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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

We are disciples who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.

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Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / **Confessions:** Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / **SPANISH MASS:** Sun 11:30am

Gift Shop Hours: Mon - Wed - Fri 9:30am - 1:30pm & Sun 6:30am - 2:30pm

Website: saintmichaelparishkona.org **April 7, 2024 | 7 de abril 2024**

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Reading I - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 | Psalm - 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 | Reading II - 1 John 5:1-6 | Gospel - John 20:19-31
Primera Lectura - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 | Salmo - 117:2-4,13-15,22-24 | Segunda Lectura - 1 Juan 5:1-6 | Evangelio - Juan 20:19-31

OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being “of one heart and mind” as was the first community of believers? Today’s First Letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God’s commandments and loving all of God’s children seems to be the start of being “of one heart and mind.” We live in a world that stresses differences - differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours.

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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



“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE BELIEVED.” —JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Prepare for Next Week’s Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Acts (Hechos) 3:13-15,17-19**

Psalm/Salmo: **4(3):2,4,7-8,9**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **1 John (1 Juan) 2:1-5a**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Luke (Lucas) 24:35-48**

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.

April 7, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

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

We tend to beat up St. Thomas for his doubt, when what is really most amazing in the scene from today's Gospel is his understanding, and the first public pronouncement of, Jesus Christ's divinity. He *gets* it. And he proclaims it without hesitation: "My Lord and my God." I think about what Thomas' face might have looked like at that moment, and I imagine a countenance of conviction alongside humility – joyful tears in the eyes that reflect awe and wonder. The truth behind his realization and understanding is that God is faithful, God is loving, God is merciful. Of course, *knowing* that with our heart and mind needs to be translated into *doing* with our every action. The early Christian communities seemed to have lived this well, happily sharing their possessions and selling what they didn't need. Not because they had been forced to, but because the "commandments [were] not burdensome" for those who loved God. God loved us first, and by his grace, and his mercy, we are commanded and empowered to love one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

God is merciful – Divine Mercy. And that is what we celebrate today, in addition to the second Sunday of Easter. The first Divine Mercy Sunday observance occurred in the year 2000, when St. John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Polish sister received private revelations from the Lord about his great mercy in the 1930s, and she outlined these in a diary she kept at the instruction of her confessors. A passage from her diary says: "The graces of my mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578) The apostles in today's passage told Thomas that they had *seen the Lord* – the resurrected Lord. They trusted that Jesus' messages to them were true and that they indeed need not fear. The message of Divine Mercy should likewise comfort us and also provide a model for our actions. In the same way the apostles helped Thomas to trust and come to deep knowledge and understanding, let us strive to be "of one heart and mind" with our fellow disciples and love them as we have been loved by God.

PRAY The words of St. Faustina's diary have been used to create the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This prayer is said using a rosary, but with some differences in the prayers. Once you know the words, the chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and it is traditionally said at 3 p.m. in remembrance of Jesus' merciful act of dying on the cross for us. If you have never recited the chaplet, try praying it this week.



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Life of Stewardship

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son - Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive. - *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

Parish News

Special Collection for St. Joseph's School

This weekend's special collection continues for **St. Joseph's School**, the only Catholic School on the Big Island located in Hilo. MAHALO for your generous donations! We have collected \$12,000 so far. Last year, we blessed St. Joseph's school with \$17,000. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic education on the Big Island and let's challenge ourselves to match last year's gift! Envelopes are available in the kiosks.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us in prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm led by Deacon Sándor.

Life in Spirit Seminar

The Charismatic Prayer Group presents **Session #6-Growth -we continue to develop a deeper intimacy with our Triune God** on **Tuesday, April 9** from 6:30-8pm at St. Michael's Grace Parish Center. The last **Session #7-Transformation** will be held on **Tuesday, April 16**. Everyone is welcome!

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." - Ezekiel 36:26

Bishop Larry Silva will preside at the Restored Order Mass of Confirmation & First Holy Communion for the West Hawaii Vicariate at **10am on Saturday, April 13** at St. Michael's. There will be eighty candidates from St. Michael the Archangel, St. Benedict, Annunciation, and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Spiritual Book Group

Join us for our next meeting, Thursday April 18 at 4:00pm in the Grace Center. **Seeds of the Word: Finding God in Cul-**

ture by Bishop Robert Barron is our selection for April.

Bishop Barron's writing is engaging and he is one of America's most influential Catholic thinkers. You can check out Bishop Barron's writings and homilies on the Word on Fire website. **Please note that the Book Group has changed its meeting day to once a month on the 3rd Thursday at 4:00pm in the Grace Parish Center.**

Baptism Class

There will be a Baptism Class at 9am on Saturday, April 20th in the Parish Office Conference Room. All parents and godparents must attend a Baptism Class before baptizing their child. To register for the Baptism class, please email Cheryl at baptism.stmichaekona@rcchawaii.org.

Knights of Columbus Dinner & Dance

Join us for a wonderful evening of music and dancing at the Knights of Columbus "Spring Love" dinner and dance on April 20th in the Grace Parish Center at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$40 per person and will be sold after all weekend Masses.

Traveling Neighborhood Rosary Inspires Community Prayer

Display the statue of the Blessed Mother in your home and invite your Catholic neighbors to pray the Rosary with your family. For more information, call **Beth Smith at (760) 212-4533**.

Consecration to God the Father Ministry

Please join us in prayer to honor God Our Father, **Sunday, April 7 after the 1:30pm Mass**. We will pray Consecration Prayers to God Our Father.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group

Couples are invited to attend a World Wide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group on **Sunday, April 28, 2024** from 2:30 to 4:30pm at St Joseph Catholic Church in Hilo. **Contact WWMEBigIsland@gmail.com or 808.478.6071 for more information.**

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

Classes will resume this week on Sunday, April 7th. For all parents, sponsors and students receiving the Restored Order Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion, there will be a mandatory practice session on Thursday, April 11 at 5:45pm. Please be on time.

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Practice for Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion is on Thursday, April 11th at 5:45pm. Our next meeting

Stewardship of Treasure

Mar 25th - 31st, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 2,545.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 27,917.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 40,518.00

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$4,977,717.68** 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.

will be on Sunday, April 14th for Mystagogy. We will have a Potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Youth will also receive their certificates.

Men of Faith

The St. Michael's Men of Faith ministry invites men of all ages to join us weekly on Wednesdays on the south lanai from 5:30 - 6:30 PM following Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5pm. Together, we seek to grow closer to Christ and His Church. Our **Purpose** is to encourage men to become daily followers of Christ. Our **Mission** is to help men renew their minds and transform their hearts and lives for Christ. Our weekly gathering is a review and reflection upon the prior Sunday's readings and discussion of how they help draw us nearer to Christ and to live in the Faith. Contact Deacon Craig Camello (ccamello@rcchawaii.org) or John Czajkowski (jbczajkowski@hotmail.com) for more information.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns - and took

the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled - and perhaps a bit terrified - he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires. - *Father John Muir, ©LPI*

Treasures From Our Tradition

When we imagine the disciples cowering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of "Peace." The risen Lord's word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ's gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ's rising in our lives.

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Everyday Stewardship - Gifts Given Freely

What do you own and what owns you? You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?

The early Church practiced a radical form of fellowship called koinonia, which literally means "sharing in common." Those who had homes and other major possessions would sell them and then place the proceeds in the care of the Apostles to be shared with the entire community. People focus mostly on the fact that people sold all their possessions for the benefit of the community. However the real point is the action that occurred after every selling: the proceeds were given to Church authority, in essence, to God first. I wasn't just selling my house and then giving the money to random people. My offering was to God and it was for the Apostles (those who per-

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sonally encountered Jesus and now represented him on earth) to decide how to divide up the wealth.

Why do such a thing? One could say it was so that no one wanted for anything. If we push that thinking too far, as some in history have done, we can create a system that takes from some to give to others. Nothing was taken from anyone in that first Christian community. It was freely given. And perhaps the reason why people were moved to do so lies at the heart of stewardship: because all we have already belongs to God anyway.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
*Written in the Wounds***

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God does not ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds. *- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI*

*Thomas answered and said to him,
"My Lord and my God!" - John 20:28*

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

- 4pm - Mardi Monello, 4th Anniversary of Death

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

- 7am - Sheila Marie Kiernan, Rest in Peace & Colleen Porter, Birthday Blessing
- 9am - James Brehm, May he Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - John Pat Moses, May he Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Sherry Miller, May she Rest in Peace

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

- 7am - Dolores Centka, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Edward Castillo, Rest in Peace

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH

- 7am - Robert "Bobby" Costa, Jr., Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Protection of children & adolescents

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

- 7am - Alecia Kaer, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

- 7am - James Brehm, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Yolanda Acol, 16th Anniversary of Death

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

- 7am - Pepe Bouchard, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

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.**

Three Messages for Us

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 4:32-35 - Life of the first Christians
- ▶ 1 John 5:1-6 - Belief in Jesus Christ
- ▶ John 20:19-31 - Appearance to the disciples

In all of the stories of Jesus meeting his friends and followers after his resurrection, his message can be boiled down into three short phrases: “Do not be afraid,” “Go and tell others the good news” and “Peace be with you.” We hear two of them in today’s gospel reading.

At the beginning of the Gospel, we read that the disciples are still huddled together, fearing for their lives—even though Mary Magdalene has already announced to them that Jesus is alive. They need the reassurance of Jesus’ words, “Peace be with you,” spoken in his own voice, to believe what they are seeing,

Then, as soon as they believe that he really has been raised from the dead, he sends them out to continue doing his work. They aren’t supposed to keep to themselves, and they definitely aren’t supposed to stay holed up in fear of what the authorities may do to them. They have been given the gift of his peace, and now they are to go out and share it with the world.

For those readers who may still struggle with doubts about Jesus’ resurrection, we have the story of Doubting Thomas to help us. Apparently for Thomas, hearing someone else’s testimony that Jesus had risen from the dead wasn’t enough. He needed to see for himself in order to believe. Jesus understands that and gives Thomas what he needs to bring him to belief. Jesus doesn’t crit-



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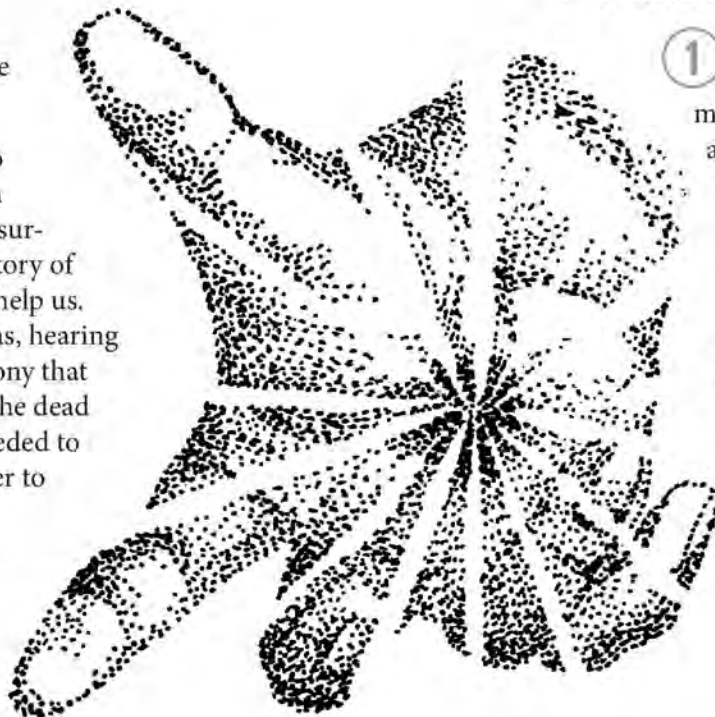
“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Sheepish Question:
What helps me dispel my doubts about God?

icize Thomas for his lack of faith, he simply offers a blessing to the billions of us who have come after him and have found ourselves invited to believe without ever having the benefit of seeing him with our own eyes.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Which of Jesus’ messages after his resurrection is most helpful to you: “Do not be afraid,” “Peace be with you,” or “Go and tell others the good news”?
- 2 What helps you to continue to believe in Jesus when you are tempted to doubt?



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Loving and Merciful

Eternal Father,
in you we find mercy,
compassion, and love.
May your Spirit work within us,
calming our fears
and opening our hearts
so that we might greet others
with peace.
Grant us wisdom to put aside
our doubts
and like Thomas profess our
belief in you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Ever Merciful



Today's readings: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 John 5:1–6; John 20:19–31. On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. The readings today reveal some of the many facets of God's mercy. The psalm proclaims that "his mercy endures forever," and in the Gospel, Jesus enacts that mercy as he greets the disciples in peace. In a loving manner, Jesus helps the group of disciples overcome doubt about the resurrection. Though his followers do not recognize him, he is gentle, beginning both visits with the greeting, "Peace be with you."

During the homily on the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter

would be called Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina had shared her visions of Jesus appearing to her dressed in a white garment and with rays of light emanating from his heart. Jesus asked her to share the word of his mercy for a day to celebrate his mercy. St. Faustina trusted her vision.

The disciples to whom Jesus first appeared and whom he showed his wounds also trusted the man standing before them. At the sight of Jesus, these followers surrendered themselves completely to God. Think about your first encounter with Jesus. What was that moment like for you? How has your relationship changed over the stages of your life? Have others come to know Christ through your belief?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 8 Say Yes!

God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son and chose Mary as his mother. Though Mary was a young girl, she did not waver in her response to God, replying to the angel, “May it be done to me according to your word.” How hard is it for you to say yes to God? Do you need to practice an affirmative response to God? As we continue to celebrate Easter, pause for a moment to acknowledge the opportunities in your life to say yes to God’s will. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 7:10–14, 8–10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.*

Tuesday, April 9 Invitation to Give

Imagine being told you need to rid yourself of all your possessions and give them to those in need. Many saints eschewed lavish lives and gave their wealth to the poor. These men and women stood in solidarity with those in need. God invites us to be in relationship with both him and others. Just as Jesus emptied himself for us, we must empty ourselves in service to others. How can you empty yourself for members of your community? *Today’s readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

Wednesday, April 10 Forgiving Yourself

Not only does God hear the cry of the poor, as the psalm proclaims, but he sent his Son so that all who believe might have eternal life. It is especially heartening to hear that “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn.” Pray to God that he might help you forgive yourself for shortcomings. Should you not show yourself the same forgiveness that God shows you? *Today’s readings: Acts 5:7–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

Thursday, April 11 Power to Speak

“We must obey God rather than men,” Peter tells his persecutors in today’s reading from Acts. On this Memorial of St. Stanislaus, the Church honors a bishop who was not afraid to speak out against the evil in the king’s deeds. As a Christian, are you committed to the work of fighting injustice and asserting the dignity of all people? Are you ready to be pointed out because you speak the truth? Pray to God that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are bestowed with strength and courage to denounce injustice and suffering. *Today’s readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

Friday, April 12 Trust in God

Have you ever discovered that you were “fighting against God,” as today’s first reading cautions? Why is it so hard for you to trust in God and let something be? After all, God will more than provide for our needs just as Jesus did when he multiplied the loaves and fish for the people who came to him. Humbly ask God to bestow upon you a gentle heart that listens to his Word and is open to his will. *Today’s readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

Saturday, April 13 Surrender

“It is I. Do not be afraid,” Jesus says to his disciples. Over and over, Scripture instructs not to be afraid and yet fear keeps a hold on us. God requests his followers to put their complete trust in him. God is always with us. Pause to feel his presence. When feeling alone or afraid, pray that the Holy Spirit fills you with courage to surrender to God. *Today’s readings: Acts 6:1–7, Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*



St. Michael's 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Recap

On Saturday March 23rd 124 golfers and 40 volunteers gathered at Kona Country Club for our 14th annual tournament. The outstanding contributions from our registration, continental breakfast, hot dog stand, hole monitors, setup crew, lunch, silent auction and prize volunteers made for a fun day for all. Thank you, without your help the tournament would not be possible.

In addition to the camaraderie of friends gathering for a fun-filled day, we were able to generate a profit of over **\$31,000.00**, the best in our 14-year history.

A special thank you to our committee members for the time and talent they contributed to a successful day.

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- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Life in the Spirit Seminar/ Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:00-6:30pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm (3rd Thursday of each month)

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SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

SUNDAY

- OCIA Mystagogy After 9am Mass (Apr 14-May 19)
- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass (Last Sunday of each month)
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