

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017

The Holy spirit brings life and peace

From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family based on unwarranted and hasty judgment.

The first reading shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others. Finally, in the Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends. *"Let the wheat and the weeds [darnel] grow together till the harvest time."* In other words, God awaits repentant sinners, giving them the strength to acknowledge their weakness. He calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil as no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

1) We need to practice patience and

show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been "weeds" in God's field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace and to share His Word and love with others.

2) We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God's field, leaving the "weeds" for Jesus to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. In the end, it's enough to know that we are "seeds" who have been planted by the "Son of Man," and that we are part of a healthy harvest that will someday be reaped by the angels of God. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction and selfless service can prompt the "weeds" in our society to reassess their lives, modify them and become useful members of society.

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May the Lord's healing and life-giving touch be upon those whose cross is too heavy to bear? Amen.



David Aaron, Clarita Agcaoili, JoJo Apo, Eleanor Aquinde, Felisa Asuncion, Silvestre Baggao, Barbara Bagio, Glenn Barcoma, Michael Barroga, Lokahi Bissen, Inez Bulger, Carla Camara, Hilda Camara, Caniaverl Family, Quintin Casio, Ko Chan, George Cordeiro, Burt & Matilda Freeland, Penney Galam, Mark Higa, Germaine Lopes-Nicola, Carol Martin, Clara Martin, Clinton Melchor, Paul Mortel, Cayetana Paet, Jimmy Gabriel Paet, Robyn Pellazar, Charles Pico, Jordan Quiocho, Juanito Ramelb, Eddie Reyes, Dominga Sagaysay, Christopher Salvador, Christine Souza, Rudy Sumabat, Tom Tadakuma, Frank Takase, Felicidad Tan, Paul Vargas Sr, Lioda Yanos
Please call the office for any changes.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:
Joshua Aquinde, Jay Blanca, Jerome Blanca, Raena Camara Bulusan, Zhyre Cardines, Kapiolani Davis, Nolan Felipe, Ryan Gaoiran, Robert Garo, Reinalyn Golino, Jonathan Gutierrez, Reychele Lapuebla, Kent Wycliffe A Matillano, Arturo Pedro, Ka-sandra Ragasa, Patrick Wayne Ramos, Michele Saiki, Xavier Tongson and Sage Valdez
STEWARDSHIP

2017	Weekend of: July 8-9
Sunday Collection	\$7,724.00
Ash Wednesday	\$20.00
Spanish Mass	\$769.00
Donations	\$702.00
School Support Debt Fund	\$45.00
Facility Maintenance	\$10.00
Candles	\$920.00
Baptisms	\$285.00
Mass Intentions	\$340.00
TOTAL	\$10,815.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPOT



14 Day Pilgrimage to Jordan, Holy Land and Dubai with Fr. Gus. MS Tuesday (April 3) to Monday (April 16) 2018.

Honolulu to Honolulu - \$4,499.00

Those who would like to join in this Pilgrimage please call parish office 877-6098 or Charlene Yamashiro 877-5985

Fr. Gus will be having an informational meeting on Thursday July 27, 2017 at 6:30pm in St. Marianne's Room. All interested please join us.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, July 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • Registration continues for RE, Confirmation, RCIA and RCYA Classes Early Bird Discount Applies • 6pm Choir Practice • 7:30pm Narcotics Anon. St. Cecelia Room
Tuesday, July 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6pm 85th Anniversary committee meeting • 6pm Hispanic Ministry/Choir
Wednesday, July 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 5pm Cancer Support Group • 7pm Choir Practice
Thursday, July 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • 6:30pm Pilgrimage to Holy Land information meeting St. Marianne Room
Friday, July 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • 6pm Grief Support • 6pm Hispanic Choir
Saturday, July 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30pm-4pm CONFESSION • 5pm Vigil
Sunday, July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6am, 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass • Baptismal following the 10am Mass • 12 noon Hispanic Mass

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Special Collection Today! Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Seminary Education Fund. With the costs of education being over \$320,000 per each seminarian over his nine years of studies, the Office of Vocations historically operates at a deficit budget of over \$200,000 in the recent years. Your support greatly impacts the formation and education of the future priests of our diocese. Your gift will help in ways that are simply immeasurable! Donate on line at:

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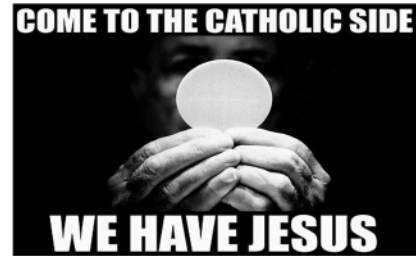


All mass intentions must be submitted to the office 1 week prior to the mass requested. Please print legible. All mass intentions request will be removed weekly

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Early Bird Registration for Religious Education and Confirmation July 10 to July 31 to take advantage of the \$5 discount. New students, please bring your birth certificate and any sacramental records.

Registration Fees		plus Sacramental Fees	
1 child	\$30	1 Reconciliation	\$5
2 children	\$35	1 Communion	\$5
3 or more	\$45	Confirmation Prep	\$10
		Confirmation 1	\$50
		Confirmation 2	\$70



Rite of Christian Initiation For Young Adults Ages 18-39 Adults Ages 40 and above

This is your chance to get your Sacraments all in order. If you have not received 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion or Confirmation or want to become a Catholic it's not too late...never too late...!!!! Please register at the church office. For inquiries you may call our church office 877-6098 Monday – Thursday 8am – 3:30pm, Friday's 8am to 12 noon summer hours or Yolanda Youth Minister/Young Adult Director 727-2336 (office) or 344-4890. Bring a friend, bring a family member.

Take that step into belonging to a Universal Church who believes in Jesus
Chris

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On Monday July 10, 2017 we held our first bazaar meeting. The bazaar committee is seeking chairperson and volunteers in the following committees.

Solicitation: Chairman to oversee all volunteers for all functions.

Responsibilities are to generate a solicitation list, mail outs to list, follow up calls, pick up donations, deliver to appropriate receiver, track all call and update all contact information in a data base, prepare list for thank you letters, mail out or hand deliver thank you letter, list for Mahalo ad for Maui News and Church Bulletin.

Marketing Committee: Chairman to oversee all volunteers for all functions.

Responsibilities: Volunteers are to develop a timeline, theme, signage, social media, press releases, community calendars, Radio and Newspaper, Video Promotion, implement and Mahalo Ad.

Facilities Maintenance Committee:

Set up, Tear down of facilities, food court, stages, cooking stations, put up signage, banners, flags, etc. Water Disposal, Bathrooms maintenance. Organize a deep cleaning of the church hall after the event. Please share your time, talent and gift with your church community.

Please welcome the following students who received their Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday July 16, 2017.

Renesha "Angela Meraci" Aldan-Amor,
Arren "Damien" Baccay,
Kylie "Jude" Buere,
Natalia "Josephine Bakhita" Crowell,
Sheryl "Francis" Lapid Fitzsimmons,
Jaimlee "Theresa" Cortez Felipe,
Yvonne "Catherine" Fulgencio,
Renato "Moses" Cadiz Galapon Jr.,
Cynthia "Catherine" Jimenez,
Raelyn "Francis" Mukini,
Matthew "Damien" Rapoza,
Barryne "Catherine" Rosario,
Chelsea "Lucy" Pono Sialana Silva
Sheena "Veronica" Soberano,
Jhommel "John" Silverio Tiri,
Jacob "Andrew" Villanueva,
Christine "Dominic" Ventura,

Confirmation Core Team would like to Thank Attorney Ben Acob for being a part of our overnight Retreat and Special Guest. Your words of wisdom have showered our Youths and help them finished their Journey Father Gus and Father Edwin, Thank you Thank you to our Teachers, Parents and Sponsors, who devoted their time, talent, patience and encouraged them to walk their Faith Journey.

Faith it makes things Possible Not Easy Be Strong and Courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9