

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

February 12, 2023

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Sacrament begins
Weekdays &
Sundays at 4:00 p
Saturdays at 3:00 p*

Mass Schedule

6 am 12:15 pm Monday—Friday
7 am Saturday Morning

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday

PRAY FOR US!



*Please remember St. Joseph
Parish in your will!*

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2023

I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

As we continue to listen to the Sermon on the Mount, we hear how Jesus assures the Jewish leaders that he is not out there to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. Jesus, however, wants them to realize that fulfilling the law is not about following strictly the letters of the law. The foundation of every law is the Spirit that gives meaning for the law's creation which must be discovered and upheld. Thus, a sincere and more perfect fulfilment of the law of God is to understand what God desires when He gave it to us. And we can be sure that it is and can only be to bring us closer to Him.

Thus, for man, the true moral value of observing the law comes from the interior disposition of him who observes or keeps it. No man serves or honors God by any exterior acts, even how solemn or pious it may appear, unless these acts proceed from an intention and a will to honor, please and love God. And our best model of following the law is Jesus, himself. Everything Jesus did, was in response to doing His Father's will. Hence, Jesus was able to interpret the law not for the sake of convenience or compromise, but to uphold God's love for His people.

Consequently for us, when we engage in how we are to carry out the law in our world today, we must first ask ourselves: How will it bring the whole Christian community closer to God and being able to do His will?

For Christ, love is the fulfillment of the Law. All the laws must be interpreted in the light of the law of love. And our observance of the law must be animated therefore by love.



TEACHING MASS - BULLETIN INSERT
POST COMMUNION AND CONCLUDING RITES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023



CONCLUDING THE MASS AND THE CALL TO MISSION

There is an ancient saying in the Church: “May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion.” This wonderful saying, based on St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians, and which has been said as a blessing or salutation in the Church since at least the fifth century, finds a powerful meaning within the context of our liturgy. The liturgy is a work of God, so to speak, but it is indeed the work of the people, which is where the word *Liturgy* comes from. This good work of God’s and of our own must be brought to completion.

The Holy Mass does not end the moment we receive communion. Yes, receiving communion is the most intimate moment of the Mass for us individually, but that does not mean that what comes after is unimportant. There is a purpose to continue our prayer after we have received communion, and thus we do not leave right after we receive our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist. Instead, we return to our places within the church while communion continues to be distributed, and then once the Eucharist is taken to the tabernacle, we sit and allow ourselves some time for quiet reflection. We dwell on the gift of the Eucharist and remind ourselves of the reality of what, or rather *who* we have just received. Jesus, at this moment, dwells in us, not only spiritually, but physically.

This presence of Jesus within us, however, is not meant to be kept hidden away inside us. We are called to take Jesus with us out into the world! That is the center of what we might call our mission as Catholics. This emphasis on ‘mission’ is what the concluding rites of the Mass are all about.

So, what are we meant to understand about this mission of ours? Well, when we were baptized, several things happened to us. We were cleansed of Original Sin, we were reborn in the Holy Spirit, we became priests, prophets, and kings in the New Covenant, and we were made sons and daughters of God. As children of God, we are called to be members of His family, the Catholic Church. As members of the Church, we are meant to live out our lives as faithful Christians every day. This is not always easy, especially in our modern age, but God helps us through giving us spiritual graces, especially through our participation at the Mass.

We come to Mass to worship God, yes, but while we are offering Him our gift of worship, He is giving us gifts of His own. When we participate in the liturgy and receive communion reverently and worthily, God gives grace and strength to live out our Christian lives even when it becomes difficult. When we struggle to pray, God gives us the strength and desire to pray. When we struggle to do good works, God gives us the drive to do them. When we struggle with sin, God guides us to righteousness. When we feel discouraged, God gives us hope. When we feel anxious, God gives us peace. When we feel alone, God reveals Himself to us. All these things are gifts from God, and God pours forth these gifts to us as we encounter Him, especially in the Mass. What this means for us is that as we go to Mass, God is strengthening us spiritually, helping us live lives of faith in a complex world. Our mission is to stay true to the Gospel no matter what life throws our way. This is where our focus falls during the closing rites of the Mass.



CONCLUDING RITES

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After communion, we are called to reflect on the reality of the Eucharist that we have received. This we do as individuals quietly right after receiving communion, but we also do so as a single community. Our quiet prayer is ended with the priest calling us together with the words, “Let us pray.” This parallels the Opening Prayer back at the beginning of Mass. Like that prayer, this prayer is unique to the day or week. This prayer is often related to the Opening Prayer in its wording, but also includes the themes of receiving strength and blessing from the Eucharist that we have received. This is not simply yet another reminder of how special it is for us to receive communion, it also tells us how receiving the Eucharist has done something to us, namely nourished our souls and given us strength. Like a good breakfast before a long day at work, the Eucharist is our spiritual nourishment for the work we are called to do after we go forth from the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the closing prayer, it is permissible to have some brief announcements. This can seem like a break from the spiritual activities of the liturgy, but it is tied to our worship. These announcements are meant to be concerned with upcoming parish activities, all of which are great opportunities to practice our faith beyond our Sunday worship, something we are all called to do. Make no mistake. We are all called to live out our Christian lives every day, not just on Sunday. Our parishes are places where we can foster our Christian living, and they should never be without activities, whether adoration, praise and worship, service projects, or social engagements. Mass is the most important time for us, but it is not the only time we are called to worship God or be with our brothers and sisters in the faith.

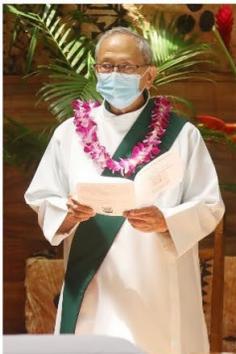
FINAL BLESSING

We end the Mass as we began it: with the Sign of the Cross. What is different here is that it also takes the form of the priest blessing us. Blessings from a priest or a deacon are a powerful gesture, always connected with a duty or purpose. For example, the priest blesses the deacon before he proclaims the Gospel, the bread and wine is blessed before it becomes the body and blood of Christ. Water is blessed before it is used for baptisms, chalices are blessed before they are set aside for liturgy, and even food can be blessed before it is eaten. When we are blessed at the close of Mass, it is our mission in mind. The Mass concludes with the final blessing, but the mission continues.



DISMISSAL (SENDING FORTH)

The final words of the Mass, whether said by the priest or deacon, give us our commission. There are a few different options they use, but the message is always the same: The Mass is ended, go forth and proclaim the Gospel by your life. Indeed, with this, our liturgy is fully concluded, but our mission to go forth and live out the Gospel continues.



The last action of the liturgy is for the priest and his assistant ministers to lead us out of the church and into the world. This shows us what we are now called to do. Armed with the word of God on our lips and the Body of Christ inside us, we take what we have received out into the world. Our liturgy has ended, yes, but our mission, our worship, and our Christian lives continue. We go forth as carriers of Christ, taking Him and His message to the world. By our lives, we show the world the joy of following Christ in His Church. This is our mission. We live out our lives in accordance with the scriptures so that we proclaim the Gospel through our actions each day. The Mass has taught us, healed us, uplifted us, and fed us. Now we go forth to bring the Church to the world and the world to our Church.

February 2023

12 7:00 Mass-Fr. Ferdie	13 6:00 Mass-Fr. Poli	14 6:00 Mass-Fr. Ferdie	15 6:00 Mass-Fr. Ferdie	16 6:00 Mass-Fr. Poli	17 6:00 Mass-Fr. Ferdie	18 7:00 Mass-Fr. Poli
9:00 Mass-Fr. Ferdie	12:15 Mass-Fr. Ferdie	No 12:15 Mass today	12:15 Mass-Fr. Poli	12:15 Mass-Fr. Ferdie	12:15 Mass-Fr. Poli	10:00 Confessions-Fr. Poli
11:45 Mass-Fr. Poli			5:30 Micronesian Mass			5:00 Mass-Fr. Ferdie
6:00 Mass-Fr. Poli	Office open 9-1					

Sunday, February 12

Sir 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

Monday, February 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25
Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 15

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22
Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16

Gn 9:1-13
Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23
Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 17

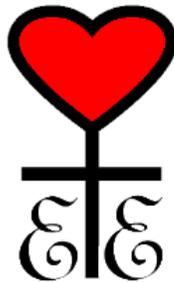
Gn 11:1-9
Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 18

Heb 11:1-7
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48



St. Joseph Church will be hosting the Engaged Encounter couples again on February 25-26. We ask that you keep the couples and all those involved in making this weekend a success in your prayers.

Scholarships for Students in Hawaii Catholic Schools

Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds.

The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to students with a financial need in our Hawaii Catholic Schools in grades K-12. Please take a moment and give the gift of education and make a difference in a student's life.

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Strengthen *Faith*.
Support *Catholic Education*.
Make a Student *Smile*.

Second Collection
February 11 - 12

Your gift to our Second Collection supports tuition scholarships in your parish and/or vicariate for the 2022-2023 School Year. Last year, \$100,000 was generously donated to the Second Collection and distributed back to parishioners in the form of tuition scholarships.

For more information: call (808) 203-6748 or visit www.augustinefoundation.org.

Celebrating Married Couples!
In honor of World Marriage Day, celebrated at the evening Mass on **February 11th** and all Masses on **Sunday the 12th**, our priests will lead married couples in renewing their vows.



Holy Trinity Hermitage will be selling candles, Rosaries and Rosary bracelets on **February 12th after the 9 AM Mass**. Can you put an announcement in the bulletin the week before on the 5th of February and also on the 12th of February the day of the sale.

