

#### **Mass Times:**

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Thursdays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

#### CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

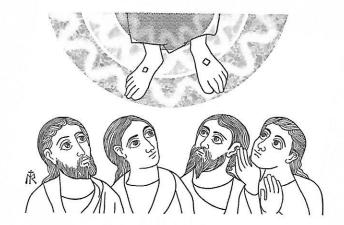
After every weekday mass or by appointment.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 16, 2021



## Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved:

whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe:

in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages.

They will pick up serpents with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,

was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

#### Readings for the week:

Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab John 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 John 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab John 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 John 17:20-26

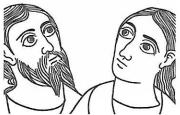
Friday 19-20ab

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, John 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 John 21:20-25

Sunday Pentecost Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 John 20:19-23 or 15:26-27; 16:12-15







#### **Opening Prayer**

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Mark narrates that Jesus has appeared to his followers during forty days—a biblical number symbolic of both fullness and transition—and has instructed them about the promised coming of the Holy Spirit. The disciples wait for this new baptism in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, still captive to curiosity about times, dates, the possible relationship of Israel to the kingdom about which Jesus has so often spoken, and an implied hankering for knowledge of their own positions in this kingdom. Jesus deflects their desire for such answers into a concern for mission—the witness to him that the disciples will be called and empowered to give to the very ends of the earth. The disciples are still wounded by Judas's treachery, Peter's betrayal, and their own cowardice. Yet it is in the midst of such failure, false expectations, and incorrigible personal ambitions and wishes for quick solutions that Jesus will call them to mission.

The Lectionary omits verse 14 from today's reading of the "longer ending" of Mark's gospel. And so as we gather liturgically around the table, we may not realize that Jesus's commission to proclaim the Good News of his resurrection is also given to the wounded Eleven "at table." Nor do we hear how Jesus upbraids them for their lack of faith—something that is surely a great consolation for ourselves as wounded disciples in whom the flame of missionary desire can flicker. Yet like the Eleven, we are people entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the gospel now that the physical presence of Jesus has ascended to heaven and is no longer with us. We too are sent to speak new words with the fire of the Spirit on our tongues, offer new healing to our sisters and brothers, and cast out contemporary "demons" from ourselves and others. And all this continues to be "in the name of" the personal power of Jesus into whose Body we are baptized.

## **Closing Prayer**

Mighty Lord, you promised your followers that *whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.*This now is our work, as your hands and your feet: to always proclaim your mighty deeds, and to welcome disciples into your community of faith. Be with us always, inspiring our sacred ministries. **Amen.** 

#### For Reflection:

• In the gospel we hear that Jesus, seated at the right hand of God, continues to "work with" the disciples as they preach and do good works. How do you experience Jesus's presence working with you in ministry?

# Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
- 2. One person read aloud the gospel.
- 3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
- 4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
- 5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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# Announcements

# 05/15/21 - 05/16/21

Financials: Last Week 05/05/21-05/11/21

| Weekly Collection Goal<br>\$2400 | Total<br>\$4368.00 | Over<br>1968.00 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| In Church                        | \$ 4217.00         |                 |
| OnLine Giving                    | \$ 101.00          |                 |
| Mail In                          | \$ 50.00           |                 |
| *Thrift Shop                     | \$ 190.00*         | *Info Only      |

Today, we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps the campaign connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain in the Diocese of Honolulu to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Mahalo for your kokua!

Parish Council Meeting, Sunday, May 16th-10 a.m. in Hall.

**Bread Day is Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** – the signup sheet is at the church entry. On Sunday, help is needed to configure the hall for this endeavor. Should you be available that morning – we start as early as 12:30 a.m. or come any time thereafter. Hope to see you there!