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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

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS



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Greeting

Sprinkling Rite





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GLORY TO GOD (CONT. 2)



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 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

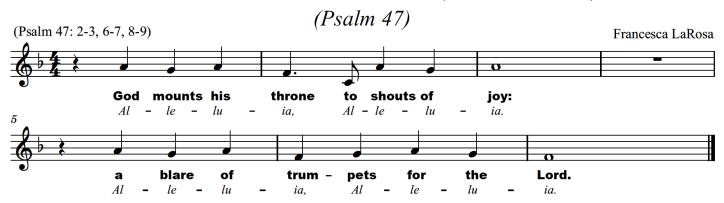
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Responsorial Psalm

God Mounts His Throne (Or: Alleluia)



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R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

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Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

OR:

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it says: *He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men.* What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

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Verse Before the Gospel

Mt 28:19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

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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 ONE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Song for Ascension



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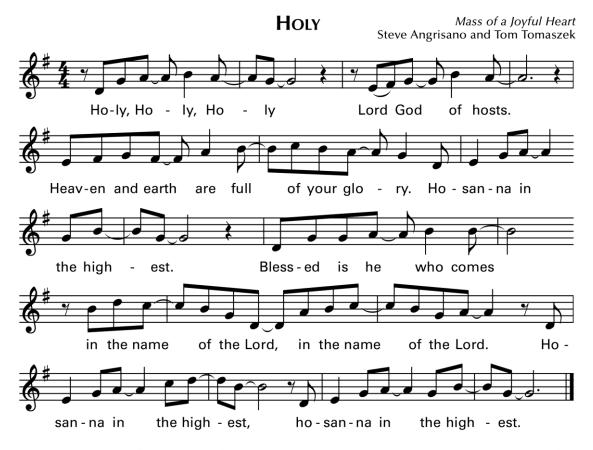
All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

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



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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 I kou nani | Hosana ki'eki'e Pomaika'i ka mea I 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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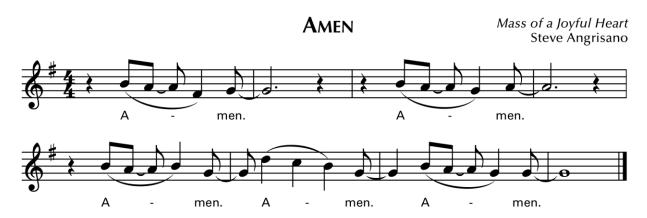
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Mystery of Faith



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Amen



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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 nēja 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.

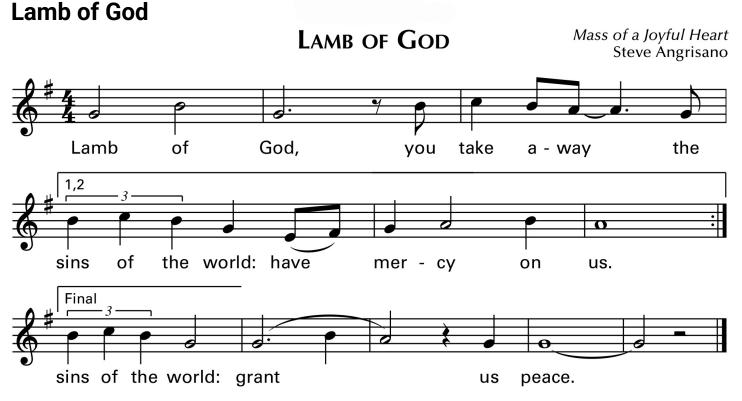
Sign of Peace

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THE COMMUNION RITE



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E pua hipa o ke Akua (Lamb of God) | 7AM Hawalian 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.

THE FEAST MEANT FOR EVERYONE



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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



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Reading I - Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 | Psalm - 47:2-3,6-7,8-9 | Reading 1 - Ephesians 1:17-23 | Gospel - Mark 16:15-20 Primera Lectura - Hechos de los Apóstoles 1:1-11 | Salmo - 46:2-3,6-7,8-9 | Segunda Lectura - Efesios 1:17-23 | Evangelio - Marcos 16:15-20

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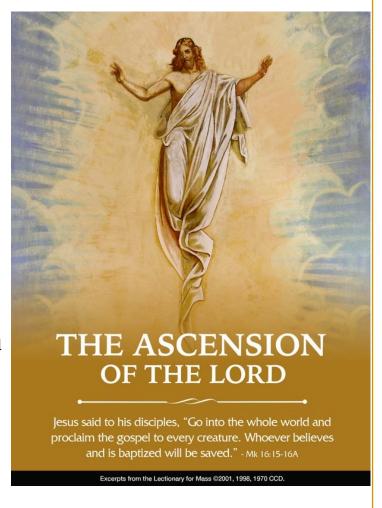
Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ - a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth. © Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: Acts (Hechos) 2:1-11 Psalm/Salmo: 104(103):1,24,29-20,31,34 2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: 1 Corinthians (Corintios) 12:3-7,12-13 Gospel/Evangelio: John (Juan) 20:19-23

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.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mk 16:15-20

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

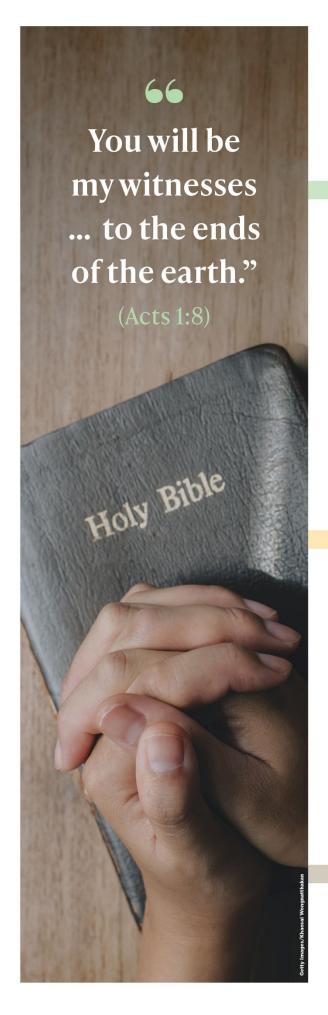
It's easy for me to get impatient with the Lord - to wonder why he makes me wait for an answer to a prayer or, worse, why his answer may be no. However, when I look back at the lessons of the Bible, it becomes clear that God works on his timetable, not mine. That same message comes through in today's first reading. The apostles ask Jesus whether he will be restoring the kingdom to Israel, and he is clear in his answer: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority." And then, after saying this, he ascends to the Father. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus has left his disciples again. But instead of leaving them to weep and mourn - as happened after his death - this time, our Lord left them with a mission. They were to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." They did, faithfully, and they traveled far and wide. Armed with the gift of the Holy Spirit which they received at Pentecost, they baptized countless people as they shared the Good News about Jesus and his gift of salvation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Jesus gives the disciples the command to go out and preach the Gospel, he says that "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." He offers salvation for those who believe in him. And he says that the disciples, and us, will be his witnesses in the world. Sacred tradition tells us that Andrew and Philip preached in Asia Minor while Bartholomew and Thomas spent time in India. Others are said to have gone to Palestine, Persia, and Ethiopia. All died a martyr's death – except John who had been entrusted with the care of our Blessed Mother. We are his witnesses today, and we are also commissioned to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel. Today, as we celebrate his ascension into heaven, let us allow ourselves a moment to gaze upward and behold Jesus' power and glory. Let the Ascension renew our commitment to do the work he has asked us to do, and remind us of his presence here with us in all that we do.

PRAY We know the mission Jesus has given us and we know we have the Holy Spirit to help us carry it out. For prayer this week, meditate on Paul's words to the Ephesians and ask the Lord for "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of [our] hearts be enlightened, that [we] may know what is the hope that belongs to his call."



Life of Stewardship

We often cite Jesus' quote from today's Gospel of Mark: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was quite frankly a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us.

Often, we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We need to acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of Jesus did not do that immediately. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed to be only when the Church and its followers were persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the "Good News."

Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they did indeed take the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us "off the hook."

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to "love one another," what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

Parish News Catholic Communication Campaign Collection

Next week our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Envelopes are provided in this week's bulletin. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Honolulu to fund local communications efforts Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Let's Honor Our Graduates!

It's that time of the year again! We would like to honor our graduates from Preschool, Elementary, Intermediate, High School, College and Trade School. **Parents...please send graduation photo and name** to Edwina at efujimoto @rcchawaii.org and stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org.

Friendly Place Lunches Ministry

Our ministry provides a hot meal every Monday for our unsheltered neighbors at the Friendly Place here in Kona. There are several ways you can help! Prepare a meal, help to serve the meal, or make a donation to help with the cost of preparing a meal. Please help us serve our neighbors in need.

Our Pastoral Council Needs Your Help!

Our Pastoral Council is developing our next three-year plan. Please share your thoughts and let us know what's in your heart. This is a stewardship parish which means every member contributes to directing and taking part in our Church's existence and function. Help make our Church a place that feeds your spiritual needs and ever growing relationship with Christ so you can better know, love, and serve Him.

The survey can be found on our website at saintmichael parishkona.org. A QR code is on the cover of the bulletin for your convenience. Pastoral Council members will also be conducting in person surveys after Mass during the month of May.

Knights of Columbus Council 13227

The next KOC meeting is on Monday, May 13 at 5:45pm in the Grace Parish Center. All visiting Knights as well as prospective new members are welcome to join us. For more information or to join the KOC Council, please email David Aragon at hauoli718@gmail.com.

Also, the Knights will be serving coffee and donuts after the 7am and 9am Masses on Sunday, May 12. Please stop by to say hello and learn about the activities they have planned to help our community.

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 Phillipe. No prior reading is required and books will be provided. For more info, please email Cole or Juliann at stmichael archangel@rcchawaii.org.

Memorial Day Cemetery Clean-Up

Please save the date! We will have our Memorial Day Cemetery Clean-Up at St. Michael's, Holualoa & St. Paul's starting at 7:30am on Saturday, May 25. Please bring your gardening tools, hat and gloves. Bottled water and snacks will be provided. **TO FAMILIES WITH LOVED**ONES BURIED AT OUR CEMETERIES: Please help us to clear broken and damaged items from the gravesites. Effective June 1st, no flowers, trees, or bushes can be planted at the gravesite. This will eliminate damage to the gravesites from overgrown roots. Potted plants, live cut flowers, artificial flowers not more than two feet in height are still allowed. Please refrain from using breakable glass or ceramic containers. Mahalo!

To Our Parish Members

The **presence of children** is a gift to the Church and they are a **reminder** that **our parish is growing**. Please **welcome** our children and give a **warm, supportive** smile of **encouragement** to their parents.

To Families with Small Children:

RELAX: God put the wiggles in your little ones. No need to suppress it! **SIT CLOSE AND EXPLAIN**: Sit towards the front where it's easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass. **PARTICIPATE**: Your child learns by imitating you. Sing, pray, and respond. Your child will fol-low your lead! **WANDER**: If you need to leave Mass, feel free to step outside, but please be sure to come back! Your St. Michael's Parish Ohana is happy you are here!

Stewardship of Treasure

Apr 29th - May 5th, 2024

ONLINE GIVING \$ 6,645.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS \$ 11,574.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN \$ 7,357.34

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,018,896.22** 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 MAY 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.

Faith Formation

Grades K-5

Faith Formation classes will begin again in September. Registration forms are available online. -Margaret Essex, Cathechist

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Have a great summer! 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

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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

Children's Rosary

St. Michael's Children's Rosary Club meets on the last Sunday of each month. Please join us! This is a great way for children to recite their prayers and also to start praying together as a family. **Our next meeting will be after the 9am Mass on May 26**. We will pray one decade of the Rosary at the grotto followed by a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

The Ascension of the LORD

When I was a kid, my parents took me to the circus, and I was mesmerized by the acrobats. I recall one show in which the trapeze artists would swoop down just above the ground and then launch up into the air, flinging their bodies seemingly to the top of the tent, all at dizzying speeds. It wasn't just

their height but their dangerous proximity to the ground that thrilled me.

Perhaps that's a little how St. Mark wants us to feel as he describes the Ascension of Jesus. He tells us that Jesus "sat down at table with them" and then, just a few lines later, "he ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." He dies, he rises! He sits down, he ascends! What do these divine acrobatics teach us?

The depth and height on display are a show of his love for us. When Jesus "sat down" he "upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness of heart." He dangerously swoops down into our lowly place of fragmentation, disbelief, and death. When he ascends, he confirms their preaching with signs of powerful healing. The height of heaven is the place from which God brings wholeness, faith, and life. The point is the Ascension of Jesus is not about his departure. It is about the feat by which he unites the heavens and the earth, the highest and the lowest.

We are meant to relive this spiritually dizzying experience in every Mass, when Jesus sits down with us at his Eucharistic table and then offers himself up to the Father with and for us. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls: welcome to the great tent of the Church! Feast your eyes on the divine and human acrobat whose saving feat is the great thrill of our lives. - Father John Muir, ©LPi

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ - a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth. - Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Everyday Stewardship - Commissioned and Sent

Have you heard the Good News? If you're reading this, chances are you probably have. You've heard the good news that God became man and that Jesus suffered, died, and rose for you, me, and everyone in between. Do you know you're part of it?

This week, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave specific directions to his Apostles. "Go and make disciples of all nations." They listened! They made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, on down the centuries. And here we are! So what's next? The truth is that we're all commissioned and sent. It

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happened at our baptism, when we were made sharers in this sacred mission of Jesus. Who will make the next disciples? I hope it's you! - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - The Ideal Candidate

The Ascension always makes me think of what a job listing on Indeed.com would look like for the position of Disciple of Jesus Christ. "An exciting opportunity for the go getter who loves a challenge. Multilingual skills a must. Animal handling experience preferred. The ideal candidate will have a strong stomach and an enthusiasm for travel."

In all seriousness, I find the Ascension a little depressing, a little intimidating. This day forces me to confront how few are the qualifications I possess to carry out the Great Commission.

Proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Hold on - do I have to talk to people? I don't even really like calling my friends on their birthdays. Can I send a text instead?

Go into the whole world. All of it? Everywhere? Even the places where it's really, really humid? Could I possibly schedule a Zoom call? Speak new languages . . . pick up serpents . . . drink any deadly thing . . . Okay, full disclosure: I have never even been camping. I don't think I'm the right fit for this job. Thank you for your consideration, but you can lose my resumé.

Of course, I know that in the year 2024 God does not expect me to pick up a serpent to proclaim the Gospel. But He might expect me to do something far more stomach churning. He might expect me to talk about Himin public, in front of strangers. He might expect me to take a stand against something that I know is sinful, even though it means I lose every friend I have. He might expect me to say "no" when everyone wants me to say "yes," or "yes" when everyone wants me to say "no." He might expect me to be different. He will expect me to be different.

But on the Ascension, I also remember this: it's okay. No one who ever did the work of God was the ideal candidate. They were all scared. They were all ill-equipped. Every single one of them. They did it anyway. And despite the weakness and hesitancy of my mortal flesh, despite everything that seems logical, despite the recommendations of any hiring committee this temporal world might make - I can, too. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPi

"I am with you always, until the end of the world."
- Matthew 28:20

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

• 4pm - Manuel Alvarez, Anniversary of Death

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH ASCENCION OF THE LORD

- 7am Robert Sanborn, Jr. Rest in Peace
- 9am Rich & Ellen Janevicius, 40th Wedding Anniversary
- 1:30pm JP Urgino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm Diane Pittman, Rest in Peace

MONDAY, MAY 13TH

- 7am Robert Sanborn, Jr., Rest in Peace
- 5pm Pam Stanbrough, Rest in Eternal Peace

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH

- 7am Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Aunty Melvine Kuali'l, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH

7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

- 7am Adelaida Luquin Martinez, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Theresa Mahi, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

- 7am Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Mrs. Margaret Duran, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

• 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 <u>2nd</u> and 4th Saturdays of the month

from 9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.