



~ Kid's Corner ~

In January we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord and the joyful Christmas season. Can you guess the names of these traditional Christmas carols using only the hints below? Good luck!

1. Have hither ward the entire group of those who are loyal in their belief.
2. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds.
3. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness.
4. An emotion excited by the expectation of good given to the planet.
5. Exalted heavenly beings to whom hearkened.
6. The Christmas preceding all others.
7. Small municipality in Judas southeast of Jerusalem.
8. In distant location the existence of an improvised unit of newborn children's slumber furniture.
9. Monarchical triad
10. Tranquility upon the planet.



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For the Intention Of: _____

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Tom Papandrew

MPCC's 2003 Advent and Christmas Season

"Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks, compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good... You are his body."

- Excerpt from Prayer of St. Theresa of Avila

Our just completed Advent Season and continuing Christmas Season has been one of overwhelming gifts for our parish community. In early December we were blessed with the presence of **Father Bernard Bush, S.J.** who presented our Advent Mission. He spoke of the anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate; who is with us today, as St. Theresa reminds us, through each of us; and who is to come – the second coming of Christ.

His second night's talk about garage sales being an "abomination and a sin" struck a cord with many in the community. His message was if you don't need something, rather than sell it – give it to someone in need. Honolulu Star-Bulletin columnist **Mary Adamski** carried this message (Sat. December 13, 2003: <http://starbulletin.com/2003/12/13/features/adamski.html>) to the thousands of Star-Bulletin readers. The Healing Mass on the last day was a special ending to the mission.

Maryknoll Sister Marion Hughes who works with orphans affected by AIDS in Musoma, Tanzania visited us in mid-December. Sacred Heart parish's AIDS MINISTRY has provided support for Sister Marion and her work since 2000. Parishioner **Pat Pa'akaula** heads this 'global outreach' ministry. Sister Marion spoke at Masses at both Sacred Heart and St. Pius X. We are fortunate to be on the receiving end of this opportunity to reach out to our brothers and sisters in this African community.

The third week of December resulted in a visit from **Brother Loughlan Sofield** and **Sister Carol Juliano**. Brother Lock and Sister Carol have worked with us before on Gift Discernment, Collaborative Ministry, and Building Community. We provided a place for them to stay while they were in the islands for a workshop with the Sisters of St. Francis. While here, Brother Lock and Sister Carol volunteered to work with our staff in return for our hospitality. Brother Lock also provided a 'soup and talk' work session with 20 of our parishes' leaders his final evening in Honolulu.

The week before Christmas we were provided with one more opportunity to reach out with a helping hand for a young married couple that was vacationing in the Islands. Shortly after arriving here, the young lady gave birth prematurely to a boy who weighed in at just less than two pounds. Social Services were unable to find suitable housing for this young couple and the Ronald McDonald House was full. Fortunately we were able to accommodate them within walking distance of Kapiolani Hospital where their infant baby is being cared for. Please keep this young couple and their son in your prayers.

This Advent and Christmas has been a time of prayer, reflection, and celebration of the Christ, past, present, and future. We will culminate the Christmas season with the Sacred Heart/ St. Pius X Christmas party set for Saturday evening, January 10, 2004 at St. Pius X parish hall.

"Improvements At Heart" Groundbreaking Ceremony

Come all to celebrate The "Improvements at Heart" Groundbreaking on February 14 in the church courtyard at 1:00 pm. Father Marc Alexander will bless the project and food and entertainment will follow. The event is sponsored by the Parish Council and the "Improvements at Heart" Committee.

"This is an incredible accomplishment and we invite everyone to attend this important event in our parish life," said Tom Papandrew, MPCC general administrator. "It's a milestone for us to be breaking ground in our project for the restoration of Sacred Heart Church, which is on the national and state historic registries. We'll also bring the building up to code and put elements into it that are 21st century technology, including the Allen digital organ, air conditioning and a new sound and audiovisual system."

If you plan to attend the groundbreaking ceremony, please contact Celina Miller at 973-2211 ext. 32 by February 6.



hawaii family forum



Did you ever feel like you wanted to make a difference in the legislature? Would you like to learn how to help your elected officials shape sound and effective laws, especially those that affect family life? Would you like to track the decisions and understand the voting patterns of the candidates in your district and to influence their responses?

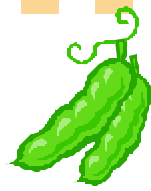
No matter what your age or background, it's never too late to get involved in the legislative process. A great way to start is to join the Hawaii Family Forum (HFF) parish community action team. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family research organization that works to support legislation and policies that preserve and strengthen families in Hawaii.

The main office of the Hawaii Family Forum is in the St. Stephen Diocesan Center in Kaneohe and has the support of Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, though the organization is associated with Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family. Father Marc Alexander is one of the founding pastors on the HFF Pastors Advisory Board and Tom Papandrew is with the Board of Directors. Sacred Heart Parish and St. Pius X Parish have been regular donors to the organization since its formation and more than 60 churches in Hawaii receive educational information from the Hawaii Family Forum.

Some of the key issues that HFF will be monitoring in the next legislative session starting in January will deal with saving traditional marriage, protecting the sanctity of life, stopping physician-assisted suicide, stopping legalized gambling, ending domestic violence, and ending children's access to pornography. If you'd like to receive regular updates or learn more about upcoming legislation on any of these issues, call the MPCC office to request an HFF survey or to sign up for the parish phone or e-mail tree. For more information on The Hawaii Family Forum, access their website at www.hawaiifamilyforum.org, or call the office at 230-2100.



Aunty Dee's Yummy Pea Salad



In a glass bowl layer the following:
1 head lettuce (shredded)
4 stalks of celery (sliced)
1 box frozen peas (thawed)

Dressing:
2 cups mayonnaise
2 tbsp sugar
1/2 tsp garlic powder
Mix together and pour over salad.

Sprinkle with:
8 oz shredded cheddar cheese
4 oz bag of crumbled bacon

Garnish with:
Finely sliced green onions. Refrigerate overnight.



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Calendar of Events



- Jan 4 Religious Education Resumes
- Jan 4 Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 8 Quiet Prayer and Benediction @ SH 7:00 pm
- Jan 10 MPCC Christmas Party @ PX 6:00 pm
- Jan 11 Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 11 Health Ministry's Senior Enrichment Day @ PX 9:00 am
- Jan 14 MGS Financial Aid Information Meeting @ PX
- Jan 19 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 20 Baby Hui @ SH 6:00 pm
- Jan 22 St. Francis School Retreat @ PX
- Jan 24 RENEW Core Community Workshop @ Our Lady of the Mount Parish, 9:00 am
- Jan 30 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet @ Treetops Restaurant, 6 pm
- Jan 31 St. Francis Health Speaker @ PX 9:00 am



Fr. Marc R. Alexander

"Declaration of Nullity"

Marriage is one of the most important personal and social relationships in secular and religious society. According to the Census Bureau (2002), 9-in-10 people will marry at some point in their lives. Yet, approximately half of all first marriages will end in divorce. For a long time there have been many misperceptions about what the Church teaches in regards to marriage and divorce. Several times a year, for example, I hear people speak of how a divorced person is automatically excommunicated from the Church, and can't receive the sacraments. Not true. What is true, is that if someone is divorced and remarried outside of the Church, they are normally not allowed to receive Communion (unless they are living as "brother and sister").

So how does the Church minister to those who are divorced and wish to remarry or have remarried outside of the Church? The answer, in part, is to assist people in obtaining what we commonly call an "annulment," or what is officially called a "declaration of nullity." A declaration of nullity means that an essential condition was missing in a marriage that prevented the marriage from enduring. Said in another way, what appeared to be a marriage really wasn't one. What are some of these "essential conditions"? Both individuals need to be sufficiently mature to undertake the duties of marriage. Both need to be free, not under any kind of pressure to marry (e.g., from family, friends, an unplanned pregnancy). Both parties have to be capable of marriage (e.g., heterosexual, able to be faithful and maintain commitments). When some essential condition is missing, then ultimately marriage becomes impossible and can be declared invalid. So, for example, if one of the parties in a marriage was immature and really didn't understand the responsibilities of marriage, a "declaration of nullity" could be issued after careful investigation of the situation. Once a declaration of nullity is granted, a person is normally free to marry within the Church (technically speaking it isn't correct to say "marry again" since the first marriage was declared invalid - essentially it never existed). A declaration of nullity is focused on the personal and spiritual aspects of a marriage, not on the civil law aspects. Hence, an annulment does not make children illegitimate, another common misconception.

The annulment process can be a very healing and freeing process. It does not seek to assign blame, but it does help people to see why their marriage did not work out, and to know more deeply of God's unconditional love and forgiveness, and the desire of the Church for ALL people to participate fully in the life of the Sacraments. For further information on annulments, please contact Fr. Marc (973-2211, Ext. 31 or malexander@mp-cc.net).

-Prayer for the Family-

Protect us and our house from all evils and misfortunes, but grant that we may be ever resigned to Thy divine will even in the sorrows which it shall please Thee to send us. Finally give unto all of us the grace to live in perfect harmony and in the fullness of love toward our neighbor. Grant that every one of us may deserve by a holy life the comfort of Thy holy Sacraments at the hour of death. O Jesus, bless us and protect us.

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