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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, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 12 noon

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Website: [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) January 19, 2025 | 19 de enero de 2025

## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I - **Isaiah 62:1-5** | Psalm - **96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10** | Reading II - **1 Corinthians 2:4-11** | Gospel - **John 2:1-11**  
Primera Lectura - **Isaías 62:1-5** | Salmo - **95:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10** | Segunda Lectura - **1 Corintios 2:4-11** | Evangelio - **Juan 2:1-11**

### A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God. - Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

#### 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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:3

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

1st Reading: **Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10**

Primera Lectura: **Nehemías 8:2-4,5-6,8-10**

Psalm/Salmo: **19(18) 8,9,10,15**

2nd Reading: **1Corinthians 12:12-30**

Segunda Lectura: **1Corintios 12:12-30**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Luke (Lucas) 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

**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.

January 19, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

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

Pop quiz: What was the name of the bride and groom at the wedding in today's Gospel? If you're unsure, you're not alone; the bridegroom is mentioned only in passing and the names of the newlyweds are not recorded at all in Scripture. Instead, the most prominent man in the account is Jesus; the most prominent woman is his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In light of today's first reading, this apparent omission begins to make sense. "As a young man marries a virgin," the prophet Isaiah writes, "your Builder shall marry you." Jesus is the "Builder" of the universe, the Word through whom all things were created. Mary, whom Jesus calls "Woman," stands as a representative of the Church. This image of God as Bridegroom of his people, common throughout the Old Testament, thus takes on its full significance in Christ. He is the Bridegroom who will "wed" himself to his Church irrevocably when he offers his life for her on the cross.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

It is clear that Scriptures give us many "stories behind the stories" – a sort of "visible invisible" as we see with today's Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. What we think is happening, and who we assume are the main characters, are important and yet also diminished beside the infinite and eternal, self-sacrificing love of God. How much of our own lives contains such stories of God's immense and great love for us, behind the scenes that play out day to day? The Lord gives us all good gifts, and he uses them to help us see, know, understand and love him. The smallest moment, or the most important detail, may not be recorded or remembered, but the generosity and irrevocable love of God will never fade and will always sustain us.

### **JOURNAL**

Although God's love for us never diminishes, we sometimes struggle to maintain the enthusiasm of our earliest encounters with him. This week, create a spiritual "photo album" you can use to remind yourself of God's blessings in your life. Recall pivotal moments in your spiritual life, write them down in a notebook, and return to them with praise and thanksgiving whenever you feel your heart drifting from the Lord.



# Life of Stewardship

Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle - He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let's examine our lives this week to see if we really are "doing whatever He tells us," cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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## Parish News

### Feast of Santo Niño - Sunday, January 19

The feast day of Santo Niño de Cebú comes each year on the third Sunday in January. The country's oldest Catholic icon is the Santo Niño. In the words of Pope Francis, the Holy Child is the Protector of the Philippines thus his significance both in Filipino history and culture. The Sinulog dance meaning "like water current movement" tells the History of the conversion to Christianity. This year, we will celebrate this special feast at our 9am Mass. There will be Filipino desserts served with our coffee service after the 9am Mass.

### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Please join fellow parishioners on January 19th 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, fruit, juice, water and Kona coffee.

### March for Life Activities -Saturday, January 25

Over the past 52 years, the March for Life has collectively united millions of pro-life Americans from every age, background, nationality, and faith with a common purpose: to witness the inherent dignity and worth of every single human life. The March's powerful presence at our nation's capital every January has demonstrated the seriousness, conviction, and permanence of the movement. It has also helped educate

Americans about the beauty of the lives of unborn children and their mothers so that a majority of Americans now support protections for life in the womb.

Join our Respect Life Ministry in our March for Life activities on Saturday, January 25th. We will pray the Rosary at 2:30pm at the Grotto, followed by sign waving on Alii Drive outside our Front Entrance and then we will attend the 4:00pm Mass. For more information, contact Bonnie through the Parish office.

### "Word of God Sunday" - January 26

As disciples of Jesus, we emphasize the importance of the Bible in Catholic life and encourage one another to read and study the **Word of God** as a regular part of our lives. Pope Francis, has instituted the **Sunday of the Word of God** to be celebrated annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. We ask you to bring your personal Bibles to Mass. At Mass, we will have a commitment prayer and blessing as you hold your Bibles.

### Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend

All couples planning to receive the Sacrament of Marriage are required to attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend. We are fortunate to host two weekends on our island. St. Joseph in Hilo offers one on February 22 & 23. St. Michael's will offer one on September 13 & 14. Other weekends are offered on the outer islands. If you are getting married, please sign up for one weekend. For a complete list of weekends offered on all islands, visit <https://hawaii.engagedencounter.com/>.

### Special Collections - January 26

Next week we will have two special collections. The **Black & Indian Mission** collection exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. For more information, visit [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org). Envelopes are available in the kiosks. **The Church in Latin America** collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america). Envelopes are available in the kiosks.

### Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The Hawaii Department of the Attorney General Human Trafficking Prevention Program has a new website designed to raise public awareness and provide education and resources about human trafficking in Hawai'i. During Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the Department of the Attorney General is putting on a variety of events, including a Virtual Lunch and Learn Speaker Series that brings together experts from diverse fields to present on critical topics related to human trafficking. "These virtual sessions are designed to educate and empower attendees. Classes are free at <https://ag.hawaii.gov/traffickingprevention/>.

Each Wednesday at noon, at St. Michael's Church we pray the Way of the Cross in the Church for the safety of all those who are held captive by traffickers for either sex

# Stewardship of Treasure

January 6th - 12th, 2025

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 2,755.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 18,238.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 9,535.26

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,572,724.17** 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 JANUARY 2025

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](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

or agricultural work and usually have no way of escaping the status of slavery. The prayers, developed by Bishop Silva, require twenty minutes of your time. On **Wednesday, January 29**, before the noon prayers, we will sign wave in front of the Church beginning at 11:30 am. Signs will be provided.

## Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group **has resumed their weekly meetings on Tuesday** from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Center.

## New Parishioner Orientation Luncheon

You are invited to our New Parishioner Orientation and Lunch **on Sunday, February 2nd at 12:30pm in the Grace Parish Center**. Come learn the history of our Parish, meet our priests and ministry coordinators. **Please RSVP to the Parish Office** with your name, contact phone number and amount of people attending.

## Kona Choral Society Free Concert

Join us for their annual Gospel Heritage Concert here at St. Michael on Friday, February 7, from 7:00-8:30pm.

## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation Classes Grades K-5

Please take note the **new time for all classes is 10:15 to 11:50**. January classes will be held on Sunday the 26th. No class on January 19th. If you are interested in teaching our 4th graders, please call the Parish Office. -Margaret Essex, *Catholicist*

### Youth Ministry Classes Grades 6-12.

Classes meet on most Sundays from 5:15- 7:15pm in the

Grace Parish Center. Classes for January will be on the 19th and 26th. - *Eduvina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

**Want to become Catholic? Want to receive the Sacraments?**

Anyone age 18+ who is curious about the history, rites, and spirituality of Christianity and wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, the development of Sacred Scripture, and/or is thinking of becoming Catholic to delve into a deeper relationship with God as an intentional disciple of Jesus Christ. We meet weekly after the 9am Mass on Sunday.

## The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now. - *Father John Muir, ©LPi*

## Everyday Stewardship - It Take All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom.



## YOU ARE INVITED

(schedule 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 with the Priests 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 5:30-6:30pm

### THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm  
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group 6:00-7:00pm

### FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

### SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am
- March for Life Rosary 2:30pm
- March for Life Sign Waving 3:00pm

### SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 1:00-2:00pm  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father 3:00pm  
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:15-11:50am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm  
(Please refer to the Faith Formation section for class dates)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

## Baptism

Classes are held once a month. Parents and Godparents must attend class.

To register, please email [baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org](mailto:baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org)

## Marriage

Please notify the office and allow six months before the date of marriage for preparation

They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers - do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments-The Significance of You

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will? - Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, ©LPI



As Catholics, let us witness the beautiful gift of life with civility and love, and with our peaceful prayers and our compassionate service to all those in need. - USCCB 5/10/22



### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH

- 4pm - Clarence Rapoza, Rest in Peace

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 7am - Jack Derzy, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Bella Fabian, Rest in Peace, and Yvonne & Roland Shim, May they Rest in Peace

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

- 7am - Linde Rimkus, Rest in Peace and Marvin Simpliciano, Anniversary of Death
- 5pm - Celia Galindo, Rest in Peace

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

- 7am - Charles Perez, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Daniel Frank, Rest in Peace and Birthday Blessing for Lila Villasenor

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD

- 7am - Surin Kailuanam, Surang Bunrasi, Seangara Bunrasi, Roy Pelloquin, Albert Pelloquin, Rose Pelloquin, Gerald Juffer, Pradit Kumsi, Genenieve Pelloquin, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Celia Galindo, Rest in Peace

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

- 7am - Patty Jo Hart, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Isabel Cedeno, Rest in Peace

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

- 7am - Gloria Lynne Fabel, Rest in Peace

## Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **808-326-7771**.

**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**.

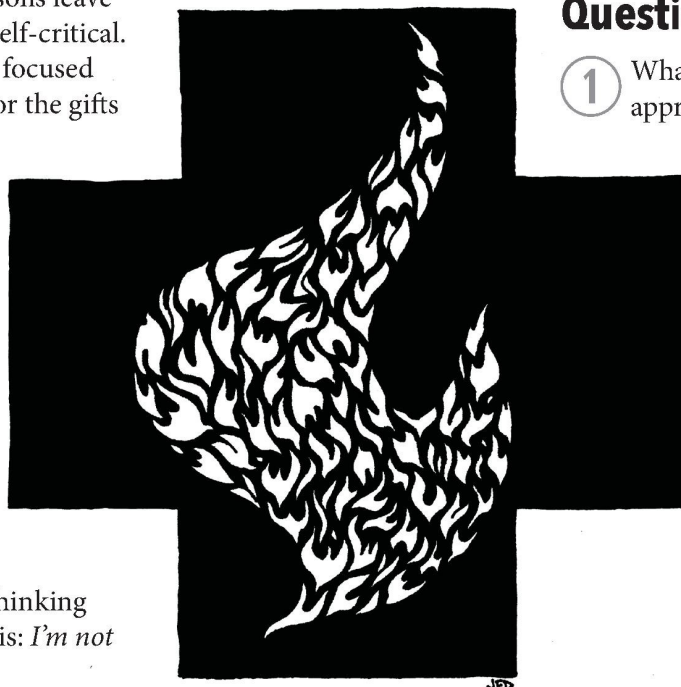
# Different, Not Better or Worse

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 62:1-5 - Jerusalem the Lord's bride
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Different gifts
- ▶ John 2:1-11 - The wedding at Cana

Paul's lesson to the Corinthians that different people have different gifts to share with the world is precisely the kind of lesson we try to teach young children. We might respond to the bragging of a five-year-old with a comment such as "You're right. You can ride a two-wheel bike already, but Connor can't. Connor likes to draw more than he likes to play outside. Did you know he knows how to write the whole alphabet already? You're still learning that, just like he's still learning to ride a bike." If we can teach our children to make observations—not judgments—about themselves and others, they will learn Paul's point. Certain gifts, skills, talents, and abilities are not *better* than others, they are *different* from others.

Adults need to be reminded of this lesson too. How often do we compare our gifts with those of others? Sometimes these comparisons make us feel that we are somehow better. Other times our comparisons leave us feeling harshly self-critical. What if we instead focused on being grateful for the gifts we have been given and look for ways to use them in God's service? Then maybe we could let go of our envy of others and be happy for them and the world that they have such gifts to offer. Our thinking might change to this: *I'm not*



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"You have kept the good wine until now."

**Sheepish Question:**  
To whom or what do I need to give my best at this moment in time?

*very good with groups of young children. Volunteering to help at first-grade field trips is exhausting for me. Thank God Mrs. Harris is better with six-year-olds than I am. Maybe I should concentrate on working with adults, because that's what I'm better at. She's better with kids; I'm better with adults. They are different spiritual gifts, not better or worse than each other.*

## Questions of the Week

- 1 What gifts do you see in others that you appreciate because they are not your gifts, but they are needed in the world?
- 2 How do you use the gifts has God given you in service to others?

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