

Proud History Bright Future

March 8, 2009

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

The Transfiguration Of The Lord

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

Peter and the others do not understand. In this context, the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain before Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem." A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "***This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!***"

The custom of reading today's Gospel near the beginning of Lent may have come from an ancient tradition which held that the Transfiguration of Jesus took place forty days before Good Friday.

The **Transfiguration of Jesus** is an event reported by the Synoptic Gospels in which Jesus was *transfigured* upon a mountain (Matthew 17:1-6, Mark 9:1-8, Luke 9:28-36). The original Greek term in the Gospels is *metamorphothe*, describing Jesus as having undergone metamorphosis.

Jesus became transfigured, his face shining like the sun, and his clothes a brilliant white. Elijah and Moses suddenly appeared with Jesus and talked with him. Luke states they talked about Jesus' future death. Then, a bright cloud appeared



overhead and a voice from Heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased," which parallels a similar event during the Baptism of Jesus.

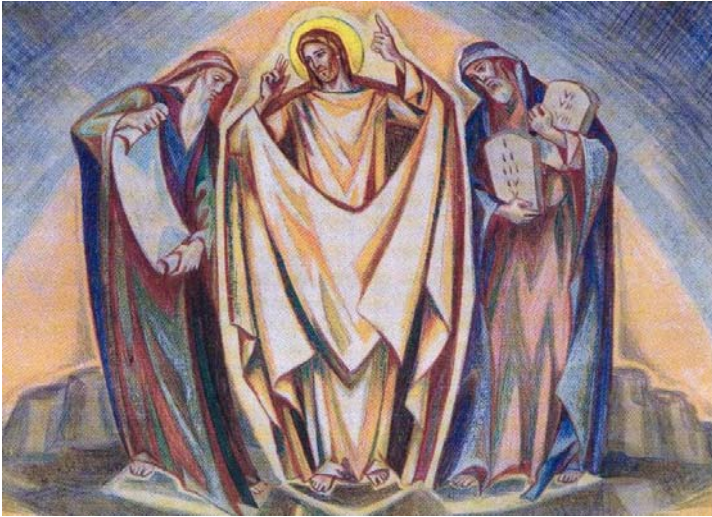
Catholic Tradition has it as literally happening on Mount Tabor. For scholars, Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets. Their conversation with Jesus symbolizes how Jesus fulfills "the law and the prophets" (Matthew 5:17-19.)

After the cloud and Elijah and Moses disappear, and Jesus and the three Apostles head down the mountain. Jesus tells his Apostles to keep the event a secret until after the *Son of Man* had risen from the dead. The Apostles question Jesus about Elijah, and he responds, "*Elijah has come indeed*" (Mark 9:12-13). Jesus meant John the Baptist who came to prepare for the day of the Lord. The Apostles do not yet clearly understand that one day we will inherit the promise of resurrection and life in the kingdom of heaven.

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transfiguration_of_Our_Lord
Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1997 United States Catholic Conference

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Second Sunday Of Lent



Today's Reflection: Today we listen to two stories that take place on mountaintops. In the first we hear the story of how God puts Abraham to the test. We call Abraham "our father in faith" precisely because he is willing to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, because the Lord God has commanded it. When Abraham stands ready to kill Isaac, the Lord God intervenes, prevents the sacrifice, and blesses Abraham in abundance. In the second story, Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him on a mountaintop to witness his transfigured glory. Let us ask God to strengthen our own faith and lead us to share one day in the transfigured glory of Christ.

What are some ways we can increase our faith in God during this holy season?

Next Sunday's Reading – March 15, 2009

Exodus 20: 1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Exodus 20: 1-17

The Commandments come from God with the reminder of His fidelity to the people. God takes the first step and is active in the lives of people. For the Hebrew, God is God because He first calls and the people then respond.

The commandments are in descending order of importance. The first calls for complete fidelity. God is to be first. We are to use God's name in terms of a loving relationship with Him, not in trying to use or manipulate Him. "To keep holy God's day" means

more than going to church. On the seventh day God rests and we should as well. The third and fourth commandments define a society faithful to God and to family. The rest affect our relationships with others. The commandments encourage a single-hearted intent.

Which commandment do I fail? Which, if put in the positive, would give me comfort?

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The community at Corinth is encountering infighting. Various cliques have formed factions. Paul answers these factions by showing they need to operate under a greater principle, with a greater vision. Their new faith is more than heavenly signs or divine insight. Faith is doing God's will.

On the surface, Paul uses the image of the crucifix as a rallying point for unity of all the factions so they will become one in mind and heart, one in purpose and outreach. After all, God has only one purpose for the Church. True believers are willing to become "fools for Christ."

When have others criticized you for being a Christian?

John 2:13-25

The cleansing of the temple reveals Jesus as the Messiah. This violent act leads to a prediction of his Passion and Resurrection. Jesus has the deepest respect for the Temple and its traditions. He cleanses the Temple courtyard out of respect for what the Temple means: God's dwelling place on earth.

However, Jesus sees beyond the Temple and the nation it represents. The narrow interests of the Jewish leadership will soon lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple. Jesus knows the message of Judaism is too important to keep to that nation itself. The God of Israel is truly the God of all.

In addition, the destruction of the Temple is another sign for the coming of the end time, which begins with the death of Christ on the cross. His Risen Body replaces the Temple and becomes a home for all believers, a safe haven for all who await the final judgment.

Pray for those scandalized by the cross. Trust God for their welfare.

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

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, Christopher Frost, Keoni Halemamo, Manlee Herrington, Blake Homer, Michael Hun, Matthew Ingold, Brandon W. Josue, Justin Kaihenui, Clayton Kaneakalau, Kalani Kai Liana, William Lurbe, Jr., Steven P. Middlecamp, 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, John Andrade, Jr., Josanne Arriaga, Rob Brkljacich, Cathy Camacho, Hilda Cannon, Fernando Castro, Mary Cerny, Ella Chai, Kuuipo Chai, Chelsea DeMello, Eva Elderts, Charlene Fong, Betty Funayama, Rachel Hee, Mildred & Norma Ishimoto, Allan Kalua, Kapua Kauwale, Calvin Lock, Thomas Lum, George McCumber III, Cleghorn McKee, Kekoa Medeiros, Moana Medeiros, Ross Medeiros, Bernadette Miranda-Sequin, Mildred Nakagawa, Shirley Nakamura, Clara Okazaki, Benjamin Pamatigan, Sr., Denis Park, John Regan, Daryl Jean & Lei Salima, Andres Saplac, Nicholas Saplac, Fred Siders, Judi Spencer, Betsy Takai, Jeannette Taylor, Mary Teves, Kawika Tom, Francis Vasconcellos, Bernard Vierra, Kalani Walser, Pete Waterkotte, Adeline Wenska, Zion Whitfield, Eugene Wong, Smitty & Diane Wong, Skip Wright, Tran Xuyen, Bobby Yee

Our deceased members & friends: John Cambra, Jr., Joseph & Margaret Carreira, Gayle Hanson, Sam Kanamu, Cecil & William Kapu, Florence Karimoto, Helen & Carl Langben, B. J. Lee, Phyllis Leonard, George Lewis, Monica Reyes, Harolyn Schubert, Agnes Simao, William & Olive Simao, Adeline Spinola, Valentine Texeira, Joey Yoshizawa

Anniversary of Death: Henry Parenio (1st), Nick Foytich (7th), John Santos, Jr. (10th)

Special Intentions: Mark Bennett, Veronica Cambra, Brian Cayetano, Sr., Kaipo Cayetano, Derek De Lima, Tilly & Manny De Mello, Lanny Fong, Emily Halas, Francis Mundon, Geraldine Nichols, Sandra Tolentino, Chris Treakle, Young Ladies Institute (YLI)



Cleaners: Week of 3/1/2009

Don Barton, Billie Corpuz, Stella Dela Pina, Maleko Fagasa, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Sam Halas, Don Hee, Susie Hipolito, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Agnes Leong, Aileen & Judy Ma, Kim McDaniel, John Quisano, Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Bev Yearian

Lenten Dry Arrangement: Mervin & Renae Chun, Nancy Fukushima, John Murray

Catholic Women's Guild

All are welcome to join us for a General Meeting and Membership Drive Mass & Luncheon:

Date: March 14, 2009

Time: 10:30A Mass

Place: St. Ann's Church

Celebrant & Guest Speaker: Fr. Christopher Keahi

Followed by a **luncheon** at **Paewalani Retreat Center at 45-901 Waialele Road, Kaneohe**

Cost: \$15 (members) **\$5** (prospective members)

Please call to **RSVP: Alice Secor at 261-5658.**

Hospitality Ministry Needs You!

We are in need of volunteers to help serve as Hospitality Ministers for **the 5:00P Sunday Mass**. They are the first to welcome parishioners and visitors to our church by handing out bulletins, helping folks find seats and assist with various other needs of the worshiping community. They help keep order and maintain a prayerful worship space for the Mass. Sign up today! Call 247-3092, ext.235.

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
Phone: 239-5777

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

Location: Ho`okipa Kahaluu

47-330 Ahuimanu Road, Kaneohe
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)**

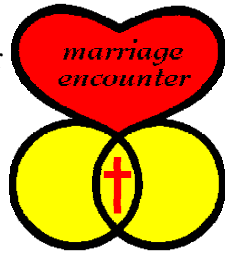
For more information, call:

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

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



Beginning Experience

An independently operated ministry rooted in the Catholic Church serving people of ALL faiths who are widowed, separated or divorced. The weekend workshop is designed to be a time of closure on the past and discovery of a new beginning. The next weekend:

Date: April 3, 4 & 5, 2009

Place: St. Anthony's Retreat Center

Cost: \$195.00 includes tuition, meals and accommodations.

An on-going support group follows the retreats. For more information, please call Arlene Koegler at 949-3387 or BE Hawaii 294-8571.

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 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.

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.*

Stewardship

Giving Without Cost

Stewardship is a life-changing experience. By thinking of creative and prayerful ways to incorporate it into our daily routine, we change our lives. Here are some ways in which families can practice the principles of giving of their time, talent and treasure:



- Place a crucifix in your home. It's a beautiful reminder of what the Lord has given to us.
- Make a simple task a prayerful one by dedicating the work you are about to do to God.
- Practice random acts of kindness, however simple.
- Take an inventory of your family's clothes. Decide which items you don't need and donate them to a charity that will put them to good use.
- Visit senior centers to read to the residents.
- Cultivate the habit of thanking people whose work usually goes unnoticed and unappreciated, including those who clean offices and schools, deliver the mail, or collect the garbage.
- Attend Mass daily as often as possible.
- When purchasing big-ticket items, choose a less expensive version and give the rest of the cost to your parish or favorite charity.
- Visit an elderly neighbor or relative, either in person or by phone.
- Eat all your meals at home for a week or month and donate the money saved to a worthy cause.
- Commit half an hour a week to say the rosary as a family. *-Together In Christ, Dec. 2001-Feb. 2002*

FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF March 1, 2009

Regular Collection	16,217.50	BUILDING CAMPAIGN	
Special Collection		Loan Amount	178,527.07
Children's Weekly	33.00	Week of 3/1/2009	6,586.33
Building Fund and Pledges	6,586.33	Interest	
TOTAL COLLECTION	22,836.83	BALANCE	171,940.74

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): \$262,142.55

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 cousin with making her invitations. – Alissa U.
 I went to visit my Uncle in the care home and made some new friends. – Ilima M.
 I shared God's gift by dancing with my friends for my family. – Agnes B.
 I helped my Mom put away the dishes. – Kahea P.
 I helped to cook dinner for my Mom. – Keila M.

Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross

During the Season of Lent, we invite you to take part in the Stations of the Cross *every Friday beginning at 7:00P in the Church.*

Windward Penance Service - 2009

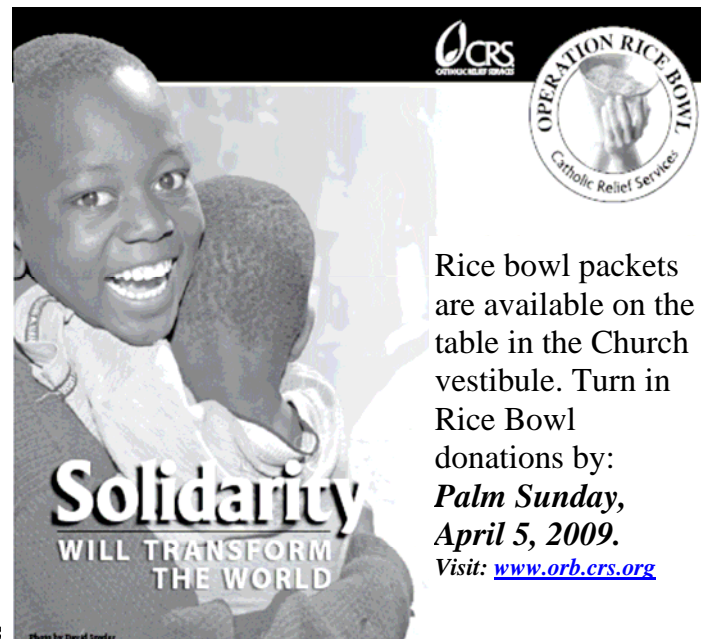
Monday 3/23 7P St. John Vianney, Kailua
Tuesday 3/24 7P St. Ann, Kaneohe
Monday 3/30 7P OL Mt. Carmel, Waikane
Tuesday 3/31 7P St. Roch, Kahuku
Wednesday 4/1 7P St. George, Waimanalo

Centering Prayer

St. Ann's Centering Prayer group meets every **Wednesdays 7:15P in St. Ann's Parish Center.** Take this opportunity to experience God through quiet and meditative prayer. For more information please call Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka at 235-1907.

Operation Rice Bowl - 2009

Our faith community will join millions of U.S. Catholics this year by participating in Operation Rice Bowl. This is a six-week Lenten program of prayer, education, fasting and almsgiving to promote peace and justice for the poor and hungry in the world.



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OPERATION RICE BOWL
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Rice bowl packets are available on the table in the Church vestibule. Turn in Rice Bowl donations by: **Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009.** Visit: www.orb.crs.org

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8 Photo by David Zupka

Lenten Recipe

This week: *Fast* from snacking and abstain from meat on Fridays always being mindful of your Lenten sacrifice and promise. Prepare this simple meal:

“Super Easy” Tuna Casserole

1 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 tbsp. flour
1 sm. round onion (diced)
1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
1 cup 1% milk or non-fat creamer
2 cans of Tuna (drained)
½ pkg. frozen peas/carrots

Sauté onions in butter in a deep saucepan for about 5 minutes and lightly sprinkle with flour. Add milk or non-fat creamer while stirring. Then, add cream of mushroom soup until well blended into mixture. Next, add in tuna, stir and then add peas and carrots. Simmer on low heat for about 10 - 15 minutes. Serve with rice or over your favorite pasta. (Serves approximately 4-5.) – *Recipe by: Chris L.*

Great Support For Tanga!

Due to your overwhelming response to Fr. Severin's appeal for the children orphans and the communities of faith in the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania, more donations were added to last week's special collection bringing our **total gift** to:

\$25,755.77

Thank you for your generous and awesome support. You will bring hope to their lives. **“Asante Sana!” (Thank You Very Much!)**

Windward Community Blood Drive

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009

Time: 7:00A - 1:00P

Place: Windward Mall, 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.

