

Issue: April 19, 2009

# Hilo Roman Catholic Community



## St. Joseph Church

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**WELCOME  
to our  
VISITORS!**

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **St. Joseph Church**

Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Legal Holidays:

7:00 am

Saturday: 7:00 am

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Spanish Mass:

7:00 pm

Sunday:

#### **St. Joseph Church**

7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:30 am & 6:00 pm

#### **Malia Puka O Kalani Church**

Sunday: 9:00 am

### **Confession:**

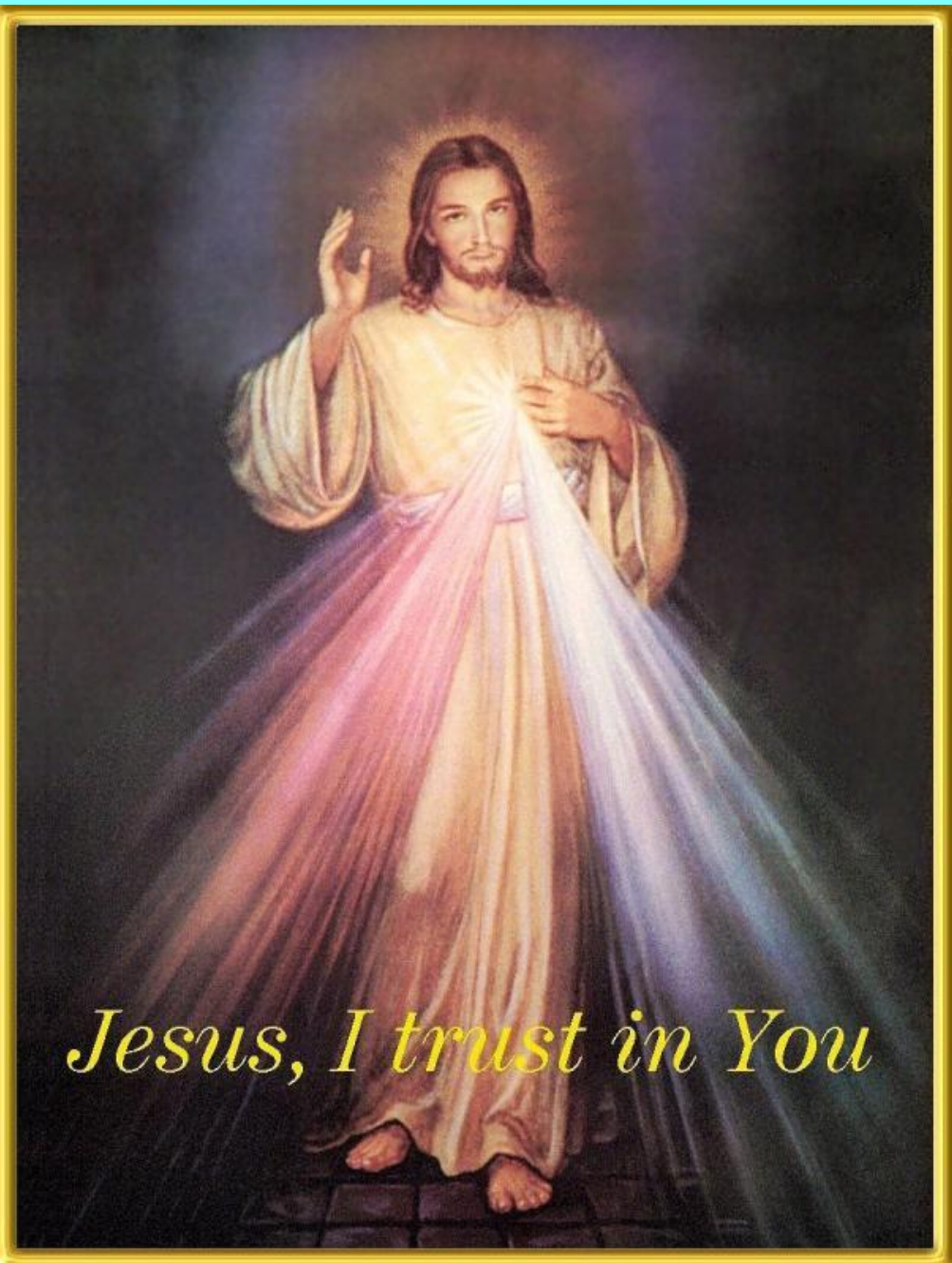
Saturday

10:00 am - 11:00 am

**St. Joseph Church**

or by appointment

\*Please note:  
confession schedule  
does not apply  
during some  
liturgical seasons.





### First Communion:

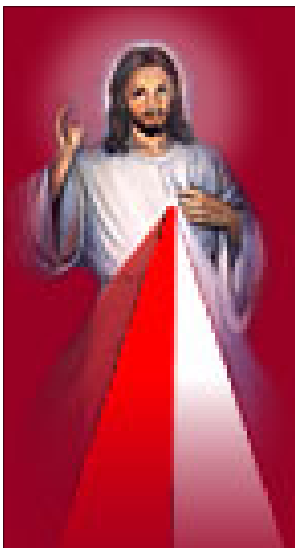
April 19,  
(Sunday)  
11:30 am

St. Joseph Church

### First Communion:

April 26, (Sunday)  
9:00 am

Malia Puka O Kalani



## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 19**  
**2:30 pm– 3:30 pm**

Prayer service includes singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

*"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."*  
(Diary entry 699)

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

We keep the Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend (April 19). We should thank God that Jesus is called Divine Mercy, as we really need His mercy. The readings of this Sunday talk to us about the situation of the Early Christian Community. They were not perfect but they were 'united in one heart and mind.' If we truly followed the teachings of Jesus we would practice mercy and justice in our personal lives. But we are all affected by materialism and egoism that puts our own self-interest before others. We have lost the sense of mercy, compassion, and love to a certain extent. And hence we greatly need the mercy of Jesus. The Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that though we are far from perfect, our God loves us and that should give us hope. The psalmist says: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." This Sunday should remind us to get back to God and His love and acknowledge the fact that God is good and merciful and we can always trust in Him. Let us also practice love, mercy, and justice in our lives so that we merit the Divine Mercy of God.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!**

At the 11:30 mass this Sunday, 50 of our children will be receiving their first communion. The Liturgy of the Church revolves around the Eucharist and it is a very important day in the lives of these children. I wish to thank those who prepared them for it and congratulate them as well as their parents and sponsors. Our prayerful wishes are with them.

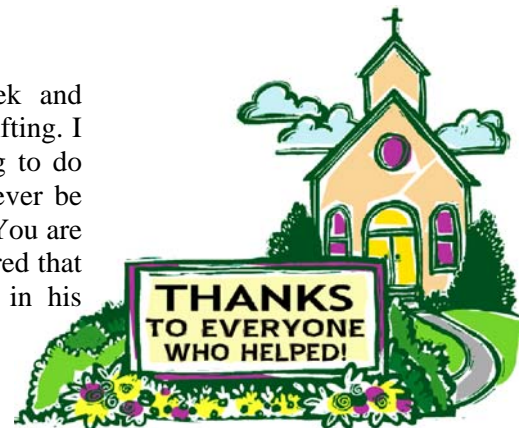
### **SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF SYRACUS**

The Sisters of St. Francis have been in the parish from 1900. Sr. Marion has been elected Regional Superior and will be leaving Hilo for Honolulu on June 30. The Superior General of their congregation has informed me that they were unable to continue their mission in Hilo due to the lack of personnel. Accordingly Sr. Stephen Marie Serrao and Sr. Barbara Jean Wajda will also be leaving Hilo on June 30. They are going to be sorely missed. We shall find time to thank them for their long and unbroken service in Hilo and wish them well.

### **MY HEARTFELT THANKS!**

We have just concluded our Holy Week and Easter services. They were devout and uplifting. I wish to thank everyone who had anything to do with making it so memorable. We will never be able to thank all these people sufficiently. You are doing it for the Lord and you can rest assured that the Lord never forgets anything you do in his honor. He is your own reward.

**Fr. Tom**



### **Hilo Roman Catholic Community Mission Statement:**

We, the Hilo Roman Catholic Community of St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani, guided by the Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, gather as a family of believers in the celebration of the Eucharist. Blessed with many cultures, talents and inspired by the Hawaiian tradition of Aloha, we pledge to share our heritage, our gifts and the principles of our faith, and to commit ourselves to the educational, social and spiritual needs of all our brothers and sisters.





## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, April 19

Acts 4:32-35  
 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
 1 Jn 5:1-6  
 Jn 20:19-31

### Monday, April 20

Acts 4:23-31  
 Ps 2:1-9  
 Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday, April 21

Acts 4:32-37  
 Ps 93:1-2, 5  
 Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday, April 22

Acts 5:17-26  
 Ps 34:2-9  
 Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday, April 23

Acts 5:27-33  
 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20  
 Jn 3:31-36

### Friday, April 24

Acts 5:34-42  
 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
 Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14  
 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17  
 Mk 16:15-20

### Sunday, April 26

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9  
 1 Jn 2:1-5a  
 Lk 24:35-48

## April 19, 2009: Second Sunday of Easter, Year B, or Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

### First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

During the Easter season each year, the readings from the Acts of the Apostles replace the Old Testament readings. These readings show the continued work of the Risen Christ in his Church. The passage of this Sunday features two aspects of the life of the apostolic young community of believers: the sharing of all things in common and the apostles' preaching and witness to the resurrection with great power. The sharing of things in common was a spontaneous expression of Christian agape (fellowship).

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Psalm 118 is used as a hymn of praise that recounts God's deliverance of his faithful servant from death, and sings of God's glory. While the last part of the psalm refers to the oppressed nation of Israel directly, it also gives a beautiful summary of God's power in raising Jesus to life and establishing him as Lord of all creation. Response: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

### Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

The Second Reading links Easter faith with our baptismal faith, for it is through Baptism that we are reborn and become children of God. We show our new status by loving God and keeping his commandments. Through our faith and witness to the Risen Lord, we are enabled to overcome the world.

### Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Risen Lord appears in a new form of existence. His "glorified body" does not have the physical limitations of the human body, and yet is truly physical and can be touched. However, the Gospel writers do not show Jesus as merely proving his resurrection by his presence, but as leading his disciples into deeper faith and understanding in preparation for their going forth to establish the Church. In commissioning them to continue his mission, he is empowering them to make him present in body to all peoples of all ages. The peace of Jesus' greeting is the commonly used Hebrew word, "Shalom." Jesus speaks it, however, as far more than a mere greeting ("my peace, not as the world gives it," Jn 14:27). Jesus' "Shalom" is his promise that his Spirit will restore order and harmony to all creation (Jn 14:26).



Hilo Roman Catholic Community welcomes our newest members!



WELCOME  
 TO OUR NEW  
 PARISHIONERS!

•Paul & Corazon  
 Lantano

## RCIA RETREAT



Sr. Lusika enjoyed the RCIA retreat on Holy Saturday.

## St. Paul and the Resurrection

*The Resurrection is the foundation of all we are*

Whether we think of the first century or the 21st century, the resurrection is both a central and a controversial part of Christian theology and experience. Today we hear about those who challenge the possibility of resurrection -- whether Christ's or ours -- both outside and inside the Christian church.

The situation was much the same in St. Paul's day. When Paul preached about the resurrection of the dead to the intellectuals of his day, some believed, but others scoffed (Acts 17:32). And much to his chagrin, after he preached the resurrection to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:1-4), some in the Corinthian church began to say that "there is no resurrection of the dead" (1 Cor 15:12). Paul then proceeded to write the text on the resurrection that has been foundational and formative for 2,000 years of Christian history, 1 Corinthians 15.

In our own day of skepticism and misunderstanding about many basic Christian convictions, what can we learn from the apostle Paul concerning the theological and spiritual significance of Christ's resurrection and of ours? We may approach this topic from four angles, beginning with the critical importance of Christ's resurrection.

For the apostle Paul, the resurrection of Christ was not merely one among many Christian convictions; it was the one that guaranteed the significance of all others and provided the rationale for the life of faith, hope and love expected of those who live in Christ. From Paul's perspective, to deny or misinterpret the resurrection is to undermine the entire Christian faith. In his response to the Corinthians who denied the resurrection of the dead, Paul argued logically that if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been

raised. And if Christ has not been raised, he says, "your faith is vain; you are still in your sins" (1 Cor 15:17). That is, Christ's death on the cross for sins (see 1 Cor 15:3) has no saving significance without the resurrection. It is merely the Roman crucifixion of a false messiah.

Furthermore, the apostle asserts, if Christ is not raised, then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.... If the dead are not raised: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die" (1 Cor 15:18-19,32b).

In other words, the dead are dead, there is no hope of eternal life, and the idea of living a life of sacrificial devotion to God and others in the present is simply absurd. Instead, let's party! Death is the end, and the only logical thing to do is enjoy this life to the max: *Carpe diem*.

It is unlikely that the naysayers of resurrection in Paul's day or ours recognize the grave consequences of their disbelief. It is one of the tasks of Christian preaching and formation to make these consequences clear.

### The Meaning of Christ's Resurrection

Paul, to be sure, does not think Christ is dead or that the life of faith, hope and love is an existential mistake. Rather, he exclaims, "But now Christ has been raised from the dead" (1 Cor 15:20a). The way this is worded is critically important: "Christ has been raised," rather than "Christ arose," implies that someone has raised Christ from the dead. That someone, of course, is God the Father, and Paul almost always uses language about Christ's resurrection that explicitly affirms or implies God's raising of Jesus.

By doing so, Paul tells us that the resurrection is God's vindication of Jesus and God's stamp of approval

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### St. Joseph Jr.-Sr. High & Hawaiian Studies Canoe Project

Homemade canoes were put to the test for Mrs. Susan Wehrsig's seventh grade Hawaiian Studies class. Students were assigned the task of making and designing their own canoes out of anything they chose. Materials used ranged from copier paper to koa wood. They were tested for their flotation ability by adding small metal weights until they took in water. Great job seventh grade!



### **St. Paul and the Resurrection (continued from page 4)**

on how Jesus lived and died. Jesus' death, and the life that led to it, are neither misguided nor meaningless. His death was indeed God's provision for the forgiveness of our sins and our liberation from the very power of sin itself. Moreover, Jesus' life and death reveal the way that God operates in the world and the way God wants us as the people of God to live in this world, too (1 Cor 1:18-2:5).

Furthermore, in the resurrection of Jesus, God demonstrates that sin, evil and death do not have the final word in God's world. We know that the twin enemies of the human race, sin and death, will be defeated (1 Cor 15:55-57). In fact, God's resurrection of Jesus initiates a new age that is characterized by resurrection to new life (power over sin) in the present and bodily resurrection to eternal life (victory over death) in the future. We can participate in that new age by sharing in God's resurrection of Jesus through the experience of death and resurrection contained in, and symbolized by, baptism (more on this below).

We must stress here one key point that contemporary Christians often fail to understand or try to avoid: that Christ's resurrection was a bodily resurrection. Paul was a Pharisee, not a Platonist, and he did not believe in the immortality of a body-less soul. Bodily resurrection does not mean simply the resuscitation of a corpse, but neither is it merely a metaphor for Christ's ongoing existence in the Church as His body, or something similar.

Paul's Corinthian audience was apparently confused about the corporeality of resurrection, too, so the apostle develops some elaborate analogies to help the Corinthians understand that bodily resurrection means transformation, and thus both continuity and discontinuity with respect to our current bodily existence (see 1 Cor 15:35-57).

But resurrection is nonetheless a bodily experience. Paul would have agreed with later Christian writers who repeatedly urged that "What Christ has not assumed [taken on himself], he does not redeem." But Paul might have stated it as follows: "Christ has in fact redeemed that which he assumed [that is, the body]." As we will see below, this has much significance for Christian ethics. *(continued next week)*





# Holy Thursday



# Good Friday



RCIA candidates lead stations of the cross on Good Friday.







# *Easter Vigil*



# *Easter Sunday*



*Easter Morning Alleluias sung by the Aloha Choir!*



*Father Tom blesses the parents and godparents at the Easter Baptisms.*





MARY, Gate of Heaven  
pray for us.

*Please keep  
in prayer:*

*Ernest Matsumoto  
Kahele Ohana  
Aunty Patty Grube  
Uncle Tony Moniz  
Aunty Minnie Alidon  
Aunty Dora Costa  
Aunty Mamo Otineru  
Aunty Nita Kua  
Aunty Dulatre  
Eleanor Birney  
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Aunty Mabel Silva  
Aunty Joann Peralta  
Aunty Irene Kondo  
Fr. Joseph Hennen  
Valentine Gonsalves  
Destry Gacutan  
Shirley Rizzo  
Grace Carter*

*and all those  
who are sick.*



### Financial Notes:

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Rice Bowl: \$47.17  
Koa Bowl: \$531.80

#### EASTER VIGIL

Rice Bowl: \$54.97  
Koa Bowl: \$690.94

*The estimated average  
Koa Bowl Collection needed  
each week to support  
ourselves is: \$1,500.00  
Fr. John*

# Malia Puka O Kalani



### Our Volunteers for Sunday, April 26, 2009

**Church Cleaning**  
*Laverne / Pete*  
**Flowers**  
*Maybelle / Shirley*

**Sacristan**  
*Moke*  
**Altar Servers**  
*Kekona / Kailee*

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
*Victor / Candace*  
**Lectors**  
*Laverne / Moke*

**Bell Ringers**  
*Pete / Melody*



Please remember our brothers and sisters who need our help by bringing food donations every week with you to Mass.  
**THANK YOU!**





Holy Thursday, the washing of feet.



Fr. Joe incenses the Eucharist.



Parishioners receive the light of Christ from the Easter candle.



Easter Vigil Blessing of the water, Fr. Joe and Namele.



The parishioners listen to Fr. Joe's Easter Homily.





## Directory

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Adult Scripture Study:

Deacon Don Aanavi

Prison Ministry: John Aguiar

935-8392

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request



Fr. Joseph Hennen with the Youth Choir.

### This Week's Calendar

**SUNDAY, April 19**

11:30 am •Mass w/First Holy Communion/St. Joseph Church

2:30 pm •Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry/St. Joseph Rectory Library

**MONDAY, April 20**

10:00 am •Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

10:00 am •Mass/Life Care Center—3rd Floor

11:00 am •Mass/Life Care Center—2nd Floor

12:30 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Church

1:00 pm •Spiritual Support Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway

6:00 pm •RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library

6:00 pm •Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Baptismal Prep Class/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room & Church

7:00 pm •Parish Pastoral Advisory Council (PPAC)/St. Joseph Rectory Conference Room

**TUESDAY, April 21**

7:00 am •SJ School Mass/St. Joseph Elem. School Chapel

10:00 am •Prayer Service (+Patricia Riviera)/Dodo Mortuary Chapel

4:00 pm •RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library

7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Parish Hall General Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

**WEDNESDAY, April 22**

12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

6:30 pm •SJS Selection Committee/St. Joseph Rectory Conference Room

7:00 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

**THURSDAY, April 23**

5:30 pm •Cursillo Group/St. Joseph Rectory Library

7:00 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

**FRIDAY, April 24**

7:00 am •SJ School Mass/St. Joseph Elem. School Chapel

5:00 pm •Holy Hour/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •Benediction/St. Joseph Church

**SATURDAY, April 25**

7:45 am •Church Cleaners #4/St. Joseph Church

8:00 am •Big Island Youth Day/St. Theresa Church—Mountain View

10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library

10:00 am •Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church

**SUNDAY, April 26**

9:00 am •Mass w/First Holy Communion/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

10:15 am •Religious Education Classes/SJHS

7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry/SJS Gym

### Sacraments

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Contact the rectory office for arrangements.

**Baptisms: Infant (under 7)**

Preparation sessions for parents available 9 times a year. Call the rectory office to register at 935-1465.

**Baptisms: (over 7-adult) / First**

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Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202

**Hospital Communion:**

Donna Saiki 935-7801

**Home Communion:**

Joanne Kahaloa 961-2726

**Marriages:** Contact rectory office at least 6 months in advance.

**Funerals:** Contact rectory office before meeting with funeral director.

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Holy Thursday	\$ 2,293.00
Easter Vigil	\$ 4,015.00
7:00 am	\$ 4,158.00
9:00 am	\$ 4,619.00
11:30 am	\$ 2,453.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,192.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 18,730.00
Candles	\$ 272.00
Donations/Others	\$ 1,958.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,230.00
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 737.00
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 1,569.00
School Fund	\$ 820.00
Good Friday	\$ 3,697.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 909.30
Cath. Relief Svcs	\$ 12.00
Misc.	\$ 263.70
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 8,008.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 28,968.00
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 144,735.00

*Eternal Rest  
Grant unto them  
O Lord and  
Let perpetual light  
shine upon them*

+Patricia Riviera

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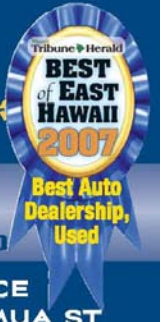


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