



Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
A Stewardship Parish

Aug 7, 2022  
Nineteenth 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

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

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

**Wisdom 18:6-9** The faithful will know the glory of God and the rescue of the just.

**Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22** God's kindness is revealed to those who live in hope.

**Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12** Faith can achieve our hopes on the proportion of the miraculous.

**Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40** Vigilance is expected from those who wait on the Lord



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

Adam Suapaia  
Evelina Enriques  
Chris Stengle  
Bob Sandia  
Bobby Curran  
Mark Glaser  
William Morlon  
Eugene & Jane Pongratz  
Jenifer Weaver  
Ronan Bissonette  
Lori Santos  
Jim Leahey  
Kenneth Wong  
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## Essence Of Faith

This week's readings really struck home for me. As a US Marine we live by our motto of "Semper Fidelis" Always Faithful. To be faithful requires patience, perseverance, and preparedness and that is the focus of this week's scripture readings.

The first reading from Wisdom recalls the Passover of God's chosen people who had been slaves in Egypt for more than 400 years, each generation saying the same prayer, waiting on God to free them and bring them home, (patience). In the second reading from Hebrews when God told Abraham to do anything, he did it – without question, comment, or delay; leaving his home, never to come back again; waiting on the Lord to make him and Sarah parents even though they were well beyond child-bearing years; and being willing to sacrifice his son to God. Abraham was patient. Abraham persevered. Abraham was prepared.

Jesus desired for his Apostles and disciples to learn and have all these traits, the essence of Faith. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we hear what faith is; "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." "The realization of what is hoped for" means that when we have faith, we are certain that God will fulfill his promises. And "Evidence of things not seen" means that when we have faith, we know with certainty that all the things God has revealed are true.

Myself and every US Marine you meet, are proud to be called a Marine, not embarrassed. Today many people consider faith to be childish. They say, don't depend on faith; depend on science and reason. Those of us who still value faith are sometimes embarrassed about it. We might cover it up in conversations because we don't want other people to look down on us.

Yet faith is a necessary part of any fully human life. Human society is built on faith, on trusting others, whether God or other people. The stronger our faith in God, the more meaningful, joyful, and fruitful our lives will be. We are all called to follow God no matter what, so that God can do wonderful things for us and through us. But that takes faith, strong, mature faith. Maybe we should start by considering ourselves as Marines for Christ, "Semper Fidelis Catholica" Always Faithful Catholic.

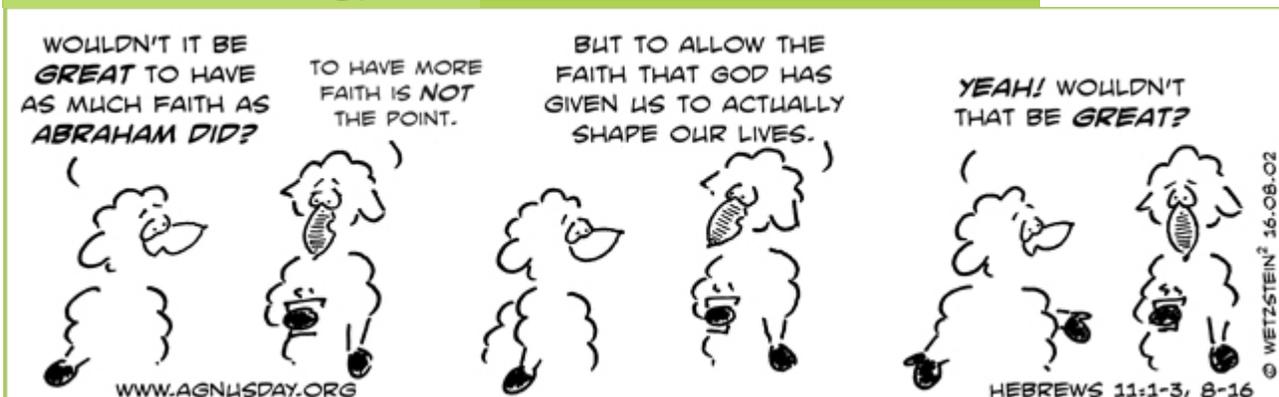
PEACE and BLESSINGS

Deacon Steve



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**HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16**





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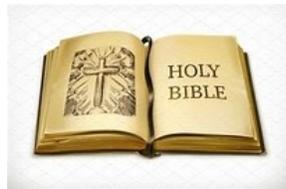
Stewardship at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

### Becoming A Child Again

***"Unless you turn and become like children..."*** (Matt 18:13)

Many of us might recall the movie Big, starring Tom Hanks. He played the part of a boy who "wished" to become an adult and suddenly becomes a toy tester...with "childlike" enthusiasm, he led company executives with invigorating new ideas for successful toys. As we watch the movie, we view the world of toys through the eyes of a child...putting aside the politics and the competition of the corporate world. Perhaps Jesus would like all of us to take a step back...once in a while...and see the world through the eyes of a child...with humility and innocence. Imagine...just imagine doing something...participation in a ministry perhaps...just because it was something needing doing and we had the talent. Once in a while...become a child again for The Lord.

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



### Good News to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church

**August 7, 2022**

1. LAT95, an all-women's rowing team, set a world record for the Great Pacific Race from San Francisco to Honolulu, some 2400 nautical miles: 34 days, 14 hours and 11 minutes.
2. Melanie Shaha received a new wig...it came from the heart. Melanie permanently lost her hair after a reoccurring benign brain tumor. Her son grew his hair to 12 inches, cut it...enough for a wig. "I don't mind being sick...I mind looking sick."
3. The village of Long Newnton in Gloucestershire, UK sits between the towns of Tetbury and Malmesbury and has traffic problems...speeding. Signs made no difference...so officials planted flowers along the roadside mainly to improve biodiversity. The flowers attract bees, birds and other wildlife...and slow down traffic.
4. A random act of kindness in Tampa, FL. A man in a Waffle House...just sitting in a booth attaching money to handwritten notes. He gives \$1 and \$5 bills with notes that say "love everybody." So far, he has given out over \$13,000.
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](http://www.holytrinitychurchhi.org).



## Respect Life Corner – Weekend of August 6/7

Human traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to get the men, women, and children to do their bidding. Here are some of the shocking statistics.

**Globally:** from the International Labour Organization's 2017 Report on Forced Labor and Forced Marriage:

- 40.3 million people are in modern slavery
  - 24.9 million people in forced labor
  - 15.4 million people in forced marriages
- 71% of the victims are women and girls
- 1 in 4 victims are children women and girls account for 99% in the commercial sex industry and 58% in other sectors
- According to the 2017 State Department Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report, there were only 14,894 prosecutions and 9,071 convictions for trafficking globally

**In the US:** from DeliverFund – Facts about Human Trafficking in the US:

- The US is ranked among the worst countries globally for human trafficking
- California consistently has the highest rates of human trafficking in the US
- The American cities with the highest number of human trafficking cases are Washington, D.C., Atlanta GA, Orlando FL, Miami FL, and Las Vegas NV
- It is estimated between 250,000 and 300,00 women and children are victims of sex trafficking

**In Hawaii:** from Child and Family Service – Sex Trafficking in Hawaii:

- Recent news reports indicate an alarming rise of sex trafficking in Hawaii
- A Child and Family Service survey in 2020 concludes:
  - 23% of victims were trafficked before they were 18 years old, average age just under 12 years old
  - 25% reported that their first sex trafficker was a family member
  - more than 75% of victims were female
  - 64% identified as being part-Hawaiian

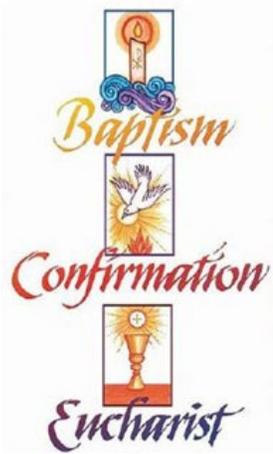
So how can we help to make a difference?

- **Raise your voice:** Send a letter to your elected officials to let them know that trafficking is an issue that matters to you.
- If you suspect someone is a victim of trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888
- Report missing children or child pornography to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678 or through the [Cyber tip line](#)
- Know the signs. [Link to Trafficking signs](#)
- Spread the word. Be well informed and help to sponsor an awareness event.
- Think before you shop. Be an informed consumer. Who made your clothes?
- Volunteer locally: Check out [Ho`ola Na Pua](#)

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](mailto:dkula@rcchawaii.org)

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



## RCIA Rite of Catholic Initiation of 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 start on Catechetical Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the RCIA room at Church. Again, 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.

## Beware of Scammers

*From the Office of the Bishop*

If someone phones, texts, or emails you saying that the bishop or a member of clergy needs you to purchase gift cards for him, it is probably a scam, and you are advised not to respond.



## Mahalo and Aloha Charlotte Tang

Fall brings new beginnings and alohas to our college bound parishioners. It is with some sadness but with many good wishes that we say ALOHA to Charlotte Tang, a recent graduate of Kaiser High School. Charlotte and her sister Claudia, better known as our "calendar girls," were instrumental in the production of our parish calendar each year.

They both have been faithful altar servers through the years. Charlotte is an exemplary and enthusiastic student. She will join her sister at The University of Notre Dame where we will hear only accolades. Charlotte, we send you off with our prayers and blessings. When we watch Notre Dame's Fighting Irish football, we will be scanning the stands for you. Aloha!

Charlotte and Claudia in 2019 and now. In both pictures, Charlotte is on the left and Claudia is on the right



**Sunday, Aug 07, 2022**

### Tap into the power of faith

"The power of faith is enormous," Church Father Cyril of Jerusalem declared. "It is so great that it not only saves the believer: thanks to one person's faith others are saved also." But what does it mean to have this special power? Faith isn't about believing items listed in a creed. It's not about acceding to doctrines or to church authorities. Faith means trusting in God the way a child takes the hand of a beloved guardian and allows herself to be led in perfect confidence. "All shall be well," Julian of Norwich avowed. Share this faith that "all manner of things shall be well."

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117). *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."*

**Monday, Aug 08, 2022**

### Kick off your shoes

You may have seen the term *discalced* before—in the names of some religious orders, such as the Discalced Carmelites—and wondered what it meant. It comes from Latin for "unshod," or barefoot. Members of discalced orders go barefoot or wear sandals only. It was started by Saint Francis of Assisi, and his contemporary Saint Dominic traveled extensively by foot without shoes. Dominic didn't believe he'd convert many people if he was wearing shoes because authentic humility, poverty, and penance was as persuasive as his famous preaching. How do you walk the talk as a follower of Christ?

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"Go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up."*

**Tuesday, Aug 09, 2022**

### Never forget

The United Nations designates today International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It's also the feast day of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. Teresa Benedicta—a Jewish convert to Catholicism and Carmelite nun—is considered a Christian martyr, but it was her Jewish ancestry that caused her to be gassed at Auschwitz with countless others on this date in 1942. At her canonization Pope John Paul II chose words that also pertain to marginalized indigenous populations: "I raise an anguished cry: May such criminal deeds never be repeated against any ethnic group, against any race, in any corner of this world!" Pray that this be so.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones."*

**Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022**

### Seek the treasure that lasts forever

On this day in AD 258, Saint Lawrence was born in Roman Hispania. He followed the future Pope Sixtus II to Rome and was ordained a deacon after the pope's election in 257. Lawrence would serve as a treasurer in the cathedral for roughly a year before Emperor Valerian ordered all Christian clergy killed. The pope was murdered during Mass in 258, and Lawrence—ordered to hand over the church's money—gave away as much as he could before bringing the sick and the poor to the prefect instead,

calling them the "true treasures of the Church." He was swiftly executed thereafter. We would all do well to model his faithful resistance to evil and service to the needy.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). *"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

**Thursday, Aug 11, 2022**

### Focus on essentials, not the extras

Today is the memorial of Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. Although raised in a noble family, inspired by Saint Francis, Clare zealously embraced asceticism. As the 21-year-old superior of a new religious order in the Franciscan tradition, she called for her sisters to forego shoes, meat, money, and even most conversation. While to modern Christians these practices seem harsh, Clare points the way toward a stripped-down life, laser-focused on God and unity with the poor. In the spirit of Saint Clare, we might ask ourselves if our pursuit of creature comforts sometimes separates us from God or from those in need.

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, ABBESS, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416).

*"How often must I forgive . . . ? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'"*

**Friday, Aug 12, 2022**

### Look on the bright side

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, founder of the Visitation order of nuns, advised her followers to let go chronic guilt: "We must never dwell on our sins during prayer. Regarding our offenses, a simple humbling of our soul before God, without a thought of this offense or that, is enough." Accept your imperfections (you're human!) and take a moment to feel gratitude for the good in your life.

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD."*

**Saturday, Aug 13, 2022**

### Make it a policy to help the widowed and orphaned

When Blessed Father Michael McGivney was a parish priest in Connecticut 150 years ago, he was moved by the plight of migrant families where the breadwinner had died and left a widow and young children without resources. In 1882 he founded the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, to support these struggling families. McGivney devised an insurance plan for the Knights to administer that would pay families a death benefit.

Today that insurance company is still going strong with more than 2 million policies representing \$100 billion in coverage.

McGivney's feast day is today. Pray for his canonization.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15

(418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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



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