

# Proud History Bright Future

August 30, 2009

St. Ann's Church & Model Schools 46-129 Haiku Road Kaneohe, Hawaii [www.saintannshawaii.org](http://www.saintannshawaii.org)

## Working For The Greater Good

### Celebrating "A Year for Priests"

2009 – 2010



Celebrate our St. Ann's Priests: Top, L-R: Fr. Herman Gomes, Fr. John Keenan & Fr. Benny Kosasih. – SA Photo 2009

Periodically, the Church sets aside an entire year to encourage all of us to focus on some particular and important aspect of our Faith. This year, we have an opportunity to honor our priests. They set an example of how believers are to work for the good of the community. Their examples give us guidelines on how to work for God's Kingdom.

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a year dedicated to priests. The following is an excerpt from his letter:

On the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 19 June 2009 – a day traditionally devoted to prayer for the sanctification of the clergy, I have decided to inaugurate a "Year for Priests" in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "*dies natalis*" of John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests worldwide.

This Year, meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world, will conclude on the same Solemnity in 2010. "*The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus*", the saintly Curé of Ars would often say. This touching expression makes us reflect, first of all, with heartfelt gratitude on the immense gift which priests represent, not only for the Church, but also for humanity itself. I think of all those priests who quietly present Christ's words and actions each day to the faithful and to the whole world, striving to be one with the Lord in their thoughts and their will, their sentiments and their style of life. How can I not pay tribute to their apostolic labors, their tireless and hidden service, their universal charity? And how can I not praise the courageous fidelity of so many priests who, even amid difficulties and incomprehension, remain faithful to their vocation as "friends of Christ", whom he has called by name, chosen and sent?

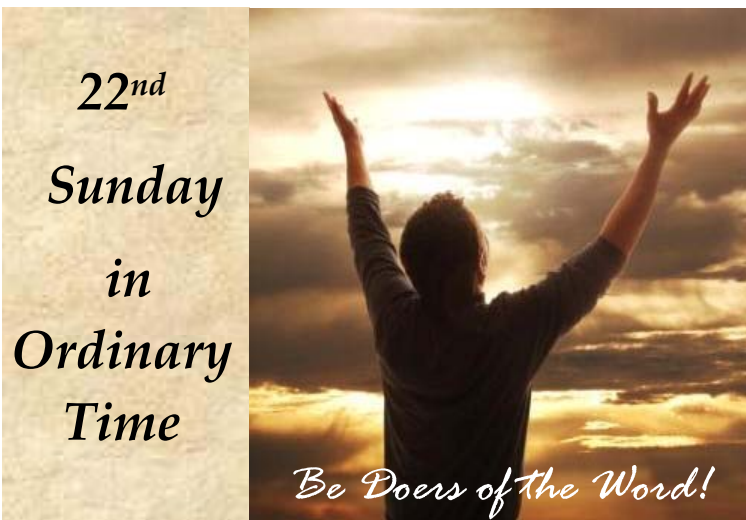
### *Our Prayer*

*When go before the Blessed Sacrament let us open our heart: our Good God will open His.*

*"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus"  
Pray for Priests, Seminarians and New Priestly Vocations!*

[www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/letters/2009](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/letters/2009)

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary



This letter is not only to the leaders of the community but also to all the members. He addresses an attitude of social prejudice. He points out the poor are rich in faith. Their faith is the quiet backbone of the community, for they eagerly share what they have, trusting in the Lord's goodness to provide for tomorrow.

If social prejudice disconnects us from the shunned, how can we claim to be faithful followers? James' faith identifies the Lord in glory as the Judge of all. We can claim to be truly Christian when we can judge as Jesus does, without favor.

***How does your overcoming your prejudices help your efforts to evangelize?***

**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

This simple miracle narrative has the overtones of an exorcism. Jesus treats this healing as a demonic possession. He spits on the ground as a warning against evil spirits. He touches the man's ears and tongue to infuse God's power. He frees the man from more than a physical ailment. Jesus restores his moral character and social contacts. Jews at that time assume physical ailments can reflect moral deficiencies, placing barriers between the man and a normal social life.

The clarity of the man's speech (his own witness) causes others to praise God and spread the reputation of Jesus. Jesus discourages this praising of him because some will think he is trying to be above his station in life. Others may misunderstand the type of Messiah He is. Jesus is not one who will drive off the Romans. Instead, He is the Messiah whose followers will spread the Good News of Salvation.

We are people of faith, but sometimes our spiritual focus is only upon the self. Often, we struggle between our immature "needs" and a real exercise in the Spirit's gifts. Despite our weaknesses, Jesus will touch and call to us. He will use our shortcomings to lead us to greater faith.

***How do your weaknesses affect your spiritual life and challenge you to do better?***

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

**Today's Reflection:**

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." This summons from today's second reading applies to us just as it does for the first audience who heard St. James' letter. Each week we come to Mass and hear the Word of God proclaimed. This reading challenges us to do more than merely hear the word. We are asked to act as that word calls us to act.

***How are you a doer of the word?***

**Next Sunday's Reading – September 6, 2009**

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

**James 2:1-5**

**Mark 7:31-37**

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7**

As the old adage goes, the prophet's job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. In the midst of the later (castigating the rich and powerful), the prophet gives comfort.

This passage is part of a great liberation poem. The broken people represented by the frightened, the blind and the deaf, and the crippled and the speechless will become whole. The land of the people will be fruitful; springs will turn desert into lush farmland. The passage describes a time of divine restoration.

***How do we as Christians pass along the Good News and its message of hope to others?***

**Second Reading: James 2:1-5**

James argues for morality as the basis for faith in Christ.

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

**Our deployed Military Personnel:** Joey Adams, Michael Alau, Kevin Blecha, Scott Bode, Kale Akui Cabanilla, John Carvalho, David Clemons, Brian Patrick Emerson, Rachel V. Fire, Christopher Frost, Blake Homer, Michael Hun, Matthew Ingold, Brandon W. Josue, Justin Kaihenui, Clayton Kaneakalau, Kalani Kai Liana, William Lurbe, Jr., Steven P. Middlecamp, Kukea Naber, Shawn Robinson, Isaiah Somera, 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:** Isaac E. K. Adams, Priscilla Adams, Boo-D Alapag, Josanne Arriaga, Nalei Beazley, Annie Calizar, George Calizar, Mary Ann Carvalho, Ella Chai, Dolly Creighton, Betty Funayama, Edith Grote, Joseph "Kealoha" Hewett, Tom Hinderleider, Mildred Ishimoto, Norma Ishimoto, Carmen Kiyabu, Juliette Lane, Iva Lehmann, Rodney Leong, Theresa Logan, George McCumber Sr., Cleghorn McKee, Moana Medeiros, Regina Meleisea, Albin Muyano, Tim Pfaltzgraff, Charla Jane Reeves, Andres Saplad, Fred Siders, Vickie Solidum, Judi Spencer, Francis Vasconcellos, Bernard & Priscilla Vierra, Red Walser, Deacon Billy Whitfield, Marsha Yim

**Our deceased members & friends:** Carmelita Diego, Emily Donato, Candida Hammonds, Clara Kunihiro, Evelyn Adams Santos, Thomas Santos, Sr., Robert H.N. Yee

**Anniversary of Death:** May Walls (1<sup>st</sup>), Emma Lau (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Santos, Jr. (10<sup>th</sup>)

**Special Intentions:** Kuuipo Chai, Lanny Fong, Kennidy Mello, Francis Mundon, Rosie & Danny Smith, Bill Trammell, Chris Treakle

## ***Thank You***

### **Cleaners: Week of 8/23/2009**

Marie Blanca, Billie Corpuz, Stella Dela Pina, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Don Hee, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank Kiyabu, Raynette Lum, Aileen & Judy Ma, Kim McDaniel, John Murray, John Quisano, Loren & Judy Rocheford, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Debbie Silva, Celia Simon, Robert Tabaniag, Bev & Patrick Yearian

**Floral Donations:** St. Ann's Gardens & Susie Hipolito

**Floral Arrangement:** Vernon Gomes, Nancy Fukushima & John Murray

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Please join us if you or someone you care about is thinking of joining the Catholic Church or is an Adult Catholic but has not been confirmed or has not received first Eucharist.

**Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

**Time: 7:30P in the Parish Center**

For more information, call Tom and Gloria Huber at 235-1437.

## **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: SEP 21, 28 OCT 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**Time: 7:00P – 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-

## **Priests For Life**

Join us for dinner with keynote speaker, Fr. Frank Pavone as he highlights the realities of Abortion and the Gospel of Life on:

**Date: Sunday, September 20, 2009**

**Place: Hale Koa Hotel at 6:30P**

For more information call Deacon Kin Borja at 224-0696 or 448-6674 or email: [Kinborja@aol.com](mailto:Kinborja@aol.com)

## **Today is Fellowship Sunday**

Join us for some hot coffee & warm donuts. Take this opportunity to meet and visit with new parishioners, family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

***Bring the whole family!***



## 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, SEP 4, 2009 from 7:00A to 7:00P in the Queen of Peace Chapel.*



## Christmas – Almost Here!

**This year's Christmas Festival will be on Saturday, December 5, 2009.** Please keep us in mind for any donated items to help support our various booths. (We will need baked goods, jams and jellies, potted plants and flowers, handmade arts and

crafts, quilts, any new household items, and Christmas greenery.) Also, a favorite booth **Hey, Mr. Postman** returns again. **Here's what you can do:**

- *When you are on vacation, look for something unique or interesting and pack it for mailing.*
- *Write or email your family and friends in far-off places and ask them to send a package.*
- *All donated items should have a \$5.00 minimum value.*
- *Mark your parcel with General, Adult or Child.*
- *Mail to: St. Ann Church  
Hey Mr. Postman  
46-129 Haiku Road  
Kaneohe, HI 96744*

*(See Church bulletin board for complete details.)*

## Crafters' Workshops will be on:

**Wednesdays, SEP 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**@ 9:00A – 12:00N**

**Thursdays, SEP 3, 10, 17 & 24**

**@ 6:30P – 9:00P**

**Place: 46-280 Hoana Street, Kaneohe**

Donations can be dropped off at the Business office: M-F 7:30A – 4:30P. For more information call Daniel Pires at 247-0868, Phyllis Pires at 247-3092, ext. 248 or Sharon Mattos at 247-3092, ext. 244.

## A Note from Our Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

We have reached a milestone in the history of our beloved Parish and it is ***Time to Celebrate*** the retirement of the debt of the “new church.”

Fund-raising for the church building started 20 years ago. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our Congregation, the building is a beautiful, dignified, and sacred place of worship. Much gratitude to all for your devotion, patience, and unbounded charity.

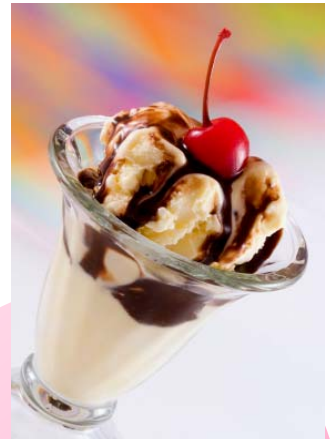
To mark this event, we are having **Ice Cream Sundaes for everybody!**

**Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009**

**Time: 10:00A -1:30P in the Food Court**

Bring your families (and neighbors, if you want) for ice cream and a chance to meet other parishioners.

Come enjoy the celebration! – *Fr. Herman Gomes*



## Lokomaika`i `Aha Himeni Songfest

Join us for an evening of Hawaiian Mele on:

**Date: Friday, September 18, 2009**

**Time: 7:30P at Our Lady of Peace Cathedral**

Various Catholic churches on Oahu will each present a Hawaiian or Hawaiian- English hymn.

**Rehearsals for the St. Ann's choir will be on:**

**Dates: Tuesdays, SEP 1 & 15**

**Wednesday, SEP 9**

**Time: 7:15P – 9:00P at St. Ann's Church**

Since there are only three rehearsals, it is important that *all* choir members attend *all* rehearsals.

We will give you a CD of our song at the first rehearsal, and you are welcome to record our rehearsals with your own devices.

## St. Anthony's Outreach

Celebrate Christmas in September! St. Anthony's Outreach is holding a **Craft Fair** on:

**Dates: Saturday, September 5, 2009**

**Time: 9:00A – 2:00P**

**Place: St. Anthony's Church, Fr. Henry Hall  
114 Makawao Street, Kailua**

For more information call 266-2226.

# Stewardship

*With Grateful Hearts*

## Our Campaign Plan

This campaign is our chance not only to invest in the future of our church but to invest in the sense of community here at St. Ann's. We build relationships through meeting and relating to fellow individuals. We build community common focus, goals and tasks. Our campaign approach is built on the desire to build from one-to-one contacts toward a common goal. Please welcome the volunteer when they call.

In summary our approach includes:

**Personal Contacts:** Our approach calls for parishioners to be visited by parish volunteers. The one-on-one visits provide the opportunity to build community while explaining the goals of our campaign and answering questions.

**Specific Gift Requests:** All parishioners will be invited to consider a specific pledge amount. The amount is a suggestion. It is based on the amount of money needed, the number of gifts expected and the type of giving needed to reach our goal. The overarching objective is equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.

**Pledges – Gifts over time:** Parishioners will be asked to consider a gift over time or pledge. Spreading the payments out over time allows most donors to consider a larger gift than would be possible with a onetime donation.



*This campaign is important to our parish. Please continue to pray for:*

- Our parish
- The success of this campaign
- Your role in this endeavor

## FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF August 23, 2009

Regular Collection	17,790.38
Special Collection	
Children's Weekly	24.50
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>17,814.88</b>

*Gift-wrap your Sunday donation by using the church numbered envelopes. For more information, please call the Rectory at 247-3092, ext.244*

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

I help to keep my Mom's workplace clean. – Keila M.

I played nicely with the cat. - Sarah

I helped my Mom feed the pets. – Laynee S.

I helped my teacher set-up her classroom. – Taylor S.

## Training Seminar on Pregnancy Loss and Unresolved Grief

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is offering an important training seminar on **Pregnancy Loss and Unresolved Grief**.

The keynote speakers are the founders of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, **Dr. Theresa Burke, PhD, LPC, NPC, and Kevin Burke, MSS, LSW**. This event is being sponsored by the **Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu's Respect Life Office**.

The issues addressed at this clinical training seminar are of grave importance to all Christians and professionals, especially those who work in the fields of education, psychology, mental health counseling, pastoral counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, campus ministry, pastoral leadership (clergy), healthcare, medicine, public policy, ethics, population studies, and other related areas.

**Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2009,**

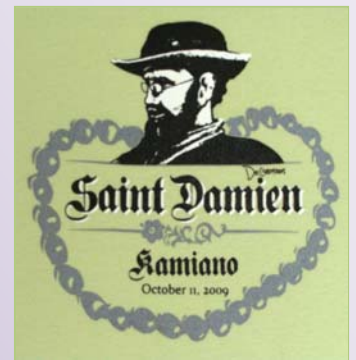
**Time: 8:30A to 5:00P**

**Place: St. Stephen's Diocesan Center**  
**6301 Pali Hwy., Kaneohe**

For more information, please contact Lisa Shorba at 469-5470 or at rvhawaii@gmail.com.

## Special T's Honor Damien

Inspired by the life of Fr. Damien and his love for Hawaii's people, fellow parishioner, Lee Gonsalves, has created a new t-shirt design to commemorate the canonization of



Fr. Damien. Now available at the following locations:

- **St. Ann's Resource Center**  
(located in St. Ann's Church and open on Sundays after 7:00A, 8:45A & 11:30A Masses.)
- **Cathedral Gift Shop**  
(located at Windward Mall and Ala Moana Shopping Center.)
- **Agape Shoppe** (located at 39 Maluniu Avenue in Kailua town.)

## St. Ann's 5th Annual Scholarship Dinner

### *Planners & Volunteers Needed!*

Our 5th Annual "An Affair of the Heart" Scholarship Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the beautiful Koolau Golf Club Grand Ballroom**. This worthwhile and elegant evening is put on by St. Ann's Education Council Members, a Council made up of parents from the ELC, School, Religious Education & Youth Ministry Programs and members of the school administration. Last year we raised over \$45,000 in scholarship funds due to the generous hearts of our parishioners, parents and local businesses.

As we begin planning for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Event, we are looking for volunteers who want to share their time and talent for this worthy cause. We are seeking help with planning the event, mailouts (clerical) and marketing, silent auction solicitations, flowers & decor (centerpieces/favors) and entertainment. **If you or anyone you know may be interested, please call our Education Offices at 247-3092, ext. 221.**

*Thank you for your continued support!*

