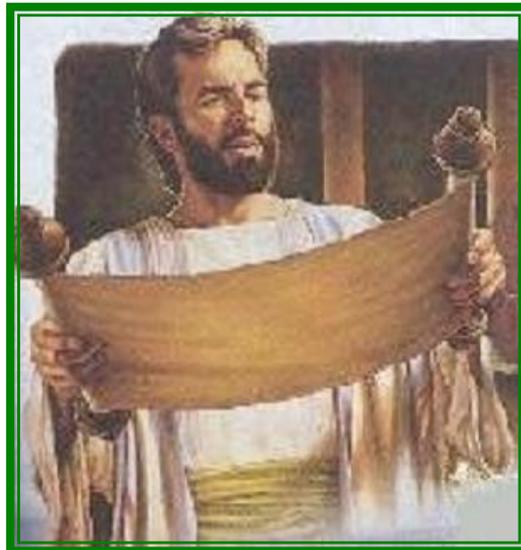




Holy Trinity Catholic Church
A Stewardship Parish

January 23, 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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

Mass Schedule

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|-------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| 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.

Scripture Readings

Jan 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ([Click here for readings](#))

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Recognition of their failures causes the people to weep, but their leaders call them to rejoice.

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15 The word of God brings Spirit and life with their wisdom, clarity, and justice.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 God places each part of the body with deliberation for its usefulness.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Jesus begins his ministry in Luke's gospel by announcing the fulfillment of God's word.

Jan 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ([Click here for readings](#))

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 A prophet may be too young for many things, but not for the work to which God calls him.

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 God is to be trusted from the womb until the final moment of rescue from death.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Paul speaks of the magnificent beauty and challenge of love.

Luke 4:21-30 The word of the Lord is too challenging for the closed-minded people of Nazareth.

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Be still
and know
that I am
God
-PSALM 46:10

 Lord
I pray
to be Led to
and by you

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PRAYER
Requests

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

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

Eternal Rest

Albert Yuen
Adrian Au



Take to Heart the Good News



After attending a meeting this past week, where one of the attendees mentioned that we (meaning Catholics in the pews) need to be more educated in our religion, I thought of this week's scripture readings. Jesus spoke to the people in the synagogue then just as he speaks to us today: "Today *this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*"

Today's readings remind us of the importance of the Word of God in our lives. But our Lord never meant for us to try to follow his Word without help. Just look at our scripture readings today. The priest, Ezra, in today's First Reading, tries to help the people renew the covenant and understand how to live it by reading the law for hours. St. Paul, in the Second Reading, talks about the Church as one great body with many members with different functions, strengths, and weaknesses. And some of those members help us to understand the Word of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reads from the prophets but presents something new. He has come to fulfill everything promised through the prophets, and to give meaning to the history of salvation lived until that moment. For that they ran him out of town. Our response to "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." should be just the opposite.

We have what we call the Bible which has been passed down to us through oral and written traditions. The Bible is a compilation of books at various moments of salvation history. The Church, aided by the Holy Spirit, established as the canon (rule) of Scripture, those books we read and meditate on today. Without God's Word, we'd lose our identity and our way in a world plagued by ignorance, confusion, and evil. So maybe we do need to be better educated in our religion.

Just like Ezra, Paul, and Jesus himself, the Lord blesses us with people who conserve and interpret what God has said to us throughout salvation history. Just as Jesus knew himself to be the one anointed by God to bring glad tidings to the poor and sight to the blind, proclaim liberty to captives, let the oppressed go free, and identifies with humanity in all its struggles, we are called to do the same.

Peace and Blessings

Deacon Steve

Reminder

Temporary Emergency Covid Measures at Weekend Masses

In response to the recent surge in Covid cases on Oahu, Fr. Mike has decided to implement a few temporary changes at the weekend Masses to keep us safe.

- Singing will be done by the choir only
- The choir members will wear N95 masks
- Parishioners can quietly sing to themselves
- The words to the songs will not be projected on the walls
- Sliding doors will be opened to let in outside air between the Sunday morning Masses

Hopefully, the surge will be over soon, and we can return to worshipping as before.





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Stewardship at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

When We Come to Jesus

"...a leper came to Him." (Mark 1:40)

A leper came to Jesus, knelt before Him and asked for healing. Then Jesus extended His hand, touched him... healing him. (Mark 40-45). We all have our struggles...physical, mental or emotional. We may suffer from worry or anxiety, from financial concerns or for the care of family and friends. When it comes to Jesus, there is no law (as it was under Jewish rule), there is no price. All we have to do is come. Just come. Anywhere, anytime. All we need is belief in His healing and the humility to ask. Let's utilize our gift of faith...the faith of the leper...and come to Jesus.

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



Good News to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church

January 23, 2022

1. Fallon is a teenager who loved to play guitar, especially the Dean Dimebag Darrell ML guitar at the J B Hart Music Co in Grand Junction, CO. He especially enjoyed playing it, since he could not afford to buy it...until an anonymous customer purchased it for him...telling the store management to hold it until Fallon's next visit. December 30 was the day...the special moment...there are still good people out there, he said in appreciation.
2. A real-life Lassie saved the lives of 2 men trapped in an overturned pickup truck on I-95 on the border of New Hampshire and Vermont. The highway patrol tried to corner Lassie, but he kept running...leading the troopers to the wreck. Tinsley turned out to be their canine guardian angel.
3. Maria Andrejczyk silver medaled in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games after overcoming bone cancer when she heard of an 8-month-old boy needing surgery for a heart defect. She auctioned off her Olympic medal to cover the unfunded cost of the surgery. The winning bid was from a Polish grocery chain...who told her to keep her medal...and funded some \$125,000 for the child.
4. Fireman Darren Hutchinson's son, age 3, spent 3 ½ months in Birmingham Woman and Children's Hospital in the United Kingdom. My only son...we owe his life to the staff...how can we repay them for all they did. Then it came to him...fill a fire truck with new (covid regulation) toys. Not only 1 truck, but 2 were filled with toys and gifts for children of all ages...it's all about giving back, he said.
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. Wear your mask, maintain distance, wash your hands, and GET BOOSTED.
9. Keeping current with Holy Trinity...**easy**. Check our website for the latest news and updates at www.holytrinitychurchhi.org.

Let's remember the value of what we have when the good times return. Stay safe, wear a mask, wash your hands, looking forward to seeing you **in our renovated church at Mass**.

Donations and Weekend Attendance: 8-9 and 15-16 Jan



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| Offertory | \$18,563 |
| Christmas | 830 |
| Major Maintenance & Repair | 5,426 |
| Capuchin Appeal | 505 |
| Thrift Shop | 540 |
| Candles | 184 |
| TOTAL | \$26,048 |

Thank you for your continued support.

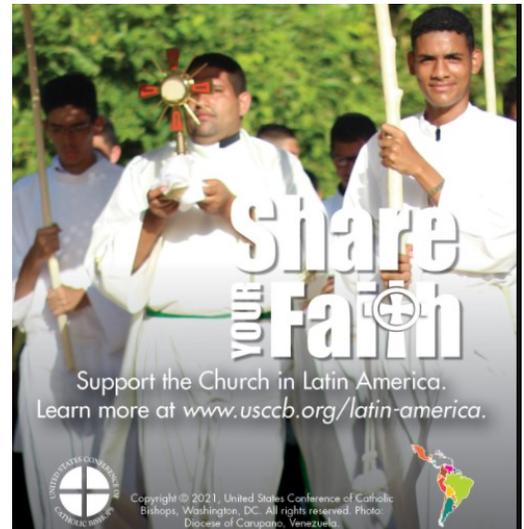
| Attendance | | | | |
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| | 8—9 Jan | | 15—16 Jan | |
| | Adults | Children | Adults | Children |
| Sat 4:30PM | 115 | 8 | 110 | 16 |
| Sun 8:00AM | 97 | 6 | 96 | 4 |
| Sun 10:30AM | 84 | 11 | 93 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 296 | 25 | 299 | 26 |

Special Collection for the Church in Latin America and Indian Missions

This Weekend, January 22-23 there will be a special collection for the **Church in Latin America and Indian Missions**.

For the past 50 years, solidarity with the poorest countries from Mexico to the Caribbean to South America have given strength to families by funding evangelization and fostering vocations.

People in these rural areas with rough, mountainous terrain welcome leadership programs where ministry is negligible. Your generosity will be appreciated.



Respect Life Corner - - Weekend of Jan 22/23, 2022

The Diocese of Honolulu Novena for Life culminated with a Closing Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus on Jan. 20 at 7 PM. The nine days of prayer touched on the need for compassion, understanding, and assistance for expectant mothers, fathers, support systems, and government representatives, in addition to the unborn. These prayers encouraged us to contemplate the sanctity of all life and to reflect upon our own attitudes and actions. If you would like to continue special prayers for life, The Novena for the Unborn will be led online by the US Catholic Bishops between Jan. 19 and 27.

We can continue support:

- Offer A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers
- Be knowledgeable: Another look at abortion
- Support moms in need: volunteer at a local pregnancy care center or donating baby items. Pearson Place, Catholic Charities, the Mary Jane Home, and Walking With Moms In Need are good places to start.
- Ten ways to support her when she's unexpectedly expecting
- Lobby politicians, encourage legislative changes and call community leaders together to uphold the Sanctity of Life

In the eyes of the Lord, we are one body in Christ. Every human being is sacred and created by God. Let us uphold this truth and proclaim the Gospel of Life.

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 have ideas and suggestions to share about activities or topics to pursue, or if you are interested in joining our Respect Life Committee, please contact Debbie at dkula@rcchawaii.org



Sunday, Jan 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Those aren't fighting words

Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Monday, Jan 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

God, our shield and our strength

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsy-turvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."*

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Harden not your heart

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Stay the course

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith.

Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). *"[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

Thursday, Jan 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Wise counsel for the overwhelmed

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

Friday, Jan 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Root yourself in honesty

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."*

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022

Sea of hope

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."*

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



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