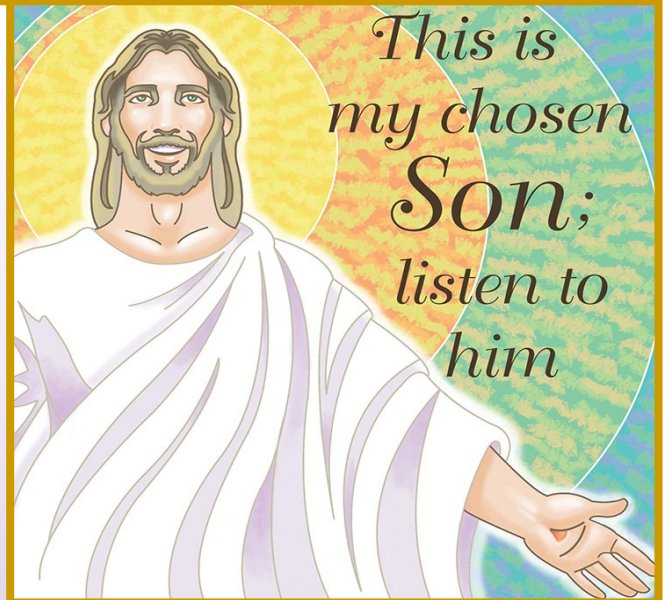


Sunday Bulletin

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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March 16, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



## Father's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### The Glory and Splendor of Christ

Happy Sunday...wishing you all good health and happiness! I am praying for you and your family and it is a joy to see every one of you this week. On this second Sunday of Lent, the church encourages us not to rest in the material comforts of this world. Rather, we should march towards the promised land and our future glory. If we succeed in getting there, the Lord in whom we put our trust and faith will transfigure our mortal bodies into the likeness of his glorified body.

This Sunday, our first reading and gospel have a lot in common. Both narrate the revelation of the glory and splendor of the future. First, due to Abraham's faith, God revealed to him the glory that would be his in the future. Not only did God reveal this to Abraham, but he also sealed it with a covenant. This is an assurance that He will fulfill his promise to Abraham.

In the gospel, Jesus revealed his future glory to Peter, James, and John, who are collectively referred to by Bible scholars as: "Members of the inner circle." They saw the glory and splendor of God revealed in Christ, who represents the New Covenant; in Moses, who represents the Law; and in Elijah, who represents the Prophets. The transfiguration of Christ before His disciples is of great significance and has lots of lessons for us.

The Lenten season offers us the opportunity to make sacrifices. It prepares us for future glory through prayers, good works, reflections, and self-denials. It is a time when we grow in grace to advance faithfully to the mountain of God's glory.

If we understand it, we will be able to partake in the glory of his resurrection. To achieve this, Paul advised us to: "Remain faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ" because he is "Our light and our help." God bless you.

With love and prayers,  
*Father Sebastian Soosai*  
Pastor







## Calendar of Events

### MARCH 17-23, 2025

#### 17th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS

3:30 PM Hula (Teens) - Hall

12:00 PM MASS (for Lenten Season)

5:00 PM Bible Study (Sr. Stella) - Rm 8

#### 18th- TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS

10:30 AM Funeral Mass (+Silvestra Lamarca)

12:00 PM MASS (for Lenten Season)

3:00 PM Hula (Teens) - Hall

6:00 PM Life Teen Retreat Prep- Rm 8

6:30 PM Rosary - Church

6:30 PM Parish Council Mtg - Room 1-2

#### 19th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM MASS (for Lenten Season)

3:00 PM Hula (Adv) - Hall

5:15 PM Zumba Fitness Class -Hall

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:00 PM Bible Study (Dcn Gary/Val) - Rm 1-2

7:00 PM Dance Class -Hall

#### 20th - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS / ADORATION

12:00 PM MASS (for Lenten Season)

5:00 PM Food Pantry Open - Hall

6:00 PM TMIY- Room 8

6:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Rm 1-2

#### 21st- FRIDAY

7:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM MASS (for Lenten Season)

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

A Lenten Meal of Soup & Bread follows in the hall.

#### 22nd- SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS

9:00 AM MASS (for Lenten Season)

8:30 AM RE Classes (K-5) - Campus

9:00 AM Confession - Church

5:00 PM MASS

#### 23rd- SUNDAY (Regular Mass Schedule)

6am • 8am • 10am • 12pm • 5pm

9:30 AM OCIA Class - Room 1-2

5:00 PM EDGE (begins w/Mass) - Rm 1-2

5:0 PM Life Teen (begins w/Mass) - Room 8

**Chuukese Mass 2pm**

**1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month**



## OCIA

### Rite of Election

On March 9, 2025, the Diocese of Honolulu celebrated the annual Rite of Election. This important ritual marks a milestone in the conversion process and acknowledges the devotion of these students who seek to become Catholics.

These students, many of whom have been attending catechism classes since September, have been chosen by their parishes for their willingness to follow Jesus Christ and their devotion to the teachings of the Catholic Church. By the Power of the Holy

Spirit these students, now called elect, will enter into the final phase of their preparation before they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

From our parish of St. Elizabeth in Aiea, we celebrate our newly elect: Ayrton-Valentino Billete, Jupiter-Syris Billete, J-Lani Bernard, Dagger Barbadillo, Denisse Ann Ponce, Adrian Kirts, Laureen Lua, Kevin Larm, and Derek Barbadillo! We also celebrate our baptized candidates who have been preparing to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion; they are: Dalton Joseph Alcantra, Jose Reyes, David Hee, Marc Justin Ponce, Leihonua Kalani-Morita, Eliah Somera, Ebonee Barbadillo, and Richard Shevlin!

*Submitted by Robin Oania, Director OCIA*

### An Edge Night on Complaining: Sour

Last Sunday, our Edge students came together for a fun game where they sampled a variety of sour snacks. Our core members joined in the fun by trying Sour Patch Kids, and we captured their hilarious "Sour Faces" in photos. Meanwhile, others enjoyed the sweetness of Strawberry Sour Belts. We also provided a handout titled "Wisdom to Know The Difference" to guide our core members and students during their small group discussions. This was a great opportunity for everyone to voice their concerns and brainstorm ways to improve their situations. At the end of the discussions, each group wrote a prayer to entrust their challenges to God. Aiden Reyes from 6th grade wrapped up the evening by reading the Serenity Prayer aloud to the class: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."



*Submitted by Bernie Manoa, Youth Minister*





**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**March 1-2, 2025**

<b>Total Collection .....</b>	<b>\$17,443.00</b>
Building Fund.....	\$ 360.00
Candles .....	\$ 414.00
Energy .....	\$ 195.00
Gift Shop .....	\$ 241.00
Good Samaritan.....	\$ 250.00
Life Teen Retreat .....	\$ 60.00
Life Teen Fundraiser.....	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 90.18
<b>Total Other Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,860.18</b>
<b>Total Weekly Deposit .....</b>	<b>\$19,303.18</b>

**Donations to Other Organizations**

SES Tuition Assistance..... \$ 4,586.00

**March 5, 2025**

**Total Collection (Ash Wed) ... \$ 6,370.00**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**March 8-9, 2025**

<b>Total Collection .....</b>	<b>\$11,466.00</b>
Building Fund.....	\$ 70.00
Candles .....	\$ 473.00
Energy .....	\$ 210.00
Good Samaritan.....	\$ 330.00
St. Damien.....	\$ 116.00
<b>Total Other Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,199.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Deposit .....</b>	<b>\$12,665.00</b>
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	
February 2025.....	\$ 5,738.28

*Thank You for your Support!!*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**TODAY: Bldg & Maint Mar 15/16**  
 Our second collection today is focused on our Building & Maintenance fund. Your generous contributions are essential for us to maintain and care for our church property and facilities. We sincerely thank you for your support!

CRS (Catholic Relief Svcs) Mar 29/30



On-line Giving Available through VANCO  
 Use the following hyperlink:  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK22>  
 Or scan the QR Code with your phone.



We ended the grace filled day with a luncheon at Zippy's. What a joyous day to spend with the Lord and our Women Apostles under the spiritual direction of Sr. Meristella Umdor, Missionary Sister of Mary Help of Christians.

**THE WOMEN APOSTLES FOR CATECHESIS** spent a day journeying to St. Theresa Co-Cathedral and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church as part of our Lenten Pilgrimage. Our mission is to deepen our spiritual life of prayer during this season. We were blessed with attending Mass at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral. After Mass, Deacon Ray Lamb explained the huge Pilgrimage Cross which he built for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. We also visited Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ewa Beach where we concluded our prayer sessions with having Confession with Father Kurt Meyer.



Submitted by Val Streff, WAC



**Stations OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. After Stations, a Lenten Meal of Soup & Bread is offered in the hall.

This past Friday our Lector Ministry led Stations and provided the soup and bread...a sincere **MAHALO** to all for your participation.

On Friday, March 21, our Eucharistic Ministers will host both.



**Congratulations & Blessings** to the families of the recently baptized children:

**Keahi Mansho, Kalyana Makuo, Joyful Olap, Savannah Saiki**

May God's love be with you always!

(Call the parish office to arrange for baptism.)



REGISTRATION FORM



Deadline March 31, 2025

**GROWING YOUNG**  
 LifeTeen Retreat

When: April 11-13, 2025  
 Where: Camp Homelani in Waialua  
 Cost: \$100

**Contact: Soane & Margaret 808-342-5545**



### READINGS THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday, March 16</i> 2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36	<i>or</i> Luke 2:41-51a  <i>Thursday, March 20</i> Jer 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
<i>Monday, March 17</i> Dan 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38	<i>Friday, March 21</i> Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
<i>Tuesday, March 18</i> Isa 1:10, 16-20 Matt 23:1-12	<i>Saturday, March 22</i> Mica 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
<i>Wednesday, March 19</i> St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	<i>Sunday, March 23</i> 3rd Sunday of Lent Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 9:28b-36

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sat., 3/15</b> 7am	Maximino N. Ildefonso (Health) Victoria Page (Health) +Tranquilino Ildefonso Agtarap +Stuart Jaictin +Silvestra Lamarca +Jacques Maurice Louis
5pm	Bolibol Family (Special Intention) Duane, Kellie & Sophia Johnasen (Special Intention) Edwin Rabe & Family (Spec Intention) +Mark Johnasen
<b>Sun., 3/16</b> 6am	Maximino Nacorra Ildefonso (Health) +Stuart Jaictin +Silvestra Lamarca
8am	Thomas Comages (Health) +Benjamin Apostol (1st Death Anniv) +Gregorio & Rosalina Castillo +Marietta Enderes +Simeon Sales Ramones +Valentino L. Tanodra
10am	Victoria Page (Health) +Tranquilino Ildefonso Agtarap +Juan Gonzalez +Vivian Ishizaki +Masa Niko +Remedios "Girlye" Van Middelaar
12pm	Torno Family (Safe Travels) +Elizabeth Anderson +Karite Kap +Gabriel J. Torno
5pm	St. Elizabeth Parishioners
<b>Mon. 3/17</b> 7am	Victoria Page (Health) +Benjamin Apostol +Violet M. Cui +Stuart Jaictin +Silvestra Lamarca Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tues. 3/18</b> 7am	Victoria Page (Health) +Stuart Jaictin +Silvestra Lamarca Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wed. 3/19</b> 7am	Victoria Page (Health) Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thu. 3/20</b> 7am	Victoria Page (Health) Souls in Purgatory
<b>Fri. 3/21</b> 7am	Victoria Page (Health) Souls in Purgatory

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Saturday, Sunday, 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 - March 9, 2025**  
**Class: Fri., March 7, 2025**  
Must register with the parish office.

**WEDDINGS** - Schedule with parish office six months ahead.

## Catholic Lent Word Search

Jesus	Ash	Bible	Holy
Temple	Easter	Purple	Cross
Believe	Prayer	Fasting	Priest
Catholic	Confession	Remember	Sacrifice
Jerusalem	Wednesday	Redemption	Forehead

P R G T U D S G O U B F T Z D B V W W N K V W A A  
P R P C F I S O Z X A M K Y B S Q V C V E I V X M  
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**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."