

## **Parish Administrator**

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### Mass Schedule

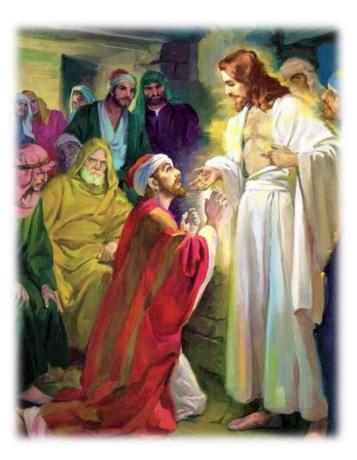
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday 7:30am (after 7am Rosary) Wednesday 6:00pm Rosary, OLPH Novena, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Mass Saturday Vigil (fulfills Sunday obligation) 5:00pm Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

## **Devotions**

Thursday 5:00–6:00pm Silent Adoration First Friday 6:30am Holy Hour/Benediction (mass to follow) First Saturday 7:00am Rosary (mass to follow)

# April 14, 2024



# **Parish Mission Statement**

Sacred Heart Parish is a Christ-centered community of disciples, journeying together in proclaiming and witnessing God's Word for the integral human and Christian development of all, with respect for the diversity of cultures in the spirit of aloha, towards the realization of God's Kingdom.

## **Please Contact the Parish Office for the following:**

Confession, Baptism, Blessings, Weddings, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage Convalidation and Funerals <u>(Contact office 1 week prior to making arrangements with Mortuary)</u>

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# **Third Sunday of Easter**

	<b>First Reading</b>	Second Reading	Gospel
This Weekend's Readings	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	1 Jn 2:1-5a	Lk 24:35-48

The readings for this Sunday encourage us to truly believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to accept his love. In the gospel the risen Jesus appears to his disciples and helps them understand his death and resurrection.

The readings for this Sunday touch on several interconnected themes that are crucial to understanding the Easter season and its significance in Christian life. Here are the main themes:

- **Repentance and Forgiveness**: A central theme, especially highlighted in the readings from Acts and the Gospel of Luke, is the call to repentance—turning back to God—and the promise of forgiveness. This theme underscores God's mercy and willingness to forgive sins for those who turn to Him and acknowledge their wrongdoings.
- **The Fulfillment of Prophecy**: The readings from Acts and Luke emphasize that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were all part of God's plan, foretold in the scriptures. This theme connects the events of the New Testament with the prophecies of the Old Testament, showing the continuity and fulfillment of God's salvation history.
- Witnessing to the Resurrection: The Gospel and the first reading both highlight the importance of witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus. The disciples are called to share the news of Jesus' resurrection and the forgiveness of sins with all nations, emphasizing the role of Christians to bear witness to the truth of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
- Jesus as Advocate and Atonement: The second reading from 1 John presents Jesus as the advocate for sinners and the atonement for our sins. This theme highlights the mediating role of Jesus between humanity and God, and the universal scope of Jesus' sacrifice, which is not limited to a single group but is extended to the whole world.
- **Obedience to God's Commands**: True knowledge of Jesus is demonstrated through obedience to His commands, as mentioned in the letter of John. This theme ties in with the idea of living according to God's will as a response to understanding and accepting Jesus' role as our savior and advocate.
- **The Physical Resurrection of Jesus**: In the Gospel reading, Jesus shows His physical form to His disciples, eating with them and allowing them to touch Him. This emphasizes the physical reality of the resurrection, countering any notion that it was merely a spiritual or symbolic event.

These themes collectively reinforce the message of Easter as a time of renewal, hope, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

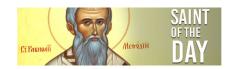


The Parish Pastoral Advisory Council will have a meeting on Wednesday April 17, 2024 in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm.



**St. Benedict Joseph Labré** Feast day: April 16 Patron: of bachelors, rejects, mental illness, mentally ill people, insanity, beggars, the homeless

Called "the Beggar of Rome," a pilgrim recluse. He was born in Amettes, France, on March 25, 1748, the eldest of eighteen children. Studying under his uncle, a parish priest, at Erin, France, Benedict tried to join the Trappists, Carthusians, and Cistercians but was refused by these orders. In 1770, he made a pilgrimage to the major shrines of Europe, settling in Rome in 1774. There he lived near the Colosseum and earned fame for his sanctity. Benedict was devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and attended the Forty Hours devotion in the city. He died in Rome on April 16, and was beatified in 1860. He was canonized in 1883.



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Gospel	Gospel	Gospel	Gospel	Gospel	Gospel
Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:35-40	Jn 6:44-51	Jn 6:52-29	Jn 6:60-69
1st Reading:	1st Reading	1st Reading	1st Reading	1st Reading	Acts 9:31-42
6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/15/24	4/16/24	4/17/24	4/18/24	4/19/24	4/20/24

for the Week Intentions April 13 and 14 2024

**Deceased:** Olly & Juliet Eremita, Repose of the souls of the deceased Filipino Catholic Club Members

**Healing:** Joyce Aliniado, Angie & Roman Saupan, Health & Well-Being of the Caranto & Bumagat Families, Health & Safety of the Filipino Catholic Club Members

**Birthday:** Angie Saupan, Birthday Blessings for the Filipino Catholic Club Members celebrating their birthdays in April

Prayers for Steve Howe

Prayers for Luca Balducci

#### Meditation for the Third Sunday of Easter On the road to Emmaus: Jesus, alive and at our side

The Gospel of today's Mass presents us with another appearance of Jesus on the evening of his Resurrection. Two disciples are making their way to the village of Emmaus, having lost all hope because Christ, in whom they had placed the whole meaning of their lives, was dead. Our Lord catches up with them, as if He too were just another traveler on the road, and walks with them without being recognized. They engage in broken conversation, as happens when people talk as they are going along. They speak about their preoccupation: what has happened in Jerusalem on the Friday evening—the death of Jesus of Nazareth. The Crucifixion of Our Lord had been a very severe test for the hopes of all those who considered themselves to be his disciples and who to some extent or another had placed their trust in him. Things had all taken place very quickly and they still hadn't got over all they had seen with their very eyes.

These men who are returning to their home village after having celebrated the Paschal feast in Jerusalem show by the tone of their conversation their great sadness and how discouraged and disconcerted they are: *We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel*. But now they speak of Jesus as a reality belonging to the past:

Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed...Notice the contrast. They say 'who was!'...And He is there by their side. He is walking with them, in their company, trying to uncover the reason, the most intimate roots of their sadness!

'Who was!', they say. We too, if only we would examine ourselves sincerely, with an attentive examination of our sadness, our discouragement, our being a little tired of life, would find a clear link with this Gospel passage. We would discover how we spontaneously remark 'Jesus was', 'Jesus said', because we forget that, just as one the road to Emmaus, Jesus is alive and by our side at this very moment. This is a discovery which enlivens our faith and revives our hope, a finding that points to Jesus as a joy that is ever present: Jesus is, Jesus prefers, Jesus says, Jesus commands now at this very moment (A. G. Dorronsoro, *God and People*)

Jesus lives.

These men did know about Christ's promise of rising on the third day. They had heard that morning the message of the women who had seen the empty tomb and the angels. Things had been sufficiently clear for them to have nourished their faith and their hope; but instead, they speak of Christ as belonging to the past, as a lost opportunity. They are a living picture of discouragement. Their minds are in darkness and their hearts are numbed.

Christ Himself—whom they did not at first recognize but whose company and conversation they accept—interprets those events for them in the light of the Scriptures. Patiently He restores in them their faith and their hope. And the two of them recover also their joy and their love: *Did not our hearts burn within us,* they say later, *while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?* 

It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in the apostolate or in our work that seem to be insurmountable.... On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our souls in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible: *And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem*. But it is

essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.

—Francis Fernandez, In Conversation with God, Daily Meditations Volume Two

#### Praying the Rosary:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month we invite ALL children/teens and anyone who wants to join us, to PRAY the ROSARY before 9:30am Mass. The next Rosary is Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 9am in the church.

#### Children's Choir:

We welcome any of the children in our parish to join the choir. You have two opportunities please come and join us for Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 7:30am masses. You may come and sit in the choir section during those masses to start singing.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosa 808-861-3747 or email rlefua77@gmail.com. God bless & have a great day. ALL MASS INTENTIONS must be turned into the Parish Office during office hours at least **10 (ten)** days prior to the intention. Mass Intentions are limited to (3) Intentions per family per week. Suggested donation as recommended by the Diocese of Honolulu is \$10.00 per Intention/Mass.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR INTENTION TO BE READ AT EACH MASS, THE DONATION WILL BE \$40.00 (\$10/per mass) Please submit your envelope provided for your

convenience and submit with your intention and donation.

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR MASS INTENTION IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET IF IT FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKEND. PLEASE TURN INTO OFFICE DIRECTLY FOR THE WEEEKEND. WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE YOUR INTENTIONS WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN OR READ. Mahalo.



#### Blessings of Financial Stewardship for

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Mass Collections	
5:00pm (Saturday)	\$884.00
7:30am	\$1,180.00
9:30am	\$1,344.00
7:5:00pm (Sunday)	\$822.00
Second Collection (R&R)	\$1,218.00
Total Mass Collection	\$5,448.00
Other Collections	
Building Fund Pledge	\$40.00
Building R&M	\$10.00
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Bulletin Sponsorship	\$85.00
Candles	\$110.00
Church Donations	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$155.00
Rice Bowl	\$530.15
Easter	\$183.00
Good Friday	\$25.00
<b>Total Other Collections</b>	\$1,158.15
Online Donations	\$545.00
Grand Total:	\$7,151.15

# Mahalo for your generosity!



# Francisco Berano 25th Heavenly Anniversary

**Offered by: Berano Ohana** 



SHCW - PANTRY Did you know our Pantry Services hundreds of people each month with much needed food to survive! WE ARE IN ALWAYS NEED OF NON-PERISHABLE CANNED & DRY FOODS.

Let us always be mindful of those who are less fortunate than us

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**2024 Second Collections Office of the Chancellor** Diocesan Priests' Retirement April 20/21 (Good Shepherd Fund Sunday) Catholic Communication May 11/12 Diocese of Honolulu Seminarian June 15/16 July 6/7 Holy Father (Peter's Pence) Catholic Charities Hawaii August 3/4 The Catholic University of September 7/8 America 'Ohana in Christ Campaign October 5/6 World Mission Sunday October 26/27 Catholic Campaign for Human November 16/17 Retirement Fund for Religious December 7/8







Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

> Lilia Grace at (808)379-9446 or Email: Ms.lbpg@gmail.com. Come and join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Education building. God bless you!



In April of this Easter season, we give thanks for the gift of life from conception to natural death and pray for expectant parents, those with pregnancy difficulties and post abortion healing.

The following events respect life:

40/365 days for life prayers, Side Walk Advocates Training (TBA) Hawaii State Laws prayers Walking with Moms in Need programs

For more information, Please contact: Linda Susan Madamba Respect Life SHCW, Coordinator Phone: (808) 221-7794 E-MAIL: Linda Susan\_Madamba@yahoo.com



# 2024 DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

# THEY WERE THERE FOR US. BE THERE FOR THEM NOW.

Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their elder years.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY ON APRIL 20/21, OR YOU MAY DONATE ONLINE TODAY | WWW.CATHOLICHAWAII.ORG/DPRF