Sunday Bulletin St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray and hope that you and your family are doing well, and promise my prayers for all of you. I look forward to seeing the joy you receive from God's blessings. On this second Sunday of ordinary time, we hear the voice of God loud as always, inviting us to be his disciples. Today, the Holy Mother Church reminds us that God's call is real and that God knows and calls us personally by our names. Thus, she encourages us to respond effectively to this call with our body, soul, and spirit.

Our first reading from the first book of Samuel recounts the dramatic call of Samuel. It reminds us of our call. Many times, I have been asked, how does God speak to one? How can I respond to God's call? These are fascinating questions that reflect our confusion as we see in the young Samuel today. Though we live in a boisterous world, we can still hear God. That is if only we can discipline ourselves against both spiritual and biological noise. Life is full of God's voice. As a father, he speaks to us and calls us to his service every day. Like Samuel, we must always be ready to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

However, most times, the only problem is that we are too busy or always in a hurry, that we hardly have time to listen to Him. So, we need to be prepared all the time to listen to God. The question is, when was the last time we spent up to ten minutes in silence in His presence? We cannot hear him if we are the ones doing all the talking all the time.

This Sunday's gospel challenges us to reflect on our response to God's call. These are invitations to follow Christ. Responding to this invitation is a daily affair that requires the whole of our being. Also, it requires us to help others to respond. God calls us by our names every day: "come follow me; come and see." Therefore, like the psalmist, our response should always be: "Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will."

Have a wonderful week. God bless you.

With love and prayers,

Father Sebastian Soosai Pastor

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024



i Calendar of Events JANUARY 15-21, 2024

15th - MONDAY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (Parish Office Closed) 7:00 AM MASS

16th – TUESDAY 7:00 AM MASS 3:00 PM Hula (Beg/Int) - Hall 3:00 PM Memorial Mass (+*Fermin*) 5:00 PM Tahitian—Hall 6:00 PM Tahitian (Women) - Hall 6:00 PM Maint/Bldg Comm Mtg - Rm 1-2

17th - WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM MASS 5:15 PM Zumba Fitness Class - Hall 6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church 7:00 PM Dance Class - Hall

18th – THURSDAY 7:00 AM MASS / ADORATION 5:00 PM FOOD PANTRY - Hall 6:00 PM TMIY - Hall Mtg Room 8

19th – FRIDAY 7:00 AM MASS 3:00 PM Funeral Mass (+*Iasuo Pios*)

20th – SATURDAY 7:00 AM MASS 8:30 AM RE Classes - Hall/School 9:00 AM Confessions - Church 5:00 PM MASS

21st – SUNDAY (Regular Schedule) 6am • 8am • 10am • 12pm • 5pm

9:30 AM OCIA - Conference Room 1-2 5:00 PM EDGE (begins w/Mass) - Room 1-2 5:00 PM Life Teen (begins w/Mass) - Room 8

Chuukese Mass 2 pm Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

> St. Elizabeth Church www.stelizabethaiea.com

Visit our website, click the link & join us for the live stream of our 10am Mass every Sunday!



March for Life 2024 Aloha Kekahi i Kekhi Iwe One Another

We are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change hearts and minds to believe in the Culture of Life! Join Bishop Silva as we pray for the respect of life from conception to a natural death.

Red Mass Tuesday, Jan 16, 2024 - 9:00am At the Cathedral Basilica Our Lady of Peace

Mass and Adoration Thursday, Jan 18, 2024 - 6:00 pm With Bishop Larry Silva at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

March for Life pm Friday, Jan 19, 2024 - 3:00-6:00pm At the State Capitol

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> > RESPECT LIFE

Respect Life ~ Radical Solidarity: Catholics are called to put their love for others into action. Join various activities throughout the week ...all are welcome!

January 15 Monday St. Stephen's Church in Nuuanu (pot-luck event) Sisters of Life Presentation at 5:30pm

January 16 Tuesday RED MASS at 9am Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace Keynote Speaker: Eva Andrade

9 Day Novena for Life begins

March for Life Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry St. Theresa Co-Cathedral at 6pm

Thursday January 19 Friday

January 18

MARCH FOR LIFE STATE CAPITOL 3pm to 6pm

of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us in

Adoration of the

Most Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday

7:30am until Noon

Please let us know you can come -

our sign-up sheet is located on

the Welcome Table. Mahalo!



That Man is You!

honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 6pm in hall room 8.

Start Date: January 18

Questions? Please contact Gary Okino at <u>gary-o@hawaii.rr.com</u>

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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."



SUNDAY COLLECTION January 6-7, 2024

Total Collection	\$ 1	2,623.50
Building Fund	\$	290.00
Candles	\$	350.00
Energy	\$	115.00
Good Samaritan	\$	325.00
Initial	\$	185.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	140.00
Tree Sponsors	\$	200.00
Total Other Revenue	\$	1,605.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$1	4,228.50

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On-line Giving Now Available VANCO Use the following hyperlink: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK22 Or the following QR Code



SECOND COLLECTIONS TODAY: Church in Latin America & Black

& Indian Missions

Jan 27/28

SES Tuition Assistance

Your generosity today will help build schools, parish religious education programs, and provide food and medical care to needy seniors for those in the Black & Indian Missions and the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your consideration.



Ongoing Recycle Program ... just deposit your cans in the blue bins located by the gift shop. Monies raised go to church & community projects sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



it's back!! Perfect for everybody! Dance fitness, your pace low or medium intensity. Super fun, super effective. You will forget you are even exercising!! Join us... Wednesdays, 5:15pm in the parish hall.

Praying for you all Until the 1st Week of Lent



Loving gifts.





have started their annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** to raise funds for programs and ministries who support life. Take home a bottle, fill it with your coins, bills or checks, and return it the following weekend. The Knights will be present at Mass each weekend throughout the month of



January. Thank you for your support!



Thanks to EDGE CORE member Aunty Gloria, EDGE and Life Teen students and their family members had the privilege of hearing Honolulu City Councilman and comedian, Augie Tulba along with his daughter, Mahealani Sims-Tulba who founded the non-profit organization B.R.A.V.E. (Be Respectful and Value Everyone) in 2013. The mission of this organization is to bring awareness to students against bullying through speaking and reading her book, "It's Okay to be Different" in schools across the state; and promoting values of kindness, respectfulness, goal setting, personal development, and motivation.

Each of the attendees were given a copy of Mahea's book along with some sweet treats.

(Submitted by Margaret & Soane Uiagalelei, Life Teen Youth Ministers)

The results of last month's **blood drive**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, was:

> 19 pints collected which will save 57 lives!

A sincere mahalo to all for your support of our yearly drive. God bless!



Your generous **'Ohana in Christ** THE ANNUAL APPEAL MEN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII gift helps support numerous ministries and services at our parishes, schools and beyond - as well as our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. Please consider making a generous gift to this appeal. Mahalo.

Goal	Collected
\$31,071	\$14,595
	(47% of goal)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42

Monday, January 15 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mark 3:1-6 Thursday, January 18 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12 ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Friday, January 19 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Mark 3:2-21 Sunday, January 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20







Bereavement Committee Christmas Celebration



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm Holidays: Closed

MEET OUR STAFF

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MASS: Sat Vigil: 5pm Sun: 6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm Weekdays: 7am, (Mon–Sat)

RECONCILIATION (Subj to change) Saturday: 9am or by appt.

ADORATION

All Thursdays - 7:30 am to 12 pm Healing Mass (anointing during Adoration) - 1st Thursday of each Month

BAPTISM (Schedule Subj to Change) Sunday - January 14, 2024 Class: Fri., January 12, 2024 Must register with the parish office.

WEDDINGS - Schedule with parish office six months ahead.