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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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - **Zechariah 9:9-10** | Psalm - **145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13-14** | Reading II - **Romans 8:9,11-13** | Gospel - **Matthew 11:25-30**
Reading I - **Zacarias 9:9-10** | Salmo - **144:1-2,8-9,10-11,13cd-14** | Segunda Lectura - **Romanos 8:9,11-13** | Evangelio - **Mateo 11:25-30**

A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God! - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

St. Michael Prayer, Explained . . .

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome. Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church. ©LPI



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

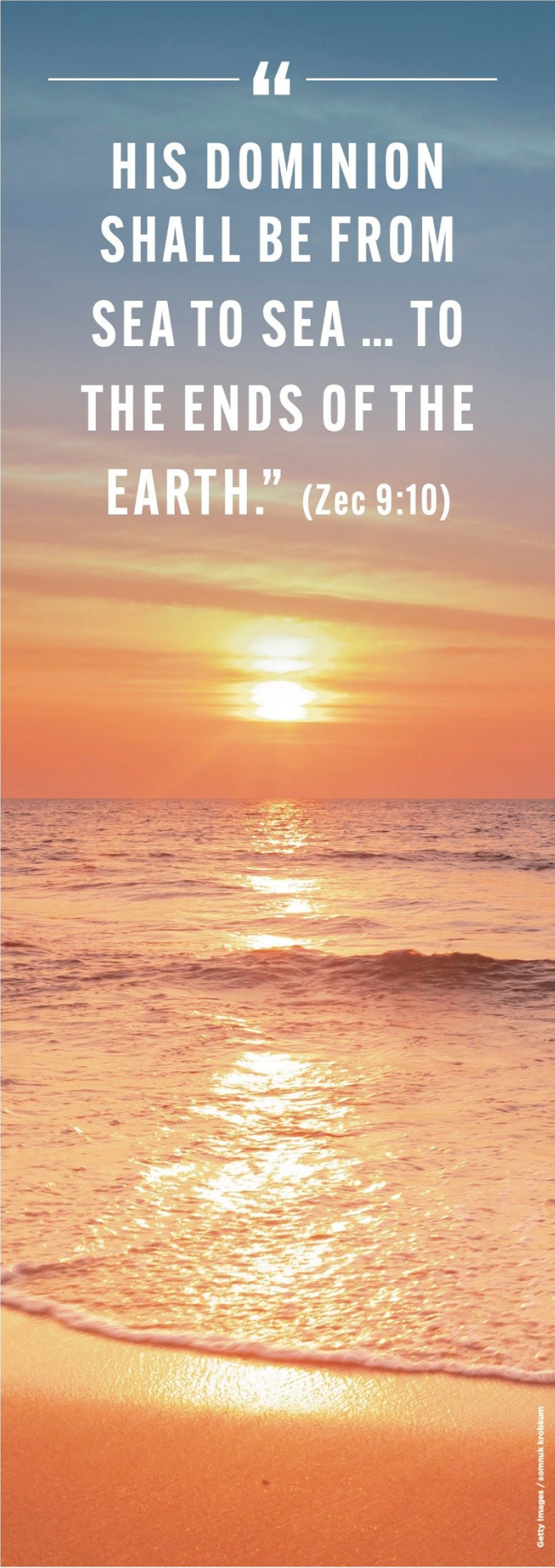
1st Reading/Primera Lectura: Isaiah (Isaías) 55:10-11

Psalm/Salmo: 65 (64):10,11,12-13,14

2nd Rdg/Segunda Lectura: Romans (Romanos) 8:18-23

Gospel/Evangelio: Matthew (Mateo) 13:1-23

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 DOMINION
SHALL BE FROM
SEA TO SEA ... TO
THE ENDS OF THE
EARTH.” (Zec 9:10)

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10 | Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Mt 11:25-30

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

In today's first reading, Israel's king comes riding "on a colt, the foal of an ass." This is a far cry from the horses and chariots the kings of other nations rode into battle as they sought to assert their authority and subdue their enemies. But Israel's king is not like other kings; he banishes horses and the warrior's bow, proclaiming peace to all the nations. Despite his meekness, "his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth." What we're given here is an image of peace achieved not by asserting military might, but through justice and humility. Of course, this image of a king riding a colt into Jerusalem will remind us of Jesus, who entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and destroyed his enemies (death and sin) not by political revolution but by laying down his life. If being a Christian is about claiming Christ as our king, then we must reject the temptation to seize power by asserting dominance, but instead act in ways that promote justice and peace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

An essential part of the Church's mission is what we call the "preferential option for the poor." In his Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo XIV says that "this 'preference' never indicates exclusivity or discrimination toward other groups, which would be impossible for God. It is meant to emphasize God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity. Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity, and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest." (16) What this means is that we are called to put the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the suffering at the center of our concern. In our prayer, ministry, and outreach, we are called to prioritize their needs. When we live this out, we are extending the love of Jesus, whose own heart provides a place of welcome for those who are heavily burdened and in need of rest.

SERVE

Today's readings give us a glimpse of the heart of God: meek, humble, compassionate. This week, find one concrete way you can emulate his heart by serving those in need in your community. Through these actions, you bear witness to "his Spirit that dwells in you."

Life of Stewardship

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father about the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."

What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace them. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish News

Consecration to God the Father Ministry

We gather together in prayer and invite you to be with us on **Sunday, July 5 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.

Opening Mass of the Bicentennial Celebration

Please join us at the Opening Mass of the Bicentennial Celebration on **Thursday, July 9 at 6pm**. Mass will be celebrated to commemorate 200 years of Catholicism in Hawaii. Here at St. Michael's, we will celebrate together with all parishes from our West Hawaii Vicariate. A reception will follow in the Grace Parish Center.

The Fathers and Brothers of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of Perpetual Adoration (SS.CC.) arrived in Honolulu's Harbor on July 7, 1827 and first went ashore on July 8, 1827. They offered the first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on July 14, 1827. We open our year long bicentennial celebration with Mass being offered on Oahu and in each vicariate of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii islands simultaneously.

Special Collection-Emergency Fund for Venezuela

Our brothers and sisters in Venezuela are carrying heavy burdens after the recent earthquakes, which have left many families with hardship and displacement. As a parish commu-

nity, we will gather a special collection next weekend to support their recovery with food, medicine, and pastoral care. Let's join our prayers with our gifts, offering compassion that reflects Christ's healing presence to those who are in need of our help. Envelopes are included in today's bulletin. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's with a note for Venezuela.

St. Michael Statue Brick Garden

The second phase of bricks have been installed. If you've been thinking about purchasing a brick, this is the last opportunity to be part of this beautiful project. Information and order forms are available after Mass at the coffee station, at the kiosk, or from the Parish Office during the week. We offer three brick sizes, each with your choice of engraving.

Let your legacy become part of our parish grounds as we complete this final phase. Together, let's build something beautiful for generations to come.

To Our Parish Members:

The **presence of children** is a gift to the Church and they are a **reminder** that **our parish is growing**. Please **welcome** our children and give a **warm, supportive** smile of **encouragement** to their parents.

To Families with Small Children:

RELAX: God put the wiggles in your little ones. No need to suppress it! **SIT CLOSE AND EXPLAIN:** Sit towards the front where it's easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass. **PARTICIPATE:** Your child learns by imitating you. Sing, pray, and respond. Your child will follow your lead! **WANDER:** If you need to leave Mass, feel free to step outside, but please be sure to come back! Your St. Michael's Parish Ohana is happy you are here!

Pancake Breakfast

Please join fellow parishioners on Sunday, July 12th, after the 7am and 9am Masses for a delicious breakfast and warm fellowship in the Grace Parish Center. The \$8 per person (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 more information on this fundraising event for the Saint Damien Statue Project.

Kupuna Ministry

The Kupuna Ministry welcomes seniors of all ages and meets on **Wednesdays from 8:30 to 10:30am** in the Grace Parish Center. We start with social time, coffee and snacks, song, and group prayer for the return of our families and friends to the Church through the intercession of **Saint Monica**. We offer crafts, conversation, and a friendly Mah Jong table. Whether you come for ten minutes or the whole morning, you'll find warmth, joy, and great company! Come and join us . . . we would love to see you there!

Spiritual Book Club

Our monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 16th** from 4 to 5pm in the Grace Parish Center. We will continue our discussion on St Augustine's Confessions, a

Stewardship of Treasure

June 22nd - 28th, 2026

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 3,045.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 18,957.00
BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,898.00

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 JULY 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 and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

new translation by Sara Ruden. Please call the Office at 808-326-7771 to join the meeting on Zoom.

Akamai Aging - A Free Speaker Series on Zoom

Come and listen to a variety of speakers to learn helpful strategies and resources to support healthy aging in your own home. We are blessed with the opportunity to join in on this series via zoom in the Grace Parish Center.

- *Meaning and Purpose as We Age* - July 17: 10:30 - 11:30am
- *Palliative Care and Hospice* - July 24: 10 - 11am
- *When You Can't Go It Alone* - July 31: 11 - 12Noon

Faith Formation

Kids' Bulletin

The Kids' Bulletin is a great resource for kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass each week. Bulletins can be found in the kiosks or online at www.thekidsbulletin.com.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and cult-

ure. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

- Father John Muir, ©LPI

Treasures From Our Tradition

The Eucharistic Prayers at the heart of our liturgy have a long history, beginning with the extemporaneous prayers of the early Christians. The presiders gave thanks from their hearts, not from any prearranged text, over the gifts of bread and wine. When the assembly had the sense that enough was said, someone would call out "Amen!" and that was that. For the most part, the plan flowed directly from Jewish meal prayers, which always recalled God's mighty deeds. Some other markers and signposts were added almost everywhere fairly early, like the presider's call to attention: "Lift up your hearts!"

Scholars have provided us with translations of many early texts. These have actually helped us craft new liturgical prayers, because until the liturgical reforms of forty years ago, no one could recall any prayer but the Roman Canon, now called Eucharistic Prayer I. For hundreds of years in the West, it was our only Eucharistic Prayer, and it was only in Latin. But the history of our Eucharistic Prayers is amazingly fruitful, and models have come down to us that have yielded new insights and expressions. The old custom of improvising texts according to a master plan has not endured, but we have now rediscovered a plan of standardizing the text while allowing for a great variety. - Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Everyday Stewardship - Create A Community

Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.

The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

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
(meetings resume on Tuesday, 9/8)

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
(1st & 3rd Thursday-meetings resume on 8/6)

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

Baptism Classes are held monthly.
Parents and Godparents must attend class.

To register, please email
baptism.stmichaekona@rcchawaii.org

Marriage

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

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - The Smallness of Great Faith

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials - authentic glass, wood, and ceramic. This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, "Don't touch anything!" She spotted the prayer table - the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It's the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we've tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can't read?

A thought came to me so clearly: Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

- Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman © LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place? -©LPI

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

- 4pm - Pete Redburn, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7am - Shirley Ann Gomes, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Don & Shirley David, 55th Wedding Anniversary Blessings
- 4pm - JoAnn & Lowell Baird, May they Rest in Peace

MONDAY, JULY 6TH

- 7am - Justino Ganir, 20th Death Anniversary, May he Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Bobbie Courtade, Rest in Peace

TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

- 7am - Nyaia Kimitete, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Bill McCarthy, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

- 7am - Richard M. Gouveia, Sr. Rest in Peace

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

- 7am - Gaynel Kalele, Rest in Peace
- 6pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

- 7am - James "Boogs" Lelewi, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Bob Plummer, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

- 7am - Souls in Purgatory

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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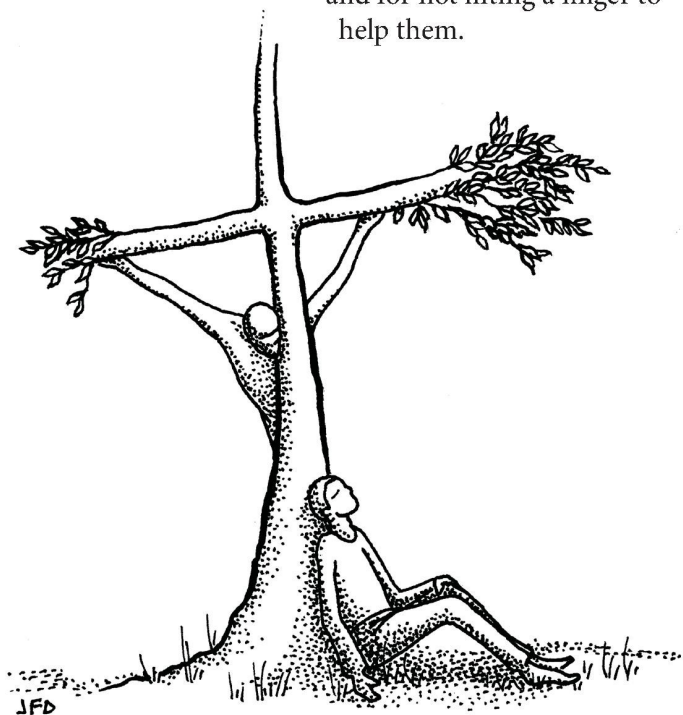
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Zechariah 9:9-10 • Restoration under the Messiah
- Romans 8:9, 11-13 • Indwelling of the Spirit
- Matthew 11:25-30 • Jesus and his Father

For the past several weeks, Jesus gave instructions and warnings about how challenging it is to follow him. Yet today's reading gives the opposite impression: "come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest... for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Jesus' listeners were familiar with the image of a yoke because they were used to harnessing animals to do work in the field or to pull humans in carriages or cargo on wagons. In Judaism, the yoke was also a metaphor for the religious laws spelled out in the Old Testament.

Over time, religious leaders (mostly the Pharisees) added to the 613 official written laws, creating an oppressive burden for an ordinary Jewish citizen. Several times in Matthew's Gospel Jesus, lashed out at the Pharisees for making it almost impossible (especially for poor people, who were the majority of the population) to live by all the rules, and for not lifting a finger to help them.



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"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Sheepish Question:
Whose burden can I relieve this week? Why is he or she so valuable?

In contrast, Jesus simplifies all of his religion's laws into two: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. For people struggling to keep track of hundreds of rules about how to wash your cups and utensils perfectly, what foods can and can't be on a plate together, what kinds of clothing fiber you could or couldn't wear, or what you could and couldn't do on the Sabbath, having only those two laws to follow was easy and light in comparison. Instead of having to worry about whether they were breaking any rules, Jesus' disciples could judge any decision with the measure of whether an action expressed love for God, self, and neighbor. *That* was the yoke Jesus was inviting them to carry—not the yoke of the Pharisees who cared more about the letter of the law than the spirit of the law.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What religious rules or laws feel unnecessarily burdensome to you? Why?
- 2 Does the idea of judging all of your actions and decisions by the yoke of Jesus bring you relief? Please explain.

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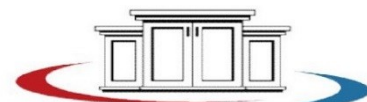
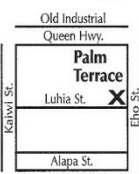
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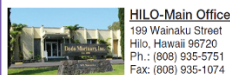


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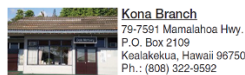
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