

Sunday Bulletin

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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September 22, 2024

**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Anyone who wishes to be first



*must
be the servant of all*

Father's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Working For Peace and Harmony

Aloha - It is so good to be back and be with all of you! It was a wonderful vacation and I have gained new energy. I missed all of you and prayed for you in different holy shrines and churches. Let us come together as one family and worship the Lord our God in prayer and in Eucharistic celebration.

On this twenty-fifth Sunday in ordinary time, we exalt Jesus Christ, the son of God. He is the wisdom that came down from heaven to serve humanity. The church invites us to listen to him and follow his example by living an orderly and peaceful life.

Today's first reading is fulfilled in the life of Christ. First, it points to Christ, the Son of God, who was put to death by jealous and wicked people. As a righteous man, Jesus reprimanded and condemned the ambitious Pharisees and scribes of his time. So, they took offense and persecuted and crucified Christ.

This reading is also fulfilled in the life of all who suffer unjust persecutions today for being right and just. Like Christ, sometimes, we are persecuted by our enemies and even by our friends for being just. However, we must remain steadfast because God will surely vindicate us as he vindicated Christ.

Our second reading reminds us of the importance of focusing sincerely on the things that unite us rather than on the ones that divide us. We all desire a harmonious life, yet many Christian communities, families, and homes live in frequent conflicts and disorder.

In the gospel, Jesus foretells his imminent suffering, death, and resurrection. Unfortunately, instead of reflecting on what Christ was saying, his disciples were busy quarreling secretly over who was the greatest. Of course, their argument was aimed at the earthly government they imagined that Christ had come to establish. Like the community that James wrote to, Jesus' disciples were experiencing a conflict of interest.

We often see this in any society, church, family, and anywhere that personal ambition is considered more important than anything else. There, we see in-fighting, gossips, indifference, aggression, threats to lives and properties, hatred, and all sorts of vices. All these come at the expense of the common good and peaceful coexistence. Wherever these exist, there can be no progress, prosperity, and peace.

Therefore, by using a child as an example for us today, Jesus is only teaching us that we must become like children to be great. Of course, this does not mean being childish. Instead, it means being child-like. It means that we must live our lives in humble service to God and one another.

Have a wonderful week. God's blessings.

With love and prayers,

Father Sebastian Soesai
Pastor





Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2024

- 23rd - MONDAY**
 7:00 AM MASS
 11:00 AM Funeral Mass (+Benedict Tipeno)
 5:30 PM Bible Study (Sr. Stella) - Rm 8
- 24th - TUESDAY**
 7:00 AM MASS
 10:00 AM Respect Life Mtg - Room 1/2
- 25th - WEDNESDAY**
 7:00 AM MASS
 8:15 AM SES MASS
 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
 6:30 PM SES EO/Brd Mtg - Room 8
 7:00 PM Dance - Hall
- 26th - THURSDAY**
 7:00 AM MASS / ADORATION
5:00 PM Food Pantry is Open - Hall
 6:30 PM TMIY - Room 8
- 27th - FRIDAY**
 7:00 AM MASS
- 28th - SATURDAY**
 7:00 AM MASS
 8:30 AM RE Classes - Church/School
 9:00 AM Confessions - Church
 11:30 AM SEC Finance Mtg - Hall Rm 8
 5:00 PM MASS
- 29th - SUNDAY (Reg Schedule)**
 6am • 8am • 10am • 12pm • 5pm
 9:30 AM OCIA Class - Room 1-2
 5:00 PM EDGE (begins with Mass) - Hall
 5:00 PM NO LifeNight

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



Vote
 "We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their freedom and civic duty to put their faith into action. Join us as we share What is Truth? What does the USCCB Bishops say about Voting and What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say?"

Coffee Klutch Hour (Doughnuts too!)

Come and Join Us!
 September 24, 2024
 10:00 a.m.
 Conference Rooms 1 and 2
 Deacon Gary and Valerie Streff

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May your special day be filled with joy & the blessings of God!

Family Apostolate Ministry



This week the Family Apostolate Ministry was invited to the home of Gloria & Jude Ablan. We thank them for the warm welcome and for the opportunity to pray together & share God's blessings. If you would like to join this ministry, or have them pray with you, please contact Sr. Stella at umeristella@gmail.com or call the parish office.

WITH A GIVING HEART. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION AS YOU SHOP AT FOODLAND OR SACK N SAVE

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

September is the Month to Give Aloha

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STARTS SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

RULES ARE AS FOLLOW:

- MUST BE A MAIKA'I CARD MEMBER
- SHOP AT ANY FOODLAND OR SACK N SAVE LOCATION STATEWIDE
- MAKE A DONATION AFTER SHOPPING AND GIVE OUR CODE AT CHECKOUT: 78043 ST ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- DONATE ANYWHERE FROM \$1 TO \$249 PER DAY. CASH, CHECK & CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED (CHECKS PAYABLE TO FOODLAND, SACK N SAVE OR FOODLAND FARMS)
- ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND GIVE ALOHA-FOODLAND WILL MATCH A PORTION OF ALL DONATIONS. FOODLAND WILL AWARD ALL PROCEEDS BY OCTOBER 31ST TO BENEFIT ST ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MAHALO FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

TMIY
 THAT MAN IS YOU!
 Men's Group

thursday evenings
6:30 - 8pm, Hall Rm 8
Dinner, Speaker, Discussion, Conclusion

What We Believe
 THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

EXPLORE THE AMAZING RICHES OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Bible Study Classes
 with Deacon Gary & Val Streff
Wednesday Evenings
 6 p.m., Room 1-2



SUNDAY COLLECTION
September 7-8, 2024

Total Collection	\$10,993.50
Building Fund.....	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 390.00
EDGE	\$ 30.00
Energy.....	\$ 195.00
Gift Shop	\$ 186.48
Good Samaritan.....	\$ 560.00
Religious Education.....	\$ 700.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,181.48
Total Weekly Deposit.....	\$13,174.98
On-Line Giving	
August 2024.....	\$ 5,653.32
Donations to Other Organizations	
Catholic Herald.....	\$ 60.00

Thank You for your Support!!

SECOND COLLECTION

SES Tuition Assistance	Oct 5/6
Ohana in Christ	Oct 19/20
World Mission Sunday	Oct 26/27



On-line Giving Available through VANCO Use the following hyperlink:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK22>
Or scan the QR Code above with your phone.

Aloha Edge Night and New Core Members

Edge is back to Sunday nights and we want to thank all of our parents & students who attended Edge’s dinner and meeting. Your generosity and support is amazing! As you can see, we had a lot of food and fellowship.

We also want to feature our two most recent additions to the Edge ohana - Ms. Ululani Yee-McKay and Ms. Cathy Ashtiani. Our ladies are very busy individuals at SEC. Ulu volunteers with Religious Education classes on Saturday mornings and Cathy is a volunteer with OCIA on Sunday mornings. Thank you ladies for saying “yes” to Jesus! A reminder to all Edge Night students who registered:

classes begin this Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, starting with the 5 PM Mass; a light dinner follows. We are still accepting 6th, 7th and 8th graders to our Edge program; you’re welcome to come and check us out!

(Submitted by Bernie Manoa; photos submitted by Irene and Jonathan)



We welcome back our Religious Education students for the new 2024-2025 catechetical year! May God fill you with His love and blessings.

Today our 2nd Collection is for: SE SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Many families work very hard to provide their children with a quality Catholic education. Unfortunately, rising tuition fees make it unachievable for many.

With your contributions, we hope to make it possible for qualified families/students in our parish community to attend St. Elizabeth School. Mahalo for your consideration.



Blessing of the Pets

OCTOBER 4, 2024
 8am - SES Students with Pets
 5:30pm Mass with Parishioners & Pets
ALL ON THE CAMPUS GROUNDS

Please bring your animal companions on a leash or crate for everyone's safety and comfort.

You may also bring a picture if your animal friends don't enjoy crowds or travel.



Mass Intentions

Sat., 9/21 7am	Carmen Family (Spec Intention) +Estela V. Agpalza +Joaquin Antonio +Andres Albano Ruiz
5pm	+Walter Wong
Sun., 9/22 6am	Carmen Kap Family (Spec Int)
8am	+Estela V. Agpalza +Joaquin Antonio +Buena D. Lacar
10am	Fr. Arrion (Birthday Blessings) Daisy Angeles (B'day Blessings) +Masa Niko +Carlos Perez (1st Death Anniv) +Andres Albano Ruiz
12pm	+Greg Scott Jones +Federico Martin
5pm	St. Elizabeth Parishioners
Mon., Sept. 23 7am	+Estela V. Agpalza +Joaquin Antonio +Florence Davis +Carlina Casil Ildefonso +Andres Albano Ruiz
Tues., Sept. 24 7am	+Estela V. Agpalza +Joaquin Antonio +Louie Cuerva +Andres Albano Ruiz
Wed. Sept. 25 7am	+Estela V. Agpalza +Joaquin Antonio +Andres Albano Ruiz
Thurs. Sept. 26 7am	Alexander Ortega (Birthday Blessings) +Estela V. Agpalza +Joaquin Antonio +Andres Albano Ruiz
Fri., Sept. 27 7am	+Estela V. Agpalza +Andres Albano Ruiz

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 - October 13, 2024

Class: Fri., October 11, 2024

Must register with the parish office.

WEDDINGS - Schedule with parish office six months ahead.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Register on the parish website.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 22
 25th Sunday in Ord Time
 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
 James 3:16-4:3
 Mark 9:30-37

Thursday, September 26
 Eccl 1:2-11
 Luke 9:7-9

Monday, September 23
 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 Prov 3:27-34
 Luke 8:16-18

Friday, September 27
 Vincent De Paul, Priest
 Eccl 3:1-11
 Luke 9:18-22

Tuesday, September 24
 Prov 21:1-6, 10-13
 Luke 8:19-21

Saturday, September 28
 Eccl 11:9-12:8
 Luke 9:43b-45

Wednesday, September 25
 Prov 30:5-9
 Luke 9:1-6

Sunday, September 29
 26th Sunday in Ord Time
 Numbers 11:25-29
 James 5:1-6
 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Aiea

Did you receive your Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion?

If not, it's never too late!
 Contact the parish office at (808) 487-2414 to learn more!



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."