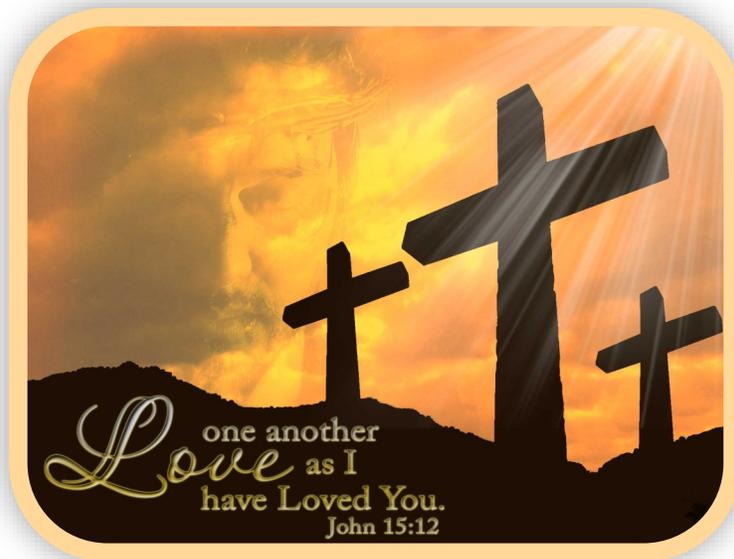




Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
A Stewardship Parish

May 15, 2022  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Pastor: Fr. Michel Dalton, OFM Capuchin  
Deacon: Steve Kula

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays:	4:30 pm	Sundays:	8:00 am / 10:30 am
Mondays:	5:00 pm	Tuesdays:	9:00 am
Wednesdays:	5:00 pm	Fridays:	10:00 am

Our vision: To be a welcoming parish committed to serving others.

Our mission: To make Christ known to the world through Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Service

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C**  
**Scripture Readings ([Click for readings](#))**

**Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27** Paul and Barnabas rejoice that God opens the door of faith to the outside world.

**Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13** God's compassion extends to all creatures and to the whole children of Adam and Eve.

**Revelation 21:1-5a** John the visionary sees the New Jerusalem and the new creation.

**John 13:31-33a, 34-35** Jesus gives his friends a new commandment in their last hours together.

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*sometimes all you need to do is*

**PRAY.**

**Health and Healing**

Lorraine Rezens  
Mark Glaser  
William Morlon  
Eugene & Jane Pongratz  
Jenifer Weaver  
Ronan Bissonette  
Lori Santos  
Carolyn Nakatsu  
Jim Leahey  
Kenneth Wong  
D.J. Louis  
Naomi Short

**Eternal Rest**

Caroline Blakely  
Armando Deguzman  
Katherine Silva



Please advise the Parish Office when it is no longer necessary or appropriate to keep names on the list, so we may use the space for future entries.

## The New Commandment

As we continue our seven weeks in celebration of Easter, we are challenged today by the Lord's "new" command. The New Commandment that Christ gave us the day before he suffered, when he revealed the secret identity of every Christian, the distinguishing mark: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples," he said, "if you have love for one another, I give you a new commandment As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (*John 13: 34-35*)

Being a Christian is much more than being a member of a club. Being a Christian means having an urgent, important mission in life. It means being another Christ in the world. Jesus gave his very life to fulfill his Father's will and win salvation for sinners. Each one of us is called to reproduce in the unique circumstances of our own lives that exact same pattern: dedicating our lives to discovering and fulfilling God's will and striving to help as many people as possible know, love, and follow Christ.



Mahatma Gandhi, although he wasn't Christian, had many opportunities to study Christianity and get to know Christians. Later in his life he commented on this experience. He said, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." (<https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes>)

G.K. Chesterton, the famous British convert to Catholicism and great apologist for the faith in the early twentieth century, made a similar statement. He was responding to critics who claimed that since Christianity had been around for so long, but hadn't solved the world's problems, it must be false. Chesterton retorted: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

These two quotations remind us of something we already know: too often, too many Christians are satisfied with a mediocre Christianity. But Christ wants more for us. He wants to release our full potential as human beings.

What does that potential consist of? It consists of our capacity to love, to know others as Christ knows them, and to dedicate ourselves to their good. Christ knows that if we follow him down that path, we will be truly happy, and we will make those around us truly happy, here on earth and forever in heaven.

How can that happen? Christ has already shown us the way. Christ has promised to give us the grace. But none of that will matter unless each one of us makes a firm decision to have one goal in life: to take up the difficult but sure path of knowing, loving, and following Christ. Only then will we have an answer for critics like Gandhi, because only then will we Christians become like Christ.

One thing that can sometimes hold us back in our efforts to follow the Lord's New Commandment is a false idea of what love should feel like. We tend to think that true love is always accompanied by nice feelings, and if the feelings go away, that means the love has gone away too. That's what radio and TV tell us, but that's not what the Gospel tells us.

Love, true love, Christ-like love, goes deeper than feelings. It demands sacrifice, self-giving, and self-forgetfulness. Christ-like love always involves a cross. That's what makes it Christ-like. That's what makes it true love. If we can get this truth to sink down from our heads into our hearts, we will be freer to love more as Christ loves, and we will lead happier lives and make those around us happier. Maybe the words of a real expert in Christ-like love will help convince us of this.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Gave us a profile of real Christian love.

*"People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway. If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. People who really want help may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway. Give the world the best you have, and you may get hurt. Give the world your best anyway. Why? Because in the final analysis, all of this is between you and God...It was never between you and them anyway."*

Peace and Blessings

Deacon Steve



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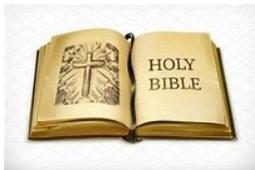
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## Humility

***"Clothe yourselves in humility."*** (1 Peter 5:5)

Peter emphasized humility to the Apostles as they taught and cured throughout the lands they traveled. The social mores, the various economies, and of course the different religions required their humility for success of the church's establishment. Simply stated, they would imitate Jesus. On a practical level, this is our mission as well today...to practice humility. Let's start small...rather than boldly speaking up, turning a discussion into an argument; stay silent, "bite your tongue" let the exchange continue, listen. This might result in our assent to an alternate way of doing the task at hand, letting another have his/her way. Who knows, we might have taught (or even learned) a lesson without saying a word. Happy Easter Time!

***"You Can't Out Do God's Generosity!"***



## Good News to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church

**May 15, 2022**

1. California condors, the largest birds in North America, have not been seen in northern California in over 130 years...until now. Their population has been decreasing since the mid-1800s. In 1980 there were only 22 condors. It was then that a captive breeding program began and today there are over 300 of these magnificent birds.
2. Pam Patterson and Jeremy Salda planned a Las Vegas wedding. Their flight from Oklahoma called for a stopover at DFW which was delayed...then canceled. After securing a flight on Southwest, a fellow passenger, and a Minister on board their flight agreed to marry them somewhere over Arizona. They are now "co-pilots for life."
3. Tamie Norris completed her tour in Iraq and Jordan and surprised her daughter, Samantha, a 1st grade teacher at her Austin, TX elementary school.
4. A Ukrainian soldier, in his fatigues, got on one knee and proposed to his future bride, Odessa. I guess ..." love conquers all" even in war.
5. Think hard. Did something good happen this week? I'm sure it did. Then cherish that memory. Hold it in your heart/or in your mind; then when, things are challenging...recall that memory.
6. Remember our gifts from God...continue to take care of one another.
7. When it comes to Coronavirus...common sense is not so common...choose common sense anyway.
8. Wearing your mask is now optional, but ushers will continue to offer hand sanitation upon entry to Holy Trinity Church.
9. Keeping current with Holy Trinity...**easy**. Check our website for the latest news and updates at [www.holytrinitychurchhi.org](http://www.holytrinitychurchhi.org).

## Second Collection Announcement



### Major Maintenance and Repair (MMR)

*Reminder:* This weekend, May 14-15, 2022, will be the monthly collection for **Major Maintenance and Repair (MMR)**. This monthly collection supports ongoing major maintenance and repairs to the physical plant and buildings of Holy Trinity Church. We are grateful for your generosity enabling our parish to have sufficient funds to carry out the recent restoration work in our church. Your continued support is appreciated. Mahalo.



**"I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."**

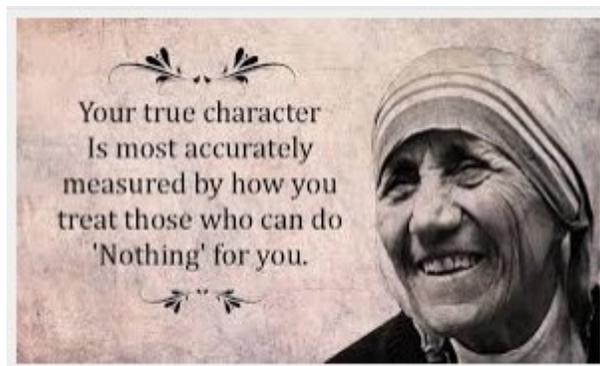
**Love is man's first and constant vocation. Love is the summary of the whole Bible. Love is the secret of the saints, the necessary way to God. It is the means to reveal God's heart to other men. But the beauty of God's love must show itself fresh and new in every Christian; for beauty, to delight and attract, must be fresh as the morning.**

**Every deed of vital love, performed by us in our personality which nature and grace have fashioned, is like the morning of time itself. "God is love" in its mysterious fullness and infinite freshness. Utterly King and Lord, He unites the baptized of every nation in the one Mystical Body of Christ, by the one Holy Spirit, under the one Mother Mary.**

## **True Love**

**The Easter season readings from Acts of the Apostles demonstrate the rapid growth of the Church in the first century. One of the main reasons was they took to heart Christ's words to "Love one another, as I have loved you." In Deacon Steve's reflection this week, The New Commandment, he says, "Being a Christian means having an urgent, important mission in life."**

**Loving one another as parishioners is a great foundation for loving our neighbors. Hopefully it will be contagious, and there will be more love and respect in our lives.**



## Respect Life Corner *Paschal Season May 2022*



We continue to collect gifts (**see back of church bulletin board**) for the Mary Jane Home of Honolulu **through May 31**. Thank you for your generous response. We know these women feel your support as they begin their new life with a new life growing within them. They are brave women from all walks of life, and we are grateful to be able to stand with them in their choice for life.

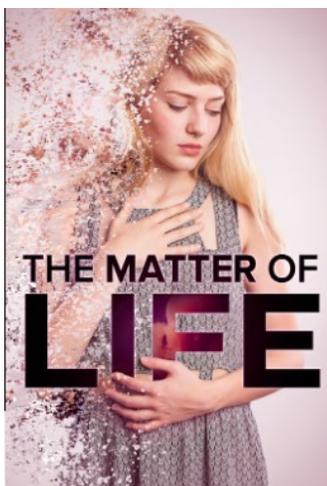
As we continue to pray for mothers choosing life in an unplanned pregnancy below are 10 ways we can show our support. (*By the way these guides also are valuable to those going through a wanted pregnancy too! :)* These women may be within our family, our neighborhood, our workplace, our church. Wherever these women are, they need our support in action and in prayer.

1. **Be available.** Listen without judgement and let her know you are there for her at any time.
2. **Respond positively.** Avoid shock or alarm. Be calm and understanding. Pay attention to her emotional state and respond accordingly. Remind her that every person's life, her child's, and her life, are precious and beautiful no matter how they are created.
3. **Be honest.** Admit that you don't know all the answers or have the perfect words for her. Listen to her and ask about her feelings and how you can help her.
4. **Offer specific help.** Without being overbearing ask what she may need in the way of cleaning, doctors, shopping...
5. **Set up a support system.** Practical support may include preparing meals, shopping, babysitting older children, rides to doctors etc. There are websites online to help set this up. Remember your Respect Life committee and Catholic Charities.
6. **Tell her she is beautiful.** Even if there is morning sickness, find a way to show the love and beauty she is presenting to the world.
7. **Help her recharge and relax.** Take her to a movie, encourage her to continue to do the activities she enjoys, give her a day of pampering, dinner out. Be creative and enjoy!
8. **Reassure her it's okay to be happy.** She will have ever so many emotions just being pregnant, but with an unplanned pregnancy she may feel she doesn't deserve to be happy. Share in her joy, show her your excitement, and ask questions about how her pregnancy is going...ask all the usual questions a mother is asked.
9. **Encourage her.** In every way, encourage her.
10. **Point out real-life role models.** Perhaps in your own family, a movie, or a friend that you know you can find that real-life role model that chose life and was blessed in unexpected ways. And be sure to include, the unexpected pregnancy of Mary, mother of our Jesus, our Lord and Savior.  
**Most important is prayer.**

*For all mothers that they may be supported and encouraged in their special vocation of love.*

*For all unborn children that our love and prayers for them may keep them safe until the joyous day of their birth.*

*For all unborn children, and especially unmarried mothers, that God might send an angel to protect them.*



### Another way to support the unborn child

#### The Matter of Life

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CCD

***"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it."***  
**Proverbs 22:6**

***God says that everyone is precious and uniquely made. Psalm 139:2-4, 13-16***

One of the most awesome and important jobs is to teach your children about their Catholic faith. Our keiki's faith formation is a continuous process, so we encourage you to register your child in our Religious Education / CCD 2022-2023 program today until August 1, 2022. \$50 Fee per child. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

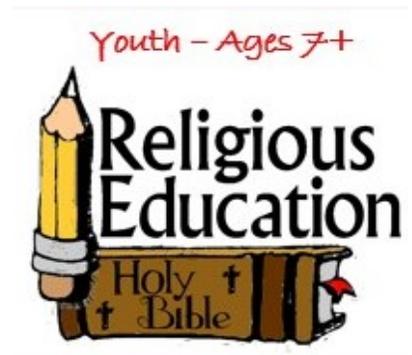
Please download the following forms needed for registration from the Holy Trinity Catholic Church's website. Click [HERE](#) to access the webpage.

1. RE Registration Form
2. Safety Environment Form
3. Photography/Media Consent Form
5. Sacrament Requirement Agreement

Please complete and submit the packet of forms along with your payment by the August 1 due date. Additional documents (i.e., certificate of baptism) may be required. Rel Ed. Forms can be submitted by dropping off at the office, putting in the collection basket or mailing.

Logistics will be determined when the number of Religious Education participants is finalized. 1 hour RE classes are tentatively scheduled for Saturdays at 3:15 pm beginning September 17.

We can always use helpers. If you are interested in helping our keiki, please don't hesitate to contact our team for information. Please send email to [religiousedhtc@gmail.com](mailto:religiousedhtc@gmail.com) if you have questions.



## **Active Participation**

In the US, 90% of the people who attend Mass regularly, do not participate in anything beyond attending Mass. Parents know that when their children participate in cleaning up after dinner, or helping with yard work, they gain a vested interest in their home. The people who participate in church activities get the satisfaction of contributing and gain a better understanding of their faith.

Participation in church activities includes a wide range of opportunities such as:

- Support the Mass directly (Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, lectors, choir and musicians)
- Support the Mass indirectly (ushers, linens, setup and cleanup)
- Support the church and the campus (church decoration, church cleaning, and maintenance)
- Support the youth (Religious Education teachers)
- Support the faith (Bible studies, weekday Mass, First Friday Rosary)

Soon the Stewardship Committee will be asking for people to become involved with various ministries at Holy Trinity. We pray that many people will soon know the joy of participation

thankful  
&  
blessed



**Deacon Dario Rinaldi**

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**WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO  
ALMIGHTY GOD  
THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU  
ANNOUNCES  
THE ORDINATION OF**

**DARIO RINALDI**

**TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD  
THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS  
AND THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**BY HIS EXCELLENCY**

**THE MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA  
BISHOP OF HONOLULU**

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THE TWENTIETH OF MAY  
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**AT**

**CO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT THERESA  
712 NORTH SCHOOL STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817**

## Sunday, May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Opening a door to the poor

Valuing families is a Catholic imperative. Yet on this International Day of Families, we face the reality that between 20 and 30 percent of the world's homeless include entire families. In the United States, nearly 60,000 families with children are without shelter on a given night. De La Salle Brother Peter Maurin co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement with Dorothy Day because he couldn't, as he said, be crazy the way the world is crazy. "What we give to the poor for Christ's sake, is what we carry with us when we die," Maurin reflected. Today, on his death date, reflect on what you will carry with you at your passing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54). *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."*

## Monday, May 16, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Bear witness

The Holy Spirit is called the "Advocate." An advocate is someone who defends, counsels, guides, and comforts. As Saint Paul said, the Advocate bears witness that we are children of God. As Catholics, we're called to advocate for others as well. Catholic Relief Services encourages "advocating for changes in existing unjust policies and the creation of new policies that benefit the common good." Want to put your faith into action through advocacy for the poor? Visit the website of Catholic Relief Services to learn how to become a voice for those whose voices have been ignored.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything."*

## Tuesday, May 17, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Erase racism

On this day in 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously against racial segregation in public schools. Four years later, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued their first pastoral letter on racism, *Discrimination and Christian Conscience*. It wasn't the first time the bishops denounced the scourge of racial injustice—nor the last. "Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father" they wrote in 1979. Commemorate Brown vs. the Board of Education by revisiting the pastoral letter *Brothers and Sisters to Us*.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you."*

## Wednesday, May 18, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR

### Rise to the challenge

Not every pope was first a bishop, much less a cardinal, as is the custom these days. Pope and martyr John I, who we memorialize today, was an archdeacon when called to the papacy in the year 523. An archdeacon acts as an intermediary between a bishop and the clergy of a diocese, often administering a portion of the diocese called an archdiaconate. The office has been described

metaphorically as that of *oculus episcopi*, the "bishop's eye." John I must have excelled in his role to have been called to the papacy at a time of great upheaval. He responded courageously, even with his life. Be ready to be called to some surprising roles in your faith journey. Turn to John I for the inspiration to respond fully.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *"I am the vine, you are the branches."*

## Thursday, May 19, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Disagree agreeably

Today's first reading recalls the first recorded argument in the church—over whether men entering the Christian church needed to be circumcised according to Jewish tradition. During our 2,000 years of wrangling, this maxim arose: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity." Christians don't even agree on who said that, but it was Pope John XXIII's guiding principal for the important discussions of Vatican II, which modernized the church. Do you bring charity to your disagreements?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). *"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."*

## Friday, May 20, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Engage with epistles, emissaries, and emails

A tweet from the pope. An email newsletter about the Synod. The internet and social media are normal sources of information and conversation these days. This is especially true given our recent experience with social distancing. In the early church, mass communication was done primarily through epistles and emissaries. Epistles were letters written by notable folks, and emissaries were people sent on behalf of a notable person or group. Both were intended to communicate to a large number of people in far-flung areas. Given this Easter season, what message would you choose to broadcast far and wide?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *"So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth."*

## Saturday, May 21, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Pray for one nation under God

Today is Armed Forces Day, a holiday that pays tribute to men and women who serve across all six branches in the United States military. The United States is blessed with well trained and disciplined armed forces, dedicated to defend not only the people but also the principles on which the nation was founded, including the free exercise of religion. Cherish the right that is yours to worship freely, and take a moment today to give thanks for those who are sworn to protect it and all our cherished liberties.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *"If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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