In the footsteps of his Patron Saint

“Faith in Action” Summer Series #3, by Dylan Hirst

For the past few summers I have had the opportunity to spend time in Honolulu, learning about my culture and engaging in service. This summer and last, I’ve been a “Teen Interpreter” at the Waikiki Aquarium. As a Teen Interpreter I commit 5 hours a week to volunteering in their education program. During my shift each Thursday I teach important lessons about ocean conservation to groups of young children, tourists, and even locals. Some of the lessons I’ve taught are: Hawaiians and the Sea, Coral Conservation, Echinoderms (sea urchins, sea stars, and sea cucumbers), Jellyfish, and Sand.

I recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation in June. The patron saint I chose was Father Damien of Moloka‘i, who committed his life to service in Hawai‘i. I chose Father Damien for both reasons—service, and Hawai‘i. I’ve always been interested in volunteering and have spent many hours doing service work. For the past five years, I have earned the President’s Service award.

Doing service in Hawai‘i is especially important as it helps me connect with my culture and heritage. Volunteering in ways that encourage conservation and a greater understanding of nature has assisted me during my faith journey. Doing community service and volunteering, putting faith into action, help me connect with and get closer to God.

This summer, we will be running a series of articles spotlighting our young Catholics putting their “Faith In Action” in their local community. Know anyone doing good work who might want to contribute? Contact megan@smparish.org!
Enriching our understanding of Mass

Week #1

Gathering Rite

The purpose of the Gathering Rite is to help those who have gathered for Mass to form a worshiping community and to prepare to listen to the Word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist. The way in which each aspect of the Gathering Rite is celebrated is an indication of how well we have gathered, prepared and formed as one community in prayer.

What are the communal ritual actions of the Gathering Rite?

Genuflection – to the presence of the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle

Bowing – to the altar

Standing – the liturgical posture of prayer (we sit to listen and kneel in penance)

Sign of the Cross – as Mass begins

What do we sing and why do we sing them?

Gathering Song - this is the first communal action the assembly undertakes at Mass and its purpose is to open the celebration, strengthen our unity and accompany the procession of ministers

Penitential Act – depending on the season of the Church year, we might sing “Lord, Have Mercy,” or the song that accompanies the sprinkling rite

"Gloria" – has always been a song of the Assembly; an ancient hymn in which the Church praises and prays to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Are there Moments of Silence during the Gathering Rite?

Silence is an important component of good liturgy. Silence allows us the opportunity to reflect upon what was just spoken, sung and experienced. During the Gathering Rite silence follows the singing of "Gloria" and precedes the Opening Prayer/Collect.

When the presider says, “Let us pray,” silence is observed, and from that silence the presider leads us in the Collect.

At the conclusion of the Gathering Rite we should be prepared to let God’s Word speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word, which will be covered next weekend.

CYO Basketball Registration

Now Open for 2018-2019!

Are you going to be in 3rd-8th grade this year? Do you love basketball? Would you be proud to support your parish on a sports team?

Sign up for the 2018-2019 CYO Basketball Season with Santa Maria! There’s a link on our website homepage to sign up and to check your eligibility to play. We hope to see you on the courts this fall!

Join us in welcoming the newly elected Santa Maria Council of the Knights of Columbus!

Grand Knight—Dean Akazawa
Deputy Grand Knight—Robert Semar
Financial Secretary—Richard Stanaro
Treasurer—Steve Berg
Chaplain—Will Fuller
Chancellor—Steve Cetrone
Recorder—Al Donner
Advocate—Larry Jones
Warden—Bob Berndt
Lecturer—Greg Smith
Guards—Michael Forkas, Bernard Martis
Trustee—Tony Van Diggelen, Bill Hinkamp, Mark Ayers

Catholic 101: 5 Cool Facts about the Catholic Mass

FACT 2: There are 4 Scripture readings throughout Mass and the readings are the same globally.

There’s a lot of Bible each Mass. First, there is often an Old Testament reading (except during the season of Easter, when we read through the

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L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@sm-parish.org
Support Santa Maria during these restful summer months!

As we enjoy the summer and its restful times with family and friends, Santa Maria continues to be open for Mass, events and activities, and the Sacraments.

During these summer months your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and securely enroll using our parish code CA891—or find a paper enrollment form in the Parish Office if you’d prefer.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

If you have any questions, please contact Megan in the Parish Office by phone at 925-254-2426 x308 or by email at megan@smparish.org.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive regular communication via both email and regular mail. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, and we will mail you a Parish Registration Form!

*Or register online at [www.santamariaorinda.com/registration](http://www.santamariaorinda.com/registration)!*

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**OUTREACH**

**Weekly Food Collection**

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School (fruit cups, crackers, granola bars, juice, water, chips, Cup-O-Noodles, macaroni and cheese, sugar, rice, beans, cereal, and cooking oil)

3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry (canned meats like Vienna sausage, chicken, and tuna, cereal, canned vegetables, and canned fruit)

All items can be put in the barrel in the Narthex.

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**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**San Damiano Retreat Center**

710 Highland Drive in Danville, will feature the Enjoy the sounds of the Industrial Bluegrass Band at 3 p.m., followed by buffet dinner at 4:30 p.m. Cost is $15 for adults and $10 for children under age 13.

Register at [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org)

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whole book of Acts.) Then, there is a Psalm, except instead of it being read, the Psalm is typically sung. Which is cool because the Psalms are originally songs. So, in the Mass we put them to music, and it’s sung responsorial, where a lead singer, or cantor, sings part of it, and the congregation joins in throughout. After that, there is a New Testament reading. And, finally, we conclude with a reading from the Gospels. Often, there is a theme that connects many of the readings, and there are studies available to further dig into the readings of each week.

Also, the Catholic readings cycle over 3 years, throughout which, if you are attending daily Mass, you’ll have read through pretty much the entire Bible! And finally, the readings are the same globally. So each Mass, I am hearing the same readings as Catholics in my own town, in Minnesota, Africa, Europe… everywhere! This is cool because I can discuss something about the readings with JP’s family or a friend of mine from a different parish, and we all have heard the same Scripture each week.

*Stay tuned for the next 4 “Cool Facts” about the Catholic Mass!*
**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**For the Sick**
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Harlon Berg, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Doris Hale, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Bob Singer, Nancy Thummess

**TREASURE**

**July 29, 2018**

- Plate: $5,163.00
- Faith Direct: $3,525.60
- Total: $8,688.60
- Goal: $10,350.00
- Deficit: -$1,661.40

Maintenance Fund: 1,761.00

**Upcoming Collections:**
8/26/2018 Mission Coop

Please note—Faith Direct is our new Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT, program. The amount listed here each week is the estimated average of that months’ projected giving. For more information or to enroll, see page 3.

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**This Week’s Readings**

**First Reading:**
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

**Psalm:**
Psalm 78: 3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

**Second Reading:**
Ephesian 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel:**
John 6:24-35

**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**
Dave & Joan after the 8:30am Mass
James & after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!
COMING SOON:

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