

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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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

Gift Shop Hours: Sun 7:30am - 11:00am

Website: saintmichaelparishkona.org April 27, 2025 | 27 de abril de 2025

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Reading I - Acts 5:12-16 | Psalm - 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 | Reading II - Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 | Gospel – John 20:19-31 | Primera Lectura - Hechos 5:12-16 | Salmo - 117:2-4,22-24,25-27a | Segunda Lectura - Apocalipsis 1:9-11,12-13,17-19 | Evangelio – Juan 20:19-31

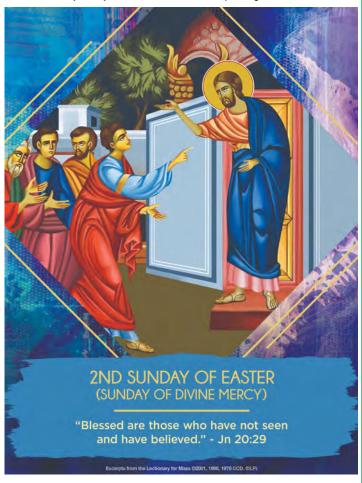
SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing! - 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.



Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40b-41
Primera Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 5:27-32,40b-41

Psalm/Salmo: 30(29): 2,4,5-6,11-12,13 2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14 Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 5:11-14 Gospel/Evangelio: John (Juan) 21:1-19

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.

His mercy endures forever. (Ps 118:1)

April 27, 2025

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE
On this Easter Octave, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As
Jesus revealed to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, the
blood and water that gushed forth from his side during his
crucifixion would become a "fountain of mercy" for all of us.
In today's first reading, we witness what happens now that the
Apostles have received that mercy flowing from the foot of
the cross. Motivated by the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and
ascension and emboldened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, these
men are now continuing his ministry of healing. Just as the ill
and possessed flocked to Christ, so now those sick in body or
spirit see the power of Christ working through the Apostles.
The beauty of receiving God's mercy is that it doesn't stop once
it's been poured into us – his mercy compels us, inspiring us to
become living fonts of mercy to those we encounter.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In a somewhat confusing chronology, today's Gospel takes place in time before the events in our first reading. So we go with the disciples back to "the evening of that first day of the week." They have been through a lot over the past weeks. They have watched their community turn on Jesus and give him over to be brutally killed. They have walked with him through his agonizing passion and bitter death, and they have witnessed his glorious resurrection from the dead. "Overwhelming" seems too small a word. Can you imagine the weight of their experience on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level? Now, in today's Gospel, we see them gathered together behind locked doors, shaken from the recent events, and fearing for their own lives. Somehow, mysteriously, Jesus enters the room and says, "Peace be with you." Three times, Jesus repeats this phrase to his disciples in this reading. Untethered by space and time and in the wake of grief and glory, the Savior of the world extends himself in an intimate encounter, radically present to those who love him.

REFLECT

Throughout today's Scriptures, we see the Lord's relentless pursuit of the human heart. We see a God who loves us so passionately that he pours himself into us, inviting us to partake in his mission by the outpouring of his mercy and the power of his Holy Spirit. Today, pause to reflect on the mercy of God. In what areas of your life can you see God's mercy at work? How can you be an instrument of his mercy for others?

Life of Stewardship

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy - the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" - in His merciful love. - Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

Parish News Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on Saturday, **May 10th.**We are recruiting everyone to **join Team Catholic Charities** to fundraise and participate in the event. Fr. Lio has issued his annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West Hawaii Vicariate (and Fr. Steve Macedo) to raise the most funds. There will also be prizes for the top three fundraisers for the Catholic Charities team. **See the Charity Walk table before or after the weekend Masses on April 26/27 and May 3/4 to join the team or to make a donation.** You may also place a donation in the collection basket by writing a check payable to St. Michael's and note for Charity Walk.

Thank You, Soup Makers!

A warm thank you to all the generous soup makers from our church stewardship groups. Each Wednesday during Lent, large pots of delicious soup were shared in the Grace Parish Center after Benediction. Mahalo to the Men of Faith ministry for providing the bread each week. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and community. We're grateful for everyone who participated and look forward to continuing this tradition next Lent!

Mahalo Knights of Columbus!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for offering our first

ever Friday Fish Fry during our Lenten season which was enjoyed by all! It was a great event to increase participation in the Stations of the Cross each week and offered time of fellowship for all parishioners. All proceeds help the Knights of Columbus to continue their good works in our community.

Special Collection for St. Joseph's School

This weekend's special collection will be for *St. Joseph's School*, the only Catholic School on the Big Island located in Hilo. With your generous donations last year, we were able to bless St. Joseph's school with \$20,000. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic education on the Big Island and let's challenge ourselves to match last year's gift! Envelopes were included in last week's bulletin.

Children's Rosary

St. Michael's Children's Rosary Club meets on the last Sunday of each month. This is a great way for children to recite their prayers and start praying together as a family. Our next meeting will be after the 9am Mass on April 27. Join us at the grotto to pray one decade of the Rosary.

Immigration Ministry Seminar

The next Immigration Ministry Seminar will be held on **Sunday, April 27th at 1:00pm** in the Grace Parish Center. Attorney Evita will discuss federal immigration laws in an informational one-hour seminar. If you, or someone you know from any country in the world, are here in the USA without legal status and are not sure where to begin the process to become legal, this is a must attend. All immigration questions will be answered.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Craft Sale

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish from Papaikou will have a table outside the front entrance on Sunday, April 27. Please stop by to support them and purchase their homemade crafts! All proceeds will go toward purchasing new lighting for their Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27

Join us for Music and Prayer with special guests from Italy - Mother Marilú Greco and her brother, Father Domenico Greco.

- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy & Hula at 3pm
- Sunday Mass at 4pm
- Refreshments in the Grace Parish Center at 5pm

Monthly Food Pantry & Diaper Ministry Drive

The monthly parish food & diaper drive will be held on **Monday, April 28 from 9-10am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.** Thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry. We depend on your contributions and are grateful for any donations you may have. You are helping to feed over one thousand people every month. Items most needed are Tuna, Soup, and Canned Vegetables. We've added a QR code on page 5 of the bulletin with our wishlist of items available online through Amazon. Diaper sizes needed are size 5 & 6 and Pull-Ups 4T-5T Boys and Girls.

You are also welcome to leave food & diaper donations

Stewardship of Treasure

April 14th - 20th, 2025

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 2,735.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 22,573.14
HOLY THURSDAY / GOOD FRIDAY	\$ 5,884.86
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 61,123.00

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,923,701.19** 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 APRIL 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** and click our **ONLINE GIVING tab.** Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

in the baskets at the Church entrance when you come to Mass. Mahalo for your support!

Consecration to God the Father Ministry

Please join us in prayer to honor God Our Father, **Sunday, May 4 at 2:45pm**. We will pray Consecration Prayers to God Our Father and Divine Mercy. The Conse-cration prayer helps us to acknowledge God as our Eternal Father, to honor Him, and to give Him our commitment to follow His commandments.

Confirmation & First Holy Eucharist "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." - Ezekiel 36:26

Monsignor Gary Secor will preside at the Restored Order Mass of Confirmation & First Holy Eucharist for the West Hawaii Vicariate at 11am on Saturday, May 3rd at St. Michael's. Candidates from St. Michael the Archangel, St. Benedict, and Annunciation will receive their Sacraments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ASAP (Assistance and Support After Pregnancy)

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Baby Bottles after each mass on May 10 & 11 for an ASAP fundraiser. Please assist by putting your daily change in the bottle, The bottles will be collected on Fathers Day June 18th. All of the monies collected will go to support mothers & children in need. Please make checks out to St. Michael's Church or the Knights of Columbus and note for ASAP.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Please join fellow parishioners on Mother's Day, May 11th, after the 7am and 9am masses for a delicious breakfast and

warm fellowship in the Grace Parish Center. The \$5 per person (Mother's and children are free) menu items include pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice, water and Kona coffee.

Baptism Class

Our next Baptism class will be held on Saturday, May 24 at 9am in the Parish Office Conference room. All parents and godparents are required to attend. Please email **baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org** to register.

Faith Formation Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Classes

On Sunday, April 27, grades K-5 will from 10:15am to 11:50am. Grades 6-12 will meet from 5:15pm to 7:15pm. All students receiving Sacraments on May 3rd must attend the mandatory practice on Thursday, May 1st at 5pm in the Church.

- Margaret Essex, Cathecist
- Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister

Second Sunday of Easter

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with Priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new Priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and lifegiving power of God's eternal forgiveness. -Father. Whn. Muir, ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship - The World is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up - one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh - by behold-

YOU ARE INVITED (schedule may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

 Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm

 Knights of Columbus (2nd Monday of the month) 5:45pm

 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

 Hula Ministry Practice 5:30-6:30pm

 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

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

PADTISM

Baptism Classes are held monthly as needed. Parents and Godparents must attend class. To register, please email baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org

Marriage

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

ing that messy reality - did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so . . . unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder - just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe. -Colleen Jurkiwicz Doman, LPi



SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH 4pm - Sara Mammadova, Birthday Blessings

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 7am Shirleen Haanio, Rest in Peace
- 9am Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm Evelyn Moses, Pam Stanbrough, Sherry Miller, Chris Eastridge, May they Rest in Peace

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH

- 7am Sean, Lorraine and David Wilkinson, May they Rest in Peace
- 5pm Benita Carta, Rest in Peace

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH

- 7am Andrea Garcia Sprout, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm Fran Sullivan, Rest in Peace

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

• 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

- 7am Marilyn Cirinncione, deceased, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm Charles Perez, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

- 7am Artemis Garcia Sprout, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm Phillip & Mindy Teague, 25th Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

• 7am - For Peace in the World

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.



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"Peace Be With You"

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Acts 5:12-16 Signs and wonders
- ► Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 First vision
- ► John 20:19-31 Appearance to the disciples; Thomas

So many times in Scripture when an angel or Jesus approach a person or a group with a task, we are told that they are afraid or are living in fear, as the disciples were in this reading. For example, it happened to Isaiah when an angel asked him to be a prophet. It happened to Mary when the angel Gabriel asked her to bear Jesus. It happened to Peter when Jesus asked him to follow and be a fisherman of people. Whether it is an angel or Jesus appearing, each begins their address with words of reassurance: "Do not be afraid," or in this case, "Peace be with you."

The ones being visited aren't shamed or reprimanded for being afraid. Only after their fear is acknowledged are they given their task. For the disciples who are still hiding out in fear for their lives, Jesus sends them to do exactly what they are afraid to do—leave their hiding place, go public, and do what God sent Jesus to do.

Maybe they are still afraid. Maybe their voices shake a bit when they first begin to proclaim Jesus' message. Maybe they don't feel worthy to still be a follower of Jesus. Maybe they doubt their ability to bring hope and healing to those who need it, but they still go. The first reading from the Acts of Apostles tells us some of what the apostles were able to ac-

complish once
they left
that locked
room.
They cured
sick people
and cast out
demons,
just as Jesus
had promised them they
would. To do that, they had to
move way out of their comfort zone, but re-

SEE? THE SPIRIT OF GOD
PASSES AMONG US. THE LORD
BREATHED ON HIS DISCIPLES
AND THEY RECEIVED THE
HOLY SPIRIT...

So I BREATHE
ON YOU...

So now
You know why we have
the laying on
of hands...

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Sheepish Question:
Through which senses have I experienced the

membering Jesus' words "Peace be with you" helped them to do it.

Questions of the Week

Holy Spirit this week?

When have you had an experience of being called to do something that scared you? What helped you to do it?

Is there an area of your life now in which God is inviting you to be more courageous and trusting?

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