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# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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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, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 12noon

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Website: [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) **May 3, 2026 | 3 de mayo de 2026**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I - Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41 | Psalm - 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 | Reading II - 1 Peter 2:20-25 | Gospel - John 10:1-10  
Primera Lectura - Hechos de los Apostoles 2:14,36-41 | Salmo - 22:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 | Segunda Lectura - 1 Pedro 2:20-25 | Evangelio - Juan 10:1-10



### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

#### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection 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 evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## THE WAY

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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

1st Rdg/Primera Lectura: Acts (Hechos) 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm/Salmo: 66(65):1-3,4-5,6-7,16,20

2nd Rdg/Segundo Lectura: 1 Peter (1 Pedro) 3:15-18

Gospel/Evangelio: John (Juan) 14:15-21

**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.



May 3, 2026

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The cornerstone of our lives – the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us – is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that “the Father who dwells in me is doing his works.” Life in the Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to God’s call to love my family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow God’s love to flow forth through us.

### **PRAY**

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.

# Life of Stewardship

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we recognize that this world is not our permanent home. We are pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life toward our true home - heaven.

Yet, as we journey toward heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here - whether in a household of one or a full and busy family - a true "domestic church." In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families - our domestic churches.

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we learn and practice selfless love of others. In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us - preparing a place for each one of us who remains faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God through prayer, care for one another, and generous hospitality.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

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## Parish News

### Consecration to God the Father Ministry

We gather together in prayer and invite you to be with us on **Sunday, May 3 at 2:45 pm at St. Michael's**. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet along with a reading from the Diary of Saint Faustina: Divine Mercy in My Soul. We will also pray the Consecration Prayer to God Our Father which helps us to acknowledge God as our Eternal Father, to honor Him, and to give Him our commitment to follow His commandments. For more information, please contact **Romana** through the office.

### Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Please join fellow parishioners on **Sunday, May 10th, after the 7am and 9am Masses** for a delicious breakfast and warm fellowship in the Grace Parish Center. The \$8 per person (Mothers free and children free when accompanied by parent) menu items include pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice, water and Kona coffee. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. See posters on church kiosks for information on this fundraising event.

### Men of Faith

Would you like to increase your spirituality with fellow men of our parish? Well, that opportunity is available to you every Wednesday! Our meetings focus on reflections on the prior weekend readings as we strive to grow closer to our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ and His church. We meet on the St. Michael's South Lanai from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. See you there!

### Young Adults Ministry (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Join us in a judgment-free space for casual fellowship and opportunities to strengthen your faith for the real world. We focus on practical ways to live out our Catholic faith, share

inspirational stories about the saints, and enjoy low key discussion and community. New to the faith or curious about how to deepen your relationship with Christ? We meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 6 - 7pm in the Grace Parish Center. All young adults (ages 18 - 39) are welcome! Bring your doubts, bring a friend, and grow in your faith!

### Spiritual Book Club

Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15 from 4 to 5pm in the Grace Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday, May 14 if you would like to join the meeting via Zoom.

### Baptism Class

The next Baptism class is on **Saturday, May 23 at 8:30am** in the Parish Office Conference room. All parents and godparents are required to attend. To register for the class, please email [baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org](mailto:baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org).

### Meals That Heal Ministry

Our volunteers may bring home cooked meals or bring meals from a restaurant or have a food delivery service bring a meal. 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. It is one small thing that we can do to show that we care. Please contact **Cheryl Roderer at [caroderer@gmail.com](mailto: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 ministry.

### St. Michael Statue Brick Garden

Our order for Phase 2 has been submitted. We are now taking orders for the next phase. Order forms and information available after Mass at the coffee station, at the kiosk, or at the Parish Office during the week. Let your legacy become part of our parish grounds. Together, let's build something beautiful for generations to come.

### Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Our **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal** is an exciting opportunity for our parish community to come together and *Share God's Gifts* in support of the vital ministries that strengthen our Church across the islands. Make your gift online using the QR code or use the envelopes in the kiosks. Your generosity supports Catholic schools and faith formation programs, outreach to individuals and families in need, evangelization efforts, and the formation of seminarians preparing for the priesthood.



### Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on Saturday, May 9th. We are recruiting members to fundraise and participate in the event for Team Catholic Charities. Adults can join the team with a \$50.00 donation and children can join with a \$35.00 donation. Team members will receive a Catholic Charities t-shirt (while supplies last). Fr. Lio has issued his annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West

# Stewardship of Treasure

April 20th - 26th, 2026

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 3,330.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 10,031.00
BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,097.00

We are grateful that our construction debt for the Grace Parish Center has been paid off. Our weekly second collection will be for our Building Repairs & Maintenance. *Mahalo* for your continued generosity!

**Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or use our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026 MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: \$14,082.75

The Diocesan Assessment covers shared staff and administrative resources from the Diocese supporting every parish. The new "Annual Appeal" assessment starting in January provides funds for collaborative Catholic ministries and services that extend beyond the capacity of any single parish.

## 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.

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 to join the team and/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.

## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation (Grades K-5)

Our last class for this school year will be on May 3rd from 10:15 - 11:50am in the Grace Parish Center. Classes will begin again in September.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart - love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings - is real-

ly an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results - it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

## Treasures From Our Tradition

In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word "genuflect" comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can't be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord's presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I'm not running away, I'm yours, I'm here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I'm yours. - ©LPi

## Everyday Stewardship - The Value of Stewardship

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works

# 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 6:00-7:30pm

## 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
- Neocatechumenal Way 6:00-7:00pm  
(Last Wed. of each month) 7:00-8:00pm

## THURSDAY

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

## FRIDAY

- Women of the Word 12:00-1:00pm

## SATURDAY

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

## SUNDAY

- Gift Shop Open 7:30am-11am
- 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)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

## Baptism

Our next Baptism Class will be at 8:30am on Saturday, May 23. Parents and Godparents must attend class.

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

## Marriage

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

and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing - God - even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy -there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven - likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way. There it is: the part that matters. The way.

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up - the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though. You'll know him when you see him.

- Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman © LPI

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him.

Dare to follow Him. - ©LPI

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MAY 2ND

- 4pm - Conchita Leyangrow, Rest in Peace

### SUNDAY, MAY 3RD FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7am - Darlene "Big Mom" Torricer, 25th Anniversary, May she Rest in Peace
- 9am - Mike & Mary Sotomayor and Henry Vasquez, May they Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Joe Reynolds, Rest in Peace and Darlene Bearth, Rest in Peace

### MONDAY, MAY 4TH

- 7am - Elisea Orbigo Palencia, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - TJ Moses, Blessings & Good Health

### TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

- 7am - Micaela Cuevas, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Michael Luke, Rest in Peace

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

- 7am - Minh Bui, Birthday Blessings

### THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

- 7am - Jan Macdonnell, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Michael Luke, Rest in Peace

### FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

- 7am - Randy Jetter, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

### SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

- 7am - Kim Schmalbach, 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.



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# Introducing the Trinity

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

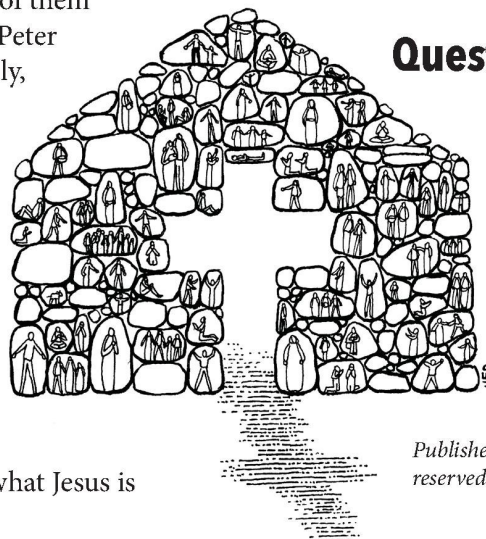
- ▶ Acts 6:1-7 • The need of assistants
- ▶ 1 Peter 2:4-9 • Living stones
- ▶ John 14:1-12 • Last discourse: the way, the truth, and the life

The first reading from Acts of the Apostles gives us another glimpse into the very early life and growth of Christianity. At some point, the number of Christians (many of whom still practiced the Jewish faith) became too large for the 12 apostles to minister to adequately. The apostles realized they needed help, so the community of believers identified seven more well-respected men who were “filled with the Spirit and wisdom.” In an early form of ordination, the apostles prayed and “laid hands on them,” officially making them leaders as well. The church has preserved this early tradition; when deacons and priests are ordained today, the central part of the ritual is the bishop laying hands on the candidate and praying over him.

Today's Gospel passage can be boiled down to two main points, but they may be hard to grasp because Jesus seems speak in circles. First, don't let your hearts be troubled. Second, if you know Jesus, you know God. If you didn't get those upon first reading, take heart; neither did the apostle Philip.

Jesus' speech here takes place the night before he dies. Sitting with his friends, the apostles, after he washed their feet, Jesus is aware that they are troubled. Jesus had just predicted that one of them would betray him and that Peter would disown him. Naturally, they are confused and worried. As he does at other points in the gospels, Jesus offers them peace and reassurance and encourages them to trust him, even though things are not looking good.

Philip wants even more reassurance, and he wants to understand just exactly what Jesus is



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“Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
When I consider the sacrifices I've made lately, which ones likely are most acceptable to God?

saying with his talk of dwelling places in his Father's house. In a very roundabout way, Jesus tries to explain that if Philip believes in him, he can trust in the Father, too. This exchange is part of the origin of the Christian understanding of the Trinity. Jesus and the Father are somehow “one,” yet not the same. A few verses after this reading, Jesus talks about the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's connection to himself and the Father. The description is something that we might not be able to grasp with our rational minds. If this is the case, we find ourselves back in Philip's position, being asked by Jesus to “believe in me.” What is faith, after all, if there is no need for belief or trust?

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever felt an invitation to trust and to “not let your heart be troubled,” even though you sensed there was something troubling on the horizon?
- 2 Which person of the Trinity is it easiest for you to relate to: the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit? Why?

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