#### Mission Statement: To feed the Lord's flock! Vision:

In the spirit of our Patron St. Pius X, we, the catholic community of St. Pius X Manoa aspire to live the happy and good witnessing of the Gospel through our Faith, Service, and Praise.

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MAY 05, 2024



Nick Brown Pastor

#### **CHURCH SCHEDULE**

OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Closed: All State, Federal Holidays, and Special Church Events

WEEKDAY MASSES

Rosary - 7 a.m. Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Friday - No Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Saturday 7:50 a.m. Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 11:30 a.m. (Livestream)

#### <u>Confessions</u> Weekdays (by appointment only)

Saturdays (before Mass at 3:00 -3:30pm)

FOOD PANTRY (HALL) Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

# GOD IS LOVE

# So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. $\sim$ 1 John 4:16

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### Reflection "God is Love"

A statement like "God is love" can sound so abstract! But in today's second reading, John follows up this revelation with a second one: God's love is revealed to us in Jesus, who offered himself on the cross "so that we might have life through him". And as Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, we, too, are called to lay down our lives for one another out of love.

But unlike Jesus, we usually aren't called to literally die for someone. So what does it actually look like to lay down our lives for another person?

Today's first reading from Acts gives us a model. A Roman centurion named Cornelius invites Peter to come to his home in Caesarea, about a thirty-five-miles walk. Peter knows it is "unlawful for a Jewish man to associate with, or visit, a Gentile," yet he goes anyway. When he begins preaching the good news to them, the Holy Spirit falls on Cornelius and the rest of the people gathered there, and they are "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ".

Peter was doing what Jesus had commanded when he said, "Love one another as I love you". He was laying down his life for these former enemies by listening to the Spirit's leading, taking the time to journey to Caesarea, enter the centurion's house, and then going out on a limb to baptize Gentiles.

Each day we are presented with opportunities to lay down our lives for one another out of love. It might cost us our time or our energy. It might require courage, patience, or forbearance. We might have to step out in faith. But as we do these things—even those that seem routine or mundane—we are making the aabstract truth that "God is love" into reality. We are revealing God's love to the world.

> "Holy Spirit, open my eyes to those times today when I can love someone as you have loved me."

(from the Word Among Us)



# **Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

Novena @ 6:50AM Every Wednesday Rosary @ 7:00AM Weekdays



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**Upcoming Events** 

**May 06** 

#### <u>06 - MONDAY</u>

7:00am - Rosary 7:30am - Mass Dennis Lee (SI) Darryl Wong (H)

07 - TUESDAY

7:00am - Rosary 7:30am- Mass Darlene Gaud (B) Diana Nakoa (H)

08 - WEDNESDAY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00am - Rosary 7:30am - Mass Sarah Iaea (H) Carol Shimokawa (H) 10am -11:30am - Food Pantry

09 - THURSDAY

7:00am - Rosary 7:30am - Mass

#### 10 - FRIDAY No Mass

10am -11:30am - Food Pantry

#### **11 - SATURDAY**

7:00am - Rosary 7:30am - Mass Jennifer Cafei (H) Miles Shimokawa (H) 8:00am - Church Cleaning

3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm - Mass Alfred & Ida Freitas (+)

> <u>12 - SUNDAY</u> 8:30am - Mass

11:30am - Praise & Worship Live-Stream

#### **Mass Attendance**

Saturday, April 27 - 4 pm Mass: Adults 71 / 2 Children

Sunday, April 28 - 8:30am Mass: Adults 45 / 1 Children

Sunday, April 28 - 11:30am Mass: Adults 53 / 12 Children

#### Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i May 10

When Joseph de Veuster was 1840, few people in Europe of leprosy, Hansen's disease. age of 49, people all over the ease because of him. They sion could soften the ravages

Forced to quit school at age farm, Joseph entered the Hearts of Jesus and Mary six of a fourth-century physician er Pamphile, a priest in the



born in Tremelo, Belgium, in had any firsthand knowledge By the time he died at the world knew about this disknew that human compasof this disease.

13 to work on the family Congregation of the Sacred years later, taking the name and martyr. When his brothsame congregation, fell ill

and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical, and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the US Capitol. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

#### Reflection

Some people thought Damien was a hero for going to Moloka'i and others thought he was crazy. When a Protestant clergyman wrote that Damien was guilty of immoral behavior, Robert Louis Stevenson vigorously defended him in an "Open Letter to Dr. Hyde."

(from Franciscan Media)

#### **Religious Education Class**

Religious Education and for all Children's Class in preparation of the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism for children,

Confirmation, and First Holy Communon after Sunday 8:30am mass. Parents wanting their children to receive the sacraments of Christian initiation can register at the parish office during office hours. You may also download the registration form on our parish website: https://stpiusxmanoa.com/pdf-Forms.php

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# May Crowning of Mary Sunday, May 12 At the 8:30am Mass

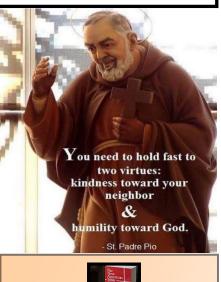
## Please bring a Flower For our Blessed Mother

"The crowning is symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives. We entrust all our intentions to her, and she takes them to her Son, who is the King. Even at the shrine, when she appeared to Adele Brise [in 1859] at the opening of the apparitions, she said, 'I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners." We take that to heart. Our Blessed Mother is our Queen and our intercessor, and we symbolize that with our May crowning. Mary's queenship in the shrine is represented in the crowning of the statue."





Breakfast Brunch Sunday, May 12th After 8:30am Mass In the Parísh Hall





#### Readings for the Week

Monday, May 06 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 07 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11

#### Wednesday, May 08

Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 John 16:12-15

#### Thursday, May 09

Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity) Acts 11:1-11 Eph 1:17-23

(or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13) Mark 16:15-20

Friday, May10 St Damien de Veuster, Priest Acts 18:9-18 John 16:20-23

> Saturday, May 11 Sixth week of Easter Acts 18:23-28 John 16;23b-28

Sunday, May 12 Ascension of the Lord Happy Mother's Day Acts 11:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 John 4:11-16

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#### St. Damien's Feast Day: May 10

St. Damien of Molokai is the patron saint of lepers. He is also a highly regarded figure in Hawaii. Though his patronage is very specific, anyone who feels alone or outcast will especially like this saint. St. Damien was a wonderful example of Christlike love to those who were considered different. His work with the lepers of Molokai made him a saint because of the overwhelming love he showed them. St. Damien is a natural choice for those who suffer from leprosy, illness, or quarantine. He is also beloved by Hawaiians.

#### **DIOCESE OF HONOLULU PRAYER FOR THE COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC** [by Bishop Larry Silva; March 12, 2020]

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus. St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, "I am not afraid of any disease," because she was confident of your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected. Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community. As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence, "Jesus, I trust in you."

#### St. Damien of Molokai Novena Prayers

Thank you Lord Jesus for the powerful witness of love that you provided in St. Damien of Molokai. I pray that I will have the same love toward all I meet, especially those who are different than me.

St. Damien, you were a spiritual minister and leader to people with leprosy. Thus, you were not too proud to work with the most outcast members of society. Help me to remember those in my

of love and respect. Help me to remember that all people are

#### (State your intentions here)

St. Damien, Pray for Us!

#### Saint Damien Prayer

Damien, brother on the journey, happy and generous missionary, who loved the Gospel more than your own life, who for love of Jesus left your family, your homeland, your security and your dreams.

Teach us to give our lives with joy like yours, to be in solidarity with the outcasts of our world, to celebrate and contemplate the Eucharist as the source of our own commitment.

Help us to love to the very end and, in the strength of the Spirit, to persevere in compassion for the poor and forgotten so that we might be good disciples of Jesus and Mary. Amen

#### **COLLECT PRAYER**

Father of mercy, who gave us in Saint Damien a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned, grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of the heart of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

#### Saint Damien Intercessory Prayer



Oh Saint Damien, enlightened by the Holy Spirit and moved by the sorrows of the poor, you dedicated yourself tirelessly to the service of the lepers and became one like them. In doing so, your embraced their God-given dignity to the last minutes of your priestly life, regardless of many trials and sufferings. Since then, your name has become a great inspiration for countless

people throughout the world. We, touched, by your selfsacrifice, beseech you to help us follow your footsteps in sharing our time, energy, talents, and other God-endowed gifts with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Now you have been glorified with Jesus Christ in the Heavenly Kingdom. We ask you to continue interceding for us before our loving and caring God, that we may have the gift of faith in Him, humility and

the courage to bring love and healing to our poor brothers and sister in the world. Amen.

