

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

Remember your mercies, O Lord!

Saturday, September 26	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 27	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 28	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday, September 29	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting - Virtual
Wednesday, September 30	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 1	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Virtual
Friday, October 2	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, October 3	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah: 5:1-7: God's vineyard is abandoned and ruined.

Philippians: 4:6-9: Keep doing what you have learned, and be at peace.

Matthew: 21:33-43: God expects his vineyard to produce.

(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 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

USCCB BISHOPS EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND:

Bishop Larry Silva is asking Hawaii's faithful to respond to the USCCB's special appeal to support the **USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund** so that those most in need can receive assistance quickly. The funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts; and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. Funds will be used in response to Hurricane Laura and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed. However, if such purpose(s) become unnecessary, impractical or impossible to fill, USCCB may use such contributions for other emergency disaster relief where it is most needed as determined by the Committee on National Collections using its emergency response protocol.

<https://www.catholichawaii.org/support-relief>

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 the request and support me through this difficult time?" **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities** "Every Suicide is Tragic"

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 27 Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezk:18:25-28; Ps:25; Phi:2:1-11; Mt:21:28-32

Sep 28 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Job:1:6-22; Ps:17:1abcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk:9:46-50

Sep 29 Tue: Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

Dan:7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev: 12:7-12ab; Ps:138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5;

Jn:1:47-51

Sep 30 Wed: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Job:9:1-12, 14-16; Ps:88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk:9:57-62

Oct 1 Thur: Saint Theres of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Job:19:21-27; Ps:27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk:10:1-12

Oct 2 Fri: The Holy Guardian Angels

Job:38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps:139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt:18:1-5, 10

Oct 3 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Job:42:1-3:5-6, 12-17; Ps:119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk:10-17-24

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships. **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

Life Is Not Fair

Even if you live a good life, if you do one thing wrong, people may never let you forget about it. They remind you of your past foolishness. Perhaps they call you a name. It does not seem fair because you have been so good otherwise.

Other people, hardened criminals, ask for mercy and get it. Sometimes they get rewarded. They get away with the wrong they have done. That just does not seem fair.

God speaks to Ezekiel that the unfairness lies with people, not in heaven. God is willing to let people change and grow.

Our opinions of our companions change less frequently than they do. People who are good make bad decisions. People who do evil repent. It is inconvenient for us to change our opinions of who they are.

But God sees to the heart. God knows a person's intent. God knows what a person is responsible for and how sincerely they are trying to do what is right.

That is a good thing for us. It means that if we who are basically good commit some wrongful act, we can still obtain mercy when we repent. Mercy comes from a God who expects us to change.

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Do what is
right and just
and
you shall
surely live!



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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS



When in sorrow.....call John 14
When you have sinned.....call Psalm 51
When you worry.....call Matthew 6:24-34
When you are in danger.....call Psalm 91
When your faith needs stirring.....call Hebrews 11
When you feel down.....call Romans 8:31
When you want peace.....call Matthew 11:28-30
When the world seems bigger.....call Psalm 90
When you feel lonely.....call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter.....call 1 Corinthians 13
When people seem unkind.....call John 15:12-27

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NO WI-FI NECESSARY NO SIGNAL REQUIRED



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Reflections from the Word of God to Prepare for the 2020 Elections

Prepared by Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu (9/23/20)

[Scripture quotes from the New American Bible, Revised Edition]

As faithful citizens of the United States, the State of Hawaii, and the local regions to which we belong, we not only enjoy the right to vote, but we have a civic duty to do so to make our democracy a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” The following are offered as an invitation to prayer and discernment about some of the issues facing our community to help all discern God’s will regarding the persons we elect for public office. We urge you to pray over them in this time leading up to our November 3 elections.

One Nation under God - Religious Liberty

Our nation was founded on “the laws of nature and nature’s God.” Do we still share this fundamental belief? For those who do believe, is that belief fostered or threatened by our culture and its leaders?

“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

The Sanctity of Life from Conception until Natural Death

Pope Francis has said that without the right to life, no other right has meaning. What can we do to halt and reverse the hidden Holocaust of abortion that is so accepted that it is protected by law? How can we assure that our leaders will work for a greater respect for life in all its stages, including the lives of convicted criminals, of the frail elderly, of the poor, and of other vulnerable persons?

“I call heaven and earth today to witness against you. I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

Unity of the Races

God has made every person in his image and likeness, yet we often live with biases, prejudices and closed hearts to people who are different from us. How can we all, as individuals and as communities, work toward justice, dignity and equality for all in our land?

“Glorious things are said of you, of city of God! Rahab and Babylon I count among those who know me. See, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia, ‘This one was born there.’ And of Zion it will be said: ‘Each one was born in it.’” (Psalm 87:3-5a)

Welcoming Newcomers

Our country is a country of immigrants, and people are still coming here to escape persecution, oppression and debilitating poverty. How can we more effectively welcome immigrants as sisters and brothers and assist them in becoming integral members of our country of immigrants?

“You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 22:20)

Care for the Poor and Homeless

What can be done to provide all with good healthcare – mental and physical? How can we as a community put more people to work to restore their dignity and their ability to care for themselves and their families? How can we work toward more affordable housing?

“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

Pray! Vote! Stay involved! God bless our country, our beloved islands, and all our communities!

[For more information, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Faithful Citizenship website at <https://www.usccb.org/.../forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>.]



SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

Voucher Expiration Date Extended!

Good News for all participants in this senior nutrition program!

If you haven't yet spent your vouchers due to the COVID-19 shut down order or if you had limited access to our local Farmer's Markets, it's not too late!

We recently confirmed the expiration date on unused vouchers set to expire at the end of September will be extended till November 30, 2020.

(Participants will receive official notice in the mail next week)