

PARISH CALENDAR

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

August 14, 2016

With the Lord there is
mercy and forgiveness



Saturday, August 13	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, August 14	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, August 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, August 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Group - Church
Friday, August 19	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - ADMISSION DAY HOLIDAY
	..... 10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Saturday, August 20	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	LECTOR TRAINING W/FR. ALAPAKI - CHURCH
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Confession
		Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa: 66:18-21: God's mercy will extend to all people.
Heb:12:5-7, 11-13: Encouragement to those enduring hardship and trials.
Luke:13:22-30: Not all will take advantage of God's mercy.

***Living Catholic in the 808!
Listening Like Mary!***

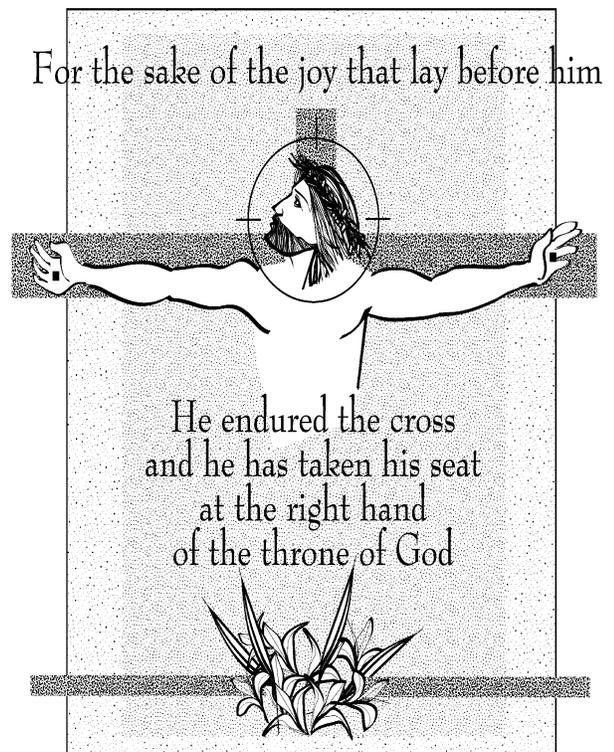
Unfortunately, there are many misunderstandings about the Catholic faith. And beliefs about Mary are close to the top of the list. A stumbling block for some, Mary is actually the reason others decide to become Catholic. What variability!

Regardless of what specific faith topic a person struggles with, we can take our cue from Jesus as to how to engage others. Jesus always begins by sharing his concern and interest in the person, care for them as unique individuals. He may ask us a question ("What are you looking for?") or he may simply address us ("Zaccheus, come down!"). But, Jesus treats us lovingly.

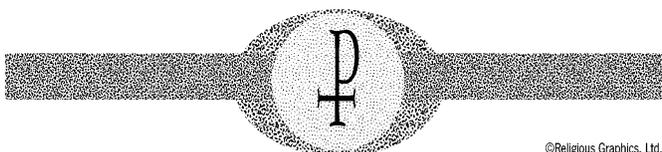
For us, care is perhaps most easily expressed by asking, "What is it about Mary that bothers you?" And, then, like Jesus, like Mary, we show our love and concern by listening. Honestly listening. Even if you disagree, this person is sharing his/her reality. Their dignity is affirmed with our genuine listening.

And, isn't this really what Mary would have us do? "And Mary kept these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19 Our devotion and love for Mary makes us want to correct people's misunderstandings. But, first, Mary would have us imitate her son. (More next week!)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. C. I. A - Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, communion, confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) *St. Rita's RCIA program will begin **Sept 11, 2016.***
- 2) *RCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 7:00 pm in the church.*
- 3) *RCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework. RCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass: a. Rite of Acceptance (beginning of Advent) b. Rite of Election (beginning of Lent) c. RCIA Scrutinies (during Lent) If you or someone you know is interested, please call our RCIA Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." We only need to call on Jesus to help us have the best Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: Oahu - September 23-25 and Maui - August 26-28. For more information contact Lee & Tanya Barbero @ (808) 268-1578 on Maui or Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alvior @ (808) 391-2045; or visit our website at www.hawaiiwme.org. Get your spot reserved now.

WORD OF LIFE: "The Church always advances between the cross and the resurrection, between persecutions and the consolations of the Lord. This is the path: those who take this path do not go wrong." -"Pope Francis, Homily on the Feast of St. George, April 23, 2013 www.goo.gl/589WzK

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 14 Sun: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40; Heb:12:1-4; Lk: 12: 49-53

Aug 15 Mon: Solemnity of th Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev: 11:19a; 12:1-6, 10ab Ps 45: 10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Aug 16 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Ezek: 28:1-10; Deut:32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt:19:23-30

Aug 17 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Ezek: 34:1-11; Ps: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt: 20:1-16

Aug 18 Thur Ordinary Weekday

Ezek: 36:22-28; Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt: 22:1-14

Aug 19 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Ezek: 37:1-14; Ps:107: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt: 22:34-40

Aug 20 Sat: Memorial of Bernard, abbot and doctor of the church

Ezek: 43:1-7ab; Ps 85: -ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of th Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want ro reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running. (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

FAMILY VALUED?

Listening to Jesus describe the divided households that would result from following him is somewhat startling in our society, where the Christian church is seen as one of the last great refuges of the family. And yet we know that in many ways religion still divides families, when one spouse is observant and another is not, when children choose or reject the beliefs of their parents, when lifestyles of a loved one do not conform to Church teachings, when a marriage or remarriage occurs outside of the sanctuary, when a non-believing yet baptized child merely goes through the religious motions to satisfy a grandparent . . . the list goes on. Centuries ago, Jesus knew that deeply held and honestly followed religious convictions could often be a source of division, in spite of the fact that what he and his Father in heaven wanted most deeply was unity.

TYPICAL TEENAGER

In the days when Luke's Gospel was written, Christianity was in its adolescence. In its infancy it was a branch or sect of Judaism. Ongoing dissension within the Jewish faith about the nature of Jesus and his messianic role created a rift. Social and political situations aggravated by the destruction of the Jerusalem temple deepened it. Luke was preaching and writing to many people who, day by day, were living through the kinds of household divisions that Jesus was describing. Anyone who has lived through a child's teenage years knows that "son against father, daughter against mother" is a common situation. It was no different for Christianity as it wrested itself away from its parent religion. The followers of Christ in Luke's day were learning that sometimes a household divided was the price paid, in the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, for keeping their eyes "fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

Ask
in the name of
JESUS

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