

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

April 17, 2016

The Good Shepherd
is truly risen!

Saturday, April 16	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, April 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, April 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 19	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 10:00 a. m.	Leeward Vicariate Meeting - St. Francis Trailer
Thursday, April 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, April 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, April 23	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts: 14:21-27: The early church grows.

Rev: 21:1-5a: The vision of a new Jerusalem and the end of sorrow and death.

John:13:31-33a, 34-35: Jesus' followers will be known by their love for one another.

**Living Catholic in the 80s:
What Our Parents Did**

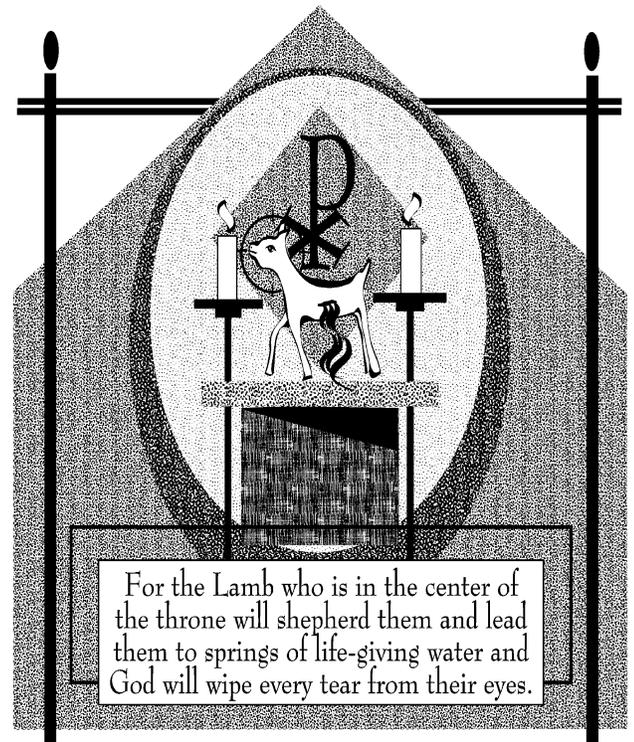
As children our parents often make sure we touched the bases—bring us to religious education, watching us make First Holy Communion, sitting with us during our first celebration of Penance, and sometimes pushing us to confirmation class. Sometimes our parents didn't practice their faith so much, but they felt faith was important for us!

The truth is that for most of us, we were exposed to our faith enough as a child to know what it can bring to our lives. Yes, we were often bored and we definitely did not understand it all. (Truth is we still don't. Truth is we never do.)

But, as children we also sang at the top of our lungs! We looked around and reveled in the colors of the stained glass, in the huge Jesus who hung with head downcast on the cross or the happy Jesus with arms outstretched wide enough to grab us. We felt our hearts move when the priest lifted up the host and we yearned to be able to eat Jesus ourselves.

With all this buried inside of us, I have a question for you: why not connect more fully with your Catholic faith? Why not become more active once again?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONARY BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

(MBCC): You are invited if you are 18 years or older to come to our next encounter (retreat). MBCC Encounter is open to people who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. **It is \$60.00 for the entire weekend**, which includes food/snacks, room, and good fun...It is a Spirit-filled weekend so come and join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal and Christian fellowship. **The Missionary Basic Christian Community of Hawaii - Renew (MBCC) #104 retreat** is Friday evening through Sunday afternoon on **April 22-24, 2016 at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley.**

We are looking to revive the bible sharing community at St. Rita which is the Woven Hearts community, for now the Pu'uwai Ho'ano community is willing to help with this. The **Pu'uwai Ho'ano (Sacred Heart) community** would also like to invite you to experience life in a bible sharing community. We meet **every Mondays at Sacred Heart Church Religious Education bldg. in the R.E. room #3 at 6:30pm.** If you want to come call first so we have enough refreshments for everyone please contact **Hardy Boro at 755-5775** or any of the Pu'uwai Ho'ano community members. If you need more information check out the MBCC website: www.mbcchawaiirenew.com Mahalo and God bless!

WORD OF LIFE: "Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals, but instead, it's taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me." **"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad,"** www.goo.gl/JNvWc **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 17 Sun: 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts:13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rev:7:9, 14b-17; Jn: 10: 27-30

Apr 18 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts: 11:1-118 Ps 42:2-3; 43: 3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Apr 19 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts: 11:19-26.; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn:10:22-30

Apr 20 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:12:24-13:5a; Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6 & 8; Jn: 12:44-50

Apr 21 Thur Easter Weekday

Acts:13:13-25; Ps 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn: 13-16-20

Apr 22 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:13:13-25; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn: 14:1-6

Apr 23 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts: 13:44-52'; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

SPREADING THE WORD

In our reading from Acts today, Paul and Barnabas are on a mission to spread the word of the Lord. So they reach out to their fellow Jews in the synagogue. Many respond favorably, so many that the leaders become nervous and expel them. So Paul and Barnabas just keep going. They open up their mission to the Gentiles as well. They understand that there are some who are just not ready to hear their message, and so they leave those people, knowing that they, too, are precious to God, and that they will hear the Good News of salvation in God's time. It is such a simple message, yet so wonderful—we are saved! In the reading today from Revelation, we are assured that all who are claimed for Christ will stand with God in heaven at the eternal banquet. It is the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who leads us to the waters of salvation.

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel reading Jesus is quite emphatic: "My sheep hear my voice. . ." Those who exercise good stewardship of their prayer lives realize that hearing or listening is fundamental to prayer. Prayer is a personal encounter with the Lord and requires dialogue. Some people never learn the art of listening. When we enter into a dialogue with someone we love we speak and we listen. Otherwise it cannot be a dialogue. This week let's think about how we pray. Do we do all the talking and then get up and do something else? Or do we sit quietly, waiting for God's voice to enter our hearts. (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

God created us in all our uniqueness. We are God's own, and God loves each of us. God has given us the Son, the Good Shepherd. We are awash in the love of God; it washed over us in baptism, and washes over us every day of our lives. The Good Shepherd is always calling to us, inviting us to follow. Because we are each unique, however, the time and the way that each of us hears and responds to the mystery of salvation will differ. Even more wonderfully, God's love for humankind is so great that we have to trust that every soul on earth will eventually hear the message of love and salvation. This is God's will, and it will be done in the time and way of God's choosing. Our task is to spread the message, using the different gifts God has given each of us, knowing that no soul on earth can ever be taken from God's hand.

