

# PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

Love is the fulfillment  
of our works!

Saturday, September 5	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 6	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
Tuesday, September 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
Thursday, September 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Virtual
Friday, September 11	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, September 12	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Sirach:27:30-28:9:** The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance.

**Romans:14:7-9:** Whether we live or die, we are totally the Lord's.

**Matthew:18:21-35:** We must forgive even 77 times.

**(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Mask)**

**Saturday Evening Mass @ 5 pm**

**Four Sunday Masses @ 7 am , 8:30 am, 10 am & 5 pm**

**Weekday Masses will be at 8 am & 7 pm (Mon)**



To get tickets. You can go to [www.stritananakuli.org](http://www.stritananakuli.org) on the Banner line look "Mass Tickets" click it. You will see screen "Mass Tickets" click on **Obtain Mass Ticket through Event Brite.com here** you will then have a screen which has a picture of the front of the church "St. Rita Catholic Mass Tickets" click; on the next page will be in orange box which says **"Select a date"** select date and time you wish to get tickets. Please remember there a limited amount of seats due to social distancing. If you do not have a computer you may call the parish office between 10 am - 12 pm (Mon-Tue- Wed-Fri) for tickets

**We will continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 10 a. m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr\\_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)**

**EXTENSION OF DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION:** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation of all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu from the obligation to attend **Sunday Mass through October 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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**R. C. I. A.:** Due to the ongoing Co-Vid 19 and latest up tick in cases, it has been decided that R.C.I.A. will begin in **Sunday, November 8th.** For more information or questions please contact Don Gerry @ 489-9529.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:** Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more the 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting edge research in multiple fields. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worth of protection." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"**

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sep 6 Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Ezk:33:7-9; Ps:95; Rom:13:8-10; Mt:18:15-20*

**Sep 7 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

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

**Sep 8 Tue: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Mic:5:1-4; Ps:13:6ab, 6c; Mt:1:1-16, 18-23*

**Sep 9 Wed: Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

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

**Sep 10 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

*1 Cor:8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps:139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk:6:27-38*

**Sep 11 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

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

**Sep 12 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

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

## Charitable Correction

Living the spiritual life means more than correcting our own faults. It also includes correcting the faults of our neighbors. When we do this, we run the risk of misunderstanding and anger. But it is more important to offer correction when neighbors are wrong.

God appointed Ezekiel as Israel's watchman. When God wants the prophet to speak against wicked people, Ezekiel must do so. If he does not, God will hold him responsible for their demise. But if Ezekiel warns the wicked about God's wishes, Ezekiel will be saved, even if the wicked ignore him.

Correcting our neighbor is best done in the spirit of charity. When we correct our neighbor in anger, we share the wickedness we are trying to correct.

Sometimes our neighbors will respond with appreciation. Sometimes they will not. It does not matter. It is important to bring to their attention the consequences of their actions.

Many people follow this advice in matters of state. As responsible citizens, they let government leaders know what follows from laws they do and do not enact. Sometimes the laws change. But even if they do not, God takes pleasure in those who speak the truth.

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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in-full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love." **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](http://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

### Laying Down the Law

As institutions age, their laws multiply. As countries grow older, the laws of nation, state, and city grow ever more complex. It is hard to know them all. We hire lawyers to study laws for us. The laws of the church are also complex. They are collected in the Code of Canon Law, which is also hard to absorb. We need church lawyers to help us out. New laws are written all the time. Old ones are adjusted. The code grows slowly outdated as new legislation forms. Everyone wants to be a good citizen and a good Catholic, but it is hard sometimes to know what the law is. In Jesus' day, the law was also complex. At times it appeared that laws conflicted, as when he healed on a Sabbath. Laws of charity conflicted with laws governing sacred time.

When they asked Jesus for the greatest law, he simplified the complex structure of laws and reduced them to two: Love God. Love your neighbor.

St. Paul told the Romans, "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law." He made it very simple.

God is the ultimate judge over how we observe the laws of church and state. God made the rules as simple as possible. When the laws of our institutions seem complex, we can always please God by following the most basic law of all: love.

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