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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14-15, 2012

Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday: 7:15 AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM &
7:00 PM

1st Sunday—Samoa Mass:
@ 2:00 PM

Confessions Saturday:

4:00—4:45 PM

and after daily Masses

First Friday of the Month

Benediction

After 7:15 am Mass

Theme for 2012

“Our Family”

***“The family that prays
together stays together.”***

By Fr. Patrick Peyton

***“If we ever forget that we
are one nation under
God, then we will be a
nation gone under.”***

By President Ronald Reagan

PASTOR

Fr. Sebastian Chacko

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HolyFamilyHonolulu.Org

PASTOR’S CORNER

The celebrations of Christmas and New Year are behind us. The impressions that we created and enjoyed, the moments of sharing and laughter are now memories. Hopefully we can reminisce and cherish our connection and need of one another.

As Christians and Catholics, the one thought that we must carry away from Christmas lights, food and music and fun is that God, our Creator is ever interested in making us live in peace with Him and one another.

Many of us made use the Sacrament of Confession.

We were able to repair the damage that we have caused our relationship with God. After reconciliation comes THE need to try to do better in our attitudes and behavior. Christ gives us the vision and the strength to do so.

In today's First Reading, Samuel listens to God's voice. He does not understand who is speaking to him. With the help of the Priest he is able to establish communication with God. He then becomes God's priest and that of the people. Samuel is full of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God within him makes Samuel the medium for bringing about change in himself and help bring that in others.

In the Gospel, the first Apostles are drawn to Jesus and experience first-hand His spirit-filled presence. We too are called to the ministry of Christ. To spread God's wisdom and light to a world more interested in wealth and pleasure. May you too be chosen to be the light of the world. Fr Sebastian

ST. AGNES

Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—12 or 13—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested—beheading, burning, strangling. Legend has it she was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. She was condemned, executed and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor.

Comment: Like that of modern Maria Goretti, the martyrdom of a virginal young girl made a deep impression on a society enslaved to a materialistic outlook. Like Agatha, who died in similar circumstances, Agnes is a symbol that holiness does not depend on length of years, experience or human effort. It is a gift God offers to all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 16– Monday—7:00 pm-Bible Sharing Hour

Jan. 18– Wednesday

6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Jan. 23– Monday-7:00pm-Bible Sharing Hour

Jan. 25– Wednesday

6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Jan. 30– Monday-7:00 pm-Bible Sharing Hour

Feb. 1– Wednesday

6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

7:00 pm-LATIN MASS

Feb. 3– Friday-BENEDICTION after 7:15 Mass

Feb. 6– Monday-7:00 pm-Bible Sharing Hour

Feb. 8– Wednesday

6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

7:00 pm—Bible Study

ROOTED IN CHRIST is the theme of the Seminar that will be conducted by our Bishop Larry. All Parish and Finance Committee members are strongly urged to attend this Seminar.

DAY/DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012.

TIME: 8.30 AM to 12 NOON.

VENUE; HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

WE THANK FATHER MARVIN SAMIANO FOR MINISTERING TO US DURING THE ABSENCE OF FATHER SEBASTIAN. THANK YOU FATHER. MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOUR PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY.

Father Sebastian, our Pastor will return this week and will preside over our Services next week-end.

Baptisms for this month will be on Sunday the 29th of January. Those parents who want their children baptized should attend the Mass at 8.30 AM together with the Godparents. The class of preparation will on Sunday the 22nd after the 8.30 Mass.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY ON SUNDAY THE 29TH OF JANUARY. DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT SUNDAY AT ALL MASSES.

Our Weekly Offerings
January 7-8, 2012
Thank you for your generous
contribution for the past weekend.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Thanks to all who helped make the Christmas Mass Refreshments a BIG SUCCESS. We could not have done it without the help of many volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up after each Mass. Our special thanks to those who prepared the refreshments. The next regular Hospitality Sunday will be on February 5, 2012. Please plan to bring a donation of baked goods, fruits and other items to share with your fellow parishioners. If you can help in anyway, please contact Chet Malins @ 456-3933 or malinsc001@hawaii.rr.com.

For Teens—Get the Story

Growing up, I was always fascinated with the stories of my grandparents and parents. They always seemed so exciting. For instance, I was amazed when I found out that my father took part in an atomic test in 1955 at the Nevada Test Site (then know as the Nevada Proving Ground) while he was in the army. He would describe to us exactly how it looked, felt, sounded, etc. These days my own children ask him to tell the story. I'm sure you know people who have fascinating stories that you would like to hear. Or maybe you haven't had the chance to hear the stories yet because they never came up. Here's your opportunity to get those stories and save them for posterity. Wouldn't it be great to be able to share them with future generations?

Find someone whom you would like to interview. It could be a relative, a neighbor, a teacher, etc. Come up with a wish list of questions that you would like to ask. Some starter questions might be:

- ◆ What event has had the most profound impact on your life and why?
- ◆ What are you most proud of?
- ◆ Is there anything you wish you had done differently in your life?

Use a video camera or take recorder to capture their answers

FAITH-FILLED FAMILY

FAITH FORMATION- KEEPING IT REAL

You can't fake prayer. You especially cannot fake praying with children. They seem to know if your heart is in it or you're just going through the motions. As key adults in the lives of children, we need to begin our efforts to teach children to pray by praying ourselves. As catechists and family members, we each need to have a strong conversational relationship with the Divine One. When our own children and the children we teach see that we're actually speaking with God in a personal way, they'll begin to understand the amazing dynamic of divine conversation

Many of us have only experienced formal prayer. We can recite a prayer we memorized in our youth. We may feel very uncomfortable, however, with spontaneous and extemporaneous prayer. Finally, there is the ritual prayer of the Church which is not so much about words as it is about signs, symbols and actions. All of these prayer forms are required in the guided course of study. So catechists, get on your knees, roll up your sleeves and dive into the conversation. God is waiting to have a long talk with you.

Mom Saw Jesus in a Poor Man

My mother is definitely the perfect example of how to show mercy to others through our actions. While she worked at a Mexican restaurant a few years ago, she gave free food to a poor, homeless man that came into the restaurant and whom nobody wanted to attend because of his smell and his dirtiness. *She recognized Jesus in that man and treated him with all the attention and mercy like any other customer.* The man was happy and grateful. Because she recognized Jesus in the man and treated him with mercy. He did the same to her. A couple of days later, she found out that her huge hospital bill had been completely paid by someone. The hospital refused to divulge the name to her! My mom, crying for joy and gratitude, only said, "Lord, I only gave you a taco, and you paid my hospital bill." *May Jesus and mercy be praised forever!*

NEW PARISHIONERS: Newcomers are encouraged to register with the parish and are welcome to participate in all parish activities and ministries. Registration Forms are available in the church.