

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020

Turn your ear to me, Lord,
and hear me.

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| Saturday, October 17 | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sunday, October 18 | 7:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Mass (Live Stream) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Monday, October 19 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Tuesday, October 20 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Wednesday, October 21 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Thursday, October 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Prayer Meeting - Virtual |
| Friday, October 23 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Saturday, October 24 | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Exodus: 22:20-26: God calls us to show compassion.

1 Thes: 1:5c-10: The exemplary faith of Christians in Thessalonika

Matthew: 22:34-40: The greatest commandment: Love God and love your neighbor.

(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)



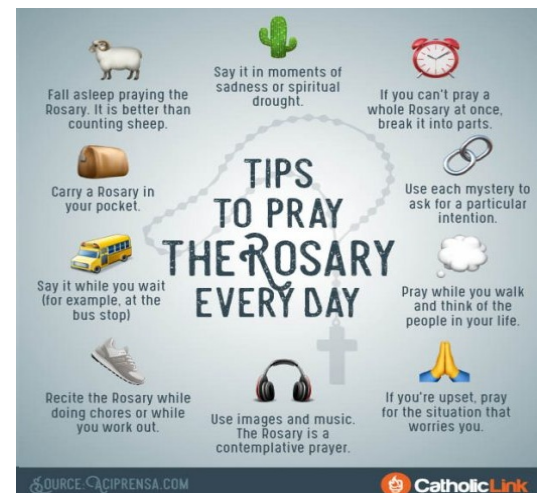
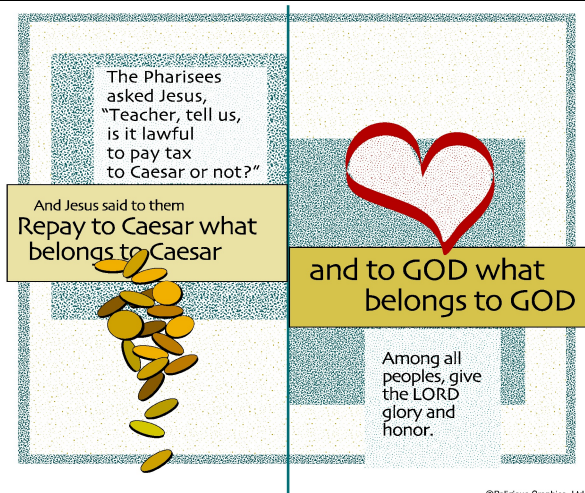
To get tickets. You can go to www.stritananakuli.org on the Banner line look "Mass Tickets" click it. You will see screen "Mass Tickets" click on **Obtain Mass Ticket through Event Brite.com here** you will then have a screen which has a picture of the front of the church "St. Rita Catholic Mass Tickets" 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: "Since mid-March through October 31, 2020 I have issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I am hereby extending that dispensation from the obligation to attend **Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation through December 31, 2020.** As I do so, however, I urge everyone who is able to return to Mass, without undue risks to their health or the health of others, to do.

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Bishop Larry Silva - October 13, 2020



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUDIO-VIDEO MINISTRY: As we move forward through these tough times of COVID, the new weekend Masses has been solidified for online broadcasting. We are currently looking for folks familiar with working with broadcasting software, audio hardware, and willing to learn the broadcasting techniques we've found work for our parish, and willing to give ideas for future broadcasts. If you have any experience at all on a computer with video broadcast, please contact Kaleo Donahue @ kaleo03@me.com, to come in a couple Sundays to train on the broadcast. Our goal is to have a rotation of people to do the broadcast. Mahalo!

"NANAKULI E" CD FUND-RAISER: Parishioner and choir musician Rosie Gomes would like to sponsor a fund-raising event for St. Rita Church, that will donate the proceeds of 100 of her music CD's to the "Building Fund" to assist in building the Church. Rosie's offer is to donate **\$15 from each sale until the goal of 100 Cd's sold, is met.** Rosie has been a St. Rita parishioner for 61 years and is a Nanakuli native. This CD, entitled "nanakuli E" is her first production and showcases 13 songs with participation from numerous local artists with his son Samson, as a performer and Executive Producer. Included are a couple of sample sound links. Please go to our fund-raiser link at <https://www.stritananakuli.org/fundraisers> for more information and to make a purchase.

WORLD MISSION DAY: Today is World Mission Sunday, We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work, and offer financial help and charity through The Society for Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

WORD OF LIFE: "We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. The Gospel of Life teaches us that "the task of accepting and serving life involves Everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest" (EV 43). *Excerpt from Evangelium vitae, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Serving Moms in Need: Living the Gospel of Life" www.respectlife.org/serving-moms-in-need

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 18 Sun: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa: 45:1, 4-6; Ps: 96; 1 Thes: 1:1-5b; Mt: 22:15-21

Oct 19 Mon: Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph: 2:2-10; Ps: 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk: 12:13-21

Oct 20 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Eph: 2: 12-22; Ps: 85: 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk: 12:35-38

Oct 21 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Eph: 3:2-12; Isa: 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk: 12:39-48

Oct 22 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Eph: 3:14-21; Ps: 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk: 12:49-53

Oct 23 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Eph: 4:1-6; Ps: 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk: 12:54-59

Oct 24 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Eph: 4:7-16; Ps: 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk: 13:1-9

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus offers us a profound teaching on stewardship in this weekend's reading: What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel **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

Church and State

The separation of church and state can lead to the assumption that God works in the church but never in the state. We expect government to act honorably, but our sarcasm removes surprise when civic leaders fail.

Isaiah tells of a case where the wall between "church" and "state" completely collapsed. Israel, plundered by enemies, had lived in exile. Now, almost unexpectedly, the civic leader, Cyrus, let the exiles go home. Amazingly, Cyrus, a foreigner, is called God's "anointed."

In Isaiah's view, God had given Cyrus sufficient forces and strength of character to play a pivotal role in the divine plan. Even though Cyrus never knew Israel's God, God used Cyrus for Israel's benefit.

God can still use the state to advance the plan of salvation. As God's influence prompted Cyrus to perform a magnificent good, the influence of the faithful can prompt the state to bring justice to the oppressed.

Do you know who your legislators are? Do you let them know your opinions? With their help you can feed the hungry, release those unjustly deprived of liberty, and protect human life. Under the direction of God's Spirit you can witness the cooperation of church and state. Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year A © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass © 2001, CCD



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

To: All Members of the Diocese of Honolulu
From: Bishop Larry Silva
Date: October 13, 2020
Subject: Invitation to return to Mass and extended dispensation from obligation

Aloha, Sisters and Brothers! Peace be with you!

This year of 2020 has brought us many unprecedented experiences and major adjustments to our lives and livelihoods due to the coronavirus pandemic. While we must not let down our guard and continue to observe prudent hygiene measures, we also want to look optimistically to the future.

With Advent and Christmas coming, it is very important that we prepare ourselves well for these high holy days in which we celebrate the great gift of the Word of God taking flesh and dwelling among us. Therefore, I ask all the parishes to plan their Advent and Christmas schedules in such a way as to accommodate as many people as possible throughout these days.

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It is highly recommended that those who do avail themselves of the dispensation substitute some other prayer experience so that worship of God does not lose its primary focus in our lives. One could do a home holy hour, pray the rosary, celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours, or do some reading of spiritual books and articles, especially the lives of the saints. Of course, we also encourage anyone who cannot attend Mass to watch a live-streamed Mass. Sites are posted on our diocesan website at www.catholichawaii.org.

We encourage everyone to reach out to those who may not hear this message on their own and invite them to “Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!”