **See the Charity Walk table before or after the weekend Masses on April 27/28, and May 4/5 for more informa-**

tion or to donate. You may also drop off your donation at the Parish Office.

The Charity Walk is sponsored by the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association to help support Hawai'i's local non-profit organizations. All monies raised stays here on Hawaii Island to support nonprofit organizations like Catholic Charities. Your donation ensures that Catholic Charities can continue to do their good work in our community! Last year, our Catholic Charities Team rallied together to raise almost **Eighteen Thousand Dollars**. Please help us to exceed that amount this year!

Food Pantry & Diaper Ministry Drive

The monthly parish food drive in support of the Food Pantry is on **Monday, April 29 from 9-10am at Immaculate Conception Mission Hall**. Items needed are **Canned Fruit and Vegetables and Spam**.

Diaper Sizes needed are **sizes 3,4, 5 & 6 and Pull-Ups sizes 4T-5T Boys and Girls**.

Young Adult Group starts on May 16th

Beginning May 16th, young adults (**ages 21-35**) are invited to gather at Grace Parish Center on **Thursdays from 6-7pm**. The first series will include reading through *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Fr. Jacques Phillippe. No prior reading is required and books will be provided. Please email Cole or Juliann Hamblin with any questions at stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Derzay. May he have eternal rest. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 4 at St. Michael's. Visitation from 9-9:45. Mass at 10am.

Immigration Ministry Seminar

The next Immigration Ministry Seminar will be held on **Sunday, April 28th at 12:30pm** in the Grace Parish Center. Attorney Evita will discuss federal immigration laws in an informational one-hour seminar. If you, or someone you know from any country in the world, are here in the USA without legal status and are not sure where to begin the process to become legal, this is a must attend. All immigration questions will be answered.

Faith Formation

Grades K-5

The last Faith Formation classes for Grades K-5 will be on Sunday, May 5th. Registration forms for next year will be available this weekend. - *Margaret Essex, Catechist*

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Parents and Sponsors, keep up the good work of guiding your children on their Faith Journey and encouraging their relationship with the Lord. There are so many resources available online, contact me for digital links. Text 808-895-7015 or email efujimoto@rcchawaii.org. Keep watch for any upcoming retreats or fun days during the summer. - *Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

Stewardship of Treasure

Apr 15th - 21st, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,770.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 12,153.25
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 10,170.20

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$4,996,832.88** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

Mahalo for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$10,831.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$1,724.18**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in *'Ohana in Christ* to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit saintmichaelparishkona.org and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

Children's Rosary Club

The **Children's Rosary Club** will meet in front of the grotto on **Sunday, April 28 after the 9am Mass**. Together, we will pray one decade of the Rosary, followed by a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. Please encourage your children to join us.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The OCIA class will meet for mystagogy every Sunday after the 9am Mass until Sunday, May 19th.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **"He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2)**. I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's

not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

- Father John Muir, ©LPI

Treasures From Our Tradition

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four Holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas. - Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Everyday Stewardship - Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree - perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I

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think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too. It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
*Love in Deed***

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film - not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make - to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 4pm - Emma Faisca, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 9am - William, 56th Birthday Blessing
- 1:30pm - Mike & Mary Sotomayor and Henry Vasquez, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH

- 7am - Sean, Lorraine and David Wilkinson, deceased, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Maria Rimkus, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Muyces Manarpaac, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND

- 7am - Marilyn Cirrincione, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - For all Unborn Babies

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

- 7am - Christopher Pesta, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Maria Bernithal, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, ***please call well in advance of the date to secure it.***

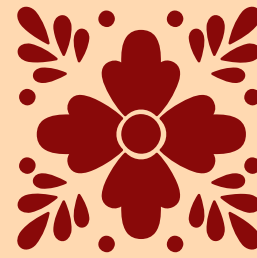
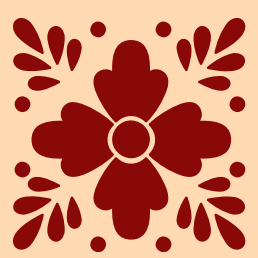
Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**



Resources in Kona

SERVICES TO HELP THE LATINO COMMUNITY:

*Medical, food, education, family,
legal, community, and more*

Date: Saturday, May 4 th

Time: 12pm - 4pm

*Location: 74-5214 Keanalehu Dr,
Kailua Kona, HI 96740*

*Join us and enjoy food &
drinks! Presentations and
support from organizations*