

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

I will be your Lord forever!

Saturday, September 19	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 20	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday, September 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting - Virtual
Wednesday, September 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Virtual
Friday, September 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, September 26	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ezekiel: 18:25-28: Those who repent shall surely live.

Philippians:2:1-11: Have in you the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus.

Matthew:21:28-32: Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Masks)

Saturday Evening Mass @ 5 pm

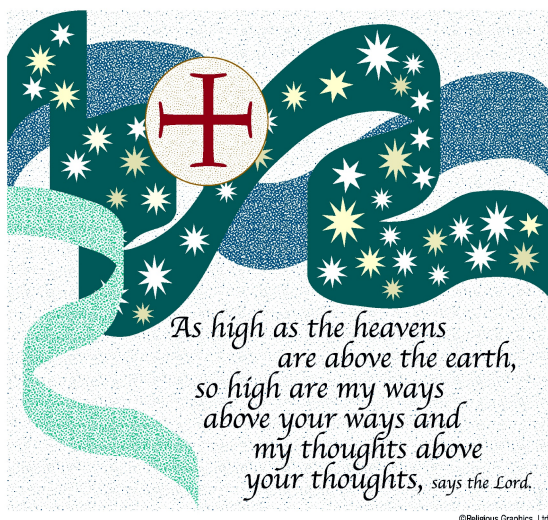
Four Sunday Masses @ 7 am , 8:30 am, 10 am & 5 pm

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

To get tickets. You can go to www.stritananakuli.org 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/

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

WORD OF LIFE: "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance" (Lk 15:7). *NABRE © 2010 Used with permission". USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 20 Sun: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:55:6-9; Ps:145; Phi:1:20c-24, 7a; Mt:20:1-16a

Sep 21 Mon: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph:4:1-7, 11-13; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5; Mt:9:9-13

Sep 22 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Prov:21:1-6, 10-13; Ps:119: 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk:8:19-21

Sep 23 Wed: saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prov:30:5-9; Ps:119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk:9:1-6

Sep 24 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Ecc:1:211; Ps:90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc; Lk:9:7-9

Sep 25 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Ecc:3:1-11; Ps:144:1b, & 2abc, 3-4; Lk:9:18-22

Sep 26 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Ecc:11:9-12:8; Ps:90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Lk:9:43b-45

Trust in God's Wisdom

It is hard to figure God out. Looking around creation we see beautiful places but also areas of devastation. We meet charitable people but also others who are unkind. We see homes of the rich and the streets of the homeless. One family prospers. Another suffers multiple tragedies. What was God thinking by creating such inequality?

Our own lives are also filled with blessing and sorrow. Momentary incidents have forever shaped us. Friends have rescued us. Death stalks us. It is hard to figure out what God has in mind.

God spoke to Isaiah, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." You can say that again. As hard as it is to read the mind of God, God does not choose to act the way we think a divine, loving Being should.

Through the prophet, God does not apologize for the way things are. Instead, God simply tells us we will never quite figure it out. The best we can do is turn to God for mercy.

To accept the wisdom of God requires faith and humble admission of our own inability to fully probe God's plan. It also takes trust that God will ultimately bring about the good that awaits all creation.

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least. **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

Matter of Life and Death

When death threatens to overtake us, we fight for life. We love the life we have received from God. We treasure it. We make every effort to preserve it. As Christians, we do not fear death. We believe it leads to peace. But we do not advance death either. People who have no fear of death are awesome figures. At their best, they risk their lives for their family, their faith, or their country. But simpler heroes choose not to fight the approach of death, whether it comes by stealth of disease or by the onslaught of an enemy's hand.

It is riveting to hear the opening of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. . . I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit." Death or life—Paul could take either one. His life helped people who needed his example and preaching. But his death would bring him to Christ. Given the choice, Paul preferred living in Christ. After all, his work had brought more than its share of torment and torture. Glorious peace awaited him. But he had work to do, and he accepted it.

We fight to preserve our lives, but in faith we accept what awaits us in death. Life is Christ. Death is gain.

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