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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

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## Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity

Reading I - Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 | Psalm - 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22 | Reading 1 - Romans 8:14-17 | Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20  
Primera Lectura - Deuteronomio 4:32-34,39-40 | Salmo - 32:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22 | Segunda Lectura - Romanos 8:14-17 | Evangelio - Mateo 28:16-20

### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR FAITH

Today is a day simply to ponder the fact that in baptism we were claimed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy prompts us to fix in our hearts the truth that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth and there is no other god. Saint Paul reminds us that, because we received the Spirit of adoption in baptism, we are now children of God. In the Gospel Jesus charges us with the responsibility to make other disciples. These realities make today's solemnity a day of praise, adoration, and responsibility. It is a fitting day to thank God for the absolutely free gift of faith that we were given in baptism. It is also a day to ask God for strength to take on the responsibility of sharing that faith with others.

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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



### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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#### Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Exodus (Éxodo) 24:3-8**

Psalm/Salmo: **116 (115) 12-13,15-16,17-18**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Hebrews (Hebreos) 9:11-15**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Mark (Marcos): 14:12-16,22-26**

**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](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org). To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.

May 26, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 | Rom 8:14-17 | Mt 28:16-20

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

Today is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity: One God, two natures (Jesus is fully human and fully divine), and three divine persons. Whenever I think about this feast, I am reminded of some wise words I heard once from a professor, although I am paraphrasing: It's not necessary to try to describe in theological terms what God is, for no matter what we say it will be inadequate to the reality of the ultimate grandeur of God. What is important, and what affects people day to day, is talking about *who* God is, and *how* God is. And so this Trinity Sunday is a day to reiterate that which is most fundamental to our understanding and belief: God *is* love. Not just God is loving, or God loves, but *God is love itself*. He is a continual outpouring of selfless love - *agape* is the Greek word - which brought forth creation, and all creatures to share in it. It is a communion of love by which and for which we were created; we are meant to emulate and live that same relational communion of love with one another.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As human beings, we simply do not *have* the ability to live our baptismal call perfectly - to love one another as God loves us. What we do have is our Triune God who gives us the grace to strive for perfection as in Christ, but who, in the end, is the one who perfects us in him. "[We] must keep his statutes and commandments," Moses has said. And Paul gives us hope in doing so as he tells us that "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." The Lord is here with us, helping us and advocating for us. And in our mission of discipleship, we have the promise from Jesus, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." We give thanks and praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for all these gifts and so much more.

**PRAY** All Christian prayer is Trinitarian in nature: we pray to the Father, through the Son, in/by the power of the Spirit. Some prayers are very specifically written to include the Trinity/Godhead by name. The most recognizable one is this doxology, or the Glory Be: *Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Add it to your daily prayers.



The Holy Trinity with Crown by Max Ernst, CCO

# Life of Stewardship

Today, we celebrate an essential doctrine of our Catholic faith - the Most Holy Trinity. It expresses God as three Divine Persons, unified in One Divine nature. It is a topic we could never exhaust nor fully understand until we see God face to face. Although it is incomprehensible, it is still deeply personal.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul, expresses the relationship of the three Divine Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By our Baptism, we received the Holy Spirit becoming adopted children of God. It is by the grace of the Holy Spirit that we call God, "Abba, Father!" And it is with the Holy Spirit that we can unite all of our sufferings to Christ so that we might one day rise with Him.

Our relationship with God is right before us. As we became God's adopted children, we received His endless grace. We can cry out to our Father in a moment of joy or sorrow, invite the Holy Spirit in to all that we do throughout our days, and suffer every hardship with Christ Himself. All we need to do is invoke His name in each moment.

As we celebrate this glorious Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, may we praise God in word and deed and may we seek moments to encounter the Father, Son and Holy Spirit each day - through Scripture, prayer, sacraments and blessings throughout our day, as Jesus tell us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

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## Parish News

### 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](mailto:efujimoto@rcchawaii.org) and [stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org](mailto:stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org).

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### Immigration Ministry Seminar

Please join us on Sunday, May 26 at 12:30pm in the Grace Parish Center for an informational one-hour seminar on immigration by attorney Evita, who will discuss federal immigration laws. 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.

### Monthly Food Pantry & Diaper Ministry Drive

The monthly parish food & diaper drive will be held on **Monday, May 27 from 9-10am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot**. We are grateful for any donations you may have. The average number of households we help has increased from 85 in 2023 to 120 this year with an average household size of 5-6. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry. We are helping to feed many people in our local community.

Diaper sizes needed are size 6 and Pull-Ups 4T-5T Boys and Girls. You are also welcome to leave food & diaper donations in the baskets at the Church entrance when you come to Mass.

### Last Week to take our Survey!

Our Pastoral Council is developing our next three-year plan. Please share your thoughts. We are a stewardship parish which means every member contributes to directing and taking part in our Church's existence and function.



Click on the QR code and take the survey today! Pastoral Council members will also be conducting in person surveys after Mass during the month of May.

### Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Group (ages 21-35) will meet weekly in the 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. For more info, please contact Cole or Juliann through the Parish Office.

### Eucharistic Procession on June 2 - The Feast of Corpus Christi

At the end of Mass next weekend, we will have a Eucharistic Procession through the Church to the balcony outside the Front Entrance. We ask that the congregation gather around the Brick Garden for the Final Blessing.

### West Hawaii Vicariate Eucharistic Congress

Annunciation Parish in Waimea will host our West Hawaii Vicariate Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, June 8. Registration starts at 7:45am. Mass begins at 8:00am and will be livestreamed from St. Anthony Church in Wailuku, Maui. Following Mass, we will hear from guest speaker, Fr. Raphael Capo and our in-person speaker, Fr. "Poli" Ty. Refreshments and Lunch will be provided. Call our Parish office at 808-326-7771 to RSVP by June 3.

### King Kamehameha Day Parade

The King Kamehameha Day Parade will be held on Saturday, June 8th. Please note that Ali'i Drive fronting our Church entrance will be closed from approximately 9am - 12noon. We will still celebrate our 7am Mass; however there will be no confessions on Saturday due to the road closure.

### Aloha & Mahalo to Rene & Gabi Lemus

Join us as we bid a warm Aloha & Mahalo to Rene & Gabi Lemus and family. Rene has been a vital part of our team serving on the Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Spanish Music Ministry, Baptism Ministry, our Landscaping team and much more. Gabi created the décor for Our Lady of Guadalupe & Christmas festivities. We will have a potluck dinner on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 4pm Mass.

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes have ended and will begin again in September. All new and returning families can

# Stewardship of Treasure

May 13th - 19th, 2024

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| ONLINE GIVING                          | \$ 3,848.00  |
| SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS | \$ 11,327.00 |
| GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN           | \$ 5,647.00  |

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,031,349.42** 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](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) and click our **ONLINE GIVING tab**. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

register for next year's classes through the parish office or online at [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org).

*-Margaret Essex, Cathecist & - Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

## 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.

## Consecration to God the Father Ministry

Please join us in prayer to honor God Our Father, **Sunday, May 26 after the 1:30pm Mass.** We will pray Consecration Prayers to God Our Father and Divine Mercy. For more information, contact Romana through the Parish office.

## The Most Holy Trinity

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always,

until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

*- Father John Muir, ©LPi*

## Treasures From Our Tradition

One of the great treasures of the Eastern tradition is the icon of the Holy Trinity created by the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev in the 1400s. The Trinity is symbolized by the three travelers to the tent of Abraham and Sarah. They are seated at a table blessing a cup of wine, under the oak of Mamre. If you look closely, you will see a sacrificed calf in the chalice, reminding the viewer of the cross. The table, prepared for eating and tilted toward the viewer, is an invitation to the Eucharist. From left to right, each figure is keyed to a person of the Trinity. Like all icons, this image is theology in art. The persons are equal in proportion and dignity, they all carry staffs to symbolize their power, and are shown with golden wings and halos. Today, the best place to see Rublev's work is the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the heart of the vast Holy Trinity monastery about an hour from Moscow. After decades of persecution, it is now once again a living monastery, a world heritage site, and the spiritual home of Russian Orthodoxy. A Google visit is highly recommended today!

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## Everyday Stewardship - We Are Heirs With Christ

My wife and I have used the same baptismal gown for all three of our children. It is a very long traditional gown made with fabric taken from my wife's first communion dress and my mother-in-law's wedding gown. It is a symbol not just of each child being washed clean by the Sacrament, but also of family and how faith has been passed down through generations. Faith is a gift and that gown shows how this family has taken seriously the cultivation of that faith and the sharing of it with those we love the most.

By our baptism we are called to a discipleship that compels us to share our faith with others. It is not always easy, but it would be wrong to hoard that faith and not let it shine for others to see. When we think about a stewardship way of life, we sometimes focus on material goods, our talents and skills, or our time. But faith is a gift that needs to be treated in a similar way. We are heirs with Jesus Christ to this rich tapestry of faith and

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the Church. If all of us were to hide that faith and not seek to share it with others, that lineage would end with us.

We live during a time in history where in some lands people are finding Jesus in huge numbers, while in other places the numbers of people in the pews is declining sharply. We can spend all our time talking about these realities or we can choose to respond to our Baptismal call. Jesus commanded us to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Maybe we can begin with our neighbor.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - Precious Things**

I once wrote an article about a school that embraced the Reggio Emilia approach to education. This meant, in practice, a lot of fascinating things, and it was a fun piece to work on. But all these years later, I could not accurately describe the Reggio Emilia style of learning to anyone except to say this: they give the kids glass bowls and china plates.

That's what stuck with me, and that's what sticks out in my memory amidst the hundreds of intervening articles and interviews on other equally fascinating topics. I remember those glass bowls and cups lining the shelves, the fine china dishes, the beautiful shiny cutlery the children used for lunch.

This was a pre-school, and these students were three-year-olds. "If they drop a cup and it shatters, then they learn that glass can break. We clean it up," the teacher said with a shrug. The idea was that a child will never learn to handle a fragile, precious thing - and grow into an adult who can respect and cherish a fragile, precious thing - if they are not sincerely trusted with a precious thing whose fragility they bear personal witness to. The breaking, you see, was part of the education.

The disciples worshiped, but they doubted. And yet, Christ gave them the Great Commission anyway, something fragile and important, something that could be easily dropped and easily broken. Christ knew who they were, what they were. They were mere human beings, deeply imperfect, scared and hesitant, a little slow on the uptake. He knows that's exactly what we are, too. But he gives us the Great Commission just as he gave it to them. Because that is what the Faith is: it is something perfectly beautiful, passed from one flawed person to another, throughout the ages - constantly dropped, constantly broken, and constantly, miraculously, pieced back together again. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MAY 25TH**

- 4pm - Ronald Branco and Ka'ohu Morimoto, May they Rest in Peace

**SUNDAY, MAY 26TH**

**SOLEMNNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

- 7am - Jenny Peralta, John Schwantes and Mary Peralta, May they Rest in Peace
- 9am - Ediberto Throque, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - Mike & Maary Sotomayor and Henry Vasquez, May they Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Rudy A. Garcia, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

**MONDAY, MAY 27TH**

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Frances Pikcunas, Rest in Peace

**TUESDAY, MAY 28TH**

- 7am - Sonny Saradpon, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Sean, Lorraine & David Wilkinson, May they Rest in Peace

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH**

- 7am - Gerald Juffer, Fr. Daniel Clark, Dennis Juffer, Valerie Wrieden, Fr. Albino Ponchione, Surin Kailuanam, Roy Peloquin, Jennine Morgan, Rest in Peace

**THURSDAY, MAY 30TH**

- 7am - Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Eternal Peace
- 5pm - Rey Miguel Simpliciano, Jr. 1st Anniversary of Death

**FRIDAY, MAY 31ST**

- 7am - James Acol, Sr., 2nd Anniversary of Death
- 5pm - Sarah Grace DeRensis, Rest in Peace

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST**

- 7am - Thanksgiving Blessings for the Simpliciano Family

**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.**

# It's Okay to Be Conflicted

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

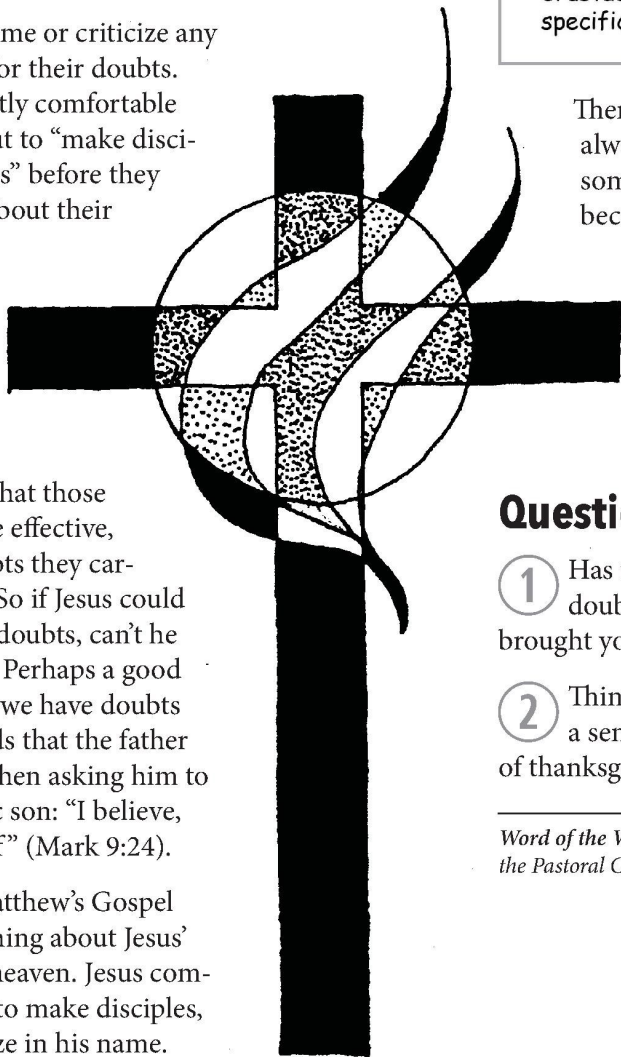
- ▶ Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 - Proofs of God's love
- ▶ Romans 8:14-17 - Children of God through adoption
- ▶ Matthew 28:16-20 - Commission of the Apostles

The Gospel reading today is from the very last verses of Matthew's Gospel. The eleven disciples (Judas is no longer with them) have the experience of both worshipping and doubting. We don't know whether some of them worshipped Jesus while others doubted him, or if all of them had the conflicting experience of worshipping and doubting simultaneously. Either way, this detail by Matthew can be helpful to anyone in the 2,000 years since then who has struggled with doubts about Jesus.

Jesus doesn't shame or criticize any of the disciples for their doubts. He seems perfectly comfortable sending them out to "make disciples of all nations" before they are 100% clear about their faith. Because we and two billion other Christians in the world today worship

Jesus, we know that those 11 disciples were effective, despite any doubts they carried with them. So if Jesus could work with their doubts, can't he work with ours? Perhaps a good prayer for when we have doubts include the words that the father spoke to Jesus when asking him to heal his epileptic son: "I believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

Interestingly, Matthew's Gospel doesn't say anything about Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Jesus commissions the 11 to make disciples, teach, and baptize in his name.



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**Sheepish Question:**  
Crustaceans aside, to whom does Jesus send me, specifically?

Then, his last words are "behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Obviously, something happened to his body physically because we can no longer see Jesus, but we are left with the promise that he is, and will always be, with us invisibly. His words bring us full circle to the promise before his birth that he would be "Emmanuel," meaning "God is with us."

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Has there been a time(s) when you have doubted Jesus, God, or your faith? What brought you through that period?
- 2 Think about a time when you have experienced a sense of God or Jesus with you. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for that gift of awareness.

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### PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

#### MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm  
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

#### TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- 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)
- Young Adults Group - 5/16 6:00-7:00pm

#### FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

#### SATURDAY

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

#### SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 12:30-1:30pm  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass  
(1st Sunday of each month)

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