

A Catholic Community in Keaukaha for

75 Years

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Aloha!

First of all, we all want to thank **Fr. Oliver Ortega** for the pastoral service he has offered us these last three years. We cannot enumerate what he did; they are too many! But we know that he has been a good pastor (read: Good Shepherd!) who has never left his sheep alone in good and in bad times! **Mahalo nui loa oe, Makuna `uhane Oliver!**

Then, with your permission, I would like to talk about myself. I am Father John Timbreza Molina. I belong to the Somascan Fathers Congregation. My family lives in Oahu, but I always been in Italy as a priest for 15 years and then 1 year as missionary in Vietnam. The good Bishop Larry Silva, through his Vicar for priests, Fr Manuel Hewe, assigns me here in this very beautiful parish in a *"fill-in-the-gap mode"* while waiting for the permanent pastor who very soon will come in the month of July. He will be replacing Fr. Oliver.

For a laugh, I love to say, ours is a *"speedy love affair!"*

My name is John and as John the Baptist ushered the coming of JESUS, I usher you to the coming of your pastor. My duty is to accompany you in prayers and meditations in order that your pastor will be a shepherd according to the heart of God and that you may be a flock who listens intently to the will of God. We will ask the Holy Spirit for that grace of discernment and realization because left to ourselves, faithful and pastor, we can do nothing.

In the month of *April*, we will live the days of **Ke Mahalo** (thanksgiving). The Life, Suffering, Death and Resurrection of JESUS is our parish life as Faith Community. And it is in the Eucharist (that is, Thanksgiving) we come to recognize JESUS CHRIST.

In the month of *May*, we will pray the Holy Spirit, to live the days of **Ke Hemolele** (holiness). This is the will of God, that we all be holy asking the intercession of the Holy Mother of God, **Malia, ke puka o'kalani.**

In the month of *June*, we will pray the Sacred Heart of JESUS to live the days of **Ke Lawelawe** (service). We must be people and pastors according to the Heart of JESUS, in faith, hope and charity, seeking not to be served but to serve and, like Him, always seeking to give ourselves in ransom for our brethren.

"Do not ask what your Church can do for you but ask what you can do for your Church". Remember that priests come and go and YOU remain!

We pray for each other and **Ke Akua ho`omaika`i `oukou!**

-Fr JM

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Stewardship of Treasure for the Month of April 2017

			Attendance		Koa Bowl	Food Pantry	Repair & Maintenance Fund	2 nd Collection	Misc	CRS Rice Bowl
			Adults	Children						
Week 1	Apr 1	Sat	44	1	\$1,380.	\$50.	\$220.			
	Apr 2	Sun	82	10	\$1,278.					
Week 2	Apr 8	Sat	52	18	\$541.			\$145.	\$25.	\$10.
	Apr 9	Sun	85	15	\$1,096.65					
Holy Week	Holy Thursday		53	8						\$1,218.73
	Good Friday		45	10				\$196.		
	Easter Vigil		69	12	\$1,751.	\$30.				
	Easter Sunday		186	31	\$1,776.		\$170.		\$550.	
Week 4	Apr 22	Sat	34	2	\$583.50	\$100.	\$20.		\$1,250.	\$25.
	Apr 23	Sun	75	8	\$898.59					
Week 5	Apr 29	Sat	43	3	\$797.		\$850.			
	Apr 30	Sun	55	5	\$766.					

With Deepest Sympathy: We offer our solemn prayers for Bernard Keopuhiwa who passed away in February and extend our deepest sympathy to his sister, Kuuipo, and the entire Keopuhiwa family.

Congratulations to our First Communicants, Kaimalani, Kule`a, Keahi and Leimaile who received their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday.

RE Classes: The final class for this term is Sunday, May 7th. The students will celebrate with an ice cream party after mass.

Upcoming Confirmation: Bishop Larry Silva will give the Sacrament of Confirmation to the young people of the East Side of the Island on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Church. Our young parishioner, Bailey Kawakami, will receive the Sacrament. Everyone is invited to participate.

Finance Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, May 14th, starting at approximately 10:30 am. Committee chairpersons are asked to submit their proposed budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, at least three days prior to the meeting to Curtis Beck, Finance Committee Chair, or Andrew Langtry, Business Manager.

Priests' Convocation, May 15-19: Each year the priests of the Honolulu Diocese meet with Bishop Larry for prayer, encouragement, and to learn how to better serve their parishioners. Fr. John will be attending the convocation so there will be no weekday Masses during his absence. In case of emergency, call St. Joseph Church, 935-1465.

Eucharistic Ministers: The Eucharistic Minister's Committee will welcome interested persons to a EM Orientation in the Church on Sat., May 20, 2017, at 9 a.m. Please contact Clara Nahooikaikai (895-2915) or any Eucharistic Minister for a form, or if any questions. Current ministers are asked to attend for a review of our procedures and to help welcome new members. –Clara Nahooikaikai

Second Collection, May 27/28 for Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds collected remains in our diocese to support local efforts.

Please Kokua: Do not dispose of hand towels, disposal wipes, pads and tampons in our toilets. Our sewer system is in need of repair because pads were flushed down the toilet. The estimated cost of the repair is \$3,000; estimated time to complete the repairs is 1½ - 2 weeks.

May Calendar: the monthly calendar usually found on the front page of our bulletin is on display on the patio bulletin board.