



The Manoa-Punahou Catholic Community

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2008

MPCC's Catechetical Corner

He maluhia a ke Akua ia 'okou!

Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. This feast day commemorates the revelation of Christ's divinity through the voice of God the Father, and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon our Lord. It calls to mind the mystery of who Christ is, and what his mission is all about. After allowing St. John to baptize him, Christ began his public ministry, his mission of salvation.

"And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" (Matt 3:16-17)

"Baptism makes us 'fideles', faithful. This is a word that was used – like 'sancti', the saints – by the first followers of Jesus to refer to one another. These words are still used today: we speak of 'the faithful'

of the Church." (St. Escriva) The petitions we have at Mass, the general intercessions, are also called the "prayer of the faithful".

Today we call to mind our own baptismal promises. *"The Church exhorts the faithful to renew with deep faith those baptismal commitments which we assumed through our parents and godparents, particularly our loyalty to Christ, and our determination to struggle against temptation."* (John Paul II) We give thanks to God our Father for all the grace and benefits we have received by our own baptism. We renew our commitment to Christ and his Church, most especially through daily prayer.

As we conclude the Christmas season with today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is fitting to say once again: Mele kaliki maka, e hau'oli makahiki hou!!!

Fr. Jason

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, January 13

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

Monday, January 14

1 Samuel 1:1-8
Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19
Matthew 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 15

1 Samuel 1:9-20
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 16

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17

1 Samuel 4:1-11
Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 18

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a
Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 19

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mark 2:13-17

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Annual March for Life 2008
Tuesday, January 22, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm
At the Hawaii State Capitol



Mark your calendars and come join hundreds of your friends and neighbors as we take a stand for the sanctity of human life. Featured speakers and activities include:

- Faith Community Leaders including; Roman Catholic Bishop Larry Silva, Pastor Rick Irons of Calvary Chapel Leeward, Lt. Cdr. David Stroud CHC, USN, Pastor Daniel Vargas of Family Life Church of Hawaii and Pastor Mitchell W. Gowen of Our Savior Lutheran Church
- Lt. Governor Duke Aiona and many other pro-life legislators
- And music by John Keawe and others!

Sponsored by: Hawaii Family Forum / Hawaii Catholic Conference and Hawaii Right to Life Inc.

Congratulations to Our Students...

Please congratulate these students from Sacred Heart for completing their First Reconciliation on **January 19**. They are off to a wonderful start toward their First Eucharist celebration. Our St. Pius X family will have their First Reconciliation on **January 26**.

Sani Adams
Vincent Albano
Ryan Benavente
Courtnee Collins
Devin Dung
Kainalu Durkin
Ethan Ho
Cassandra Kaholokula
Ryder Kawamura

Gene Kwak
Chelsea Michel
Stone Nielson
Kyle Roche
Raeanne Rono
Raleigh Rono
Joey Sickels
Jade Spallina
Baylie Vasconcellos

Important Upcoming First Holy Communion Dates

January 13, 2008

10:00 am-10:50 am

MG'S Library

Parent Session on Eucharist

January 19, 2008

9:00 am-11:00 am

Sacred Heart Church

First Reconciliation



Monday Night Faith Topics

Sacred Heart conference room at 7:00 pm– 9:00 pm.

January 14

Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick & Reconciliation

January 21

Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony

These sessions are for (1) baptized adults who are considering joining the Catholic Church, (2) Catholics wanting to receive Confirmation and/or First Eucharist, and (3) members of the St. Pius X and Sacred Heart parishes who want to increase their understanding of, and growth in, the Catholic faith.

Fr. Don's Breakfast Club

Fr. Don Merrifield may have left our island home but his ministry to the homeless at Ala Moana Beach Park is alive and well. Volunteers from MPCC and the Newman Center continue to serve a hot breakfast and PBJ sandwiches on Tuesday and Friday mornings to "Fr. Don's Breakfast Club". If you would like to support this ministry, we could use the items listed below.

- 1) Tall Thermo Hot Pot (for Coffee)
- 2) Regular Ground Coffee
- 3) Jars of Jam or Jelly
- 4) New Can Opener
- 5) Double Musubi Maker



Parish Nurse News

Registered Nurses are invited to take the Parish Nurse Training sponsored by Castle Medical Center, **January 28 to February 2, 2008**. This program teaches Parish Nurses how to promote health and wellness of the whole person; body, mind and spirit in our Church community. 35 CEUs will be offered. Scholarships are available. Contact Luci Nelson, RN/FNP @ 381-3850 for more information and a brochure.

Important!!!

There will be **NO 5:00 pm Mass and Reconciliation on Saturday, February 2nd at Sacred Heart Church due to safety reasons and the Punahou Carnival.**



Come One and All... Blood Pressure Screening Sunday, January 13

After the 8:30 am Mass
at St Pius X

After the 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
and 11:00 am Masses
at Sacred Heart

From the Outreach of St Patrick Church...

Thank you for your help and generous donations during Thanksgiving and Christmas. We served 1,268 households (1,000 Adults and 673 Children) during the month of November. In December, we served 565 households (593 Adults and 720 Children).

Thank you for the food contributions, gift cards, and generous monetary donations. We wouldn't be able to assist these people without your help.

**Sacred Heart Parish
Debt Reduction
Collection Update**

Your generosity is needed.

Your help is greatly appreciated and thank you for your continued generosity! Mahalo for your support!

Collection Updates

Aug. 25-26.....	\$488.32
Sept. 1-30.....	\$16,962.51
Oct. 6-28.....	\$8,747.59
Nov. 3-25.....	\$8,683.77
Dec. 1-30.....	\$15,720.49
Jan. 5-6.....	\$2,766.00
Total.....	\$53,368.68

**Adult Hand Bells and
Children's Tone Chimes resume
Tues., Jan. 29 at 10:30 am.**

~STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE~

January 5-6, 2008



SACRED HEART

Saturday 5:00pm.....	\$1,375.78
Sunday 7:00am.....	\$1,142.50
9:00am.....	\$2,186.00
11:00am.....	\$975.76
5:00pm.....	\$1,657.00
Mail-In Offerings.....	\$145.00
Total.....	\$7,482.04
*Debt Reduction....	\$2,766.00

St. Vincent DePaul.....	\$80.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$20.00
Initial Offering.....	\$186.11
Candles.....	\$47.11
Misc Donations.....	\$320.00
Mission Offering.....	\$50.00
World AIDS Day.....	\$10.00
Maintenance.....	\$646.15
Christmas Offerings.....	\$119.00

ST. PIUS X

Saturday 5:00pm.....	\$869.00
Sunday 8:30am.....	\$1,017.10
Mail-In Offerings.....	\$570.00
Total.....	\$2,456.10

Christmas Offering.....	\$285.00
Candles.....	\$88.70
St Vincent DePaul.....	\$2.00
Initial Offering.....	\$360.00
Building Fund.....	\$410.00
Maintenance.....	\$368.00

Calling all Young Adults!!!



Beginning **January 11th**, join us for a three-week series, Friday nights from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Bachelot Hall Conference Room. We will be covering Scott Hahn's study "The Bible from God's Perspective". It is a great series and all who attend are sure to walk away refreshed! For more information call Andrew 497-7486 or Amanda 542-9736.

Are you into **Facebook**? Check out our group "**Hawaii Catholic Young Adults**" to see what's going on around the islands for adults 18-35!



**Mark Your Calendars...
IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA ... COME AND HEAR HER SHARE HER
REMARKABLE STORY**

Immaculee Ilibagiza was born in Rwanda and studied Electronic and Mechanical Engineering at the National University of Rwanda. Her life transformed dramatically in 1994 during the Rwanda genocide when she and seven other women huddled silently together in a cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house for 91 days! During this horrific ordeal, Immaculee lost most of her family, but she survived to share the story and her miraculous transition into forgiveness and a profound relationship with God. She shares her inspirational life story in a new book "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust" (Hay House, 2006), with all proceeds benefiting her Left to Tell Charitable Fund which helps not only orphaned children in Rwanda, but all children of Africa to build better lives.

**Monday, January 14, 2008
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Blaisdell Concert Hall
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

This presentation will also feature special guests, Na Leo Pilimihana! On the 15th (Tuesday) a sign interpreter will be provided. General seating, but come early to get a good spot. Call 203-6733 for more information or log onto www.catholichawaii.com or www.hawaiifamilyforum.org.

MPCC Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 13

Blood Pressure Screening, SHC and PXC

9:00 am-10:00 am SH RCIA, SHDR

9:30 am-10:45 am PX Religious Ed Classes,
PXC, H

10:00 am-10:50 am SH Religious Ed Classes,
MGS

10:00 am-11:00 am Eucharist Parent Session,
MGS

12:00 pm-2:15 pm Confirmation Class, SHH

3:00 pm-5:00 pm Make-Up Adult RE, SH
BCR

Monday, January 14

10:00 am-11:30 am RENEW Fellowship, SHDR

Tuesday, January 15

7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Group Night, SHH

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 am-9:30 am Theraband Exercise Class,
PXH

3:30 pm-7:15 pm SH Choir, SHC

Thursday, January 17

8:00 am-2:00 pm I.H.S. Cooking, PXC

9:00 am-2:00 pm Ho'olauna Aloha Ohana,
PXH

4:30 pm-10:00 pm MHS/HTY, SHH

7:15 pm-8:00 pm Our Lady's Prayer Group of
the United Hearts, SHC

Friday, January 18

9:00 am-10:00 am MGS Mass, SHC

1:00 pm-3:00 pm MHS Senior Project, SHC

6:30 pm-9:30 pm Troop 42, SHSR

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study,
SHBCR

Saturday, January 19

7:15 am-8:30 am Legion of Mary, SHBCR

8:30 am-10:30 am PX Choir, PXC

8:30 am-10:30 am Monday Night Group, SHH

9:00 am-2:00 pm RCIA Monday Night
Group, SHDR, K

9:00 am-11:00 am First Reconciliation, SHC

11:00 am-11:30 am Baptism Class, SHBCR

11:00 am-3:15 pm RCIA-Day of Reflection,
SHC

Sacred Heart Parish (SH)

C (Church), H (Bachelot Hall), BCR (Bachelot Hall Conference Room), DR (Dining Room), SR (Scout Room), CYD (Courtyard), MGS (Maryknoll Grade School), MHS (Maryknoll High School)

St Pius X Parish (PX)

CR (Conference Room), C (Church), H (Hall), K (Kitchen)