

SERVICE

We strive to be servant ministers to meet the needs of our parishioners, the wider community, the Honolulu Diocese and beyond. We particularly strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way. We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received and we recognize our call to live the stewardship way of life.

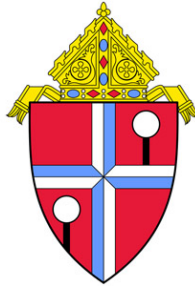
Our parish is blessed with a good number of parishioners engaged in a ministry of the parish. While any person may volunteer for a ministry at any time, all parishioners are asked to consider becoming more involved when special appeals are made and during our annual Stewardship Renewal each Fall season, primarily by completing an annual Commitment Card. The bi-monthly Stewardship Newsletter highlights one or two ministries to keep the idea of serving fresh in the minds of all who read the Newsletter. To further enhance the call to service and ministry, we pledge to:

- Highlight a parish ministry each month on our website and bulletin and request that the priests mention the same in their weekend homily.
- Support more fully Diocesan ministries and events, especially those that reach out to the needs of the wider Oahu community, including and especially the homeless.

Parish Facilities

The Building and Maintenance Committee will continue to track the needs of our parish facilities, providing proper maintenance and arranging for major upgrades and repairs in order to provide a safe and welcome space for parishioners and friends alike.

We are grateful for the continued financial support of our parishioners that make services and maintenance projects possible for the benefit of our entire faith community.



Bishop Larry Silva notes these words in the Pastoral Plan for the Honolulu Diocese:

“Our Church is alive and thriving, and our parishes and diocese are venues for celebrating the faith with others who share this gift that has been given to us. But it must also be said that we Catholics have had a tendency to focus more on those who come to us rather than prepare ourselves to go out to others who do not yet fully know the saving power of Jesus ... We should always be reminded that our parishes and diocese, our programs and institutions, are not ultimately for ourselves and our own spiritual growth. They are meant to equip us for our mission of taking the Gospel of Jesus to those people and places that have not yet embraced our Lord and His Way.

“The mission Jesus gives us is clear, and it is meant for our own time as much as it was for times past. Yet we must be wise in our use of resources of time, talent and treasure. Therefore, a pastoral plan is necessary to help us be good stewards of the Gospel, so that it may reach every person.”

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A PASTORAL PLAN

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Diocese of Honolulu

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“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as good stewards of St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea, a Roman Catholic faith community in the Diocese of Honolulu, is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by protecting and supporting the sanctity of human life, being committed to ongoing faith formation and evangelization, and the steadfast devotion to the Sacraments of the Church.

STEWARDSHIP

We are a stewardship community safeguarding material and human resources, using them responsibly, striving to be generous by giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

THE PASTORAL PLAN

Our Pastoral Plan has its foundation in the four pillars of stewardship:

HOSPITALITY

We strive to extend a warm, hospitable and loving welcome to all who join us in worship, service, study, social gatherings or in times of personal need. We assist our parish community in presenting a visible sign of Jesus' loving kindness in all we do.

Inasmuch as our faith is a call to witness to Jesus Christ within our communities, we believe that we need to be more attentive in pursuing our sisters and brothers who are homeless, marginalized and living on the fringes of our community.

History has revealed that many people are not comfortable greeting or meeting strangers to invite them into our parish church. We must make a more determined effort to change this paradigm so that all will be comfortable to speak about our faith and become more welcoming to all.



We pledge:

- To recruit and train parishioners to become members of our hospitality ministry who will:
 - Greet parishioners as they arrive for weekend Mass with special attention to seniors who need assistance at the church entrance.
 - Recruit more ushers and train them in the art of welcoming and managing emergencies.
 - Mail to parishioners welcome packets containing a letter from our pastor with website information and calendar of services and events.
 - Plan more parish social events.

PRAYER

We grow as disciples as we are committed to both private and communal prayer, liturgical and public prayer. Through prayer we are invited to draw closer to Jesus and to imitate Him in our daily lives. While Eucharist is central to our spiritual life, other prayer opportunities are made available.



The word “liturgy” originally meant a “public work” or a “service in the name of or on behalf of the people.” In Christian tradition it means the participation of the People of God in “the work of God.” Through the liturgy Jesus, our redeemer and high priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1069).

We pledge to:

- Present an annual 3-day mission during either the Advent or Lent season;
- Provide more opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.
- Encourage the daily reading and reflection of the Bible, for example, by providing copies of the *The Word Among Us* and the use of the “my parish app.”
- Live stream services for parishioners who cannot be present at church for prayer services and special events: e.g. the homebound and “kupuna”.
- Share more fully in prayer events provided by our Diocese.

FORMATION

We strive to educate, form and sustain the stewardship way of life for all ages through faith formation opportunities in the parish and school. We are open to the continuous conversion to a life of stewardship, to sharing what one has with a loving, generous and grateful heart.

Youth Ministry

Our youth and young adults have always been identified as the number one priority in our parish where they are formed into vibrant Christian stewards.

We pledge:

- To form an even stronger youth ministry, including ongoing training for youth ministers and leaders, where youth and young adults from other parishes and schools are invited to participate with us in spiritual and social activities. The important work of evangelization, leading others to Christ, begins at this level.
- Discernment of vocations is a major element of youth formation. We will offer information about religious vocations, especially at two special annual occasions: National Vocations Awareness Week (November) and World Day of Prayer for Vocations (4th Sunday of Easter).

Adult Faith Formation

The *Diocesan Pastoral Plan* notes: “Faith formation is a life-long process of growth in prayer, relationship with the Lord and knowledge of His teachings.”

We pledge to:

- Provide teachings specifically on the Eucharist and reading material promoting greater knowledge of our Catholic faith.
- Publicize workshops and retreats from around the Diocese promoting leadership training.
- Present up-to-date information about respect life issues.
- Provide Bible study.