

# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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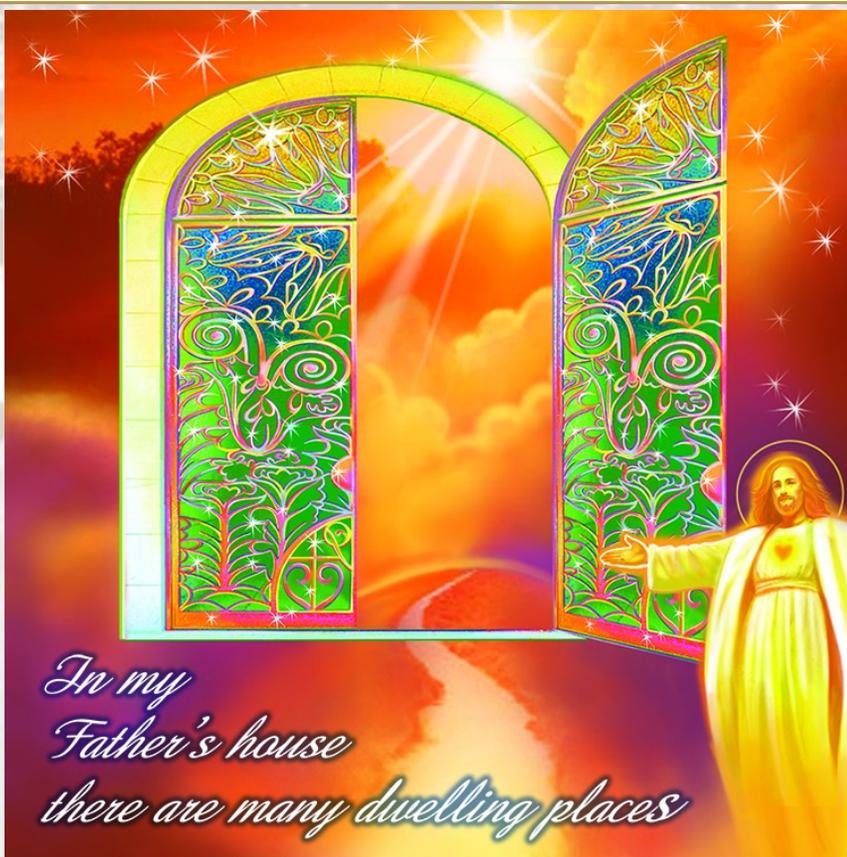
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I – **Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7** | Psalm – **33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**  
Reading II – **1 Peter 2:4-9** | Gospel – **John 14:1-12**



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foremost by our Baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (*1 Peter 2:9*).

All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through Baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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### Vocation

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and

### Next Week’s Readings

Reading I – **Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17** | Psalm – **66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20**  
Reading II – **1 Peter 3:15-18** | Gospel – **John 14:15-21**

# Life of Stewardship

The Readings on this Fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here—whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families, our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect “spot” for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making of our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

—Stewardship Reflections by The Catholic Steward and Catholic Stewardship Consultants



## Online Mass Schedules

**St. Michael’s Church: 9am (English) and 11am (Spanish)**

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live>

or YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjcrClzEjgT3GW2sKiyZ80A/live>

**Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu**

**Sundays: 9 AM (Bishop Silva) / Mondays to Saturdays: 8 AM**

<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/> or

<https://hawaiicatholictv.com/>

## Private Masses Offered Daily

Our priests celebrate private Masses **daily at 6am (Fr. Noé) and at 6pm (Fr. Lio)**. The Church is CLOSED until authorities give the “all clear;” the shutdown is extended till May 31st. If you’d like to request a *Mass intention*, call the **office at (808) 326-7771**.

Check for updates at the parish website: [stmichaelparishkona.org](http://stmichaelparishkona.org).

**Cancelled:** *Confessions/ Adoration/ Faith Formation classes/ RCIA/ Visits to the hospital, homebound, Life Care Center/ Funerals and weddings are postponed or cancelled.*

## Happy Mother’s Day!

*Where would we be without our mother’s love?*

*Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow You and to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight.*

*Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that You have allowed them the honor of raising. Amen.*

—[www.praywithme.com/prayers-for-mothers.html](http://www.praywithme.com/prayers-for-mothers.html)

## Other Mass Celebrations via the Media

\* Mass with Bishop Robert Barron daily at 8:15am ET - go to [wordonfire.org/daily-mass/](http://wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)

\* **EWTN.com** - Mass online [check the website for time]

\* EWTN Mass-Spectrum Channel 1408 [TV Guide for time]

\* USCCB directs people to go to:

1. **watchthemass.com** from the Catholic TV Network - Masses daily; go to the website to check the time

2. Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis’ Masses - go to **“Pope Francis-Holy Mass”**

3. Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - go to [nationalshrine.org/mass/](http://nationalshrine.org/mass/) and click on the red box “Watch Mass Online”

## Food Ministries

St. Michael’s food outreach ministries have responded to the COVID-19 crises by adapting their protocols so that they can continue to meet the needs of those in need.

**The Friendly Place Lunches:** The Friendly Place lunch ministry is providing about 60 “to go” lunches for the homeless every Tuesday. This is an important part of the facilities program to provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner to those in need. In addition, ministry coordinator **Claire Inman** has been supporting the program by preparing food for other meals, occasionally using the assistance of some recipients to help prepare it.

**Malama Na Keiki:** The *Malama Na Keiki* (Backpack Program) continues to provide food supplies, and now produce from our Sharing Garden, to 30 families with 75 children who have been identified by the Holualoa School staff to be in need. We are blessed with financial and food aid that is being donated by teachers, staff, and friends of Holualoa School this past month. Besides canned goods, the aid includes produce from individual gardens, adding to the food packages we provide every other week.

**The Sharing Garden:** The Sharing Garden donated 1,211 lbs. of fruits and vegetables through the month of April. We have resumed providing Salvation Army produce as often as we can, as well as providing for our Food Pantry and the Backpack Ministries. With the severe unemployment crisis in the community, we are helping individual small group networks with produce. These groups are known to us and are serving needy families in the Kona area.

**Food Pantry:** Because of your donations to the parish Food Drive on April 20th and the helpful Costco managers, there was little change in the quantity of food given out during the parish Food Pantry's two April distributions. This support is especially appreciated since the amount of food we are receiving from our traditional sources of staples (Church collections, Food Basket, and store purchases) has been greatly reduced. The Food Pantry continues to use a drive-through protocol to minimize virus risk to our volunteers and recipients. Last month we helped 80 families containing 364 people. Young parish volunteers have stepped up and taken the place of the *kupuna*, who have been asked to suspend their participation in this ministry due to their vulnerability to the virus.

## Upcoming Food Drive

If you'd like to help the Food Pantry Ministry, please bring canned and dry food donations to our **next FOOD DRIVE Mon - May 18th, 9-11am**. Especially needed are **canned corn and green beans, or other canned vegetables**. Drop-off in the front parking lot at St. Michael's Church.

## Other Food Distributions

**The Food Basket:** *Old Kona Airport* the **3rd Friday of the month at 10am**. For immediate assistance or if you do not have a vehicle, call **(808) 322-1418**.

**Grab-and-Go Student Meals:** *Kahakai Elementary School, Kealakehe Intermediate School, and Konawaena High School* provide breakfast and lunch *free of charge* to children 18 years or younger, regardless of eligibility for free or reduced price meals, Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays.  
**Breakfast Service: 7:30-8am** (consume meals by 10am)  
**Lunch Service: 11:30am-12pm** (consume meals by 2pm)

## Financial and Food Stamps Assistance

Apply online for Financial and SNAP benefits at [human.services.hawaii.gov/bessd/](http://human.services.hawaii.gov/bessd/) -click on **digital\_fillable/printableapplication\_form** on the DHS website. Print and sign it, then mail it or drop it off (Open 7:45am-4:30pm) at:

### North Kona 2 Unit (664)

75-5722 Hanama Place, Suite 1105

Kailua-Kona, HI 96740-4127 | PH: (808) 327-4980

### South Kona Unit (633) / Captain Cook Civic Center

82-6130 Mamalahoa Highway, Building 2

Captain Cook, HI 96704 | PH: (808) 323-7573

## Individual and Family Grants From ModestNeeds.org

Public housing residents and households who, because they are working and live just above the poverty level, are eligible to apply for an annual grant of up to \$1,250 to cover unexpected/emergency expenses and monthly bills unpaid due to extenuating circumstances within the past year. Special consideration is given to persons living alone (single persons with no dependent children), public school teachers, and first responders. Anyone

can apply online at [www.ModestNeeds.org](http://www.ModestNeeds.org). Contact: *Crystal van Beelen / Dept. of Emergency Management / Business PH: (808) 723-8956 / Fax: (808) 768-1492 / Email: [cvanbeelen@honolulu.gov](mailto:cvanbeelen@honolulu.gov)*

## Kupuna Shopping Hours

Stores in the Kona area are offering special shopping hours for **seniors and vulnerable populations:**

**KTA:** *Kailua-Kona:* Sunday & Wednesday 5-6am

*Keauhou:* Sunday & Wednesday 6-7am

**Costco:** Tuesday & Thursday 8-10am

**Target:** Wednesday 7-8am

**Sack n' Save:** Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 5-6am;

5% Senior Discount is available these days and times

**Safeway:** Tuesday & Thursday 6-9am

**Walmart:** Tuesday 6-7am

## #NoKeikiLeftOutsideCampaign

### Opportunity to Rent Out Vacant Houses and Condos

HOPE Services-Hawaii received a **Bezos Day One Grant** to find housing for a target of 50 homeless families. There are 41 families on the County-coordinated entry list who are document ready for permanent housing.

Leases are normally for six months or one year. There may be some flexibility during the pandemic. The **Bezos Grant** pays leases at the going rate for the area. In some cases, HOPE Services-Hawaii may be listed as the tenant and there may be some supportive services for the family, which assures that you will have a good renter.

If you have a house or condo that you can rent long-term, call **HOPE Services-Hawaii at (808) 935-3050**. They can provide you with more information about leasing your vacant property through the **Bezos Day One Grant** program.

## Financial Assistance for Big Island Residents

Thanks to two grants totaling \$241,000, financial help is available to low-income Hawaii Island residents experiencing financial hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will allow HOPE Services Hawaii, Neighborhood Place of Puna, and Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council, the opportunity to approve one-time emergency financial assistance of up to \$1,000 per household to Hawaii Island residents who have recently been laid off or whose income has been reduced.

Eligible applicants for financial emergency assistance must meet income limits, currently earning at or below 80% of Hawaii County's Area Median Income (AMI). The 80% AMI cap starts at \$46,700 for an individual, and increases with each additional family member. Verification of income, proof of economic hardship as a result of the pandemic, and a government-issued Hawaii ID is required.

\* **HOPE Services Hawaii: Phone (808) 935-3050; Website [www.hopeserviceshawaii.org](http://www.hopeserviceshawaii.org)**—Will be able to assist households seeking mortgage, rent, or utility assistance. HOPE Ser-

vices will assist with payment of one household bill/expense.

**\*Neighborhood Place of Puna: Phone (808) 965-5550; Website <http://neighborhoodplace.org/>** - Will assist with rent and utility costs only. Applicants of this program can apply once a month for up to three (3) months.

**\*Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council: Phone (808) 935-5219; Website <http://hceoc.net>**

Or call **United Way at 211** for more information. Funding is limited and agencies are asking for your consideration in making sure you meet all requirements before applying. Payments will be sent directly to creditors on behalf of applicants.

## Keeping in Touch With Parishioners

If you know any parishioners who are currently struggling with daily duties, need someone to go to the grocery store for them, or may like to receive a friendly call, please contact the parish office to let us know: **(808) 326-7771**.

## Free Drive-Through COVID-19 Test Site

**Saturdays from 9am to 1pm / Aloha Kona Urgent Care Pottery Terrace / 75-5995 Kuakini Highway**

Aloha Kona Urgent Care will be conducting drive-through screening and testing clinics in Kona. These *free* clinics are open to the public; however, individuals must first undergo a screening to determine if they meet the criteria to be tested. Clinic physicians on-site will make the determination regarding testing. The screening criteria will be based on guidance of the CDC and the State's COVID-19 Response Task Force.

Bring a photo ID and health insurance cards, although insurance is not required. To pre-register or if you have questions, call **(808) 854-3566**.

## Track Our Diocese COVID-19 Updates

Go to [catholichawaii.org/covid\\_19](http://catholichawaii.org/covid_19) and to [hawaiicatholicherald.com/tag/coronavirus/](http://hawaiicatholicherald.com/tag/coronavirus/)

## Spiritual Communion

What is spiritual communion? St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. With the absence of public Masses in the Diocese of Honolulu, the opportunity for receiving spiritual communion is particularly appropriate.

Spiritual communion only requires the same disposition as the actual reception of the sacrament and a turning to Jesus with the heart. No particular prayer or formulary is required; however, to help focus a proper intention, recitation of a prayer is suggested:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire You  
with all my heart. I embrace You as if You were already  
in my heart and unite myself to You completely.  
Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.*

# Stewardship of Treasure

May 2nd—8th, 2020

OFFERINGS	\$15,635.00
PARISH CENTER FUND	\$1,200.00
DEBT REDUCTION	\$1,685.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$18,520.00</b>

## Stewardship of Treasure

Your offerings that you sacrifice in this difficult time, via the mail or OnLine Giving, are gratefully received. Your stewardship of treasure this past week totaled **over \$18,000!** (*see above*) I celebrate the Mass privately each day and I keep all of you in my prayers. God bless you! —Fr. Lio

## Faith Formation News

In this week's Gospel, Jesus promises His disciples that He will prepare a place for them in His Father's house. He emphasizes that He and the Father are one. Help your children compare the comfort and safety of their own home to their eternal home—Heaven.

Jesus says Heaven is like a house with many rooms. He says that there is a room for each of us in Heaven! Think about your own home and your own room. Then, answer the reflection questions:

1. How does your own home make you feel safe?
2. What do you like best about your home? Why?
3. Describe your room. How do you feel when you are in it?
4. Why do you think Jesus says Heaven is like a house?

—Darlene Gawlik, Catequist

## Treasures From Our Tradition

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark" it is the Sign of the Cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to Baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the Church at Baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the Sign of the Cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass.

Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the Sign of the Cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our Baptism.

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