

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart!

Saturday, September 25	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 26	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, September 28	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, September 29	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Thursday, September 30	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 5:30-6:30 pm	Drive thru Feeding
Friday, October 1	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, October 2	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Gen:2:18-24: God creates man and woman for one another.

Heb:2:9-11: The Son of God shares in human suffering.

Mark:10:2-16: Jesus affirms the bond of marriage.

(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/

Reflecting on God's Word

Focus on God's agenda, not your own. This message could be the link between the reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the two men who are suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop them, Moses asks, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people . . . were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29). And Jesus responds to his disciple John, also upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

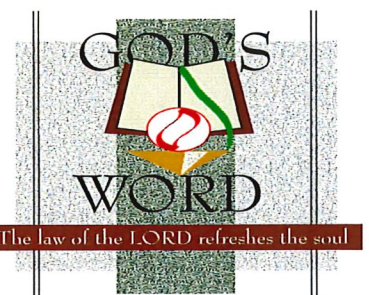
Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God's spirit blows where it will. It sometimes ends up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, no one can presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful of trying to box in or corral the spirit of God.

Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus' hard words about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. Most say this is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. I think Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their lives and face whatever it is that leads them away from God. "Deal with it," he says. We must always watch what we hold, the path we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us.

Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with, go off the path that takes us to the kingdom. And they can take others with them. What matters is that God's work be done. God will see to it; don't get in the way.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MYPARISH APP: Have you tried the St. Rita myParish app? It is available for iPhone and Android phones and provides information for St. Rita Nānākuli church, and also other churches you may visit. The app is handy for rosary, current readings, messages, bulletins and more. Go to www.myparish.com for info and download or type in "myParish" on your phone's app store to download.

COVID - TEST KITS: The state has launched a new program to distribute 1 million free, at-home COVID tests to Oahu households in eligible zip codes. Hopefully it'll open up to other counties since the pilot is through the state Dept of Health.
The idea: Give people the tools to test more frequently to stop the spread of the virus. The tests were made available to the state Health Department through a federal pilot program.
To order a test kit, go to www.COVIDTestHonolulu.org. They're available **through Oct. 18** while supplies last.
This story was featured on Hawaii News Now on Monday, September 20th. I was able to order my kit after a few attempts. This is timely so click on the link above and get your kit today.

RESPECT LIFE: PRAYERS TO PREVENT ABORTION

BECOMING A STATUE OF U. S. LAW: Please pray the U. S. Senate **does NOT** pass their version of H. R. 3755, "Women's Health Protection Act: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement: "this deceptively-named bill [Women's Health Protection Act] is the most extreme pro-abortion bill our nation has ever seen. H.R. 3755 is not about health of women, but only about eliminating any and all protections for the unborn children- including baby girls. It would led to the deliberate destruction of millions of unborn lives, leaving countless women with physical, emotional, and spiritual scars. "This bill assumes that abortion can be the only, or best, solution to a crisis pregnancy. H.R. 3755 is built on a false and despairing narrative that utterly fails women. In treating abortion as the moral equivalent to the removal of an appendix, this proposal is radically out of step with the American public. As a nation built on the recognition that every human being is endowed by its Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, this bill is a complete injustice. Congress should embrace public policy that respects the rights of mothers, their children, and the consciences of all Americans, not advance a radical "abortion on demand until birth" policy that is completely out of step with our country's principles." Each and every prayer makes a difference.

WORD OF LIFE: "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die. . . The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, "Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?" USCCB, "Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Suicide is Tragic"

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 26 Sun: 26TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Num:11:25-29; Ps:19; Jam:5:1-6; Mk:9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sep 27 Mon: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zech:8:1-8; Ps:102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Lk:9:46-50

Sep 28 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Zech:8:20-23; Ps:87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:9:51-56

Sep 29 Wed: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dan:7:9-10, 11-13; Ps:138:1-2ab, 2-cde-3, 4-5; Jn:1:47-51

Sep 30 Thur: Saints Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Nehe:8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk:10:1-12

Oct 1 Fri: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Bar:12:15-22; Ps:79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk:10:13-16

Oct 2 Sat: The Holy Guardian Angels

Bar:4:5-12, 27-29; Ps:69:33-35, 36-37; Mt:18:1-5, 10

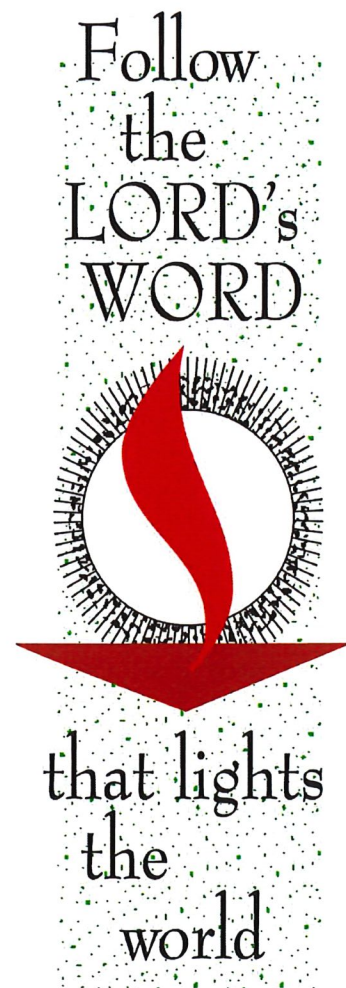
NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

St. James warns us about accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no countercultural challenge. The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God's judgement on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given? How might we use our wealth with compassion towards others? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

You can still continue contribute to St. Rita during this time of Social - distancing by going to our web-site www.sritananakuli.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



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