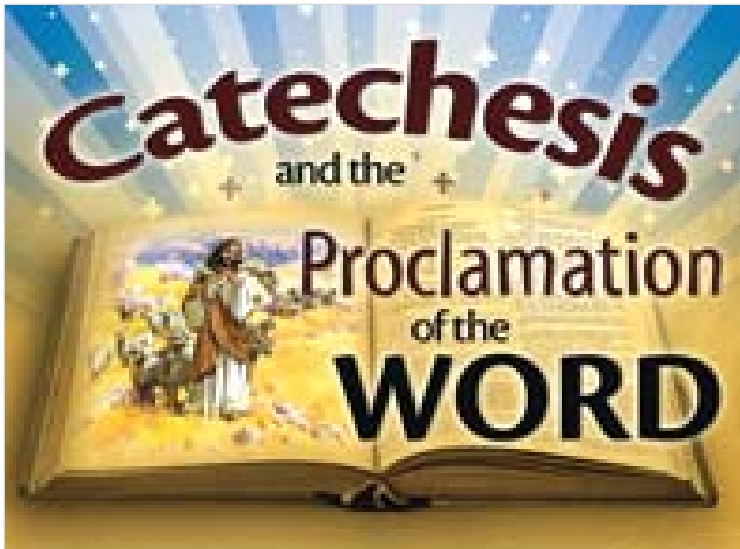


Proud History Bright Future

September 20, 2009

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



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It serves as means for them to rededicate themselves to this mission. In 1935 the Congregation of the Clergy decreed: "In order that the minds of Christian people may be directed to religious instruction, let a Catechetical Day be established in each parish. On this day, let the Feast of Christian Doctrine be celebrated with as much solemnity as possible."

Who are catechists?

A catechist is one who shares the word of God and the teaching of the Church with others. All the members of the Church are, by their baptism, called to spread the faith. Parents in particular have a responsibility to share the faith with their children. Others—bishops, priests, and deacons—are by ordination teachers of the faith and have a special responsibility to speak in the name of the Church. Still others have teaching responsibilities in the Church and a commission to help others grow in faith. Each of these is a "catechist."

Why are catechists commissioned?

The Church commissions Catechists to show that they are to share in the ministry of teaching. A commissioning ceremony for a person of service is certainly not new. The practice of commissioning catechists has taken place since 1956, at the request of the First International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy.

The commissioning service usually takes place at a Sunday Mass to recognize the significance of religious education in the life of the Church. Sunday is when the full community gathers to proclaim the Lord's goodness. It is only appropriate that the community gives thanks to God for the gift of catechists on this special day.

Supporting the catechists in our parish

We can support the catechists in our parish in many ways. Here are three: (1) Begin by praying for all catechists—they need the prayers and support of the parish community all year long, not just on Catechetical Sunday; (2) Volunteer our time to help as a catechetical aide or assistant; (3) Give serious consideration to becoming a catechist. The ministry of catechist is a vocation to which God calls his people.

2009 Catechetical Sunday, United States Catholic Conference, Inc.

Commissioning Catechists

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2009. This year's theme will focus on "**Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word.**"

The community has delegated those who will serve as catechists and calls them forth to receive their commission for their ministry.

<http://www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday>

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

25th
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35

Today's Reflection:

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." These words are unsettling, but we all know we need to hear them. Our society often pushes us to be the best and to get ahead. Nothing is inherently wrong with that but today's caution to be humble reminds us that while striving to succeed we do not lose sight of the things that really matter.

How can you find a way to balance striving for success with your need to always keep God's will in mind?

Next Sunday's Reading – September 27, 2009

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Sometimes mystery shrouds God's will. We expect God to act in a certain way, but He surprises us. When God does not do what we want, we might get angry or give up on Him. The Israelites are grumbling about getting only manna and not meat. Moses laments over their demands but prays to God for them. They get their quail but God afflicts them with a plague for their greed.

Moses sees clearly: who can tell God what to do? He understands God will also use others as His instruments. He prays that all God's people might have his Spirit so they can grow in intimacy with God and do His will.

What time and energy have you spent seeking God's will?

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

In his criticism against the rich James is not equating money with evil. For him, "rich" defines an attitude that puts money above everything else. He implies the Second Coming will be a judgment against those who value the short-lived moment and oppress others in order to maintain their lifestyle. This attitude blinds them to the greater vision that faith presents. Wealth fades, but sure faith remains.

We have creature comforts that make us the envy of the world's poor.

How do we respond to the needs of the poor?

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

An outsider curing in Jesus' name scandalizes the disciples. John objects to the outsider's healing in Jesus' name. Jesus' reply is that anyone who does not oppose Him is a potential friend and benefactor. The good others do for Christ and his followers does matter. Jesus uses extreme language to make his point about the choice between the Kingdom and Gehenna. When an activity is selfish or has an evil intent behind it, it is better not to be involved (have hands and feet "cut off") so as to not cause scandal.

Those within the church have a particular need to avoid scandal, so the church can promote evangelization. We can never completely avoid scandalizing those who oppose Christ. Living out the faith can divide people as much as it invites them to the Lord.

Jesus gives us guidelines to address scandal. We can encourage the faith of those outside the community by knowing ourselves and our weaknesses that can cause scandal; we can try to avoid giving scandal. Doing God's will requires openness of heart and mind.

How has your faith invited others to follow Jesus?

www.word-sunday.com -Larry Broding, 1999 - 2009

World Library Publications, Jerry Galipeau, AUG -NOV 2009

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, Donald Froning, Christopher Frost, Blake Homer, Michael Hun, Matthew Ingold, Brandon W. Josue, Justin Kaihenui, Clayton Kaneakalau, Steven P. Middlecamp, Kukea Naber, Shawn Robinson, 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, LeRoy Brown, Concetta Bonfiglio, Annie Calizar, George Calizar, Mary Ann Carvalho, Ella Chai, Dolly Creighton, Dennis Frank, Betty Funayama, Edith Grote, Joseph "Kealoha" Hewett, Tom Hinderleider, Mildred Ishimoto, Norma Ishimoto, Antoinette Kalihi, Carmen Kiyabu, Napu & Richard Kong, Juliette Lane, Iva Lehmann, Rodney Leong, Theresa Logan, Samuel Makua, George McCumber Sr., Cleghorn McKee, Moana Medeiros, Regina Meleisea, Sam Mungro, Albin Muyano, Fr. Joseph Priestly, Marie Pukini, Charla Jane Reeves, Mary Santiago, Andres Saplac, Fred Siders, Vickie Solidum, Hermina & Julian Somoba, Nicholas Souza, Judi Spencer, Francis Vasconcellos, Bernard & Priscilla Vierra, Red Walser, Deacon Billy Whitfield, Marsha Yim

Our Deceased members & friends: Evelyn Awana, Bryan Costa, Andrew Esber, Sr., Anthony Faria, Sr., Gayle Hanson, Sam Kanamu, Cecil & William Kapu, Melvin Souza, Mervyn Thompson, Crispina Tongson

Anniversary of Death: Michael Cabanilla, Sr., (1st), Teresita Dollente (1st), Cecilia Murakami (1st), Lorraine Calizar (11th), Diane Lau (11th)

Wedding Anniversary: Bernard & Millie Kane (52nd), Curly & Pearl Rodrigues (41st), Glenn & Debora Naipo (25th)

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



Cleaners: Week of 9/13/2009

Marie Blanca, Andrew Dau, Stella Dela Pina, Suzann Filleul, Nancy Fukushima, Ligaya Guzman, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, Agnes Leong, Kim McDaniel, Titi Ricafort, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Charles Shumaker, Robert Tabaniag, Bev & Patrick Yearian

Floral Donations: St. Ann's Gardens & Susie Hipolito, & Family of Evelyn Awana

Floral Arrangement: Lilian & Jerry McClellen

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

Place: St. Ann's Parish Center, 7:00P – 8:30P

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.

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.

When: Wednesdays at 7:30P

Place: St. Ann's Parish Center

(Started September 2, 2009.) For information, call Tom and Gloria Huber at 235-1437.

Religious Education Classes for Keiki & Teens (Sign-up today!)

St. Ann's offers Religious Education & Youth Ministry Classes for children and teens from Pre-K (age 3) thru Grade 12 including Sacramental preparation classes for Baptism, 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist and Confirmation. **Classes have already started (August 23rd) but it's not too late to sign up!** Call or visit the Religious Education Office, 247-3092, ext. 225, to register your keiki to attend classes.

Post-C Starting in October

What can our teens do after Confirmation? Join St. Ann's Post-C Program! Our **Post-Confirmation (Post-C) class is for Confirmed teens ages 16-18. Classes will be Sunday evenings following the 5:00P Mass from 6:00-8:00P in St. Ann's Food Court.** Students will gather three Sundays a month for scripture based learning and faith sharing. On the last Sunday of the month, Post-C will hold a social for enrolled students. **Classes begin on October 4th.** Call or visit the Religious Education Office, 247-3092, ext. 225, to sign up your teen for Post-C!



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 23 & 30
@ 9:00A – 12:00N

Thursday, SEP 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.

Next Spiritual Retreat (BCC)

Strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with God. Take this opportunity to open your heart and renew your spirit, so that you can grow as a faithful witness to Jesus.

Dates: September 25-27, 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

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 October 23 - 25, 2009**

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



The Sanctity of Life Committee

Parishioner Charles (Chuck) Lehmann will be St. Ann's Parish Respect for Life Coordinator (PRLC) and he is looking for volunteers to form a St. Ann's Sanctity of Life Committee. This group will help to publicize information on Pro-Life issues from organizations such as Hawaii Right to Life, Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference and from Bishop Larry Silva.

For more information, call 239-8504 (H) or 258-8335(C) or email celehmn0136@hawaii.rr.com

Pro-Life Quote

“Children truly are the family's greatest treasure and most precious good. Consequently, everyone must be helped to become aware of the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God's love.” - Pope Benedict XVI

2nd Annual BILAC on `Oahu - 2009

Big Island Learning & Arts Center Conference will be held at Chaminade University/Saint Louis School/Marianist Center of Hawaii. The conference offers various workshops on topics involving liturgical and musical ministries, community building, personal spirituality and well-being.

Dates: November 5 – 7, 2009

Place: Chaminade University/St. Louis School /Marianist Center of Hawaii

Mail to: P.O. Box 706, Volcano, Hawaii, 96785
or email bilac.org@gmail.com

Stewardship

With Grateful Hearts

Great News! Because of your exceptional generosity our pledge total is now over \$1,100,000!

***A Big "thank you" to all our donors and volunteers who have brought us to this milestone!
Sharing your gifts of time, talent and treasure is deeply appreciated.***

This parish wide campaign is structured around a person-to-person process with the goal of bringing the parish closer together. Our volunteers are few in number, but great of heart.

This effort is very significant to the future of our parish and its ministries. We are grateful for your enthusiastic participation in this exciting project and ask you to warmly welcome the volunteers when they call. They are fellow parishioners working from their love of our parish.

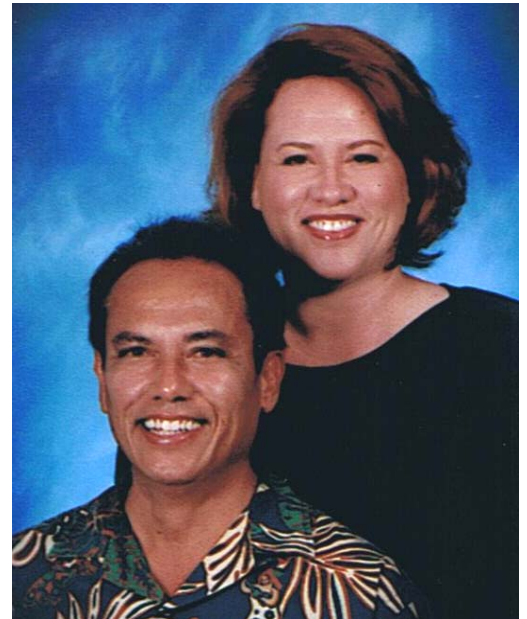


Photo courtesy – Sheldons 2009
Capital Campaign co-chairs, Bill & Aika Sheldon help us reach our goal.

This campaign is important to St. Ann's Church
Please continue to pray for:

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

FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF September 13, 2009

Regular Collection	15,418.84
Catholic Universities	1,097.00
Children's Weekly	28.66
TOTAL COLLECTION	16,544.50

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 helped my sister with her homework. – Taylor S.
- I was kind to my sister. – Laynee S.
- I helped to clean the yard. – Isabelle T.
- I cleaned the table and read to my Mom. – Sarah T.
- I helped take the clothes out of the washing machine. – Julie J.

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**. The **Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu's Respect Life Office** is sponsoring this event.

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.

Windward Community Blood Drive

Date: Saturday, SEP 26, 2009

Time: 7:00A - 1:00P

Place: Windward Mall, Kaneohe

Requirements are simple:

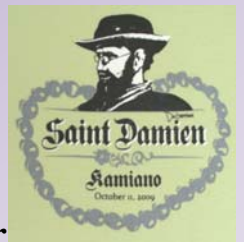
- *18 years of age or older (17 with parental consent)*
- *In good health (free of cold or flu symptoms for 72 hours)*
- *Have a valid picture ID with birth date*

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



Special T's Honor Damien

A new shirt design commemorating the canonization of Fr. Damien is now available at the following locations:



- **St. Ann's Resource Center**
(Sundays after 7:00A, 8:45A & 11:30A Masses.)
- **Cathedral Gift Shop**
(Windward Mall and Ala Moana Shopping Center.)
- **Agape Shoppe** (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 5th 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!

