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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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - **Amos 7:12-15** | Psalm - **85:9-10,11-12,13-14** | Reading 1 - **Ephesians 1:3-14** | Gospel - **Mark 6:7-13**
Primera Lectura - **Amós 7:12-15** | Salmo - **84:9-10,11-12,13-14** | Segunda Lectura - **Efesios 1:3-14** | Evangelio - **Marcos 6:7-13**



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Jeremiah (Jeremías) 23:1-6**

Psalm/Salmo: **23(22):1-3,3-4,5,6**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Ephesians (Efesios) 2:13-18**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Mark (Marcos) 6:30-34**

SENT BY GOD

In Amos' time the vocation of prophet had achieved a very formal status in Israel. The prophets had arisen, originally, to act as God's voice when Israel was no longer led by the spiritual/civil figures known as "judges," but by monarchs. Over time, the monarchy had appropriated the offices of priest and prophet, established them into companies, and reserved the right to appoint courtly prophets. Then, as now, when those in power also got to choose who would act as their official conscience, things sometimes went awry. At such times, God raised up prophets from unlikely places, and this is how Amos received his vocation as prophet. In last week's Gospel we heard how Jesus was raised up as God's anointed from a place many viewed as unlikely. As we continue to discern our own vocation as baptized disciples, we can be assured that we are, in Paul's words, "chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will" (Ephesians 1:11).

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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

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

July 14, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:13-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

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

Have you ever considered the task before you and thought, *No way am I equipped for this?* There are certainly times when it seems God is calling us to more than we are prepared for. The prophet Amos never expected to be God's mouthpiece. He was a simple shepherd and a "dresser of sycamores." Yet, Amos listened when God *chose him* "from following the flock" and instructed him to speak to Israel, even if he may have thought the whole idea quite silly. "Do you really mean *me?*" we might imagine him saying. We see this theme of God calling those we might least expect to important missions on countless occasions throughout Scripture: Moses had a speech impediment; Rahab was a prostitute; David was a young boy; Ruth was a foreigner; Matthew was a despised tax collector; Paul persecuted the early Christians; and the list goes on. On every occasion, however, trusting in God and listening to his voice was enough for each of these individuals to fulfill the role they were called to, even if they considered themselves the most unlikely candidate for the cause.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In this week's Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus calls for the Twelve and sends them out on mission with specific instructions. The key here is that he gives them *his authority*. They are able to accomplish seemingly impossible things - "preaching repentance, driving out demons, curing the sick" - not through their own power, but through the authority they had in Christ and by being obedient to the precepts he gave them. This is a lesson for all of us - to heed the commands of Christ and rely on his authority, not on our own power. We can live the impossible only through him. Pay close attention to the words from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians when in doubt: "In him *we were also chosen*, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ."

PRAY Today's Scripture makes it clear that it is through Christ in us that we can accomplish all things for his glory. We do not act on our own, but we give permission for God to act in us. I offer you a challenge this week in your prayer life: Instead of asking God to remove what appear to be impossible obstacles for you to face, try praying for the graces sufficient to fulfill your role in them.

Life of Stewardship

Our readings today remind us to live our lives in total surrender to God's care.

The Gospel recounts when Jesus instructs His twelve apostles to begin their missionary work two by two. He encouraged them to take very little - a walking stick and sandals.

If you can recall a time you packed for a trip, or even left the house for a day's travel, you might remember making a list or packing days in advance. We tend to pack so we know we will be comfortable.

If we extend this concept of "comfort" into other areas of our lives, we will most likely find a few instances where we ensure life is comfortable. It could be buying extra food at the grocery store, making sure we have the most updated technology, or even feeling safe in our bank accounts.

It is not bad to have extra food in the pantry or a new phone. And it isn't bad to save money. These things can be good when used properly.

But what if we are looking to these things for comfort, security or even happiness?

Imagine if Jesus approached you and said, "Go out and do my work, but you can only bring a walking stick and shoes." Would you be willing to surrender all the rest?

A key component of living out our call as Christian stewards is total surrender. It is trusting in God during our best moments and our hardest. It is looking to Him for security, comfort and happiness.

Reflect on the ways you might be looking for comfort in the things of this world. Tangibly find a way to become independent from that "thing" so that you can become more dependent on God.

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

Our goal is to help alleviate any extra stress on families during these times. It is a very beautiful way to let our Parish family know that we are thinking of them and praying for them. Email **Cheryl Roderer at caroderer@gmail.com** or **call the parish office** to join as a volunteer or to give us the name of a family who could benefit from this minis-try.

Making the Most of Moments: Accompaniment and Evangelization through Moments of Return

"It is important to make the most of the great moments of the liturgical year... Although we have to respect different stages of growth, and at times need to wait patiently for the right moment, we cannot fail to invite (all) people to drink from these wellsprings of new life." - Pope Francis (Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit, 2019, no. 224, 229)

We may know or have personally witnessed the trends of disconnection and distrust in religious institutions and church communities, but there is more to the story. While most people observe church attendance or affiliation declining year to year, there are unique anomalies in the data that can give us renewed hope. The month-to-month trends (and the wondrous occasions of "moments of return") provide us with a hopeful story: one deserving of greater attention and exploration.

This session will guide participants and facilitate dialogue around unpacking "moments of return" throughout the year, such as Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter, as well as weddings, baptisms, and funerals. We will also explore some less-obvious "moments" that reveal an overlooked abundance of occasions and opportunities upon which pastoral leaders, families, and concerned churchgoers can build. As Pope Francis notes, these "moments" can offer people "wellsprings of new life," especially when we respond with intentionality, pastoral care, and a missionary spirit.

Paul & Sarah Jarzembowski will be speaking at several locations throughout the Diocese and we are blessed to have them here at St. Michael's in the Grace Parish Center on **Friday, August 16, 2024** from **10am-1pm**. Please RSVP using the QR code below. Paul is the Associate Director for the Laity in the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington DC. He is also the author of two books: "Hope from the Ashes" (Paulist Press, 2022) and "Hope for the Holidays" (Paulist Press, 2023). He was the lead staff for the USCCB engagement with the XV Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment," and its post-synodal exhortation, "Christus Vivit." Paul was also the United States' national coordinator for World Youth Day. Sarah is a facilitator, trainer, mentor, pastoral minister, and co-host of the Catholic Leadership Network podcast. She is also the Director of Marriage and Family Life at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Crofton, Maryland, in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, where she has served since 2016.



Parish News

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Please join fellow parishioners on July 14th after the 7am and 9am Masses for a delicious breakfast and warm fellowship in the Grace Parish Center. The \$5 per person (children free when accompanied by parent) menu items include pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee.

Spiritual Book Club

Our Spiritual Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 18 at 4:00pm in the Grace Parish Center. ***Beautiful Eucharist*** is our book for the month of July. This book contains twelve short essays about the Eucharist by highly respected Catholic writers. A free copy is available at the Parish office.

Meals That Heal Ministry

Dedicated volunteers prepare and deliver meals to those who are temporarily homebound or ill. This ministry is for those who will need a little extra assistance following surgery, someone who is undergoing medical treatment or someone who has just had a baby, etc. Often family and friends are able to help for a short time but our volunteers help to supplement that assistance by providing meals a few times a week for up to two months.

Our volunteers may bring home cooked meals or bring meals from a restaurant or have a food delivery service bring a meal.

Stewardship of Treasure

July 1st - 7th, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 4,490.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 17,193.95
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 16,191.78

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,198,702.61** 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 JULY 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$11,525.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$2,446.33**

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

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. Call Beth at (760) 212-4533 for more information.

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. Call the Parish Office at 808-326-7771 to claim your hour!

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accu-rate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, "two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts." Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but

in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests - and, by extension, all of us Christians - to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

Treasures From Our Tradition

Many marriage customs stand in tension with modern American attitudes and values, notably "giving away the bride," which is no longer in the Catholic liturgy, and reminds us of a time when marriage was a contract between men (the groom and the bride's father). A Mexican custom, now approved for use in the United States, has a very different mes-sage.

An ancient Roman custom called for smashing pieces of gold and silver so that bride and groom could each keep half. This is the origin of today's Mexican practice of the groom giving thirteen gold coins to the bride, symbolically placing all his worldly goods into her care, and a sign of his unconditional trust. The coins are often given in beautiful gift boxes and are retained as an heirloom. Why thirteen? The stand-ard explanation is that they represent Jesus and the apostles. The priest blesses the coins and pours them into the bride's cupped hands. Then she entrusts them to the groom, who later pours them back into her hands. This enduring ritual is in such harmony with our tradition's view of marriage that it is now increasingly performed by English speaking Hispanic Catholics at weddings in the United States.

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Everyday Stewardship - Mindful of Those in Our Mist

I recently got into an Uber car for a ride to the airport. I like talking with drivers if I sense they are open to it. On this particular day, the driver was very talkative and told me about how he was an inventor. He had several patents and was about to sell one of his inventions for a ton of money. We had a wonderful conversation, and he was such a warm and interesting person. I asked him why, with his good fortune with inventions and all the work he was doing aside from Uber, he was still driving. He smiled and said, "There are still some people I haven't met yet. I never know who is going to get into my car next."

What an amazing answer! Too often we live our lives in semi-solitude, walking around with blinders on so we don't make eye contact. We have our family and friends, but we don't get up each day wondering with excitement who we will meet that day.

God puts people into our path all the time. Maybe we need them or they need us. But we do not walk through

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this world alone. If we choose to not be mindful of who is in our midst, we miss the chance to receive whatever gifts they may have to give. In the same vein, they miss out on what we have to share with them if we stay closed and quiet. Pay attention to those around you. God may come to you in the words of a friend, the request of a homeless man, or in the wisdom of an Uber driver.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil. Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself - we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. You shall not pass.

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they - and his word - are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. They wouldn't listen. They'll see, we think. Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was. Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

- 4pm - Bino Macedo, Rest in Peace and Felila Faletoi for Healing

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7am - James "Boogs" Lelewi, deceased, Anniversary of Death
- 9am - Donald Bearth, Death Anniversary, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - JP Urgino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Mark Rowland, Birthday Blessing

MONDAY, JULY 15TH

- 7am - Wayne Essex, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Garciduenas and Mares Families, Special Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

- 7am - Richard Merenda, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Berio Delos Reyes, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

- 7am - Carolyn Livingston, Birthday Blessings & Safe Journey
- 5pm - Conching Delos Reyes, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

- 7am - Adrian Moses, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Cela Delos Reyes, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

- 7am - Alice Texeira, Rest in Peace

Requesting a Mass Intention

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

Mass cards are available.

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

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

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

Leave it All Behind

This Week's Readings at Mass

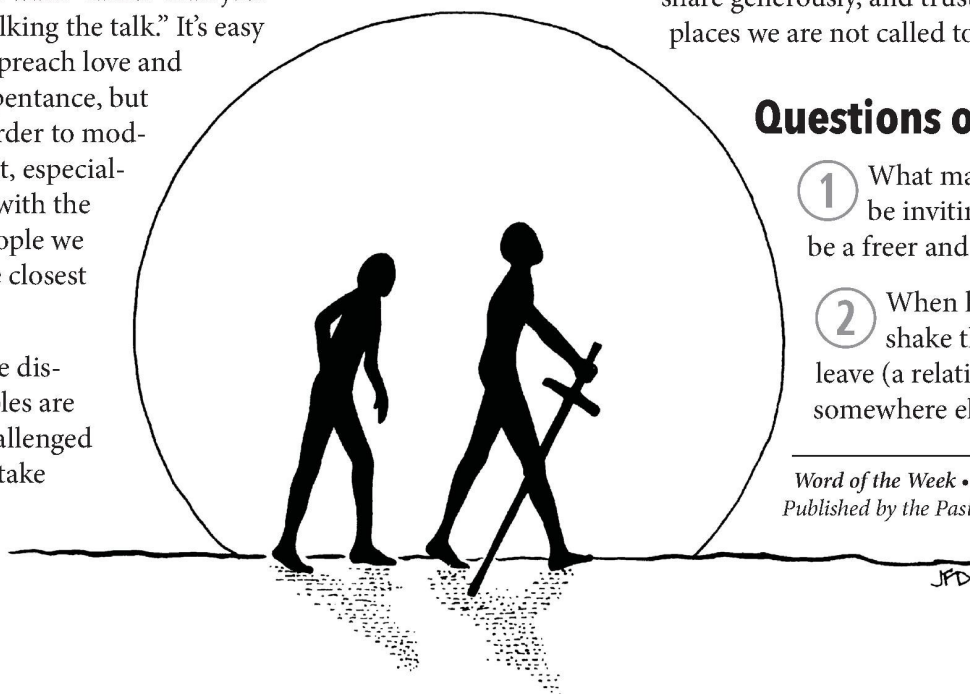
- ▶ Amos 7:12-15 - Amos called by God to prophecy
- ▶ Ephesians 1:3-14 - Blessing for Jew and Gentile
- ▶ Mark 6:7-13 - The mission of the Twelve

The instructions Jesus gives to the twelve apostles in this Gospel reading are still relevant for us today, even if we don't think we are called to leave our home and families to be traveling missionaries.

First, the note that Jesus sends disciples out two by two echoes throughout the rest of the New Testament. Why did Jesus want his disciples to travel in pairs? As a human himself, he recognized the value of companionship. We are social beings, and even introverts need the support, wisdom, and love of others. Being a disciple is challenging, and we can burn out quickly if we don't have others to help us on our journey. Also, a spouse (and St. Paul makes it clear that some of the pairs that were missionaries together were married couples), friend, or fellow disciple can be a sounding board, consultant, or trusted confidante as we navigate the questions and difficulties of our discipleship work.

Traveling in pairs or larger groups also forces people to confront their selfishness and practice "walking the walk" rather than just "talking the talk." It's easy to preach love and repentance, but harder to model it, especially with the people we are closest to.

The disciples are challenged to take



"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey besides a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money."

Sheepish Question:
What practical matters worry me as I keep my eyes on the Gospel's prize?

nothing for their journey but a walking stick. Talk about an exercise in trust and detachment! Just imagining setting out like that challenges us to evaluate what we are attached to materially.

Finally, Jesus teaches the disciples to appreciate and receive the gifts of those who treat them well and to walk away when they are not accepted. This is yet another invitation to trust: trust others who want to share generously, and trust that there are times and places we are not called to stay.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What material comforts might Jesus be inviting you to leave behind to be a freer and more faithful disciple?
- 2 When have you felt the call to shake the dust from your feet and leave (a relationship, job, etc.) to go somewhere else where you are welcome?

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Dear Father Faletoi and the faithful of St. Michael the Archangel Parish,

Peace be with you!

I write to you today with a heart full of gratitude and appreciation for the incredible work you do every day in promoting the values and beliefs of our Catholic faith. Your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to your Catholic communities are truly inspiring. Each of you plays a vital role in nurturing the spiritual growth, ministry and well-being of the Church and her people, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

Your partnership with the Diocese is invaluable. As we recently marked the end of our fiscal year, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your continued collaboration and the financial support you provide, which is crucial for our operations. It is through your generosity and shared vision that together we can fulfill our mission. The Diocese is committed to steward your gifts responsibly, ensuring they are utilized to provide essential administrative support and other services, so that you may focus more intently on the critical work of creating disciples for our faith.

As we move forward together in our ministry, let us continue to support and uplift one another in prayer and fellowship. May we remain united in our mission to give witness to Jesus and to be stewards of the Gospel to all corners of our communities.

Thank you again, and may God bless you abundantly!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Silva". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a small cross symbol.

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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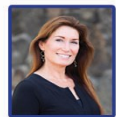
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PARISH EVENTS

(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 (resumes on Tuesday, September 3)

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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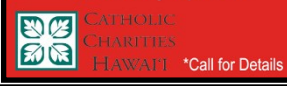
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