



# Holy Rosary Church

*A Century of Faithfulness through Mary's Fullness of Grace*

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*We are a welcoming Catholic community called by God to live out the message of Christ in love and service to all people.*

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

**May 9 & 10, Second Collection** - Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

**May 10 - Feast Day of St. Damien of Molokai**

**May 16 & 17, Second Collection** - Catholic Communication Campaign

**With Fr. Macoy's absence, in case of emergency, please contact: James Tavares at (808) 264-1619.**

**Holy Rosary Church Legacy Tiles Project in Collaboration with Eagle Scouts: check with James or John to purchase tiles for the project.**

Please send your contributions for the bulletin to [s\\_almie@yahoo.com](mailto:s_almie@yahoo.com) or to [marycostales21@yahoo.com](mailto:marycostales21@yahoo.com).  
Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM. Weekday mass: Please join the neighboring churches.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

(Full text: [John 14:15-21](http://John 14:15-21), [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org))

## I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

As Christians we are called to share the Good News. Saint Peter challenges us to be ready to give an account of the hope that we have in Christ, but to do so with gentleness. As the old saying goes, we attract others more easily with honey than with vinegar. But it isn't always easy to evangelize, and we have no guarantee of how we will be received. We need God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit, the promised Advocate, to fulfill this task

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# ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI: A SAINT OF COURAGE, COMPASSION, AND SELF-GIVING LOVE

by Almie Lonzaga (for the Feast Day of St. Damien - May 10th)

Few saints speak so powerfully to the call of Christian charity as St. Damien of Molokai, whose life reminds us what it truly means to love without counting the cost. Known as the “Apostle of the Lepers,” St. Damien’s witness continues to inspire the Church, especially here in Hawai’i, where his ministry unfolded.

## A Life Answering God’s Call

St. Damien was born Joseph De Veuster in Belgium in 1840. At a young age, he felt called to religious life and joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. In 1864, Damien traveled as a missionary to the Hawaiian Islands, where he was ordained a priest shortly after arrival.

At that time, those afflicted with leprosy (Hansen’s disease) were forcibly sent to the isolated peninsula of Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai, often torn from their families and left with minimal care. In 1873, Damien volunteered to serve this community—knowing full well the danger to his own health.

## “We Lepers”

What made Father Damien extraordinary was not simply that he went to Molokai but how he lived there. He chose to live among the people, sharing in their daily struggles, housing, food, and hardships. He later began referring to the community as “we lepers,” fully identifying himself with those he served. He built homes, organized schools, tended graves, dressed wounds, and restored a sense of dignity to people long abandoned by society. Above all, he brought the presence of Christ, celebrating the sacraments, praying with the sick, and offering hope amid suffering.

After twelve years of service, Damien himself contracted leprosy. He continued his ministry until his death in 1889, demonstrating a love that held nothing back.

## A Model of Christian Charity

St. Damien’s life embodies Jesus’ words: “Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13) Canonized in 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI, St. Damien is a patron of those suffering from infectious diseases, outcasts, and people with leprosy. His story is not merely about heroic sacrifice but about faith lived through concrete acts of mercy.

## What St. Damien Teaches Us Today

While most of us will not be called to such dramatic service, St. Damien challenges us to ask: Who are the marginalized and forgotten in our own community? How can we cross boundaries of fear, prejudice, or inconvenience? Where is Christ calling us to love more boldly?

In a world still marked by division, illness, and loneliness, St. Damien reminds us that holiness often looks like showing up, staying, and loving faithfully—even when it is difficult.

## Commemoration at Holy Rosary Church

To honor St. Damien during the 50th-year anniversary of the Holy Rosary Church and the bicentennial celebration of the United States, Father Peeters, together with the parishioners at Holy Rosary Church, decided to construct a Father Damien Memorial on the church grounds. He commissioned a painting depicting Father Damien helping the lepers at Kalaupapa. With the help of the parish, he then ordered a comparative statue made of white Carrara marble. The statue of Father Damien helping a sick person was carved in Italy. This was unveiled on October 3, 1976, and blessed by Most Reverend John J. Scanlan, Bishop of Honolulu.

## Prayer

***St. Damien of Molokai, you gave your life in loving service to those most in need. Pray for us that we may see Christ in the suffering, serve with generous hearts, and trust God even when the path is uncertain.***

## Amen.

## References

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## INCOME SUMMARY

05/3/2026

Weekend Collection	\$1489.00	Building Maintenance Fund	450.00
Candles	138.00	Spectrum Refund	3.95
Holy Thursday	100.00		

**TOTAL DEPOSIT**

**\$2,180.95**

**ONLINE GIVING**

**\$50.00**