

Pastor's Corner



Meet Father Rizal Pedro Acosta, M.S.

Father Rizal was born in the Northern Philippines. He attended elementary and high school in Baguio City, Philippines. When he enrolled in St. Louis University in Baguio City, he met some La Salette Seminary students and learned more about their community and decided to enter the seminary as a La Salette and graduated with a degree in Classical Philosophy from Divine Word Seminary. He then went to Novitiate and took vows on May 1, 1980. He graduated from Divine Word Seminary with a degree in BA in Theology. He was ordained on December 5, 1985 in St. James Parish Church. Father Rizal was assigned as Assistant and then Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Jones, Isabela, Philippines. He was requested to become a Director of First and Second Year La Salette Seminary students and became the Director of the entire Seminary. Since then, Father Rizal was deeply involved in the Formation of Future La Salette Priests.

Prior to his new assignment as Pastor of St. Raphael Church on Kauai, he became a Parochial Vicar for a couple of years at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in the Diocese of San Bernardino in California.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Arlan Intal, MS – Pastor
Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

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Mercedes Casticimo
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Marina Pascua

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Food Pantry:
Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:
Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:
Brenda Sameshima – Chairperson

Finance Council:
Steve Mociłnikar - Chairperson

Baptism: Submit application form and required papers to the Parish Office. Baptism class will be scheduled upon receipt of completed applications. Baptism are usually held on Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass, except on the third Sunday when there is scheduled Ohana Mass.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office for more information at least six months before wedding.

RCIA: Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

Funerals: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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Jesus rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm.

MARK 4:39



WHO IS THIS?

Though we re-enter Ordinary Time already knowing that Jesus is the Son of God (see the centurion's words at the end of the Palm Sunday Passion reading from Mark Gospel), the long succession of Sundays confronts us again with the question: "Who is this?" (Mark 4:41), and prompts an "examination of conscience" regarding the practical consequences of our response. This year's Gospel readings from Mark suggest that we find our answer in the cross and in the Eucharist. Today's stark challenge of Jesus' call to discipleship is, thankfully, balanced by the comfort we can take in relating—perhaps only too well—to the disciples' fears. Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, don't we all, from time to time during our lives' "ordinary time," experience Jesus' "real absence"?

SEA AND WIND

As always in Ordinary Time, today's Old Testament sets the stage for the Gospel. God, who in Jesus will "rebuke the wind" and "command the sea to be still" (Mark 4:39), "addresses Job out of the storm" (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job's heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation's untamed sea, reminding Job that God's mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today's Gospel, the disciples' fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark's account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, "on a cushion" (4:38).

AWAKEN CHRIST

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, haven't we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus' "real absence"? This personal application should comfort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the "boat" is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safe across time's stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one of us is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as "the wind, the surging of the sea," and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, "the sleeper in your heart," by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: "The sea obeys him, the wind is still." Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, "let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland."

TODAY'S READINGS

Job 38:1, 8-11
Psalm 107:23-26, 28-31
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) Wednesday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena

Saturday: 5:00 PM (New Church) Sunday: 7:00 AM (New Church)* 9:30 AM (New Church) *temporary

Ohana Mass (Families with special needs) - 11:30 AM (New Church) usually held every 3rd Sunday

Confession & Sacrament of the Sick:

Call the Parish Office at (808) 742-1955 to schedule an appointment



June

Paul Roberts 22 Richard Rebugio 25
Macy Melchor 25

May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*As per Gov. Ige's mandate on retaining the use of face mask/cover for indoor gatherings, we ask everyone to continue wearing your face-covering and observe social distancing if not of the same household.

*Calling all the graduates for the school year 2021 to submit your name to the office by June 20th. You will be recognized on the weekends of June 26 & June 27. Please wear your cap and gown on the mass you prefer to attend.

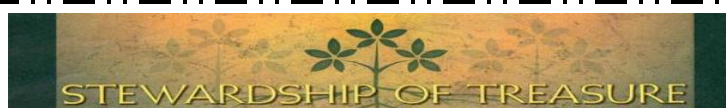
*Finance Council meeting on Monday, June 21 at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Members will be observing COVID-19 guidelines/protocols.

*Kauai Ohana Mass on Sunday, June 20 at 11:30 AM. In the New Church

*Filipino Catholic Council meeting on Sunday, June 20 at 11 AM in the Parish Hall. Members will be observing COVID-19 guidelines/protocols.

*We have a Second Collection next weekend, June 26 & 27 for Peter's Pence. Your donation is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable work. These work benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disaster. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church and make checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you very much.

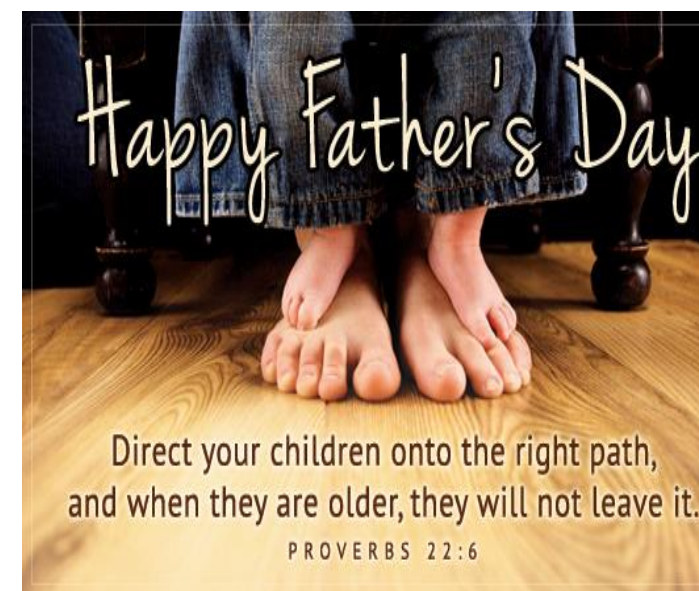
*We thank everyone who signed up to join the farewell gathering for Father Arlan next Sunday, June 27th at the Parish Complex. Please be advised that tickets for the event is now sold out and no additional tickets are available. We apologize for the inconvenience and for more information, call the Parish Office.



Weekly Collections June 13, 2021

Collection	\$ 3,761.00
Votive Candles	\$ 307.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 151.00
Gift Shop	\$ 150.00
Laulima Campaign	\$
Online Giving Church Offering	\$ 820.75
Online Giving Laulima Campaign	\$ 310.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



A Stewardship Moment

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we listen to Jesus' disciples crying out in fear of a great storm. Their cry echoes the cries of people around the world during the pandemic. It is the ultimate cry of fear, doubt and abandonment. It is a parable of the situation of all of us when cast adrift in the storms of our lives, seemingly without God's presence and care. But God is with us. Jesus does calm the storm for his disciples. Good stewards have faith that they do not live in a world where they should live in fear and chaos, seeing themselves alone and abandoned by God. Reflect this week on your own faith in the promises of Jesus. Do you believe Jesus is in our midst and can calm the storms in our lives?

MĀLAMA I KA MAKANA

Cherish The Gift/A Call to Stewardship in the Catholic Church in Hawaii

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama I ka Makana (Cherish the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us.



We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading — The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

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Prayer for the Covid-19 Corona Virus Pandemic [By Bishop Larry Silva]

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus. St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to the service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, "I am not afraid of any disease," because she was confident in your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected.

Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community.

As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence, "Jesus, I trust in you."

Saint Damien, pray for us!
Saint Marianne, pray for us!