

'I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit.' John 15:5

Vine & Branches

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Rector's Ramblings

The Rev. David J. Gierlach, Rector



While the secular culture has gone a long way in taking over Christmas, the same can't be said for **Easter**. Indeed, Easter *baffles* secular culture. Crucifixion? Death? **Resurrection?!** For 21st century folk, it makes *no sense*. But to us, it is the new beginning of all of creation. For us, what God did to Jesus is the same miracle God has promised to do to us, to you, to me! Easter is the cornerstone of our faith. May each of you have a blessed one.



Please join us for **Maundy Thursday** services. Feet will be washed (by yours truly), and in the washing, come and get a sense of that Thursday so long ago as our Lord prepared to meet the powers and principalities, whose nails, in the end, could not hold him. Sit where the apostles sat and feel the warm water *clean your feet*....then...as they did....go and do likewise.



Please join us for the **Stations of the Cross** at noon on Good Friday, as we walk the road to Calvary with our Lord. Then, at 6 p.m., we shall share the holy mass, consume the body and blood consecrated the night before and ask, in song: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"



April 30, 2010 will be our first

Friday Nite Spaghetti Dinner and Dance

under the moonlight! Say, start around 6 p.m. and go til, say 8 or 8:30! (p.m. NOT a.m.!) Please mark your calendar and then dust off your dancing shoes!



HCAP (Honolulu Community Action Program) has approached us about installing 25 computer lab stations in the Youth Center and a sound studio for older kids to record music in. HCAP envisions retaining 1-1/2 teacher positions to work with our existing group of youngsters and to expand the reach of our current ministries. **Mark Anderson** got this ball rolling for us. We are excited!!



During the Spring Break, Fr. Saimone's **Youth Ministry** served about 30 children per day, and did such fun activities as making piñatas from scratch, baking brownies, bar b q-ing hotdogs and playing basketball, ping pong and air hockey! Safe to say a good time was had by all!



We are providing **Holy Eucharist at IHS** every Thursday from 1-2 p.m. Since it was Episcopal priest Claude DuTeil who founded IHS, it feels good to have an Episcopal service on a regular basis for the guests of that facility. Please keep all the needy in your prayers!



“But if John the Baptist was Jesus’ cousin, wouldn’t God be John’s uncle?”

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On Palm Sunday, a five-year-old boy had to stay home with a sore throat, and missed church. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. When the boy asked what the branches were for, his mother told him, “People held them over Jesus’ head as He walked by.”

“Wouldn’t you know it!” the boy fumed. “The one Sunday I don’t go, He shows up!”

—Columnist *Smiley Anders, Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate*

Quotable quotes from notable folks

“God was crying in the crying of those herded into the gas chambers. God was weeping in the weeping of those who watched helplessly their loved ones led away to be slaughtered. God did not hide God’s face. How can one fail to see God’s face in the faces of those terror stricken Jews fallen victim to the insanity of their fellow human beings? True, we cannot understand God, not because God did not or was not able to stop the Holocaust, but because God, in spite of being God, chose to weep, suffer, and die as each Jew who wept, suffered and died. We do not understand this God, but we are able to retain our hope for the world because of this God.”
C.S. Song, The Believing Heart, 122 (1999).

“That business between us and God that began in the Garden, in which we first chose our wills over God’s will, in which we rebelled and never looked back, this bloody business in which we, down through all the ages, always turned away from God, that is being fixed, finished, [on Good Friday].”
W. Willimon, Thank God It’s Friday, 67 (2006).



Sermons Online!

The St. Elizabeth’s website is starting to archive Father David’s sermons. Check it out at www.stelizabeth720.org.

Parish Work Day, March 20

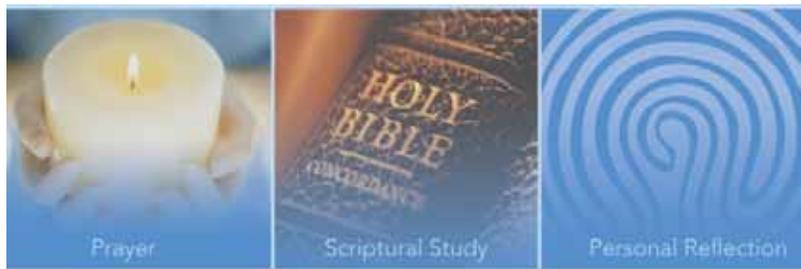


A Parish Work Day on Saturday, March 20, had parishioners cleaning hedges of rubbish, trimming the hibiscus, removing concrete blocks from the front cross area, pulling weeds, and cleaning the Kanoa Street rubbish. Shown above is Lowell Ing, pushing a wheelbarrow. Thanks, everyone, for your help!

Attendance

3/3	Wed. Eucharist	17
3/3	Ilokano Wednesday	45
3/5	Tongan Fri. Eucharist	16
3/7	Sunday 8:15 am	143
3/7	Ilokano Sunday	66
3/10	Wed. Eucharist	16
3/12	Tongan Eucharist	14
3/14	Sunday 8:15 am	133
3/17	Wed. Eucharist	16
3/19	Tongan Eucharist	13
3/21	Sunday 8:15 am	142

Cantonese - average 5



Disciples Journey 2010

will take place at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, on April 16-17. It is the annual event sponsored by the Diocese of Hawaii as a journey to understand why prayer, scriptural study, and personal reflection are essential to who we are as Christians. For information and registration information, call 561-1244. Registration deadline is March 31st.

Sunday School News

During Lent, the children have gathered around the Lenten wreath, and the service has begun with the Christ candle and one purple candle lit, followed by short presentation of readings as a call to worship. *The Lenten Candles* by Paul Dyck is a series of Lenten calls to worship and is produced by special arrangement with the Contemporary Drama Service. **Palm Sunday** is the sixth and final Sunday of Lent and marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when his supporters waved palm fronds to celebrate his arrival. The Sunday School children will also distribute palm crosses that many little hands have braided. These crosses will be distributed during communion.



Ajaon Chen rehearses the Easter anthem with the children.

On Easter Day, the children will raise their voices in glory and sing with the Handbells during the offertory. After the service, the children will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt. All children are welcome to participate. There is a sign up sheet on the reception table so we will have enough eggs and baskets for all the children.

Thank you to all who have generously given Easter treats and monetary donations to fill the Easter bags and Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Sunday School children are learning a new song at least once a month as they join in with the handbells, special instruments, or special singers during the offertory every 3rd Sunday of each month. This being Lent, they will lift their voices in song on Easter Sunday, singing *Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen!* under the direction of **Ajaon Chen**, choir director.

Thank you also to "Miss Heather" – Ms. **Heather Manning** who has been participating with the Sunday School activities and in the classroom each 2nd Sunday of the month.



Heather Manning helps out in the kitchen on Shrove Tuesday.

Good News!

For the year 2010 we had 82 pledges totalling \$92,449. This compares with 67 pledges for \$71,603 for the year 2009.

However, our expenses still exceed our income, so your faithful stewardship is greatly appreciated.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Furlough Friday and Spring Break Fun

Our Children's Outreach Center program has expanded from Wednesday afternoons to Furlough Fridays and even Spring Break. Children enjoy music, crafts, sports and other fun activities — and of course there are always snacks! Lunch was provided on Furlough Fridays and during Spring Break days.



In the photo above, the children are making papier-mache for an Easter piñata.



Anaseini Lino teaches the boys how to hip-hop dance.



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Member News

Kalfred Yee was received into membership of the Episcopal Church by **Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick** on March 10 at the Wednesday Healing Eucharist.

Margaret Chun, mother of the **Rev. Franklin Chun**, passed away on February 27 at the age of 87. Since she willed her body to the University of Hawaii Medical School, a memorial service will be held in the future at St. Elizabeth's.

Betty Awakuni's sister, **Mildred Shinto**, passed away on March 2, 2010 at the age of 85. Mildred and Betty were part of the Holy Trinity ohana which merged with St. Elizabeth's. Fr. David conducted the burial service.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Chun, Awakuni and Shinto families. *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.*



Fr. Saimone Lino leads the Tongan Eucharist in the chapel.



Shawnalyn Sunagawa	4/2
Brillan Tulenkun	4/2
Sharon Oshiro	4/3
Walter Kau	4/4
Kit Hawkins	4/6
Ka'alaneo Blaisdell-Higa	4/6
Concisa Bartoline	4/7
Fr. David Gierlach	4/8
Tasy Robert	4/8
Santereen Kom	4/9
Dolores Peralta	4/10
Alberta Eng	4/11
Belinda Chung	4/12
Flora Wong	4/12
Joseph Tom	4/14
Michael Young	4/14
Kalfred Yee	4/15
Lauren Ho	4/16
Puanani Woo	4/17
Kenneth Nagamine	4/18
Juan Ramos	4/22
Ellen Tom	4/25
Craig Kokubun	4/26
Joey Gierlach	4/28
Gilbert Batangan	4/29
Richard Ching	4/30
Lily Ho	4/30

A House of Prayer for All People

St. Elizabeth's is truly a House of Prayer for All People. On any given Sunday, there are at least five languages spoken by the people in the pews.

On the first Sunday of the month, at 10:30 am, and the first Wednesday evening of the month, there is an Ilokano Eucharist with Mother Imelda Padasdao presiding.

On the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month, Fr. Peter Fan presides over a Cantonese language Eucharist at 10:30 am.

The newest service is a Tongan Eucharist which has been held on the Friday evenings in Lent at 7 pm, conducted by Fr. Saimone Lino, which may be continued on a periodic basis in the future.

*God's blessings on those with
April birthdays!*

Young Organists

The fourth annual Young Organists Concert will be held on Saturday, April 24 at 7 pm at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou Street. Fifteen of Parish Administrator **Katherine Crosier's** students will perform, including all three of **Ajaon Chen's** children: **Joshua, Daniel and Naomi Yuen-Schat**. A free-will offering will benefit the scholarship programs of the Hawaii Chapter American Guild of Organists. Come support these young musicians!



Even though the lights are dim in the Chapel, spirits are bright as Father Lino leads the Book of Common Prayer service in the Tongan language.

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"These pants I got for Easter are my favorite 'cause nobody's ever worn them before."

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Holy Week and Easter at St. Elizabeth's

Sunday, March 28, **Palm Sunday**
8:15 am Palm Procession and
Reading of the Passion, Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 1, **Maundy Thursday**
6:30 pm Footwashing and
Institution of the Eucharist

Friday, April 2, **Good Friday**
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 4, **Easter Day**
8:15 am. The Sunday School, Handbell Choir and Adult Choir
will join forces in proclaiming Christ's resurrection
through the gift of music

9:30 am **Easter Egg Hunt** for children 12 and under
Potluck Easter Brunch Bring food to share.



This Month's Recipe

OVEN-BUTTERED CORNSTICKS

1 stick butter
2 cups Bisquick
1 can cream style corn (1 lb. 8-3/4 oz)

Melt butter in a 13-1/2 x 10-1/2 baking pan. Combine Bisquick and corn in a mixing bowl. Stir until soft dough is firm. Knead dough on a lightly floured surface. Roll into 6x10 rectangles, then cut into 1-1/2" strips. Roll in melted butter and arrange in a single layer.

Bake at 350° F. oven for 15 minutes or until done. Makes 20.

From Nancy Shim-Au's Kitchen

P.S. Ask Nancy about the time she made corn chowder and forgot to add the corn! AND the potatoes!