



St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Meet Parishioner Mansfield Montizor Embracing Faith Through Prayer and Service

"Cradle Catholic" — it's a phrase that refers to someone born into a Catholic family, who was baptized as an infant, and who has practiced the faith from an early age. For many cradle Catholics, it can be easy to fall into a faith routine, until something sparks inside, inviting us into something deeper and more personal.

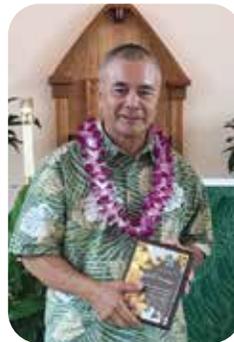
This was the case for longtime parishioner Mansfield Montizor. After growing up Catholic on O`ahu, followed by years of being an active parishioner at St. Michael the Archangel — serving as an usher and printing the parish bulletin for over three decades — something changed.

"I believed in God at a very young age," Mansfield says. "My parents were very strong Catholics who made sure that I received the sacraments. I was an altar boy, attended Mass every Sunday and followed the teachings of the Catholic Church. But it wasn't until just a few years ago that I truly started to feel closer to Jesus and had my first conversation with Him."

Mansfield credits his growth in faith to Patty, his wife of 48 years, who answered his many questions about the faith and encouraged him to begin attending Eucharistic Adoration.

"Eucharistic Adoration became the most profound step towards truly getting to know our Lord on a personal level," Mansfield says.

Initially, Mansfield would spend his weekly holy hour in Adoration reading from Scripture and praying the Rosary. However, one day, he decided to try something different



Mansfield Montizor has served the parish for a number of years and, through prayer, has grown deeper in his relationship with God.

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Good Stewardship of Our Social Media

When talking about stewardship and how we care for the gifts we have been given, it is not often we stop to think about how we are using the gift of social media to positively spread Gospel values. However, this is an appropriate topic to consider when talking about our current reality as a culture that constantly encounters and interacts with each other online. Therefore, it is important to consider how we are using the amazing gifts of technology to witness the Truth of Jesus Christ in our lives.

If you are frequently online — especially on Pinterest — there is a popular acronym that you may have already come across. While it is used in many different contexts, it seems very appropriate to follow as we find ourselves posting statuses and pictures on various social media platforms. The acronym is *THINK*, and it invites us to consider what we are saying and sharing, and whether or not it should be said!

Is what we are posting:

TTrue? Are we sharing factual information or a rumor that we heard, and if we think our information is factual, what is our source? Is it trustworthy?

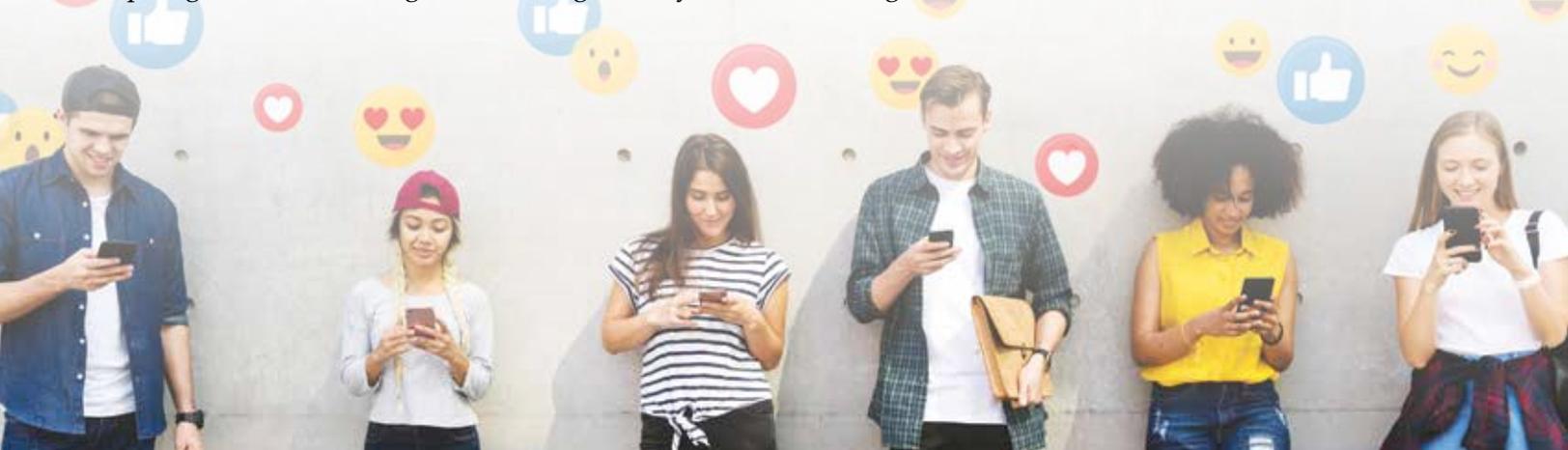
Helpful? Is the information we are sharing something that can be useful to another person? We don't need to over-examine all of our content to consider its "educational factor," but is the content we are posting going to help someone learn about us, learn about a place or an activity, think about the world, reflect on life, engage us in laughter, and so forth?

Inspirational? There is certainly no requirement to be a poet or an artist, but social media has become a wonderful outlet for positive self-expression. "Positive" is the key word — are we posting to inspire others about the good in our world, or are we posting to cut someone down or to simply rant?

Nice? Have we considered the feelings of others when we include them in a status or post a picture of them? Will they be embarrassed? Are we using social media to humiliate and intimidate others, or are we using it to try to better the world and the lives of others?

Kind? What a great tool to compliment, show gratitude, and build the self-esteem of those you care about!

People often speak of social media in a negative way because of the content they see posted. *THINK* is a great way for us to remind ourselves that we can be good stewards of our own social media use. A major part of living out the Gospel has to do with the positive way we approach this life and bring God's light and love to others — and we can do just that by sharing an uplifting status on Facebook, a tweet of gratitude to a friend, or a beautiful image of God's inspiring creation on Instagram. What a great way to build the Kingdom of God!





How Can I Give Today?

In these times, it is helpful to begin the day with the question, “How can I give today?”

Here are 10 ways to be a giver in these days that challenge us to be upbeat, or even to remain on an even keel. And, as we give effectively, we will spread and experience joy.

1. **Give encouragement.** Many folks are struggling as they adjust to a new normal, which keeps changing — but they are moving along, trying to do what is right and good. Encouragement helps us all to keep making good decisions and to give and find zest.

2. **Give gratitude.** Be grateful to God, to family and friends, and to professionals who are helping us through the pandemic. Find a way to express gratitude — maybe send a hand-written note.

3. **Forgive others.** We are all victims in one way or another. People who have hurt us are usually victims themselves. Holding on to the hurt or harboring resentment does no one any good. Start forgiving by praying for the one who has hurt you or a loved one. This is a good time to mend fences by expressing care and the desire to see beyond the rift.

4. **Forgive yourself.** During these days, many people report that memories of their own foolish and hurtful actions are flooding them with a vengeance. If others have forgiven us, if God and the Church have forgiven us, if we would forgive someone who did to us what we cannot forgive ourselves for, well then, what good reason is there to withhold forgiving ourselves?

5. **Give the gift of volunteer time.** There are many needs out there for folks to share their time and talents

in one way or another. We know this in our Church, our neighborhood, our places of work. In our bulletin, we regularly invite folks to volunteer, to make another person’s life healthier and safer. Seldom do we volunteer as a solitary person — we can make great friends among our fellow volunteers.

6. **Give financial support.** These, of course, are uncertain times. Many charitable organizations are offering assistance to those in need. Our Church and parish face the challenge of managing our budget while there are less people attending Mass and giving less of their treasure. There is a joy and a sense of peace when we give, when we trust God to provide enough for our well-being, and when we can see the good our generosity and sacrifices are accomplishing.

7. **Give the gift of self-care.** Balance exercise, healthy meals, rest, staying in touch with family and friends, intellectual stimulation, finding ways to enjoy life with virtual assistance, staying safe and keeping others safe. Find ways to enjoy nature. Self-care is important so we can be our best self in our relationships with others and as we encounter life’s challenges.

8. **Give time to listen to God.** Trust that God has words of encouragement, direction, clarification and peace for us. We pray speaking to God from our hearts, but also by listening to the Divine Message which penetrates our hearts.

9. **Give the gift of petitionary prayer.** Petitionary prayer works — the result is not always that our will is done, but petitionary prayer leads us to look for God, to trust in God, and to compassionately put those for whom we pray in the hands of God. Petitionary prayer unites us with those for whom we are praying and those who are also praying. We give a great gift when we pray for someone — we have the joy of bringing our hopes to God and feeling the Divine Presence.

10. **Give the gift of the desire to give.** If we start every day with the desire and the question “How can I give today?” we will have a spirit of dedication and build on the joy of giving day by day as we gradually work our way through this pandemic and all the fears, issues and problems which have surfaced.



USHERS MINISTRY REACHES OUT

As Catholics, we must always strive to extend a hand to new parishioners, longtime parishioners and guests alike. Now, in these tumultuous days of COVID-19, the hospitality shown by the Ushers Ministry is more important than ever. Here at St. Michael, our parish's ushers serve as a helping hand to answer questions, ensure the Mass flows smoothly, and create a comfortable and welcoming environment for all.

"We're there to help every person who comes to Mass," says Ushers Coordinator Chris Guillen. "Any situation that comes up, any questions they may have, we are there to take care of them and be a helping hand. I'm six feet tall — I'm the baby of my family, but the tallest of all my brothers, and my mom was always asking me for help reaching things. Ever since then I've always been happy to lend a helping hand. I really enjoy that."

At St. Michael, ushers serve at five weekend Masses in English on Saturday and Sunday and two Spanish Masses that have their own Ushers Ministry. The mission churches also have their own ushers.

Ideally, each Mass at the main church has eight ushers in charge of a variety of duties — these duties include greeting parishioners and visitors at the door, making sure doors are open at the beginning and end of Mass, answering questions, directing people to where they need to go, organizing the offertory collection, ensuring that Communion runs smoothly, and tidying the church after Mass.

In this unusual period of COVID-19, our ushers play a very important role in keeping all of us sanitized, healthy, and safe during Mass.

"We work together with the Greeters Ministry to make sure that everyone washes their hands or sanitizes before they come in, and we are there to escort them to a seat," Chris says. "Our protocol is to take everyone toward the front pews first. The pews are marked, and we seat people in every other pew. Family groups can sit together, but we make sure everyone is spaced out. Everyone needs to wear a mask or a face shield, which covers both their nose and mouth."

The ushers then make sure that everyone stays in the same place once they are seated. However,





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if someone does move, the ushers spray and clean that area before anyone else is seated there.

“For the collection, we divide the church up into four quadrants and assign ushers to each quadrant. We go through the open pews to do the collection,” Chris says. “For the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we make sure the gifts are up on the altar and ready to go. The greeters usually handle Communion, but if there aren’t enough greeters, we will step in and help as needed.”

At the end of Mass, the ushers facilitate the process of leaving the church, using the same quadrants as the collection.

“There are two front doors by the altar, as well as the main door, and an usher will go and prop those open,” Chris says. “After Father has processed out, we go to the pews one at a time and prompt them to leave, kindly making sure they are keeping a six-foot separation from one another. The quadrants near the front of the church go out their corresponding door, and the two quadrants in the back of the church can go out the main door together, while watching their spacing. Thankfully,

we haven’t had any problems, and everybody knows what to do now.”

Finally, after everyone has left, the ushers and volunteer parishioners clean, spray and wipe down every pew and chair that was used during Mass.

For Chris, the Ushers Ministry is a way in which he can fulfill Christ’s call to serve others.

“That’s what He wants us to do — help out our brothers and sisters, and treat them how we want to be treated,” he says. “To be helpful to someone else is also a blessing for yourself. In any way, too — not everyone can physically help people, but anyone can sit down and talk to someone. It’s about being there for people. I think that’s what our Father in heaven wants us to do.”

The ministry is always looking for more people to get involved, including the youth of the parish.

“We could always use more help,” Chris says. “I have three high school youth who are a part of our ministry, and it’s awesome to see all different ages involved. If anyone wants to join, that would be great and very helpful.”

If you would like more information about the Ushers Ministry, please call the parish office at 808-326-7771.

St. Michael the Archangel Church, Kailua-Kona

Statement of Activities vs. Budget

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020

		Actual	Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets					
Income					
40000	OFFERTORY COLLECTION	479,806	679,625	(199,819)	-29%
42000	OTHER REGULAR INCOME	30,519	41,500	(10,981)	-26%
45000	REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	121,863	131,900	(10,037)	-8%
47000	UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME	300,104	214,000	86,104	40%
49100	NET ASSETS RELEASED- OPERATIONS	-	-	-	0%
49170	LAND & BUILDING VALUATIONS	-	-	-	0%
49200	NET ASSETS RELEASED-CAPITAL PRJ	954,954	-	954,954	0%
	Total Income	1,887,245	1,067,025	820,220	77%
Expense					
50000	EMPLOYMENT COSTS	280,464	304,645	(24,181)	-8%
51000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	111,240	116,546	(5,306)	-5%
51500	INSURANCE	71,051	64,897	6,154	9%
51700	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	5,397	19,500	(14,103)	-72%
52000	SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	129,530	199,385	(69,855)	-35%
52900	FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	415	10,500	(10,085)	-96%
53000	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	41,018	42,662	(1,644)	-4%
54000	UTILITIES	99,091	105,625	(6,534)	-6%
55000	CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	157,203	193,578	(36,375)	-19%
56000	INTEREST EXPENSE	86,169	143,585	(57,415)	-40%
57000	TAXES	7,727	9,708	(1,981)	-20%
58000	DEPRECIATION	-	-	-	0%
	Total Expense	989,306	1,210,631	(221,325)	-18%
	Total Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets	897,940	(143,606)	1,041,545	725%
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
70000	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS	(19,475)	932,585	(952,059)	-102%
	Total Other Income	(19,475)	932,585	(952,059)	-102%
	Total Other Income/Expense	(19,475)	932,585	(952,059)	-102%
	Total Changes in Net Assets	878,465	788,979	89,486	11%

49200 is Temporarily Restricted funds used in this fiscal year

70000 is Temporarily Restricted funds not used in this fiscal year that will be used next fiscal year

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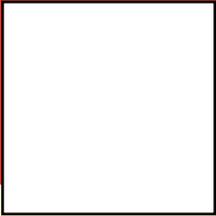
Statement of Financial Position vs. Prior Year

As of 6/30/2020

		6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Assets					
10000	CASH	* 3,544,313	370,886	3,173,427	856%
12400	UNDEPOSITED FUNDS	-	-	-	0%
12600	OTHER RECEIVABLES	1,116	913	202	22%
13000	OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	-	-	-	0%
15000	PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	17,195,781	16,865,442	330,339	2%
	Total Assets	20,741,209	17,237,241	3,503,967	20%
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Liabilities					
20100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	11,312	17,068	(5,756)	-34%
20500	CREDIT CARD PAYABLE	787	2,110	(1,323)	-63%
21000	CUSTODIAL FUNDS	13,538	15,267	(1,729)	-11%
24000	OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	33,300	-	33,300	0%
27000	LONG TERM LIABILITIES	** 3,452,180	881,714	2,570,466	292%
	Total Liabilities	3,511,118	916,159	2,594,959	283%
Net Assets					
	Changes in Net Assets	878,465	309,453	569,012	184%
30000	NET ASSETS	53,027	49,543	3,484	7%
30100	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	16,268,055	15,962,086	305,969	2%
31000	TEMPORARILY RESTRCTD NET ASSETS	30,544	-	30,544	0%
	Total Net Assets	17,230,091	16,321,082	909,009	6%
	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	20,741,209	17,237,241	3,503,967	20%

* 10000 is money borrowed for phase 2 - Parish Center

** 27000 is Loan for phase 2 - Parish Center



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Meet Mansfield Montizor *continued from front cover*

and began asking questions, as he reflected on the Scripture passage that he had read.

“The more I thought about the questions, the more the answers started to become clear,” Mansfield says. “So, I asked more questions and got more answers.”

This continued for several weeks, as Mansfield began asking God questions about situations in his daily life and more. As the conversation continued, Mansfield realized that it wasn’t just his own thoughts, but that he was connecting to God in a new way.

“As I became immersed in the conversation, it felt as if I was just talking with a friendly person — yet, it seemed more than that,” Mansfield says. “I know, now more than ever, I want to be closer to God. So, I continue to pray and strengthen my belief and faith in God.”

Mansfield continues to serve our community as an usher and loves to welcome his fellow parishioners and help to ensure that things run smoothly.

“I believe that simple things can make a difference,” he says. “I enjoy greeting the parishioners and returning

visitors who come year after year. It’s amazing to see everyone come together as one `ohana.”

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mansfield has been grateful for opportunities to connect with the parish community — even virtually — but he is also very glad to be able to return to Mass. He hopes others will come to know the graces available in the Eucharist, both in adoration and in receiving Jesus at Mass.

“I was thankful to Fr. Lio and everyone who helped him celebrate Mass online,” Mansfield says. “It made a huge difference to be able to pray together in the spirit of one `ohana.

“I appreciate Fr. Lio reopening our church, giving us the opportunity to again celebrate Mass and to receive the Blessed Sacrament,” he adds. “I believe this is the most precious gift given to us as Catholics. What better way to become closer to God than to receive His most precious Body and Blood?”

We thank Mansfield for his years of faithful and humble service to our parish community!

..... **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m. • **Sunday:** 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily: Mon-Sat 7 a.m. • Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 5 p.m. • **Confessions:** Saturday 9 a.m. • **Adoration:** Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.