

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 15TH, 2018
LET OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US AS WE HEAR
THE GOSPEL

The common theme of today's readings is the challenge to adjust our lives in the living presence of the risen Lord, well aware of his presence, within us and all around us as his Holy Spirit. This awareness should strengthen our hope in his promises, bring us to the true repentance for our sins and the renewal of our lives, and lead us to bear witness to Christ by our works of charity. The readings also remind us that the purpose of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus was to save us from sins.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes Peter's second sermon addressing the Jewish assembly at the Portico of Solomon in Jerusalem. Peter forcefully declares how the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges the Jews to turn toward God so that their sins may be wiped away. Answering doubts raised by the early heretics of his time.

John in the second reading asserts the fundamental Christian doctrine that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered for the expiation for our sins.

Today's gospel describes Jesus' appearance to his apostles in their hiding place in the Upper Room of the Cenacle. It tells us how Jesus removed the doubts of his apostles about his resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explained to them how the prophecies had been fulfilled in him. Then he commissioned them to bear witness to him and preach "repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name after receiving the Holy Spirit."

Life messages: 1) Share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the upper room of the Cenacle, prepared his disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word of God," Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of Bread and Wine," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for the blessings received, listen to God's words and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of bread and wine. We also share in the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing his message with the entire world mainly by living transparent Christian lives.

2) Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue his mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be his eyes, ears and hands and to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness.

3) Let our daily lives be the means of experiencing and sharing the risen Lord with others. Just as the disciples experienced their risen Lord in their community, let us learn to feel the presence of Jesus in our own homes, social service centers, nursing facilities, hospitals and schools. Jesus wants us to be a community which shares and cares, a community which knows how to recognize Jesus in the poor, in the marginalized, in the sick.

April 27 (Friday) we will be having a Family Night at 6:30.P.M in the Parish Hall. We are inviting all the young families to come with your Children for a Fun Night with lots of Games and Food for children and adults. Please join us for this fellowship to develop our Young Adult Ministry in our Parish.

May the Lord's healing and life-giving touch be upon those whose cross is too heavy to bear? Amen.



David Arcia, Clarita Agcaoili, Vitaliano Agsalog, JoJo Apo, Eleanor Aquinde, Maria Aranaydo, Felisa Asuncion, Silvestre Baggao, Barbara Bagio, Glenn Barcoma, Michael Barroga, Lokahi Bissen, Inez Bulger, Criselda Cabanilla, Richard Caldito, Jr., Carla Camara, Hilda Camara, Caniaveral Family, Quintin Casio, Ryan Cerizo, Ko Chan, George Cordeiro, Teresita Corpuz, John & Patricia Fernandez, Burt & Matilda Freeland, Penney Galam, Ka'eo Gesch, Kenneth Ktaska, Uluwehi Guerrero, Lana Hasiugiulpiy, Jasmine Higa, Germaine Lopes-Nicola, Carol Martin, Lauren Carol Martin, Paul Mortel, Georgette Pacubas, Bernard Paet, Cayetana Paet, Jimmy Gabriel Paet, Robyn Pellazar, Desiree Phillips, Charles Pico, Juanito Ramelb, Eddie Reyes, Lorenzo Sagayaga, Dominga Sagaysay, Christopher Salvador, Arnold Sanchez, Vilma Sanchez, Cru Silva, Christine Souza, Rudy Sumabat, Tom Tadakuma, Frank Takase, Felicidad Tan, Laurie Tirona, Paul Vargas Sr, Chris Verdi, Timothy Wood, Lioda Yanos Please call the office for any changes.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE:

Joshua Aquinde, Kimberly Arcilla, Drevan Kalani Barfield, Jay Blanca, Jerome Blanca, Reese Blando, Beau Brown, Raena Camara Bulusan, Zhyre Cardines, Kapiolani Davis, Nolan Felipe, Ryan Gaoiran, Robert Garo, Reinalyn Golino, Jonathan Gutierrez, Killian Kuhaulua, Reychele Lapuebla, Bruce Luis, Joshua Luis, Kent Wycliffe A Matillano, Joshua Navarro-Nishiki, Arturo Pedro, Jared Purdy, Ka-sandra Ragasa, Patrick Wayne Ramos, Michele Saiki, Samantha Santiago, Nainoa Silva, Lutoviko Taai, Xavier Tongson and Sage Valdez.

Our Monthly Sweet Bread Sale on Saturday, May12, 2018. Pick Up Times. 9am to 12 noon. Please call Harriet Sardinha at (808) 877-5643 or Irene Cambra (808) 877-0173. Beginning on May 12th, prices for sweetbread will increase to \$6.00 a loaf.

GRIEF SUPPORT RESUMES ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018 AT 6PM IN ST. MARIANNE ROOM.

STEWARDSHIP

2018	Weekend of: Apr 7-8
Sunday Collection	6,858.20
Occasional Offerings	\$ 1,370.00
Spanish Mass	\$594.00
Visayan Mass	\$217.00
Donations	\$604.00
Facility Maintenance	\$1,129.00
Candles	\$956.00
Mass Intentions	\$610.00
Easter	\$245.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$12,603.20

MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**COMING TO MAUI.....
WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2018, 6:30pm at St. Theresa Curch, Kihei, the internationally acclaimed speaker, author and TV host Chris Stefanick. Tickets are \$22.00 per person and is being sold through the office. Seating is limited. He did a sold out program a few months ago on Oahu. You don't want to misas this. Stay tuned for times and location . Reserve this Date now!**



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • 6pm Choir • 6pm Networking • 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday, April 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6pm Monthly Rosary by 7am Choir
Wednesday, April 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6:30pm Religious Education Grades 1-6 • 6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Practice in Church • 7:30pm Choir Practice
Thursday, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6pm Choir Practice • 6:30pm Confirmation Mass/Reception • Religious Education Grades 7&8
Friday, April 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 5:30pm PreSchool SpringFest • 7pm Confirmation Practice for RCYA
Saturday, April 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1pm Wedding • 3:30pm Confessions • 5pm Mass – RCYA Confirmation
Sunday April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6am, 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass • 12 Noon Hispanic Mass

CONTINUATION FROM LAST WEEK

If someone without faith eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

If "to receive" means "to consume," the answer is yes, for what the person consumes is the Body and Blood of Christ. If "to receive" means "to accept the Body and Blood of Christ knowingly and willingly as what they are, so as to obtain the spiritual benefit," then the answer is no. A lack of faith on the part of the person eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ cannot change what these are, but it does prevent the person from obtaining the spiritual benefit, which is communion with Christ. Such reception of Christ's Body and Blood would be in vain and, if done knowingly, would be sacrilegious (1 Cor 11:29). Reception of the Blessed Sacrament is not an automatic remedy. If we do not desire communion with Christ, God does not force this upon us. Rather, we must by faith accept God's offer of communion in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, and cooperate with God's grace in order to have our hearts

and minds transformed and our faith and love of God increased.

If a believer who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

Yes. The attitude or disposition of the recipient cannot change what the consecrated bread and wine are. The question here is thus not primarily about the nature of the Real Presence, but about how sin affects the relationship between an individual and the Lord. Before one steps forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, one needs to be in a right relationship with the Lord and his Mystical Body, the Church - that is, in a state of grace, free of all mortal sin. While sin damages, and can even destroy, that relationship, the sacrament of Penance can restore it. St. Paul tells us that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup" (1 Cor 11:27-28). Anyone who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin should be reconciled through the sacrament of Penance before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, unless a grave reason exists for doing so and there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, that is, an act of sorrow for sins that "arises from a love by which God is loved above all else" (Catechism, no. 1452). The act of perfect contrition must be accompanied by the firm intention of making a sacramental confession as soon as possible.

Does one receive the whole Christ if one receives Holy Communion under a single form?

Yes. Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist. Furthermore, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of the consecrated Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood. Nevertheless, it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the

Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (cf. Eucharisticum Mysterium, no. 32).

Is Christ present during the celebration of the Eucharist in other ways in addition to his Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament?

Yes. Christ is present during the Eucharist in various ways. He is present in the person of the priest who offers the sacrifice of the Mass. According to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, Christ is present in his Word "since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church." He is also present in the assembled people as they pray and sing, "for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (Mt 18:20)" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 7). Furthermore, he is likewise present in other sacraments; for example, "when anybody baptizes it is really Christ himself who baptizes" (ibid.).

We speak of the presence of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine as "real" in order to emphasize the special nature of that presence. What appears to be bread and wine is in its very substance the Body and Blood of Christ. The entire Christ is present, God and man, body and blood, soul and divinity. While the other ways in which Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist are certainly not unreal, this way surpasses the others. "This presence is called 'real' not to exclude the idea that the others are 'real' too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man" (Mysterium Fidei, no. 39).

Why do we speak of the "Body of Christ" in more than one sense?

First, the Body of Christ refers to the human body of Jesus Christ, who is the divine Word become man. During the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As human, Jesus Christ has a human body, a resurrected and glorified body that in the Eucharist is offered to us in the form of bread and wine.

Secondly, as St. Paul taught us in his letters, using the analogy of the human body, the Church is the Body of Christ, in which many members are united with Christ their head (1 Cor 10:16-17, 12:12-31; Rom 12:4-8). This reality is frequently referred to as the Mystical Body of Christ. All those united to Christ, the living and the dead, are joined together as one Body in Christ. This union is not one that can be seen by human eyes, for it is a mystical union brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Mystical Body of Christ and the eucharistic Body of Christ are inseparably linked. By Baptism we enter the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and by receiving the eucharistic Body of Christ we are strengthened and built up into the Mystical Body of Christ. The central act of the Church is the celebration of the Eucharist; the individual believers are sustained as members of the Church, members of the Mystical Body of Christ, through their reception of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. Playing on the two meanings of "Body of Christ," St. Augustine tells those who are to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist: "Be what you see, and receive what you are" (Sermon 272). In another sermon he says, "If you receive worthily, you are what you have received" (Sermon 227).

The work of the Holy Spirit in the celebration of the Eucharist is twofold in a way that corresponds to the twofold meaning of "Body of Christ." On the one hand, it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the risen Christ and his act of sacrifice become present. In the eucharistic prayer, the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the gifts of bread and wine to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ (a prayer known as the epiclesis or "invocation upon"). On the other hand, at the same time the priest also asks the Father to send

the Holy Spirit down upon the whole assembly so that "those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit" (Catechism, no. 1353). It is through the Holy Spirit that the gift of the eucharistic Body of Christ comes to us and through the Holy Spirit that we are joined to Christ and each other as the Mystical Body of Christ.

By this we can see that the celebration of the Eucharist does not just unite us to God as individuals who are isolated from one another. Rather, we are united to Christ together with all the other members of the Mystical Body. The celebration of the Eucharist should thus increase our love for one another and remind us of our responsibilities toward one another. Furthermore, as members of the Mystical Body, we have a duty to represent Christ and to bring Christ to the world. We have a responsibility to share the Good News of Christ not only by our words but also by how we live our lives. We also have a responsibility to work against all the forces in our world that oppose the Gospel, including all forms of injustice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (no. 1397).

Why do we call the presence of Christ in the Eucharist a "mystery"?

The word "mystery" is commonly used to refer to something that escapes the full comprehension of the human mind. In the Bible, however, the word has a deeper and more specific meaning, for it refers to aspects of God's plan of salvation for humanity, which has already begun but will be completed only with the end of time. In ancient Israel, through the Holy Spirit God revealed to the prophets some of the secrets of what he was going to accomplish for the salvation of his people (cf. Am 3:7; Is 21:28; Dan 2:27-45). Likewise, through the preaching and teaching of Jesus, the mystery of "the Kingdom of God" was being revealed to his disciples (Mk 4:11-12). St. Paul explained that the mysteries of God may challenge our human understanding or may even seem to be foolishness, but their meaning is revealed to the People of God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 1:18-25, 2:6-10; Rom 16:25-27; Rev 10:7).

The Eucharist is a mystery because it participates in the mystery of Jesus Christ and God's plan to save humanity through Christ. We should not be surprised

if there are aspects of the Eucharist that are not easy to understand, for God's plan for the world has repeatedly surpassed human expectations and human understanding (cf. Jn 6:60-66). For example, even the disciples did not at first understand that it was

necessary for the Messiah to be put to death and then to rise from the dead (cf. Mk 8:31-33, 9:31-32, 10:32-34; Mt 16: 21-23, 17:22-23, 20:17-19; Lk 9:22, 9:43-45, 18:31-34). Furthermore, any time that we are speaking of God we need to keep in mind that our human concepts never entirely grasp God. We must not try to limit God to our understanding, but allow our understanding to be stretched beyond its normal limitations by God's revelation.

Conclusion: By his Real Presence in the Eucharist Christ fulfils his promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "It is the law of friendship that friends should live together. . . . Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage, but he joins us to himself in this sacrament in the reality of his body and blood" (Summa Theologiae, III q. 75, a. 1). With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst, the Church is truly blessed. As Jesus told his disciples, referring to his presence among them, "Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it" (Mt 13:17). In the Eucharist the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine Christ gives us the gift of eternal life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. . . . Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. (Jn 6:53-57)

We invite you to join our Respect-Life Ministry by contacting any of our Leaders: Ku'ulei Cagasan, Chair (808) 281-4469 or Carole Chai, Co-Chair (808) 877-0950. We welcome you to join us at our meeting.

**Living Catholic in the 808:
What Easter Means To Me
By Father Antonio Albuan, MS
Pastor, Holy Cross Parish
Kalaheo, Kauai**

Listening to the seven Old Testament readings about the salvific act of God seems to take a long period of time during our Easter Vigil. Yet it sets the context of the hard, difficult journey of the people (aka, us!) from the slavery of the darkness of sins to the light of liberation, living according to the plan of God. Ultimately, the Easter Vigil helps us celebrate the New Covenant that God makes to us through Jesus Christ.

This Easter pattern of journey and of reaching our destination through Jesus can help us look more closely at our own life situations and then move towards helping others. Through Easter, we see our common vision of the Church: **GO AND MAKE OTHERS DISCIPLES.** The journey we are on is as the one People of God. Because of Easter, we know where we are going and we know who is leading us.

Easter means **RENEWING OUR RESPONSE TO OUR BAPTISMAL CALLS AND EMBRACING THE THREEFOLD MISSION OF CHRIST:** priestly, prophetic and kingly.

In this way, Easter is a time to leave behind the past, look at the **VISION** of Jesus and take steps to help the rest of the people of God, esp. the poor, in their journey from death to resurrection.

**2018 MAUI COUNTY
CHARITY WALK**

It is that time again for the Maui County Charity Walk on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 7am starting at the War memorial Soccer Field. Please participate or donate to this Charity Walk fundraiser. All raised funds will benefit Christ the King Outreach Ministry. Your donations and participation are greatly appreciated. Forms may be obtained from Anita Fernandez (281-4703) or Nancy Tanji (385-1180).

Reminder to Pick Up:
Plate Lunch Fundraiser
Takamiya Market
(Kalua Pig or Hamburger Steak)
Pick Up Dates: April 23 to April 28, 2018

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

Cordially Invites you to attend the
6:30pm Confirmation Mass
on Thursday, April 19th, 2018
celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva
Congratulations to our:

2018 HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMANDIS

Christian Alonzo
Christine Alonzo
Breanna Alviedo
Hunter Arconado
Donna Mae Bio

Gerard Lapid
Jake Macapugay
Renzo Mendoza
Jeannine Miranda
Kalia Montero-
Quemado

Nicole Buere

Sebastian Montero-
Quemado
Jeannyne Palepec

Tyson Cabanilla-
Balanza
Ian Casabay
Lynette Dadiz

Hazel Mae Patrocinio
Araeli Prado-
Rodriguez

Skyler Dagdag
Deanne Dalit
Preston Delos Santos
Bradley Domingo
Krislen Fujimoto-
Palakiko

Melissa Rapoza
Trisha Mae Rumbaoa
Louis Carlo Santiago
Charles Tamayo
Angelica Torres

Althea Garduque
Sarah Jane Haber
Matt Ines

Jhasmine Vilorio
Cypriano Way
Karl Kristopher
Matillano
1st Communion &
Confirmation

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
8TH GRADER:
KAYLA PASTORES
WHO RECEIVED HER 1ST
COMMUNION ON
EASTER SUNDAY**



This past EASTER SUNDAY