

PARISH CALENDAR

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

Bless the Lord, O my soul!



Saturday, July 25	..... 5:00 p.m.	NO MASS
Sunday, July 26	..... 7:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	..... 8:30 a.m.	NO MASS
	..... 10:00 a. m.	NO MASS
	..... 5:00 p.m.	NO MASS
Monday, July 27	..... 8:00 a. m.	NO MASS
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
	..... 7:00 p. m.	NO MASS
Tuesday, July 28	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 29	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass
Thursday, July 30	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, July 31	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, Aug 1	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:55:1-3: All who are thirsty, come to the water.
Rom:8:35, 37-39: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Matt:13:13-21: Jesus feeds the five thousand and there are baskets left over.

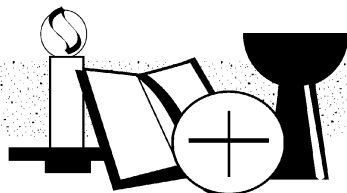
Due to Hurricane Douglas, all weekend and Monday's (7/27) masses are suspended. Refer to the St. Rita website homepage for updates. Please spread the word and be safe.

Extension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass dispensation for the Diocese of Honolulu: Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu through August 31, 2020. All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

Knowing What Is Right

The beginning of wisdom is its absence. When we reach inside ourselves and realize what we do not have, we start the journey to attain what we need.
When we speak about someone having “the wisdom of Solomon,” we mean he or she is wise beyond measure. Solomon won that wisdom by first acknowledging he was not smart enough to do the job God had given him to do.
Solomon’s father was David, the greatest of the kings. Solomon followed him while still a youth. He was placed in charge of numerous people. Solomon, not wishing to disappoint God, feared that he lacked the skills necessary for the task. So he asked God for wisdom to tell right from wrong.
Another leader would have asked for a long life and personal gain, or for riches and personal pleasure, or for the death of enemies and the removal of fear. But Solomon realized he needed something much more practical for the people he was to lead: the wisdom to know right from wrong.
When we face a decision, the first step may be to acknowledge we do not know the answer. We ask God not for personal gain, but for the gift of knowing what is the right thing to do. That will bring peace.

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GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD OF LIFE: "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. . . . We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-consideration .
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

WEEKLY READINGS

July 26 Sun: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs:3:5, 7-12; Ps:119; Rom:8:28-30; Mt:13: 44-46

July 27 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:13:1-11; Dt:32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt:13:31-35

July 28 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:14:17-22; Ps:79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt:13:36-43

July 29 Wed: Saint Martha

Jer:15:10, 16-21; Ps:59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn:11:19-27

July 30 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:18:1-6; Ps:146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt:13:47-53

July 31 Fri: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer:26:1-9; Ps:69: 5, 8-10, 14; Mt:13:54-58

Aug 1 Sat: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer:26:11-16, 24; Ps:69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt:14:1-12

Good at Faith

If you are good at what you do for a living, you know the joy of being the right person for the right job. Sometimes we grow into the task we have been given. Other times it seems as though we have been predestined for it all along. Somehow the skills we possess and the experiences we have had all led up to the person we are and the job we do.

Throughout our lives we get better at being Christian. We develop skills for prayer, love, service, and understanding. We use them to please God and build up the community. We also experience the joys and depths of the spiritual life. Life's successes and losses have refined our image of God and the church, making us more mature in faith.

St. Paul tells the Romans that God knew them long ago and predestined them to be conformed to the Son's image, "so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

In God we are predestined, called, justified, and glorified. God knew us from the beginning, called us into service, justified us for salvation, and glorified us in eternal life. As we journey through life, we realize that God knew some things about us long before we did. God knew what tools we would need for the place and time we live. We have hope that God is still working with us and will help us with whatever challenges lie ahead. The reward of glory awaits those who are good at the task of faith.

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others? **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

You can still continue contribute to St. Rita during this time of Social - distancing by going to our web-site www.stritananakuli.org And click "On-line Giving" on the banner line. You can also send your Tithe/Donation via mail: St. Rita Catholic Church/ 89-318 Farrington Hwy. / Nanakuli, HI 96792

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

DIVING AND DRAGNETS

The image of the dragnet is a good one for our unconscious mind. Hidden there is everything we experience, good and bad, that influences us in our lives. Hidden there also is the Holy Spirit, at work sorting the good from the bad, the treasure from the dross, and freeing us to begin to know our deepest desires for God. Great saints like John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, both doctors of the Church, wrote about our deepest selves being the dwelling place of God. While our active minds prance around all kinds of ideas and distractions, our deepest selves dwell in wordless contemplation of God. To have this revealed to us is a great gift, a priceless treasure. Because the Holy Spirit is at work in us, purifying and drawing us closer, it does not mean we do nothing. We are given free will to seek God and to pay attention to these inner workings, as God strips away whatever impedes us. This is not always comfortable. When we willingly allow God to work in us, being attentive to what the Spirit is doing, we will find God. The treasure and the pearl are real. One was found by accident, the other by much searching. It doesn't matter which we use. If we are attentive, we will find God, for God waits to be found! © 2007 World Library Publications. All rights reserved

