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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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**WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES:** 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

**WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES:** 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

**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](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) **June 9, 2024 | 9 de junio de 2024**

## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - **Genesis 3:9-15** | Psalm - **130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8** | Reading 1 - **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1** | Gospel - **Mark 3:20-35**  
Primera Lectura - **Génesis 3:9-15** | Salmo - **129:1-2,3-4ab,4c-6,7-8** | Segunda Lectura - **2 Corintios 4:13-5:1** | Evangelio - **Marcos 3:20-35**

### PROMISES

Today's liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Genesis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians promises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel promises that doing God's will makes us "family" with Jesus, who forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise ourselves to believe - really believe - that while we are not sinless, we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to one another as well.

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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.



### 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

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### Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Ezekiel (Ezequiel) 17:22-24**

Psalm/Salmo: **2 Corinthians (2 Corintios) 5:6-10**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Ephesians (Efesios) 3:8-12,14-19**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Mark (Marcos) 4:26-34**

**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.



June 9, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 3:9-15 | 2 Cor 4:13—5:1 | Mk 3:20-35

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

I know people who read the ending of a book before they are finished with it. I could never do that! I have to follow the story in every detail until the final page. When it comes to the story of our salvation history, however, we get to do a little of both: we know the end of the story in terms of Revelation and God's desire for us to live with him in eternity. We know of the heavenly kingdom to which we have been invited and in which we live. What we don't know is all the details that get us to our own, individual, final page in the great drama of our response to the gift of salvation. In the first reading today, we hear the story of the fall of humankind - about how our earliest parents rejected God's command and gave into temptation. However, the story doesn't end there. Adam and Eve may have been sent out of the Garden of Eden, but God didn't give up on them - or us. Instead, he sent a long line of prophets who paved the way for his Son, Jesus. With Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, the gates of heaven were opened so all have the opportunity to accept the gift of salvation. As St. Paul writes in his Letter to the Corinthians, we can know "that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul's words give us great hope and encouragement, for we all know that living as God commands can be difficult. We are assured, however, that grace and strength are ours if we only ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. As Christians, we are part of the body of Christ and a community of believers. In today's Gospel, Jesus notes that a house divided against itself cannot stand. That's a reminder that we are all in this together. We need one another - and the grace of God - to bring us to everlasting life in heaven. In the Gospel Jesus asked, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And we heard the answer: those who do the will of God. Let us open our hearts today to receive the promptings and grace of God, so we may follow him to the best of our ability each day. The story of salvation is our story, and we know what the ending is meant to be.

**PRAY** As members of the body of Christ, perhaps there are ways this week we could be praying alongside our brothers and sisters in our church or community. In addition to Mass, consider Eucharistic Adoration or a prayer group. Reflect on how God might be nudging your heart.





# Life of Stewardship

In today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis we hear the story of Adam and Eve and their sins, defying God. However, when God was present in the garden, the man and woman hid themselves. Adam responds to God's question why in part by saying "I was afraid... so I hid myself." Did he, do any of us really think he could hide from God?

As children many of us may have hidden from a parent when we did something wrong, and it was in violation of some specific order we had received. Our efforts to hide what we did and to hide ourselves were probably no more effective than Adam's.

As humans we know the temptation of following our own plans, even if they are contrary to God's. We think we know better, and we may try to still have it our way. If what we have done is particularly shameful, we may try to hide our sins from God.

The sincere truth is that we cannot hide from God any more than Adam and Eve could. Psalm 139 declares, "Where can I hide from your spirit (God's)? From your presence where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol (the place of the dead) you are there, too. If I say, 'Surely darkness will hide me'... Darkness is not dark for you."

What are we hiding from? In recent weeks we have learned over and over how much God loves us. It is time for us to accept that and not hide. - *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

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## Parish News

### Let's Honor Our Graduates!

Last week to submit your photos! 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 stmichaearchangel@rcchawaii.org.

### Baptism Class

There will be a Baptism Class at 9am on Saturday, June 15th 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.

### Grief Recovery Method Program - Classes Offered June 12 - July 31

The Grief Recovery Method program provides a safe environment for you to look at your old beliefs about dealing with loss, which losses continue to affect your life, and take actions that will lead you to complete unresolved emotions that may still be causing you pain. It's an action based group, involves reading and writing assignments outlined in *The Grief Recovery Handbook - 20th Anniversary Expanded Edition* (book provided). This program is NOT a drop-in group, registered participants meet for 8 weekly sessions. You will learn actions that help, and you will choose what loss you want to focus upon. The Grief Recovery Method is a scientifically tested Evidence-Based Program that provides anyone coping with emotional pain from loss, with an effective method to help them heal, whether the loss was recent or in the past. There is **no cost for this pro-**

**gram**, but it does require commitment to recover from unresolved loss. Facilitated by Suzanne Zaw, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, the 8-week program will begin **Wednesdays, June 12 until July 31, 2024, 10am -12noon** at St. Michael's. To register or for more information, call the Parish Office.

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes have ended and will begin again in September. Classes will be held on Sundays in the Grace Parish Center. Grades K-5 will meet from 10:20am-11:20am and grades 6-12 will meet on Sundays from 5:15-7:15pm. All new and returning families can 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

## Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at St. Michael's**. Anyone in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing or healing in relationships are encouraged to come. **Praise & Worship and Confession at 6:00pm. Mass begins at 6:30pm.** For more information, contact Monica Choe at (720) 341-3752.

## Annual Parish Retreat - Saturday, June 29

Our annual Parish Retreat will be held on **Saturday, June 29 beginning with our daily Mass at 7am.**

Our speaker will be Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB - a dynamic and engaging speaker that has led retreats across the country. This retreat offers a time for spiritual renewal. The focus will be on God's call to live as good stewards in Thanksgiving to Him who feeds us with His own Body and Blood. This is an invitation to reflect on God's unconditional love for us and our response to that love. **Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend. Please call the office at 808-326-7771 to RSVP.**

## Patriotic Living Rosary - 4th of July

Our country needs our prayers! Join us with your families as we pray for the United States of America and our leaders. We will have Patriotic Rosary pamphlets, chairs, a tent and water available. The Patriotic Living Rosary will be prayed at 4pm on the 4th of July at the Grotto. Pray one Hail Mary for one of our fifty states. To sign up for a specific state, sign up after our weekend Masses or call the Parish office.

## Marriage Preparation

If you are planning a Catholic wedding either here or in another Catholic Church, please keep in mind that attending an **Engaged Encounter Weekend** is required in the Diocese of Honolulu. Visit [www.hawaii.engagedencounter.com](http://www.hawaii.engagedencounter.com) to reserve your class. For detailed information about the marriage preparation process, call the Parish Office.

## 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, contact **Beth Smith at (760) 212-4533.**

# Stewardship of Treasure

May 27th - June 2nd, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 3,809.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 15,952.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 106,890.00

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,154,170.42** 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 JUNE 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.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*"God is the friend of silence. We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. See how nature, the trees, the flowers, the grasses grow in perfect silence . . . see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life". - St. Teresa of Calcutta*  
You have a special hour of silence waiting for you . .

**Wednesdays from 7:30am to 5pm.**

## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: **"How can Satan cast out Satan?"** To enter into this question opens up the often hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we're honest, our response to some degree is: "How else can we cast him out? Satan is precisely how we cast out Satan!" But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here's what I mean.

*Satanas* names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. "I'll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy." "She's already trying to get ahead of me." "That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs." And so on. The accusation grows into a fear inducing threat - things will break apart - no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and - as if by magic - peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no

community left at all. This is essentially humankind's sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus' cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of "casting out Satan by Satan" and ushers in a new one he calls "the Kingdom of God." He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the "stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house." This week let's notice the ways we "cast out Satan by Satan," and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

-Father John Muir, ©LPI

## Treasures From Our Tradition

The cathedral is a treasure in a diocese and in our tradition. It is not simply a "big church," as some say; some pa-rish churches are larger. What makes a cathedral is the presence of the chair, called a *cathedra* (Latin for seat) reserved for the Bishop.

There are many instances in our country of a local church (diocese) outgrowing a cathedral. In Baltimore and St. Louis, the former cathedrals are historic treasures in the heart of the old city, but new and larger structures now function as the seat of the Bishop.

When a Bishop dies or retires, it is said that "the seat is vacant," and when the new bishop is installed, the central ritual is the moment when the decree of the Holy Father is read and the new Bishop is escorted to the *cathedra*. No one but the Bishop sits in the *cathedra* during a ritual, but in Los Angeles the *cathedra* in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels is accessible, and no one seems to mind when a visitor tries the *cathedra* out for the Bishop's point of view. - Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Everyday Stewardship - One Body Working for Christ

I have coached all three of my children in soccer at some time in their lives. I loved teaching them and their teammates the importance of functioning as one unit. If we were not all moving together toward victory, we would all find ourselves together in defeat. We used to go through one drill I called the "human foosball." We would scrimmage with players in lines like on a foosball table. If you ever got too far behind or too far ahead of those in your line, play would stop and the ball would go to the other team. The goal was to help build an awareness of where your teammates were on the pitch and to teach the lesson that no one player is a team onto themselves.

As disciples and stewards, we sometimes find ourselves far behind or maybe even too far ahead. As a consequence, our actions either hinder the ability of the Body of Christ to evangelize and pass on the faith to a new generation or present the Church as an entity that sees itself as judgmental or too holy to be in the world. We are called to community, and in that community, we must be aware of our brothers and sisters in the faith. At times, we need to help them grow in their faith. Other times, we need to slow down and realize that we cannot

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change the world on our own. We all have unique gifts we are called to share, and we can only bear true witness to the power of the Body of Christ when we are all moving together and making each other strong.

*- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI*

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - In the Family Way**

Look here: there is no one more family oriented than me. I drive a minivan. I wear mom jeans. I wipe unidentified gunk off of kids' faces without a second thought.

I'm all about family, but I'm not always a fan of what "family" has come to mean in the modern lexicon. Family values. Family friendly. Family-oriented. It's usually a synonym for "non-offensive." Soft. Moderate. Nice.

It's all fine, I suppose. But is it genuine? Creating a family, bringing that family physically into the world, was the hardest and most painful thing I ever did. The care and keeping of that family - the teamwork with my spouse, the feeding and watering of the children, the teaching of the writing and the reading the and praying - it's very hardcore. It's not all stuffed animals and peekaboo. It's a mental, spiritual, and physical challenge that daily brings me to my knees.

I'm not even talking exclusively about parenting young children. I'm talking about being part of a family in any way - being a son, being a daughter, being a sister and cousin and uncle. Families are complicated and strange and messy. Sometimes boundaries need to be drawn, or they need to be crossed. Sometimes walls need to be put up or torn down. It's never easy. It's never simple.

But I've never known someone who didn't want to be part of a family in some way, whether that's a blood family or one created by circumstance. And there's a reason Christ creates a family ("Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother") and not a club.

A family is a crucible, yes - but what comes out is so much more beautiful than what went in. For all the effort and even pain that is sometimes involved in a family relationship, there is nothing more defining, more fulfilling.

We are part of Christ's family, and what we can expect from that is certainly not a life of simple, clear cut, undemanding discipleship. We can expect confusion. We can expect discomfort. But we can expect to be perpetually drawn to the heart of one who loves us without hesitation, without condition. In the end, we're family. *- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI*

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH**

- 4pm - Mrs. Nathalia Pinto, Rest in Peace

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH**

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7am - Jose Romero and Manuel Romero, May they Rest in Peace
- 9am - Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - Mike & Mary Sotomayor and Henry Vasquez, May they Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Chris Guillen, Birthday Blessings

**MONDAY, JUNE 10TH**

- 7am - Arnold Simpliciano, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Adriano Uy, Rest in Peace

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH**

- 7am - Joseph Bearth, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - Barbara Fulmer, for Healing

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH**

- 7am - Lois-Ellin Green Datta, Rest in Peace

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH**

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Ed Cochran, Sr., Special Intention

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH**

- 7am - Mrs. Daisy McGonigal, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Richard "Dick" Merenda, Rest in Peace

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH**

- 7am - Stanley Richardson Lorenzo, Jr., 1st Anniversary of Death

**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.**



# Was He Crazy?

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

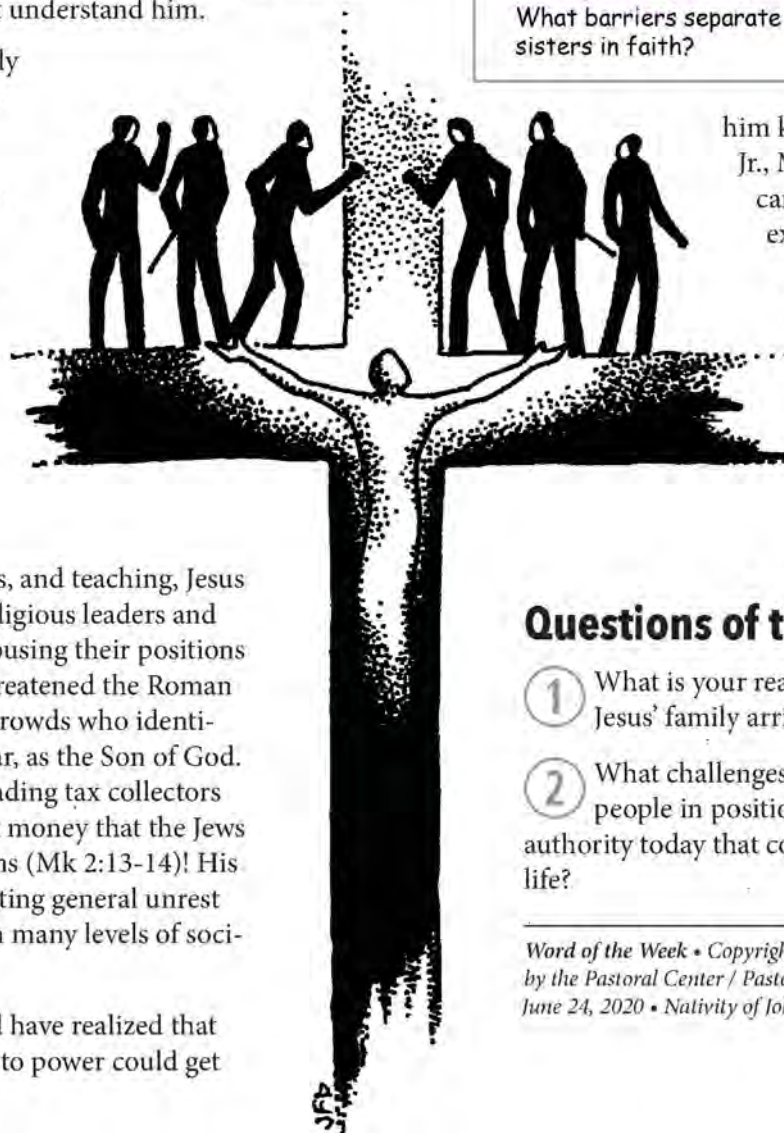
- ▶ Genesis 3:9-15 - The fall
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 - Paradox of the ministry
- ▶ Mark 3:20-35 - Jesus and Beelzebub; Jesus and his family

All three readings today speak to the reality of our imperfect world. The first reading contains the Jewish answer to the question of why we aren't living in a perfect Garden of Eden. The second reading from St. Paul is a reflection on the reality of discouragement, physical deterioration, and afflictions in this lifetime as we hope for something better. Mark's Gospel reading gives us a glimpse into the sometimes chaotic scenes involving Jesus, especially when people (his family, even!) don't understand him.

Mark tells us bluntly that Jesus' relatives tried to reign him in because they thought "He is out of his mind."

"Why would they have thought that?" we might wonder. Because besides healing people, feeding thousands, casting out demons, and teaching, Jesus also riled up the religious leaders and accused them of abusing their positions of authority. He threatened the Roman rule by attracting crowds who identified *him*, not Caesar, as the Son of God. He was even dissuading tax collectors from collecting tax money that the Jews owed to the Romans (Mk 2:13-14)! His speeches were creating general unrest and disturbance on many levels of society.

Jesus' family would have realized that speaking the truth to power could get



QUESTION: SHOULD YOU BE ABLE TO SHARE IN THE BOUNTY OF THIS GREAT LAND IF YOU CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH? ASK GOD.

LORD, IF YOU WANT TO WORK AND LIVE HERE, SHOULDN'T YOU SPEAK THE LANGUAGE?

...AW, PLEASE... WE JUST... OKAY-WAIT...

ANYONE UNDERSTAND ARAMAIC?

ASK GOD.

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"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

**Sheepish Question:**  
What barriers separate me from my brothers and sisters in faith?

him killed. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, and Oscar Romero are well-known examples of such a danger.

Would you be able to stand by and watch if your relative was doing and saying things in public that endangered him? Wouldn't you want to stop him too?

## Questions of the Week

- 1 What is your reaction to this scene when Jesus' family arrives to confront him?
- 2 What challenges might Jesus raise to people in positions of leadership and authority today that could be dangerous to his life?


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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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