



Holy Trinity Catholic Church
A Stewardship Parish

May 21, 2023
Solemnity Of The Ascension Of The Lord, Cycle A



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

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

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 The disciples seek certainties, but divine mysteries are not to be scheduled or controlled.

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 God rules over all to the sound of praise and gladness.

Ephesians 1:17-23 Jesus sits at God's right hand with every power and dominion at his feet.

Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus may ascend, but he isn't apart from his church, until the end of the age.



Health and Healing

Bernie Ordonez
Cyrus Carey
Winona Akana
Eugene Pongratz
Lori Santos

Eternal Rest

Adam Suapaia
Norval Bruce
Sylvia Lewis
Patricia Anderson
Barbara Jean Kaaihili
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The Bridge Between Heaven and Earth

Each week we proclaim in the creed that Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. From this we then make the most spectacular of assertions that, having ascended to glory, Jesus will return to judge all humanity. This is the real significance of the Ascension, and what we believe about Jesus as being fully God and fully human.

As Christians we believe that the Ascension is more than the end to Jesus' earthly life and ministry. It is that Christ, having defeated death, will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and to establish His eternal kingdom.

To unbelievers, the Ascension may seem impossible. But to us Christians the Ascension is Christ's journey home to His Father, after the completion of His mission of humanity's salvation. The Ascension is the mystery of salvation that began with the Annunciation when the Word became flesh and took on our human existence.

Through the Church, the sacraments, and the Holy Spirit, we see Christ's continuing presence from the Ascension, by which Jesus, true God, and true Man, became the everlasting bridge between heaven and earth.

In today's world, it takes an effort to keep our awareness of this truth fresh. In today's world, everyone is concerned about being tolerant. You might call it relativism. This theory of knowledge, truth, morality, etc., holds that criteria of judgment may vary with individuals and their environments. That makes us afraid of offending people who don't share our beliefs. That's good. Every human being deserves our respect because Christ died, rose, and ascended to save us all. His love embraces us all.

But in today's world, it's easy for us to let that respect turn into indifference, to become slaves of what Pope Benedict has called the "tyranny of relativism". It's easy to do because that's more comfortable than defending and spreading the truth.

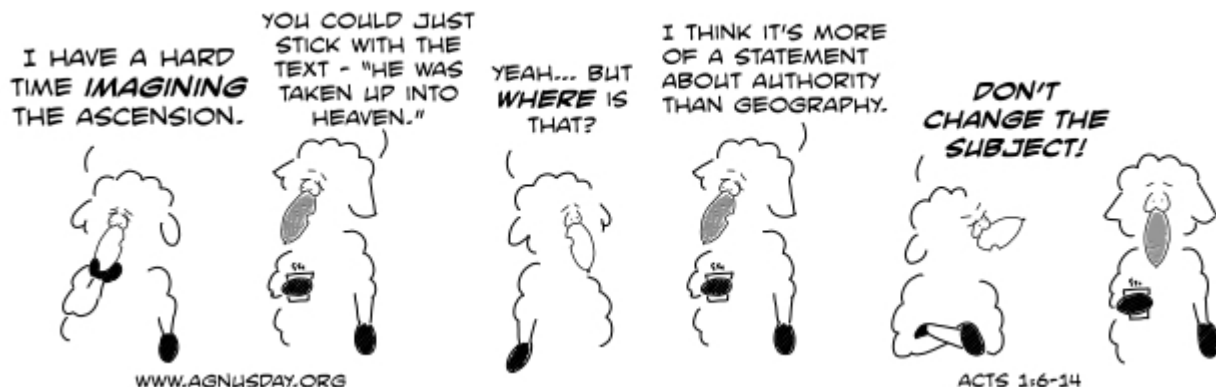
There is only one Savior. Only Christ has ascended to the throne of heaven - not Buddha, not Confucius, not Mohammed. Christ is the only King of the universe, the only Lord of history. True, God is gracious; His mercy is not limited in any way. But He has made His mercy known by sending Jesus Christ. And He desires to extend His mercy to every person through spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. This is why He gave us the Church, and the mission of "preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins in His name to all the nations." (Luke 24:47)



Peace and Blessings

Deacon Steve

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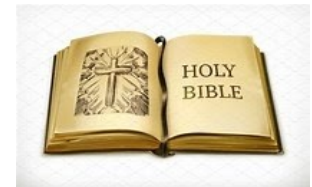
Building Our Faith

"My Father's house has many dwelling rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you. (John 14:2)

So, what's your favorite house look like? One near the water? Perhaps up on the mountain? Maybe a condo near the shops and restaurants? If we work hard and save up, we might even design and build it ourselves. Need help? There are many TV shows, magazines, and DIYs to teach us how to build...how to decorate, both at home and abroad. Just don't expect a knock on the door, balloons, and a news team. Because Jesus has already gone to prepare a place for each of us...all we have to do is wisely use the talents He has given each of us. Consider joining a ministry. Maybe start a new one. Don't know? Just ask. Your talent is needed in our parish...just join and enjoy building our faith with stewardship.

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

Good News to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church



May 21, 2023

1. Restaurants often offer "leftovers" or perfectly good food, to share with the needy...but often much is wasted and simply just thrown out. A homeless man came to the El Sur Street Food Co in Little Rock, Arkansas asking for something small to eat. The cashier offered to pay for his meal, offering a seat and a menu.
2. The Needs Assistance Program (NAP) in Raleigh, NC offers help for those who cannot physically wheel their trash cart to the curb for pick up...just complete an application and abide by the guidelines.
3. Steve Camara graduated from the UH with a bachelor's degree in poly science and re-enrolled in KCC graduating with a degree in respiratory care (1995). He spent a 20+ year career in RT, re-enrolling once again in KCC...this time to study IT. It was then that his daughter, Jenna, returned home from UC Santa Barbara during the Covid crisis, transferring to KCC pre-nursing program. They recently graduated together. "She didn't follow in my footsteps...we walked together."
4. Good Advice from a mom (on Mother's Day Week). "...Slow down...don't rush through life...you'll miss the good part." (anon).
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 Corona virus...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.



SHOWER SUNDAY!
May 21 is finally here!
We are so excited!

Stop by the Makai house
(behind the school)
from 2-4pm today.

Celebrate new life with
your church family and
enjoy some light
refreshments together.

All are welcome!

The Walking with Moms program is the inspiration behind our Holy Trinity Baby Shower. Here is a brief explanation of the program taken from their website.

Walking with Moms in Need is not designed to compete with ongoing pregnancy resource ministries, but rather to enhance and unify our efforts.

Together, we can work towards the day when any pregnant or parenting mother in need, can turn to her local Catholic parish and be connected to supportive, life-affirming help.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

(St. Gianna Novena)

May *all mothers* be supported and encouraged in their special vocation of love.

May mothers facing unexpected pregnancies find strength, courage and support through the example of the Blessed Mother and within their communities.

May orphaned children and especially those who are abused or neglected be blessed with loving parents in foster care and eventually placed in the loving arms of a forever home.

Bless those mothers deciding to place their child in the loving arms of adoptive parents.

At Holy Trinity we support and sustain a culture of LIFE. We appreciate the support of your prayers.

If you would like to join our Respect Life Committee, please contact Debbie at dkula@rcchawaii.org



New Time for Friday Morning Mass – Starting June 2

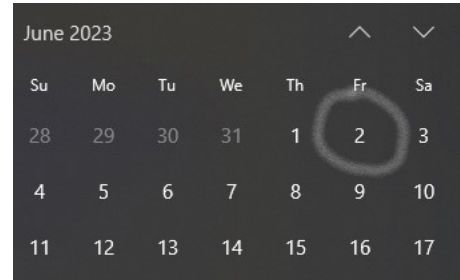
Effective, Friday- June 2, 2023, the daily Mass for Fridays will be at 9:00 am NOT 10:00 am. The reason for this change is to accommodate families who want to have the funeral of a loved one, on a Friday, and not making them wait until the afternoon.

Having Mass at 10:00am just doesn't work and the change seems reasonable enough.

My thanks to Deacon Steve, the choir, and daily Mass attendees for making this adjustment.

Mahalo,

Fr. Mike



June 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



At Holy Trinity, we welcome adults who want to learn more about how to become Catholic. If you are interested or know someone who would like to learn more about being a Catholic, we have a program starting up in September.

Our process involves preparation for this rite for those who desire to be in full communion with the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), whether baptized or not, as well as for those baptized in other Christian religions who desire to become Roman Catholic.

The program is a journey of life experiences that is shared with the team members and the candidates. We use the weekly Gospel readings, videos and a book that explains our Catholic Faith. There are no tests, we love questions, and the best part is taking this journey together as a family.

Classes will start in September. If you know anyone who is interested, have them call the HTC office at (808)396-0551 or Deacon Steve Kula at (808)277-7695.

Second Collection Announcement Catholic Communication Campaign

This weekend, May 20-21 there will be a special collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. The campaign's mission is to spread the Gospel within the United States as well as to developing countries to inform, inspire and enlighten. Up to half of the funds will remain within our local diocese for such purposes as The Hawaii Catholic Herald, apps, and websites. Your generosity in spreading the Word of God will be greatly appreciated. Mahalo.



Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 2023

Congratulations to Kailani Merson, Camilla Merson, Noemi Garrison, Daly Uehara, Lucas Britos, Noah Britos, and Jaxon Ganialongo. This is the beginning of your journey in learning, living, and loving your Catholic faith.

They received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the 4:30 Mass on May 13. The Very Rev. Msgr. Gary Secor, who served as our pastor a few years ago, conferred the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon them.

Thank you to Msgr. Gary, Fr. Mike, and Dcn. Steve and the Altar servers. Thank you to Debbie Kula for the beautiful slide presentation at Mass.

Thank you to their parents, grandparents, family and friends for passing along and sharing your Catholic faith with them.

Thank you to the Catechists in our Religious Education (Faith Formation) K-9th Grade Program. A special thank you to Mrs. G and Ms. Anne for teaching the Sacrament lessons in addition to the weekly Gospel lessons.

Catechists: Vanessa Mark, Natalia Merson, Claire Mori, Evelyn "Mrs. G" Ganialongo, Anne Sneider, along with Fr. Mike Dalton joined the group's picture. Teachers Kuuipo Obando, Jeannine Souki, and Lynne Youmans were missed but with us in spirit.



Sunday, May 21, 2023

Consume media with care

He couldn't have foreseen the technological advances the 21st century would bring. Yet in 1967, Pope Paul VI appreciated the need for a World Communications Day. He established the Sunday before Pentecost as an annual reflection on the opportunities and challenges of presenting the gospel message to a global society. The press, movies, radio, and television all commanded great attention in his generation. The internet and cell phones exponentially increase the range today. What are we saying and absorbing through all this media? Be a discerning steward of words and images.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). *"The words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them."*

Monday, May 22, 2023

Support vulnerable women

Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of abused wives because she herself was one. She endured years of verbal and physical abuse from her husband, and after he was murdered by a feuding family member, Rita became a nun. Read the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement against domestic violence. On the USCCB website, you can also find downloadable "When I Call for Help" resource cards in English and Spanish that list signs of an abusive relationship and include the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. These are ideal for parish pamphlet racks, for placing in parish restrooms, and to raise awareness about domestic abuse. We owe it to Saint Rita to act.

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Peace I leave with you

Twenty-five years ago today, citizens on both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict agreed—by referendum—to honor the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, ending nearly 30 years of bloodshed that took the lives of more than 3,500 Catholics and Protestants. For his dogged commitment to the work of peace and reconciliation, Catholic politician John Hume was named co-recipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. Hume, who also received both the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award—the only person ever to receive all three peace awards—said, "Bloodshed for political change prevents the only change that truly matters: in the human heart." Pray for peace today, and consider reading the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter *The Challenge of Peace*, which turned 40 this month.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *"They know that everything you gave me is from you."*

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us

Today marks the sad one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Let us pray for the 21 people who died that day, including 19 children. Let us pray for their families. Let us pray for anyone who would ever entertain

even the slightest thought of causing such devastation. Today is also the feast of Mary, Help of Christians—a good day to pray for an end to gun violence. Consider this prayer to Mary, which begins: "Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation, and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One."*

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Marching in unison

A doctor, a pope, and a mystic walked into a bar... no, actually, today's trio of saints all lived at different times but landed on the same day in the liturgical calendar. Although the number of saints far outstrips the number of days in the year, each saint is assigned a date to be honored, usually the day of their death. Many saints remain obscure, but the many books, articles, traditions, and websites devoted to saints ensures that somewhere the faithful are taking note. That's the point, to be inspired by saints to be saintly in our own lives in our own way.

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; GREGORY VII, POPE; MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, RELIGIOUS MYSTIC

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"Father ... I made known to them your name."*

Friday, May 26, 2023

The saint with an inclusive perspective

We sometimes have a difficult time holding together opposites and contradictions. Either joy *or* sorrow, good *or* bad. But what would it be like to replace *either/or* with the humble conjunction *and*? *And* serves to connect things, to show relationship. Saint Philip Neri exemplifies someone who embraced the *and*. He was deeply committed to individual prayer devotions *and* to experiencing God at the heart of community. He encouraged people to faith and joy *and* to persevering in a struggling church. What *either/or* is becoming a *both/and* for you?

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"And when [Jesus] had said this, he said to him, 'Follow me.'"*

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Hang in there

There are times in our lives when, facing adversity, we are tempted to throw in the towel, turn back, give up. Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Rome in 596 to evangelize Anglo Saxons in England, turned back after hearing of the dangers ahead. Persuaded by Pope Gregory to persevere, Augustine completed the mission. Though progress was slow and setbacks occurred, Augustine's steadfastness paid off, and he is rightfully called the "Apostle to England." Stay the course!

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did."*

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



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