

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

Saturday, September 3	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, September 4	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, September 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
		FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday, September 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, September 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, September 10	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Exod: 32:7-11, 13-14: Moses implores and is granted God's mercy.

1 Tim:1:12-17: Paul's own life is an example of God's mercy.

Luke:15:1-32: God is merciful, especially toward the repentant.

Living Catholic in the 808! Evangelization for "Typical" Catholics!

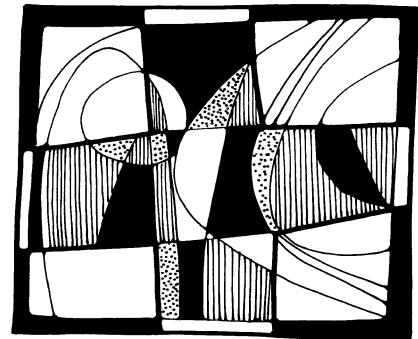
Let's face it: Catholic Christians tend to have an aversion to the term "evangelization." It evokes images of knocking on doors, of being asked uncomfortable questions. Even those of us who do acts of evangelization tend not to use the term, as Matthew Kelly found in his research on what makes for a Dynamic Catholic.

Yet, there is no denying that the Gospel emphatically demands that we must share the Good News with others. We cannot simply read our Bible at home or go to Mass on Sunday and call ourselves followers of Jesus. We are called to serve others, to engage in works of mercy, to show a preferential option for the poor, to work for justice, and, yes, to use words to tell others about Jesus Christ.

Deep down, we Catholics KNOW we are supposed to share our faith with others. And, deep down, we WANT to do better about sharing our faith. But how?

This weekly column, "Living Catholic in the 808" will provide one, small answer to this question. Week by week, join us for practical tips on what evangelization can look like for "typical" Catholics. C'mon! We can do this!!

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WHOEVER
DOES NOT
CARRY THE
CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME
CANNOT BE
MY DISCIPLE.

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Bless our labors,
O Lord, and all
those who perform them

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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. St. Rita's **R. C. I. A. Program will begin next Sunday, September 11 @ 7 p. m., in the St. Francis Trailer.** For more information please contact Don Gerry @ 489-9529!

CULTURAL/HULA MINISTRY: If you are interested in being a part of the Cultural/Hula Ministry, please come to an informational meeting **Sunday, September 11 at 630pm.** The Cultural/Hula Ministry meets after the 5pm Sunday Mass at 630pm-8pm. We accept anyone, male/female/children/youth, who are open to learning more about Hula and other cultural dances within the context of our Catholic faith. If you have experience, that is also appreciated but no experience necessary. Any questions please call/text Christina Lefu'a at 808-699-1343 or email her at chrilefua@yahoo.com

MISSIONARY BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

(MBCC): You are invited if you are 18 years or older to come to our next encounter (retreat). MBCC Encounter is open to people who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. **It is \$60.00 for the entire weekend**, which includes food/snacks, room, and good fun...It is a Spirit-filled weekend so come and join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal and Christian fellowship. The **Missionary Basic Christian Community of Hawaii - Renew (MBCC) retreat** is 6 pm Friday evening through Sunday 1 pm on **October 14-16, 2016 at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley.** Please call/text Rosa Lefu'a @ 861-3747 or email lefua77@yahoo.com Mahalo & God Bless!

DEVOTION TO MARY & THE ROSARY: We cannot forget that Mary's last recorded words in Scripture are, "do whatever He [Jesus] tells you" (Jn 2:5). When we let the Blessed Mother, Mary into our lives, we can be assured that she will make it her direct business to draw us quickly into a deep, intimate, personal relationship with Jesus, so that we are doing what He tells us every day of our lives. If anyone prays the rosary before Mass and or has a devotion to our Blessed Mother by praying the rosary. I want to invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally, **Saturday, October 15, 2016 @ 12 noon here are St. Rita Church.** Please join me in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Will you be able to join and other Catholics on that very important day? For more information or you want to join ins this special day, please contact Rosa Lefu`a @ 831-3747 or email lefua77@yahoo.com.

WORD OF LIFE: "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world. . . . Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and gives us wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign." -"Pope Francis, *Prayer of Remembrance*" (www.goo.gl/Tp6gMA) *Ground Zero Memorial, New Your, September 2015*

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 4 Sun: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis:9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phil:9-10, 12-17; Lk: 14: 25-33

Sep 5 Mon: Labor Day

1 Cor: 5:1-8; Ps 5: 5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Sep 6 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor: 6:1-11; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk:6:12-19

Sep 7 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:7; 25-31; Ps:45: 11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk: 6:20-26

Sep 8 Thur Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah: 5:1-4a or Rom: 8:28-30; Ps 13: 6ab, 6c; Mt:1:16, 18-23

Sep 9 Fri: Memorial Peter Claver, priest

1 Cor: 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps:84: 3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk: 6:39-42

Sep 10 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

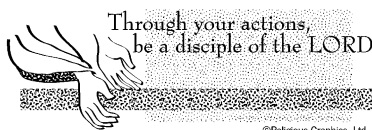
1 Cor: 10:14-22; Ps 116: 12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

At the conclusion of today's gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that" . . . anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate? (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)



Prosper
the work
of our hands,
O Lord



Through your actions,
be a disciple of the LORD