



September 14, 1969, First Parish Mass • May 17, 1970 Ground-breaking • August 15, 1971, Dedication of the church

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DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

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Faithful Stewards are called to be meek and humble of heart!

This weekend we celebrate the Anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. That freedom was won through much personal sacrifice and much bloodshed. Today we enjoy the benefits of that sacrifice, of that newly gained peace. However, this 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the readings speak of peace offered in a totally different way. We read of a king coming, not on a mighty steed, but on a donkey. He comes not to make war, but to make peace. He is humble and meek ...and He calls us to be meek and humble as well. Faithful stewards, like Christ, offer peace and self-sacrificing love - a peace and love that knows no bounds when the good of the other is at stake. We must let go of all our own pretensions, become meek and humble like Jesus – become little ones – and serve others.

Five hundred years after Zechariah's prophecy, we see Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy. He comes as a king offering peace. His peace will come through mercy and justice, not through violence and destruction. God's proclaimed peace is for people of all nations and His kingdom will extend "*from sea to sea*" and "*to the ends of the earth.*" Zechariah praises the Lord as we, good stewards, give praise to God for all our blessings, especially His grace and mercy.

In the second reading St. Paul reminds us that we "*are in the spirit.*" The Spirit of God dwells in us, lives in us, strengthens and guides us. The Spirit of God lives in you and me. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us! That Spirit can help bring us new life, too. It can help us put to death old habits and sins that cause destruction. As good stewards, we are called continually to live in the Spirit, to shed our old ways, and to give our minds and hearts to Jesus.

Jesus invites us to come to him, to render ourselves to him so we can find rest. We will achieve this by placing our burdens on his yoke: "*for my yoke is easy, and my burden light.*" Jesus says he is meek and humble of heart. Yoked to him, we learn these qualities – peacemaking qualities.

Life is bearable when we are in union with Christ. All we need to do is come to him, and he will give us rest. To be good stewards, Jesus asks us to live humble lives and develop child-like faith, and promises us that He will share our burdens. "*In handing over our burdens to Jesus our lives become lighter and lively.*"

Deacon Modesto Cordero

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, to live out the Lord's commands and to preach the Good News to all through our words, deeds and lives.*

Scripture for Next Sunday: July 13

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

These two verses develop a metaphor on the natural world that becomes a vehicle for teaching about the effectiveness of God's word. In brief, the rain and the snow make the earth fertile and they return to the heavens after accomplishing their purpose, so too the Word of God comes down from God and effects in us the purpose for which God sends it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

The responsorial psalm picks up the theme of nature from the first reading. The psalm praises God for the natural wonders that make the world fertile, the source of nourishment for living things. Thus, "The seed that falls on the ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

In this passage, Paul speaks about what is to be expected in the life after. According to him, the entire created world is swept up with humankind into a newness of life. Thus just as created world was corrupted by sin, so too it will be transformed along with humankind.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

The gospel passage is about the parable of the sower which could be understood as the parable of the soil. The sower only throws seeds as he walks along a path. The focus of the parable is not on the seed either. The parable is about the various types of the soil. There are three sections in the passage: the parable itself; the reason for speaking in parables; and the explanation of the parable. The word sown into our hearts produces various percentages of produce. It may seem disappointing that some seeds are wasted on the way side with no produce; others take root only to wither away; yet others land on fertile soil. The point of the parable is to help us to see how God's word will in the end produce remarkable yield in us even in the midst of all types of obstacles.

Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

On iTunes, under Podcast search for: streaming homilies, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Shirley Shimaoka, Pat Nazareth, BJ Sagocio, Marcie and Ron Thames, Salve Galman, Sandy Padilla, Eileen Hayase, Vicente Guerrero, Catherine Guerrero-De Jesus, Linda Tom, Frank Tadda, Tom Nestor and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Lionel Ribellia, Celedonia Deveraturda, Douglas Kunukau, Fortunata Ringor, Edward Cabacungan, Visitacion Ramos, Guillermo Respicio, Bernardo Benigno, Rowena Ahakuelo, Enrique Canas, Luz Abanes, Donald Cook, Joan Flaharty, Myrtle Reponte, Feliciano Dona, William D. Heagney, and Rodolfo Taglinao.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, July 7, 2014

8am Mass Cyril and Molly Pereira (RIP)
Michael Morano (RIP)

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

8am Mass Harlein Evile and Ann Serrao
(Birthday)
Luz Abanes (RIP)

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

8am Mass Luz Abanes (RIP)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Thursday, July 10, 2014

8am Mass Jesse and Monica Pangelinan
(Anniversary)
Luz Abanes (RIP)

Friday, July 11, 2014

8am Mass John Bates (Blessings)
Joshua Nakata (Birthday Memorial)

Saturday, July 12, 2014

8am Mass Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Myrtle Reponte (RIP)
5pm Mass Wynne Gallogly (Birthday)

Sunday, July 13, 2014

7am Mass Mr. and Mrs. Amadeo Cayetano
(RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Romulo and Jasmin Cayetano (RIP)
6pm Mass Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Peter's Pence Collection ~ Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help the Holy Father provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

Join us for Part 1 of our Summer Faith Formation Program "Making Each Moment Count" on Thursday, July 17 at 7:00 PM. Our presenter is Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin, SJ ("The Laughing Nun"). Admission is free and all are welcome.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

INVITE SOMEONE TO BECOME CATHOLIC

Perhaps you know someone who is "seeking" a relationship with God. Why not ask them if they would consider joining the Catholic Church? Invite them to attend RCIA sessions to learn more about the Catholic Community. .

INVITE A CATHOLIC TO COMPLETE THEIR SACRAMENTS. Not all baptized Catholics have completed their sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation). If you or someone you know would like to step more fully into practice of their Catholic faith RCIA sessions can be just the answer..

COME SERVE IN RCIA MINISTRY

Most people "come to faith" on the "arm of a friend". Come serve in RCIA ministry as a SPONSOR, a CATECHIST or another member of the RCIA TEAM. It will make a difference in your life, in your Catholic community's faith life and it will make a difference in the lives of those on the RCIA journey.

For more information visit the RCIA table at the lanai this weekend or call Deacon Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or email at mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

The Outreach School Supply Drive is on-going through August 15, 2014. Donations of backpacks, binders (1-1/2" & 2"), rulers, pencils (#2 and colored), composition books (wide and college ruled), scissors, and other school supplies are greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the Outreach Office. Please call Pearl at 623-3332 ext. 203 for additional information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - Add some fireworks into your marriage! Take time to reflect, renew and re-energize your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **Upcoming dates:** September 12-14, 2014 – Oahu and September 19-21, 2014 – Maui. For more information contact Lee & Tanya Barbero @ [\(808\) 268-1578](tel:8082681578) on Maui or Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alvior @ [\(808\) 391-2045](tel:8083912045) on Oahu; or visit our website at www.hawaiiwwme.org Registration deadline 30 days from start of the Weekend.

2014 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program: The Hawaii Foodbank will be distributing a limited number of Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program voucher booklets worth \$50.00 at partner locations around the island. The goal of this program is to provide fresh and locally-grown fruits and vegetables for our seniors. Vouchers are redeemable with certified vendors at various farmers' markets from June 27 – October 19, 2014. Applications may be picked up at the Outreach Office. For additional information, please call 623-3332 ext. 203.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 7pm – 9pm, Parish Center Classroom 6. The next book that we will discuss is **Interior Castle** by St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Catholic Church. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com for more information.

Collection for June 28/29, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$14,278.79
Candle Sales	\$447.00
Baptism Offering	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$210.00
Donation – Outreach	\$74.00
Building, Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,160.75
Hui O Laulima	\$27.00
Peter's Pence/Holy Father	\$1,271.75

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9