

# Proud History Bright Future

February 1, 2009

St. Ann's Church & Model Schools 46-129 Haiku Road Kaneohe, Hawaii www.saintannshawaii.org

## *Presentation of the Lord* - February 2



The origin of the feast lies in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents bring the infant to the temple to present him to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion

after the birth of Jesus.

Two elderly people, Simeon and the widow, Anna, welcome them. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Simeon, the old man, bursts into a song of joy that the Church still sings at day's end. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesies that the child will be the instrument of Israel's salvation. He adds that the child will be a "sign of contradiction" and promises, ominously, that "a sword [of sorrow] will pierce" the heart of Mary.

Finally, there is the widow, Anna, the prophetess. She has made the temple her home. Drawn into the light of the Face of Christ, she cannot help but praise and immediately publish the good news "to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). The encounter with the Infant Christ energizes and rejuvenates her. In some way, Anna is the first apostle sent out by the Spirit to announce the Christ.

The true significance of the feast concerns Jesus' coming to the temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to the world. Even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of ordinary time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence when it falls on Sunday.

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## *Feast of St. Blaise* - February 3

The day following the Presentation of Our Lord, our calendar permits the option of commemorating St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the early church. Legend has it that he once freed a child from choking, and while imprisoned under persecution he received light from friends who visited his cell with candles.

Our church still uses candles from the Presentation

of the Lord in the blessing of the faithful's throats on St. Blaise's Day. Blessed candles in our churches and homes signify the living presence of Christ in our community.

1997 Resource Publications, Inc., San Jose, CA - Paul Turner

### **Prayer:**

***Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.***

2009 Paulist Press Ordo, Mahwah, NJ - Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

## *Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time*



**Today's Reflection:** "The people were astonished at his teaching." Too often we come to this holy place and the words that are proclaimed simply wash over us. When was the last time we were "astonished at his teaching? Like the man with an unclean spirit we can have too many "spirits" that distract us, making us less receptive to the word of God. Let us ask the Lord to drive from us any distractions that prevent us from knowing the true power of the word of God.

**Name one thing that distracts you during the proclamation of the readings at Mass. Is there a way that you can overcome that distraction?**

**Next Sunday's Reading – February 8, 2009**

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**Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

**Mark 1:29-39**

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**Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

The Hebrews of Job's time recognize his position and lifestyle as patriarch of a family clan. When he loses all, in spite of his religious fidelity, he asks God, "Why me?" His friends question his allegiance to God and the wisdom of such a question. He asks because his adversity challenges everything he knows and expects from his station in life. Despite his faithfulness to God, his situation shakes his confidence. Job comments on the brevity of life but does not understand God's timing. He believes God will show his faithfulness and generosity in His own time.

We, like Job, cannot answer the question, "Why me?" We must accept that only God will provide the answer, in His own time and in ways we may not expect. God is faithful.

*During times of hardship, what has helped you return to God or remain faithful, like Job?*

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

Paul defends his rights as an apostle. He sees the institution of hospitality as an impediment to evangelization. (In his times focus is on the host or the status of the guest.) The focus should be on Christ, so he chooses to support himself as a tent-maker. He believes his audience should value his message and respect him who preaches "without cost."

The "apostles" who dedicate their lives to ministry need food, shelter, and money to continue the effort. They are worth the cost. We tell others the Good News even as we may enjoy its benefits. We should remember the Good News is a freely given gift from God.

***How have you shown others the Good News?***

**Mark 1:29-39**

Jesus has come with one duty: to announce God's Kingdom. Jesus' word can heal and free people from demons as He proclaims the Good News. His Word has the power to make people whole, return them to their place in family and society, and reconcile them to God. Spreading the Word is the reason for his ministry.

His Word not only heals people but also returns them to their proper place in society. They return to a proper place before God, the essence of the Good News. That is the reason for his death and the power of his resurrection. Our challenge is to get right with the Lord and to pass that message on to others through our words and healing deeds.

***Ponder on how illness or hardships can be a means of evangelization and growth toward a closer relationship with God?***

www.word-sunday.com -Larry Broding, 1999 - 2009  
World Library Publications, Jerry Galipeau, NOV 2008-FEB 2009

## ***Please pray for:***

**Our deployed Military Personnel:** Joey Adams, Kevin Blecha, Daniel Carreiro, Jr., Joseph Carvalho, Jr., Norman Chun, David Clemons, Conrad Encarnacion, Brian Patrick Emerson, Keoni Halemano, Manlee Herrington, Blake Homer, Michael Hun, Matthew Ingold, Brandon W. Josue, Justin Kaihenui, Clayton Kaneakalau, Kalani Kai Liana, William Lurbe, Jr., Chad Muller, Kukea Naber, Ian Novak, Patrick Salanoa, Michael Scarborough, Isaiah Somera, Benedict Tesoro, Bert Uyenco, Jacob A. Wruck

*Please continue to pray for all our military and their families and help us be current in our listing by letting us know when they return.*

**Our sick members and friends:** Aunty Sophie Akui, Anna Alisna, John Andrade, Jr., Josanne Arriaga, Marcel Brancaloni, Rob Brkljacich, Hilda Cannon, Fernando Castro, Mary Cerny, Ella Chai, Kuuipo Chai, Florentino Dela Cruz, Richard DePonte, Pat Dumadag, Sr., Denise Erlandiz, Eva Elderts, Betty Funayama, Denise Galvin, Raymond Gonzales, Tina Gutosky, Mildred & Norma Ishimoto, Allan Kalua, Florence Karimoto, Kapua Kauwale, Myrna "Kahulu" Landgraf, Kenneth Lane, Rodney Leong, Calvin Lock, George McCumber III, Thomas Lum, Kent McGirr, Kekoa Medeiros, Moana Medeiros, Ross Medeiros, Pamela Medeiros Mercado, Mildred Nakagawa, William C. Nipp, Jr., Benjamin Pamatigan, Sr., John Regan, Monica Reyes, Daryl Jean & Lei Salima, Harolyn Schubert, Jim Serrao, Judi Spencer, Betsy Takai, Jeannette Taylor, Mary Teves, Bernard Vierra, Kalani Walser, Zion Whitfield, Eugene Wong, Smitty & Diane Wong, Skip Wright, Tran Xuyen, Bobby Yee

**Our deceased members & friends:** Donald Kui Fat Ching, Aulani Kauhane, Lawrence D.C. Lau, John Maxfield, Sofia Petelo, Amado Ramos, Joey Yoshizawa

**Anniversary of Death:** Fr. Nobi Fernandez (1<sup>st</sup>.) Anastasia Tabugadir (1<sup>st</sup>.) Emilia Garcia (8<sup>th</sup>.) Violet Castro (11<sup>th</sup>.) Jackie Mello (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Special Intentions:** Jeremy Alvarez, Mark Bennett, Brian Cayetano, Sr., Kaipo Cayetano, Derek De Lima, Tilly & Manny De Mello, Lanny Fong, Emily Halas, Lylia Ishihara, Carol Luke, Carol Lum, Francis Mundon, Donald Sakamoto, Chris Treakle



### **Cleaners: Week of 1/18/2009**

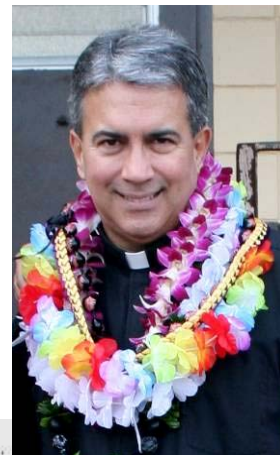
Billie Corpuz, Andrew Dau, Stella Dela Pina, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Don Hee, Susie Hipolito, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, Robert Kalua, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Agnes Leong, Raynette Lum, Kim McDaniel, John Murray, John Quisano, Curly Rodrigues, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Gary Sakamoto, Robert Tabaniag, Carl Wild, Patrick & Bev Yearian

## ***A Note From Our Pastor***

*A special and heart-felt thank you for the many cards, special gifts, lei, prayers and well wishes for my birthday. Thank you for all the love and care you continue to shower upon me.*

***United in the Sacred Hearts,***

*Rev. Sherman Somera, O.S.A.*



## **Catholics Returning Home (CRH)**

St. Ann's Church will offer a six-week program, Catholics Returning Home. A ministry geared for non-practicing Catholics who wish to return to full participation in the Church. Sessions begin:

**Mondays: FEB 9, 16, 23, MAR 2, 9, 16**

**Time: 6:00P – 8:30P**

**Place: St. Ann's Parish Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> flr.**

There is no better time than the present. Find your way back to God through the Catholic Church and/or help others return home. For more information, call Jerry or Lilian McClellen at 247-7561.

## **Calling All Songbirds**

Join the **2009 Easter Choir** as we prepare our hearts and voices for the upcoming Lenten Season. Rehearsals begin:

**Tuesdays: 2/10, 2/17, 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7**

**Mondays: 2/23 & 3/16**

**Time: 7:15P – 9:00P**

**Place: St. Ann's Church**

For more information, call 247-3092, ext. 231.

## **Next Spiritual Retreat (BCC)**

Strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with God. Take this opportunity to open your heart and renew your spirit. Grow stronger as a faithful witness to Jesus.

**Dates: March 6 - 8, 2008**

**Time: 5:00P Friday - Mid-afternoon Sunday**

**Place: St. Anthony's Retreat Center**

Information fliers are available at the back of the Church or visit their website: [www.bcchi.com](http://www.bcchi.com)

## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is an act of love to God. It is a quiet reflective time of personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It is an act of reparation and intercession for the needs of community, the Church and the world.

*Adoration will be on Friday, FEB 6, 2009 from 7:00A to 7:00P in the Queen of Peace Chapel.*



## Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) Letters

Churches across the nation have signed postcards urging Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) and retain the laws against government funding and promotion of Abortion. Register your opposition to FOCA by completing the 3-letter packet and mailing it to our two U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative. Let your voice be heard!

*(FOCA Letter packets are available in the vestibule.)*

## Married and Loving It! (Most of the Time)

Join us for an afternoon of Marriage Enrichment. Couples of all ages are welcome. Come renew your dreams, increase the passion in your relationship, improve on couple decision-making, and more.

**Date: Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**Time: 1:00P - 5:30P**

**Place: St. Ann's Church (Child Care provided)**

To register, call 247-3092, ext. 231 by March 2, 2009.

*Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter & St. Ann's Church*

## Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (WWME) can help enrich and strengthen your marriage. Call to register for the **next Oahu WWME Weekend on March 20 – 22, 2009**

For more information & registration, please call Duane & Wanya Ogata at (808) 625-8863. Visit their website at [www.lovemoredeeply.org](http://www.lovemoredeeply.org)



## St. Ann's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Dinner & Dance

Tables are available for purchase. You may purchase tables at the \$5,000 level (Diamond), \$3000 level (Ruby), or \$1250 level (Emerald). Individual seats are \$125. Some are joining other alumnae, friends and/or family to purchase tables together. Join us in supporting St. Ann's Model Schools, making Catholic Education a reality for all children.

*Mark your 2009 calendars for:  
Saturday, February 7, 2009*

*Ko'olau Golf Club*

*Grand Ballroom*

*5:30P – Silent Auction*

*6:45P – Dinner & Dance*

*For reservations or more information,  
please call 247-3092, ext. 221*

Purchases of Dinner Seats are \$75 Tax Deductible,  
Scholarship Fund Donations are 100% Tax Deductible

*Semi-Formal or Aloha Attire*

*Complimentary Valet Parking*

## Silent Auction

**We are currently accepting all types of donations for our Silent Auction. If you or someone you know will be able to donate items for the Silent Auction, please call 247-3092, ext. 221. With your help, we can make this another spectacular event!**

## Windward Community Blood Drive

**Date: Saturday, February 5, 2009**

**Time: 7:00A - 1:00P**

**Place: Hawaii Pacific University  
Hawaii Loa Campus, Kaneohe**

Simple requirements are:

• *18 years of age or older*

• *Have a valid picture ID with birth date*

Please call the Blood Bank of Hawaii to schedule your next life saving donation at 848-4721.



# Stewardship

## Leading Others to Serve



St. Ann's parishioners, Bernie & Dave Reeves continue to serve as team leaders for Habitat for Humanity. – (Habitat to Philippines 2007)

You may recognize them as one of the 7:00A daily Mass “regulars” or as Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend Masses. They are parishioners, Bernie and Dave Reeves. They worked as teachers in Saudi Arabia and retired last year to their home in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Bernie & Dave are all but retired and waste no time in being active, contributing members in our parish

and global communities. Serving others is a passion they share as they continue to work with Habitat for Humanity. (A non-profit organization that helps to build homes for needy people.)

Bernie & Dave have led five Student Global Village Trips to Sri Lanka and the Philippines and have volunteered again as team leaders for **Habitat for Humanity Global Village trip to South Vietnam on August 1 – 15, 2009**. Their group of about 14 people from all over the world will be working in the village of Rach Gia on the Gulf of Thailand, near the Mekong Delta. They will help build houses for poor families in that city.

If you are interested in joining the group or in making a donation, please visit their website at <http://sites.google.com/site/kiengiangvy>. For more information, email [dave\\_bernie@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_bernie@yahoo.com) or call Bernie at 348-7180.

Thank you Bernie & Dave for being wonderful examples of Christian Stewardship.

### A Faithful Steward:

- *Receive God's gifts with gratitude*
- *Tends to these gifts in a responsible way*
- *Shares these gifts for the common good*
- *Returns these gifts to God*

## FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF January 25, 2009

Regular Collection	14,724.50	BUILDING CAMPAIGN	
Church in Latin America	1,255.00	Loan Amount	192,590.03
Black & Indian Mission	1,289.00	Week of 1/25/2009	1,721.33
Children's Weekly	28.00	Interest	107.95
Building Fund and Pledges	1,721.33		
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>19,017.83</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>190,976.65</b>

For the needed renovations of the Parish Center and on-going maintenance, thanks to you we have a great start!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (Total to Date): \$257,194.55**

*Gift-wrap your Sunday donation by using the church numbered envelopes. Call the Rectory, 247-3092, ext.244*

### How Do I Share God's Gifts With Others?

I comforted a friend when she was sad. – Alissa U.

I helped mommy wash dishes and clean the kitchen. – Laynee

I helped my mom by doing the laundry when she was busy. – Kirah W.

I helped tutor my friend with schoolwork. – Kanani E.

I helped my friend feel better. – Keila M.

RE – Religious Education, ages 3-13 YM - Youth Ministry, ages 14-18 BAP PREP – Baptism Preparation RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults AFF – Adult Faith Formation PC – Parish Center	<h1>February 2009</h1>	SCH – School, grades 1-8 ELC – Early Learning Center, ages 3-5 TA – Teaching Academy PSC – Pastoral Council E. Adoration – Eucharistic Adoration DC – Day Chapel
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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***Sacred Hearts Core Values: Patience & Understanding***

<b>1</b> 10a BAP PREP/Lib 10a RE/YM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Mtg/CH  7:30p One Step Up/PC	<b>2</b> 10a PSC/PC	<b>3</b> 1:15p Ed Team Meeting  7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC 7:30p CSS-Genesis/PC	<b>4</b>  7p Jesus Prayer Grp/PC	<b>5</b> Curriculum Day (Reading/Math)  7p Jesus Prayer Grp/PC	<b>6</b> 7a-7p E. Adoration 8:15A SCH/ELC Mass/CH 10:45a ELC Prayer / CH  BCC Confirmation Retreat #2 7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC	<b>7</b> Scholarship Dinner & Dance @ Ko'olau GC  1p – 5:30P Marriage Enrichment Session/CH 
<b>8</b> 10a BAP PREP / CH 10a RE/YM CII Sponsor Mtg/Lib  BCC Confirmation Retreat (cont'd) 7:30p One Step Up/PC	<b>9</b> 6p Ana Malia/PC 6p CRH/PC 7p Ministry Coordinator's Meeting	<b>10</b> 8a Maryknoll Founders Day/CH  7p Easter Choir/CH 7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC 7:30p CSS-Genesis/PC	<b>11</b> 12:30p SCH Dismissal 1p SCH/ELC Faculty Meeting  7:30p RCIA/PC	<b>12</b> SCH/ELC Intent to Return Sent out  7p Jesus Prayer Grp/PC	<b>13</b> 10:45a ELC Prayer/CH  Deficiencies Mailed Home  7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day  9a CSS-Genesis/PC 9:30a Legion of Mary/PC  Ka Lā Ho'okipa
<b>15</b> 10a NO RE/YM  7:30p One Step Up/PC	<b>16</b> NO SCH/ELC <b>President's Day</b> Offices Closed	<b>17</b> 1:15p Ed Team Meeting  7p Easter Choir/CH 7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC 7:30p CSS-Genesis/PC	<b>18</b>  7:30p RCIA/PC	<b>19</b>  7p Jesus Prayer Grp/PC	<b>20</b> 10:45a ELC Prayer/CH  SCH Monthly tuition due  7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC	<b>21</b> 9a 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/CH 9a CSS-Genesis/PC 9:30a Legion of Mary/PC  6p Baptism Mass
<b>22</b> 10a RE/YM CI Parent Session/LIB 11:30a RE/YM Faculty Mtg/PC 11:30a YM Mass  7:30p One Step Up/PC	<b>23</b> 10a PSC/PC  6p Ana Malia/PC  7p Easter Choir/CH	<b>24</b> <i>Mardi Gras</i>  7p AFF Session/CH Malasadas to follow/FC 7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC	<b>25</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Masses: 7a & 7p  8:15 SCH/ELC Prayer 11:30a SCH/ELC Dismissal No Extended Day  12:30p Staff Retreat 8p RCIA/PC	<b>26</b> Curriculum Day (Reading/Social Studies)  SCH Gr. 4 Retreat  7p Jesus Prayer Grp/PC	<b>27</b> 8:15a SCH Stations 10:45a ELC Prayer/CH Spelling Bee Finalist Names Due ELC Tuition Due ELC Birthdays  7p Stations/CH 7p – 9p Boy Scouts/PC	<b>28</b> 9a RCIA Retreat