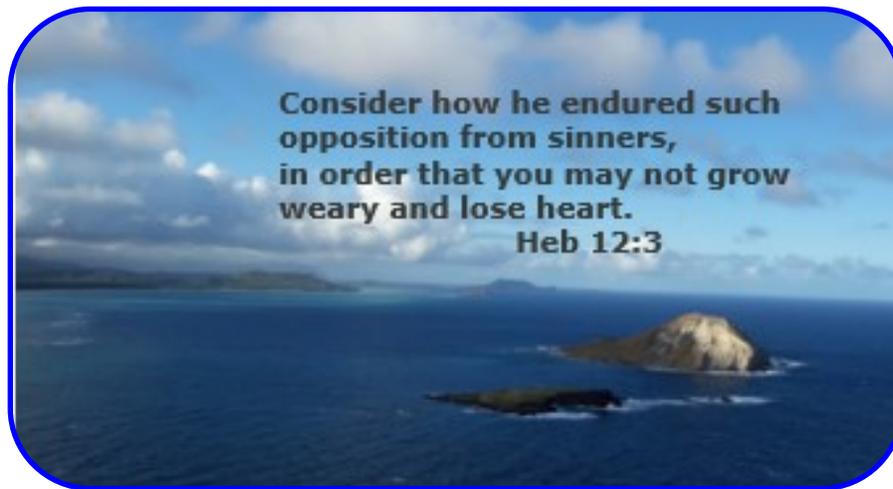




Holy Trinity Catholic Church
A Stewardship Parish

Aug 14, 2022
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Scripture Readings ([Click for readings](#))

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Jeremiah stays loyal to God over country, or at least that's how his enemies see it.
Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18 If we wait on God's rescue faithfully, God will give us reason to sing a new song.
Hebrews 12:1-4 Jesus demonstrates what faith in God really means when he accepts the cross.
Luke 12:49-53 Jesus does not come to establish mere earthly harmony but a blazing fire of truth.



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.

Health and Healing

Charlotte Sexton
Adam Suapaia
Evelina Enriques
Chris Stengle
Bob Sandla
Bobby Curran
Mark Glaser
William Morlon
Eugene & Jane Pongratz
Jenifer Weaver
Ronan Bissonette
Lori Santos
Jim Leahey
Kenneth Wong
D.J. Louis
Naomi Short

Eternal Rest

Gail Benawa
Lorraine Rezents
Bill Dung
Caroline Blakely



FEAR NOT,
FOR I AM WITH YOU;

be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you,

I will help you,

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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Keeping Our Eyes Fixed On Jesus

My parents moved from Southern California to Hawaii when I was 13. Going through grade school, (K through 8 grade), was challenging for me with the exception of track. Southern California was the running capital of the US. Our school had a track team and we competed with several other school, in the state. I was considered the fastest kid on our team, and our team placed in the top three schools in all the meets we entered. It was said that the only reason I was the fastest was because my older, (by 2 years), brother was the second fastest team member.

The message from the Letter to the Hebrews tells us following Christ is like running a race and encourages us to persevere in running the race, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. He paints a picture of a huge stadium. In the stands are all the saints who have gone before and won the prize of heaven. They are watching and cheering for those of us who are still in the race, for us Christians who are still struggling to resist hardship and temptation and stay faithful to Christ. And on the track, there inside this stadium, we are running. And it's hard, we're tempted to slow down, to get distracted, to give up.

One of the other reasons I was considered the fastest was because I followed the message from my coach "keeping our eyes fixed on the finish line." And I did, there was nothing that could stop me once the starter's gun went off. Jesus was sent by the Father on a mission. He was to establish the kingdom of God, preaching the Good News of repentance and salvation. That was his "finish line."

In his teaching, Jesus was offering us the path to new life. Yet he knew not all would embrace his message, especially if his words challenged their behavior and attitudes. He himself persevered on his mission, running the race, so to speak. We should do the same, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus who embraced the cross that we might have life.

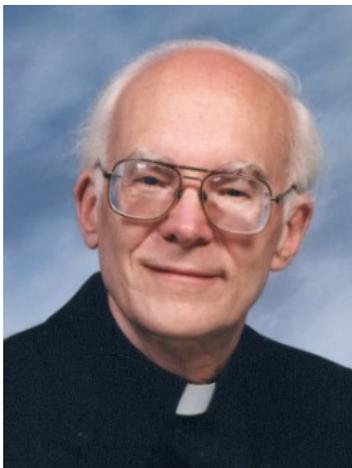
Jesus taught his disciples, and us if we listen, what it means to live in the kingdom, and the behaviors and values inherent in doing so: mercy, unconditional love, commitment to justice, concern for the least ones and more. He knows that following him is difficult. At times it means enduring bitter conflicts, as Jesus mentioned in the Gospel passage today. I don't know what distraction each of us needs to leave behind in order to focus on Christ. But Jesus does. He has probably already been whispering it in our hearts - and if he hasn't, he will. With our eyes fixed on Jesus, let us walk in his way and trust that life now and forever awaits those who are faithful.

PEACE and BLESSINGS

Deacon Steve



Welcome Fr. Tom Libera



Fr. Tom Libera will be at Holy Trinity while Fr. Mike is away. Fr. Tom arrived on Tuesday and is settling in. Mary Lou Wirtz, the Office Manager at his parish St. Hilary in Chicago, said that he is sometimes called the Energizer Bunny because of his energy.

Fr. Tom is a Renaissance Man. He has an interest in many fields, especially the outdoors. He is an avid birder and enjoys outdoor walks. Fr. Tom knows the parishes in Chicago firsthand.

We are grateful to have Fr. Tom. Please show your aloha when you see him.



Stewardship Corner Reflection 320

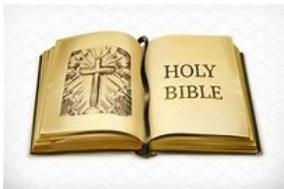
Stewardship at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

It's Not Fair

"You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just." (Matt 20:4)

A friend of mine relayed a story about hiring a painter to repaint the trim on his house "...just to dress it up a bit." He had the paint, but just did not want to climb the ladder of his two story home. The painter quoted him \$350...for a day's work. He showed up on time, did a great job, cleaned up and was gone by noon. "He did what I asked...but I questioned only getting a ½ day's work. A deal's a deal...I paid him and my house looks great" he told me. It sounds like the parable from Jesus about the workers in the vineyard. Doesn't sound fair...but God's generosity is without limit. Just wondering...when we come to our heavenly reward, will we meet that painter enjoying his reward as well...regardless of the time it took to finish.

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



Good News to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church

August 14, 2022

1. Emilia Flores of Dallas, TX. She recently began "...take one...leave one" coat rack in her restaurant. She offers free coats, hats, and scarves to anyone needing them..."no questions asked...we all need help at some point."
2. Leo Kellner, 98, lives in Nebraska and remembers his childhood during the depression. "My mother worked magic with flour and eggs" he recalls...and now I do it for the less fortunate. He bakes pies and cakes and now is training a friend to help out.
3. Suzanne Miller and her children have run a lemonade stand in Peoria, IL to raise money for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Their neighbor's family pitched in and this year raised \$3,500.
4. A Good Samaritan saved a 98-year-old woman and her family from their home as it floated away in the flood waters of Whitesburg, KY. He swam out, entered through a window and rescued the family members. This rescue took 30 minutes for this "hero" to accomplish.
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 serve 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

Respect Life Corner – Weekend of August 13/14



Canadian artist, Timothy Schmalz has created many meaningful, stirring, often controversial, always thought provoking works of art to engage, inform and challenge. As a Christian artist, his works also evangelize. Perhaps you are familiar with **Homeless Jesus** or **Angels Un-
wares** residing at the Vatican.

In the piece above, *Let the Oppressed Go Free*, we see St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped and enslaved as a child in 1869. She is opening up the ground and letting the modern-day slaves free. Figures in the sculpture represent the anguish that children and adults, forced laborers, those trafficked for sex - all manner of trafficked humans experience. As long as human trafficking remains an underground

subject it will not go away – it seems nobody really wants to face up to it. St. Bakhita is bringing the issue, and the victims, into the open. Can we not do the same?

Timothy describes his works as visual prayers. He sees the Catholic Church engaged in a battle against evil in today's society and hopes to find ways to communicate with, evangelize, and relate to people. Art has the power to evangelize by striking our senses in direct and often unexpected ways. Check out more of Timothy's powerful sculptures at <http://sculpturebytps.com>

At Holy Trinity we support and sustain a culture of LIFE. Join us on each First Friday, after the 10:00 AM Mass as we pray the rosary while in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We appreciate the support of your prayers. If you would like to join our Respect Life Committee, please contact Debbie at dkula@rcchawaii.org



Isaiah 58: Let the Oppressed Go Free with permission **Timothy Schmalz***
<http://sculpturebytps.com>

Donations and Weekend Attendance: 30–31 July, 6-7 Aug 2022

Offertory	\$ 20,946
Major Maintenance & Repair	4,314
Catholic Charities	476
Seminarian Education Fund	304
Thrift Shop	1,096
Candles	197
TOTAL	\$ 27,333



Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance				
	30/31 July		6/7 Aug	
	Adults	Children	Adults	Children
Sat 4:30PM	101	3	102	4
Sun 8:00AM	118	10	105	4
Sun 10:30AM	114	13	111	12
TOTAL	333	26	318	20



Next weekend, August 20-21, 2021, is the annual collection for **Catholic Charities - Hawaii**.

Founded in 1947 by the Maryknoll Sisters, the mission of Catholic Charities in Hawaii is to carry out the social mission of the church by providing services to the people of Hawaii in need and to advocate for justice. Assistance programs range from healthcare and independence to affordable housing, to child, youth and family services, and help for immigrants.

Your generosity will be appreciated.

Sunday, Aug 14, 2022

Make some noise for justice

Civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Congressman John Lewis hoped young Americans might get in trouble. "Good trouble, necessary trouble," he specified. Lewis wished that a passion for what's right might compel our young citizens to "find a way to get in the way" of injustice. A young prophet named Jeremiah once got in the way, winding up at the bottom of a well and nearly starving to death for causing trouble for his king. Jesus promises the same sort of trouble in our families if some members are baptized with fire while others don't feel the burn. Find yourself some good trouble.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 (120). *"He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city."*

Monday, Aug 15, 2022

Grief required

Given that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was likely in her teens when she gave birth, she was probably only in her late 40s when Jesus died 33 years later. Life expectancy was a lot shorter then, but potentially Mary could have been alive for many years after seeing her son for the last time. One ancient historian wrote that she died 11 years later. It must have been a time of intense longing for her. Whether she died before she was bodily assumed into heaven or was assumed before she died is left open-ended by the church. Either way, it was an extraordinary reunion with the Lord befitting her status. Consider your own reunion with God. Plan ahead!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (NOT AN OBLIGATORY SOLEMNITY THIS YEAR)

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). *"He has looked with favor on his lowly servant."*

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022

Embrace the mystery of communion

Brother Roger Schütz, founder of the Taizé movement, died on this date in 2005. Brother Roger began Taizé in 1940 in the French countryside, envisioning a humble monastic community to respond to the needs of war-torn refugees—but also to welcome followers from all Christian denominations. The simple house he purchased eventually blossomed into a global place of pilgrimage, especially for young people. Taizé is especially known for beautiful chants still used in congregations all over the world. "The Church is a mystery of communion," Brother Roger wrote, where we "can discover an aurora of reconciliation and the practicing of a simple joy." Pray with Taizé through their website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"For God all things are possible."*

Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022

To each is given a mission

On this day in 1887, Marcus Garvey, one of the most influential black activists of his generation, was born in Jamaica. Founder of Universal Negro Improvement Association, a fraternal organization that he grew into an international powerhouse after emigrating to the United States, he is credited with coining the term "Black is beautiful" to encourage racial pride. Though controversial in many of his views, he is remembered for his advocacy for racial

equality and economic justice. Be a voice for equality and justice as you live out your unique Christian mission.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). *"You have made them equal to us."*

Thursday, Aug 18, 2022

Be willing to look closely

On this day in 1998 the renowned Holocaust scholar Harry James Cargas died. Most of his teaching and writing focused on the Christian response to the Holocaust. What haunted him, he once said, was that "probably every Jew killed in the Holocaust was murdered by a baptized Christian." Cargas could have chosen an easier academic path, but instead he forced Christians to take stock of their complicity. Today's Psalm is a good help for examining our own cooperation with contemporary sin: "A clean heart create for me, O God."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 (422). *"Many are invited, but few are chosen."*

Friday, Aug 19, 2022

Keep it simple

Saint John Eudes, a 17th-century priest and mystic, worked tirelessly to spread the gospel message, which he feared was being corrupted by various heresies. For Saint John, Christianity wasn't complicated: "The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on Earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus." And just what was Christ's work? Look no further than the two great commandments he gave us: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). *"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."*

Saturday, Aug 20, 2022

Schism-saver

In 1130, Pope Honorius II was dying. In anticipation of his death, a group of cardinals agreed on Cardinal Gregory Papareschi as the next pope. Upon Honorius' death, Papareschi was elected Pope Innocent II. But another group of cardinals had another cardinal in mind for the position, Cardinal Pietro Pierleoni, and elected him as Pope Anacletus II. The church then had a pope and an antipope. Question was, which was which? Saint Bernard of Clairvaux threw his considerable weight and hard work behind Pope Innocent, who eventually prevailed, preventing what easily could have spiraled into a schism. Remember this lesson from Bernard: "If you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a sceptre but a hoe."

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). *"The greatest among you must be your servant."*

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



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