

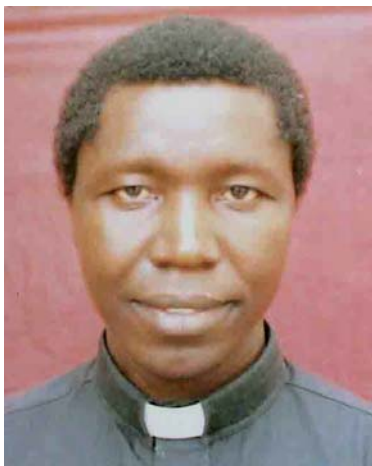
Proud History Bright Future

February 22, 2009

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

Mission Support For Tanga - Tanzania

Each year we are pleased to host a priest or bishop from another part of the world. In their talks we are given a small glimpse of the plight of our brothers and sisters who live in dire need. Even though our own economic situation is uncertain at this time, there are many in the world who go without food and the basic necessities of life.



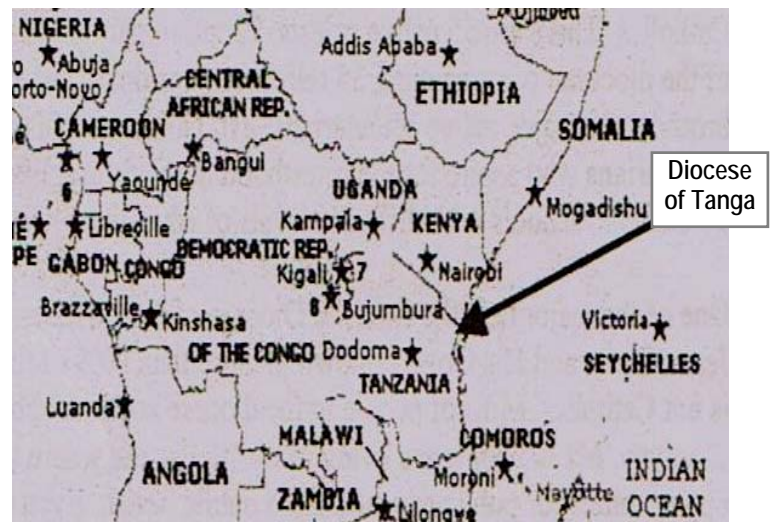
This year we welcome Fr. Severin Yagaza from the Catholic Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania. He is our guest homilist this week and will focus his appeal on requesting material and financial support for the swarms of orphan children left by parents who have died because of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Fr. Severin was born in Tanzania in 1962 and became a priest in 1986. His post-ordination education in the United States was at Elmira College in New York (BA Psychology, MS Adult and General Education) and at SUNY in Binghamton, New York (PhD. Ed.) He worked in various capacities in education, seminary religious formation, and pastoral assignments in both Tanzania and New York.

One of the major tasks the Catholic Diocese of Tanga faces is to make the presence of Jesus Christ and His Gospel known to more than 90% of the diocesan population of two million that is not Catholic.



Over 15 million children worldwide have lost one or both parents to AIDS – equivalent to the number of people living in New York, Paris, and Bangkok combined. www.n-retrospekt.com

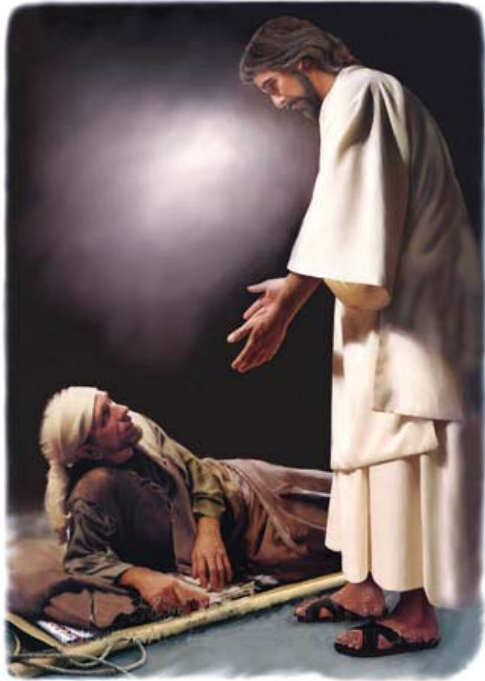


Since 1985 the Diocese of Tanga has faced a great tragedy of losing many young parents through the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Resources are very limited to support these children with their extremely vital education and health needs. We make a plea to your generosity for the needs of these children. We look forward to the proceeds from this missionary appeal to help the Diocese of Tanga bring hope to the multitude of orphan children. To provide education for the people against this pandemic. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference. www.dioceseoftanga.org

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

**Seventh
Sunday
In
Ordinary
Time**

*"I say to you,
rise, pick up
your mat, and
go home."
Mark 2:11*



relationship with God through Noah, God's plan for salvation will progress.

What signs does the Church use to amplify our covenant with God?

1 Peter 3:18-22

Jesus the Christ is all-powerful, even in and through death. Jesus dies for us, the guilty, so he can reunite us with his Father. As with many other verses in the New Testament, the author uses an image or symbol in one analogy to turn to another. In this case, the water of the Flood (God's judgment) becomes the turning point to the analogy of Baptism. This sacrament gives Christians a clear conscience based upon faith in the resurrection.

Christ's power through his death and resurrection has impact on what a Christian lifestyle means. Taking the moral high ground will cause the faithful suffering as they live out their Christian commitment. Suffering means the believer walks the way of the Lord in a very real way. The way of the Cross is the path of suffering but is also the path of power.

How have you suffered for your faith? How has Christ's power helped you?

Mark 1:12-15

In this short account of the Temptation, Mark connects the ministry of John to that of Jesus. The Baptism of Jesus is a public event, witnessed by friend and enemy alike. After the heavenly announcement, "This is my beloved Son," it is time for spiritual battle. The desert is not a place of escape, but one of discovery. Jesus does not face Satan alone. God is ever present through the service of his angels.

Christ in the desert reveals the new Adam, the One who will vanquish the Tempter. Unlike Adam (and later the Israelites in the desert), Jesus does not fall to whims of selfish ambition. In his fidelity Jesus claims victory over Satan and foreshadows his obedient acceptance of the cross.

With his victory over evil and after the arrest of John, Jesus begins to proclaim the Kingdom. Ultimately, his obedience on the cross lifts us up with him so we can share in the relationship of the Father and the Son, the very essence of the Kingdom.

What plans do you have for this Lent to help you turn away from the temptations of "the world, the flesh and the devil"?

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

Today's Reflection: Even though the people of Israel have burdened the Lord with their sins, the Lord decides to wipe out their offenses and remember their sins no more. How awesome is our God! Too often we hold grudges in this life; we harbor unforgiving hearts. Refusing to forgive can lead to a kind of paralysis that prevents us from fully realizing our potential as human beings created in God's image and likeness. Let us ask that we be cured of any paralysis that has frozen our hearts because of our refusal to forgive others.

Name a situation in your life that you truly forgave someone who had deeply hurt you.

Next Sunday's Reading – March 1, 2009

**Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15**

Genesis 9:8-15

God's covenant with Noah marks the second one with humanity. When the first humans break His covenant with them, sin increases in the world and they must struggle with nature.

Noah and his family are the only righteous people left. After the flood, God promises never again to destroy humanity by a flood. The sign of the covenant is the rainbow and it acts as a shield, as a physical barrier, so that it separates the waters in the heavens from those on earth. It allows for dry land to reappear.

This covenant becomes the basis for the Jewish belief in the righteous Gentile. Since all people have a covenant

Please pray for:

Our deployed Military Personnel: Joey Adams, Kevin Blecha, Kale Akui Cabanilla, Daniel Carreiro, Jr., Joseph Carvalho, Jr., Norman Chun, David Clemons, 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, 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, Boo-D Alapag, Anna Alisna, Jeanette Anderson, John Andrade, Jr., Josanne Arriaga, Marcel Brancalonei, Rob Brkljacich, Hilda Cannon, Fernando Castro, Mary Cerny, Ella Chai, Kuuipo Chai, Florentino Dela Cruz, Eva Elderts, Betty Funayama, Denise Galvin, Raymond Gonzales, Tina Gutosky, Rachel Hee, Mildred & Norma Ishimoto, Allan Kalua, Florence Karimoto, Kapua Kauwale, Kenneth Lane, Calvin Lock, Thomas Lum, George McCumber III, Cleghorn McKee, Kekoa Medeiros, Moana Medeiros, Ross Medeiros, Pamela Medeiros Mercado, Mildred Nakagawa, Shirley Nakamura, Clara Okazaki, Benjamin Pamatigan, Sr., Denis Park, John Regan, Daryl Jean & Lei Salima, Andres Saplal, Nicholas Saplal, Jim Serrao, Megan Silva, Donna Soares, 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: Irene Bustamante, Joseph & Margaret Carreira, Speckman Chang, Mabel Kihara, Carl & Helen Langben, George Lewis, Conching Espiritu Rabara, Monica Reyes, Jack Santos, Harolyn Schubert, Agnes Simao, William & Olive Simao, Adeline Spinola, Corky Trinidad, John Wilkinson, Joey Yoshizawa

Anniversary of Death: Thomas Chang (9th), Gladys Rack (13th)

Special Intentions: Mark Bennett, Brian Cayetano, Sr., Kaipo Cayetano, Robert Kalua, Derek De Lima, Tilly & Manny De Mello, Lanny Fong, Emily Halas, Lylia Ishihara, Carol Luke, Francis Mundon, Geraldine Nichols, Chris Treakle



Cleaners: Week of 2/15/2009

Dennis Chai, Billie Corpuz, Andrew Dau, Stella Dela Pina, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Sam Halas, Don Hee, Susie Hipolito, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Agnes Leong, Raynette Lum, Aileen Ma, Kim McDaniel, John Quisano, Arlene & Bill Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Celia Simon, Robert & Myriam Tabaniag, Carl Wild, Bev Yearian

Floral Donations & Arrangers: St. Ann's Gardens Mervin & Renae Chun, Nancy Fukushima, Vernon Gomes & John Murray

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 at the Church
(Child Care provided)

To register, call the Rectory at 247-3092, ext. 231.
Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter & St. Ann's Church.

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, 2009

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

Free Income Tax Preparation

For taxpayers with middle and low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Location: Key Project

47-200 Waihee Road
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
Phone: 239-5777

Schedule: Every other Thursday @ 6P-9P
Every other Saturday @ 9A - 1P

Location: Ho`okipa Kahaluu

47-330 Ahuimanu Road
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
Phone: 239-5777

Schedule: Every other Tuesday @ 9A - 12N
Every other Saturday @ 9A - 1P

Call: Vickie (808) 469-0368 between
4P - 8P (Monday - Saturday ONLY)

For more information, call:

- AARP TAX-AIDE 1-888-227-7669
- Aloha United Way 1-808-275-2000
- AUW Hotline 211
- www.hawaiiataxhelp.org

Ash Wednesday - February 25, 2009



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty-six days before Easter. It gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance.

“Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return.” – Genesis 3:19

We pray that our hearts be stirred to turn away from sin as we prepare to

welcome the God who is slow to anger, rich in kindness and mercy. **Mass Schedule: 7:00A & 7:00P**

Place: St. Ann’s Church

2009 Easter Choir

Join us as we prepare our hearts and voices for the upcoming Lenten Season. Rehearsals are:

Tuesdays: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/31, 4/7

Mondays: 2/23 & 3/23

Time: 7:15P – 9:00P

Place: St. Ann’s Church

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

Centering Prayer Workshop Series

This Lenten season we invite you to deepen your prayer practice with Centering Prayer, a quiet inner experience of God. We sit in silence and consent to God’s action and presence. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God. If you want to learn more about Centering Prayer, you are welcome to attend this introduction. Persons of all faiths are welcome.

Date: Saturday, MAR 14, 2009 (Session I)

Place: St. Ann’s Parish Center

Time: 8:30A - 1:00P

Cost: Free (Donations welcome.) Bring a brown bag lunch.

The series start with the ½ -day workshop on Saturday and continues with a series of six mini-sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7:15P, St. Ann’s Parish Center, 2nd floor.

For more information or to register contact Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka at 235-1907 or email: cohi@lava.net.

To find more information on Centering prayer, visit: <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>. Books and various publications on Centering Prayer are soon to be available at St. Ann’s Resource Center.

Catholic Roots in Mardi Gras

February 24, 2009

Mardi Gras, literally means "Fat Tuesday" in French. The name comes from the tradition of slaughtering and feasting upon a fattened calf on the last day of Carnival. The day is also known as Shrove Tuesday (from "to shrive," or hear confessions.)

Mardi Gras has roots that lie in the Christian calendar, as the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That's why the enormous party in New Orleans, for example, ends abruptly at midnight on Tuesday. What is less known about Mardi Gras is its relation to the Christmas season, through the ordinary-time interlude known in many Catholic cultures as Carnival.

Carnival comes from the Latin words carne vale, meaning "farewell to the flesh." Like many Catholic holidays and seasonal celebrations, it likely has its roots in pre-Christian traditions based on the seasons. As early as the middle of the second century, the Romans observed a Fast of 40 Days, which was preceded by a brief season of feasting, costumes and merrymaking.

The best-known celebration in the U.S. is in New Orleans and the French-Catholic communities of the Gulf Coast. The official colors of Mardi Gras, with their roots in Catholicism, started in New Orleans in 1837: purple, a symbol of justice; green, representing faith; and gold, to signify power. -

www.americancatholic.org/Features/MardiGras

This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 25, 2009. Traditionally the day before is called Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) - a time of celebration and festivity.

With more reason to celebrate, Pope Benedict XVI will proclaim Blessed Damien of Molokai a saint this year. Join us for a special session on the life of Blessed Damien presented by Fr. Herman Gomes.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Time: 7:00P -7:45P in Church

**Followed by “hot”
Malassadas outside
the church
building.**



Stewardship

Find Joy In Giving



Watch small children. They understand the joy of giving. They give of themselves to help others. It may be setting the dinner table or helping with the dishes afterwards. They do it joyfully and lovingly.

Somewhere along the way, many of us lose that joy. As we got older, we asked "What's in it for me?" We did the dishes because our allowance depended on it.

doing the dishes. Perhaps it was spending time getting to know my mother better. Perhaps it was recognizing all that my parents had done for me. Perhaps it was realizing that washing the dishes was such a small thing to do but it meant so much. No longer a chore, doing dishes became a way to share my love.

Unfortunately, for many of us the joy of giving is lost. As adults, our attitude towards giving is still "What's in it for me?" We give reluctantly, if we give at all. As part of total stewardship, we need to be concerned about *how* we give our time to others. This season of Lent provides us the opportunity to reflect on and perhaps evaluate where *we are* in our own Christian stewardship.

How can we find joy in giving? One way is to let our relationships with God and others grow. When we start to realize all that God has done for us, giving our time, talent and treasure seems to be a small thing to do in response to God's abundant blessings. In giving of ourselves, we discover the true *joy in giving* once again.

International Catholic Stewardship Council Prot. No. 1551.08.03

By the time we became teenagers, even money wasn't good enough. There was no way we were going to do the dishes or anything else our parents asked. A strange thing happened to me when I came home during college vacations. I started

FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF February 15, 2009

Regular Collection	14,000.25	BUILDING CAMPAIGN	
Special Collection		Loan Amount	180,139.06
Children's Weekly	33.50	Week of 2/15/2009	1,605.00
Building Fund and Pledges	1,605.00	Interest	1,622.51
TOTAL COLLECTION	15,638.75	BALANCE	180,156.57

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): \$260,987.55

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 helped my Mom cook dinner. – Alissa U.

No arguing with Mom. – Kirah W.

I shared my cookies with some friends. – Keila M.

I helped take care of my little sis. – Kepa P.

I helped my Grandma fold the clothes. – Laynee

I turned off the lights to conserve electricity. – Emma I.

What Is Taizé Prayer?

Taizé (pronounced “tay-zay”), in the south of Burgundy, France, is the home of an international ecumenical community dedicated to reconciliation. Founded in 1940 by Brother Roger, it is made up of more than 100 men, Catholic and Protestant, from more than twenty-five nations. Life in the community focuses on prayer and Christian meditation. Young people from all over the world visit Taizé each week to join in the community life.

Taizé has spawned a unique style of worship that reflects the meditative nature of the community. Taizé prayer is done worldwide in prayer services that include scripture readings, meditative songs, silence, and Veneration of the Cross. - <http://www.taize.fr/en>

Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds during the Lenten Season. St. Ann's will sponsor this unique style of prayer and welcomes all to participate.

***Everyone is invited to St. Ann's
2009 Taizé prayer service:***

Dates: Fridays, MAR 13 & 27

Time: 7:30 PM

**Place: St. Ann's Church,
46-129 Haiku Rd., Kaneohe
(Starting soon after the 7:00PM
Stations of the Cross.)**



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

Mahalo Nui Loa St. Ann's!

To the many parishioners who helped to support this year's 4th Annual Scholarship Dinner & Dance. Many of you helped with outright monetary donations and silent auction items. Thank you to those who purchased tables and individuals seats and joined us for an evening of great fun, delicious food, spirited bidding, lots of laughter and dancing. The camaraderie shared during the evening was truly an *Affair Of The Heart*. The profits of this wonderful event contributed:

\$44,374.00

to the scholarship fund. We could not have done this without your help and continued support!



St. Ann's Teaching Staff enjoying the evening. L-R: Renee Fung, Audrey Tim, Francine Kunimoto, Cindy Ramos, Louise Barr & Carla Castro. - Photo by: C.Ticknor

Habitat for Humanity - 2009



(A non-profit organization that helps to build homes for needy people.)

Parishioners, Bernie & Dave Reeves 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.** They 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/kiengianggy>. For more information, email dave_bernie@yahoo.com or call Bernie at 348-7180.