

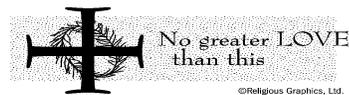
# PARISH CALENDAR

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

The Lord has freed His people,  
Alleluia!

Saturday, April 30	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, May 1	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>
		<b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, May 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, May 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, May 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 7	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts: 11:1-11: Jesus is lifted up.**

**Eph: 1:17-23: Paul encourages the church at Ephesus.**

**Luke:24:46-53: Jesus instructs the disciples to return to Jerusalem.**

### **Living Catholic in the 808: Why Not Now?**

*When we get to the point that we know, when we have experienced or just glimpsed how close God is to us, well, that knowledge can provide us with unshakable ground.*

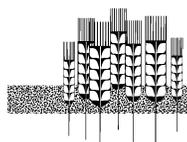
*Ground that supports us through all the key transitions of our lives—our vocational choices, our friends, our values, where we live, our commitment to that special person who commits to us, and to whom we commit with all we have.*

*All of these involve faith. And the truth is that when we go through these transitions in faith, all these choices and experiences become so much richer.*

*And this is not even counting our children – those precious gifts – children whom we hope even more than ourselves that they will know life's deepest experiences of love, of being loved and loving others. Yes, we might want them to earn lots of money or be educated. But, what we really want most for our children, for all children is a life-sustaining, deep abiding happiness and peace.*

*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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The LORD makes all things new!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2015/2016 BISHOP'S CIRCLE APPEAL:** For the Diocese of Honolulu and the Catholic Church in Hawaii: "The Bishop's Circle Appeal is a special invitation to join Bishop Larry Silva as a fellow Steward of the Gospel by honoring the Lord with your stewardship of treasure." Your generous gift to the annual Bishop's Circle helps support the Catholic Church in Hawaii as "Stewards of the Gospel" in our Faith communities, Faith Formation and Service Ministries. **Envelopes are at the back of church; please be generous Mahalo!**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN:** Today, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our (arch)diocese to support local communications needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness to the world.

**SAINT RITA GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION: Saturday, May 28, 2016 - 5 pm Baccalaureate Mass;** Celebration to follow until 10:00 pm. All parishioners are invited. Please bring a **potluck to share**. For more info, see the flyer on wall, ask Brenda Levy or Nani Reyes.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Little did I know that God was there, all along, offering me his love. . . The power of forgiveness is life-altering. I am happy again and the people whom I love sense that." "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion" **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities [www.goo.gl/J2WGnW](http://www.goo.gl/J2WGnW)**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### **May 1 Sun: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts:15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rev:21:10-14. 22-23; Jn: 14: 23-29

### **May 2 Mon: Memorial of Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church**

Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:ab-2 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

### **May 3 Tue: Feast of Philip and James, apostles**

1 Cor: 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn:14:6-14

### **May 4 Wed: Easter Weekday**

Acts:17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn: 16:12-15

### **May 5 Thur Easter Weekday**

Acts:18:1-8; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn: 16:16-20

### **May 6 Fri: Easter Weekday**

Acts:18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn: 16:20-23

### **May 7 Sat: Easter Weekday**

Acts: 18:23-28; Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

## LOVE AND PEACE

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John today to remain in love with him. Jesus assures us that he will remain with us always, through the power of the Holy Spirit. That power will give each of us peace of heart and soul. The peace of Christ reminds us of where our hearts must be, always resting in God and in the love of Christ Jesus. Peace is a gift given to the world, a gift each of us shares with another whenever we act in the name of the Lord. In the midst of division, war, and uncertainty, we can be people of peace by holding fast to the gifts we are given in baptism: faith in Christ, the power of the Spirit, and safety in the heart of God.

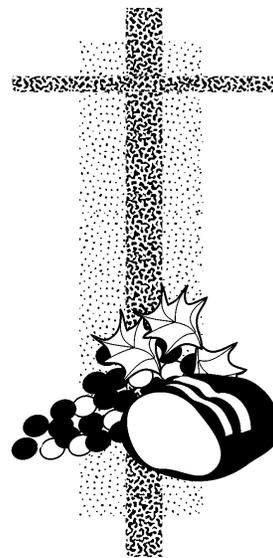
## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel we listen to some of the last words Jesus spoke on the night before his death, but they are words that prepared his disciples for his physical departure from them forty days after his resurrection. Jesus speaks of coming back with this his Father so that they can make their home in the disciples who love them. Our notion of the Triune God is one who is prepared to come and live within each of us. But God waits patiently to be invited into our hearts; our inner space. God is neither demanding nor intrusive. How do we make our hearts the home where Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit dwell? How do we welcome this sacred presence? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

## GOVERNING AND GUIDING IN THE EARLY CHURCH

We see in our reading from Acts today that figuring out the proper rules for the church was a problem then, just as it remains a topic of discussion today. With prayer and discernment rooted in the Spirit, consultation with the leaders and then with the members, the early church developed a way of dealing with these disagreements. The question of circumcision was not a minor issue; it meant that Gentiles were coming to the church of Christ without first accepting the Jewish faith and practices. To dispense with circumcision meant acknowledging that the Christian faith was indeed something new, and open to all believers. The new teaching was promulgated in the name of all the members of the church, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

But this new teaching did not signify a rejection of the Jewish faith. The early Christians recognized the power of the Hebrew scriptures, reading them with the eyes of Christian faith. In the second reading, from Revelation, the new and holy city of Jerusalem includes the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. The past is part of the future. And in the new and holy city, there is no need for a temple of stone or of earthly light, for all the temple we need is the heart of God, and all the light we need is the word of the Lamb of God.



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