

## PARISH CALENDAR

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

Hail Mary, full of grace.

Saturday, August 14	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 15	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, August 16	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, August 18	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, August 20	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
		<b>ADMISSION DAY HOLIDAY</b>
Saturday, August 21	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Josh:24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b: Decide today whom you will serve.**

**Eph:5:21-32: Mutual love between husband and wife.**

**John:6:60-69: The disciples must decide whether to stay with Jesus.**

**(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](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/)**

### Reflecting on God's Word

It is an ancient tradition in the Church to commemorate saints on the anniversary of their death because that was the day on which they were born into eternal life. We celebrate the same reality in our funeral liturgies and on the anniversaries of the death of our own loved ones. In Mary's case, her "birthday" has been celebrated on August 15 for approximately fifteen hundred years.

Throughout most of that time, theologians commonly thought that both Mary's body and her soul were taken up into glory. This is the same glory that we believe all Christians await on the last day. Her perfect cooperation with God in her lifetime and her honored place as mother of the Messiah made her the first to enjoy the fullness of the Resurrection. In answer to a century of calls to proclaim this opinion as a doctrine of the Church, Pope Pius XII defined Mary's assumption as doctrine in 1950.

—Virginia Stillwell

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My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord  
My spirit rejoices  
in God my Savior

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**R. C. I. A.:** Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, & Confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or R. C. I. A. for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) St. Rita's R. C. I. A., program will begin **Sept 12, 2021.**
  - 2) R. C. I. A., candidates will meet roughly **every other Sunday** night at **7:00 pm in the church.**
  - 3) R. C. I. A., sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.
  - 4) R. C. I. A., candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass:
    - a. Rite of Acceptance (beginning of Advent)
    - b. Rite of Election (beginning of Lent)
    - c. R. C. I. A., Scrutinies (during Lent)
- If you or someone you know is interested, please call Mele or our R. C. I. A., Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)"

**STEWARDSHIP DAY 2021:** Inspiration, Practical Ideas and Team Building for our Parishes, Our People: **Saturday, August 28 @ 8 am - 12:00 noon;** St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church - 95-370 Kuahelani Ave, Mililani, HI. Refer to flyer and handout attached to the bulletin.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "In times of suffering, the human person should be able to experience a solidarity and a love that takes on the suffering, offering a sense of life that extends beyond death. . . . In the family a person can count on strong relationships, valued in themselves apart from their helpfulness or the joy they bring. It is essential that the sick under care do not feel themselves to be a burden, but can sense the intimacy and support of their loved ones" (SB 4-5) Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Samaritanus bonus: On the of Persons in the Crisical and Terminal Phases of Life © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Aug 15 Sun: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Rev:11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps:45; 1 Cor:15:20-27; Lk:1:39-56

**Aug 16 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**  
Judg:20:11-19; Ps:106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44;  
Mt:19:16-22

**Aug 17 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**  
Judg:6:11-24a; Ps:85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt:19:23-30

**Aug 18 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**  
Judg:9:6-15; Ps:21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt:20:1-16

**Aug 19 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**  
Judg:11:29-39a; Ps:40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt:22:1-14

**Aug 20 Fri: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

Ruth:1:3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps:146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10;  
Mt:22:34-40

**Aug 21 Sat: Saint Pius X, Pope**

Ruth:2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps:128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt:23:1-12

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel we hear Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, bestow the gift of two blessings on Mary when she greets her. Elizabeth blesses Mary not only because she believes that Mary is the mother of the Lord, but also because she recognizes that Mary has complete faith in God's promise. When Elizabeth prophetically pronounces Mary "blessed . . . among women" and proclaims that the fruit of Mary's womb is blessed, she uses the same term Jesus uses to bless people in the Beatitudes. Good stewards recognize the Spirit-driven love and courage that inspired Elizabeth's hospitality toward a young, unmarried, pregnant woman and the honor Elizabeth bestowed upon Mary who would ordinarily be shamed for bearing this child. In what ways can we extend the blessings we receive in the Eucharistic celebration to others in order to honor them and offer them God's hospitality?" *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](http://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**

## PREPARING A PLACE FOR MARY

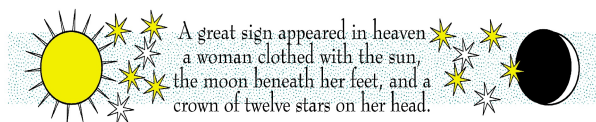
In the Catholic tradition we believe that God accepted Mary, body and soul, into heaven. Just as a leader might assume a place at the head of a room, Mary's assumption establishes her as our queen and mother.

The Bible never tells how Mary died. According to a legend, at the end of her life all the apostles were miraculously transported to her side. They gathered around and prayed for her. Then Mary was taken up to her son, who was waiting to have her at his side. You sometimes see images of Mary's assumption showing the apostles gathered on earth, looking up. You may also see images of Mary resting in the arms of her son at the end of her life, just as she held him at the beginning of his.

Although the Bible does not tell of Mary's death, St. Paul says to the Corinthians that we will all be raised up in Christ. "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order." Jesus, of course, was the first to rise from the dead. But our tradition holds that his mother followed, in proper order.

Our faith in Christ is strong. We believe he is risen and has assumed his place as head over all. In Mary's assumption Christ shows us he prepares a place for all who believe.

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WITNESS TO JESUS

# COMMUNITY OF HOPE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Jesus was born homeless. It wasn't his foster father Joseph's fault. He just ran into a confluence of circumstances. A government-ordered census. An overbooked inn. A pregnancy come to term. Nightfall. Even the son of God was subject to natural and human-made situations. Amazing, no? You'd think the Father would have planned better. Jesus would later say, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

I can imagine Jesus and the Twelve hunkering down for the night on the side of the road to Galilee, or sleeping in their boats, as he was once recorded doing.

Our own homeless who inhabit our beaches and byways often find themselves in their predicament because of their own perfect storms. A mental illness. A lost job. A drug addiction. A debilitating injury. Exorbitant housing prices. A chronic disease. Simple bad luck.

You would hope that God could give them a break and show a little mercy. But that is where we come in. It is our duty to house them, our obligation. Because we are supposed to be vessels of God's mercy. Because housing is a basic human right.

It is difficult to see Jesus in the unwashed, mentally ill, drug-addicted street dweller, or the family living in their car, but that's him, he is there, as he said, in the least of our brothers and sisters.

The world exists for everybody," Pope Francis says in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, "because all of us were born with the same dignity .... As a community, we have the obligation to ensure that every person live with dignity.

St. Gregory the Great said, "When we provide the needy with their basic needs, we are giving them what belongs to them, not to us."

Living with dignity at the very least means having a decent, safe, affordable place to sleep, eat and keep clean. Not the street.

But homelessness is such a huge and complex problem, we can feel powerless to do anything about it. We cannot always literally put a roof over someone's head. Like the Good Samaritan, our charity is often limited to what we can do with our two hands and how much we have in our wallet. But the Good Samaritan was also a pragmatic Samaritan. He left the robbery victim with an innkeeper who could provide shelter and sustenance, promising to cover the costs.

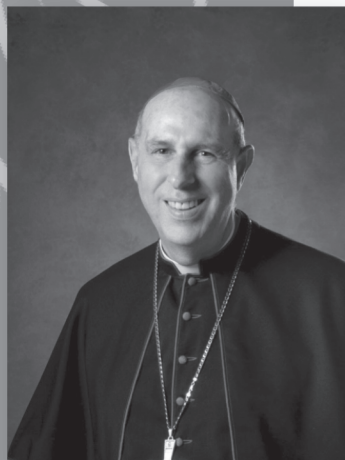
Catholic Charities Hawaii is the innkeeper. With our donations, it houses people, feeds them, supports them, accompanies and dignifies them, and puts them on the road to recovery.

The homeless need our help. Catholic Charities will provide it. But Catholic Charities can only give what it receives.

This Catholic Charities Sunday, please be generous.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu





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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY

Over 80,000 lives were impacted in 2020 by Catholic Charities Hawaii's programs and services.

**13,492**

### HOUSING SOLUTIONS & HOMELESSNESS\*

families and individuals housed and safe

\*Does not include COVID-19 rent & mortgage relief

**3,749**

### AGING SUPPORT SERVICES

seniors kept healthy and active

**5,435**

### FAMILY & YOUTH ENRICHMENT

children and families strengthened

**14,591**

### KAUA'I

housing assistance, disaster relief and community support services

**7,627**

### MAUI

resource family training, housing assistance disaster relief and community support services

**16,262**

### HAWAI'I ISLAND

family strengthening services, housing assistance, foster care, disaster relief and community support services

**145**

### IMMIGRANT SERVICES

immigrants welcomed with dignity

**17,927**

### HELPLINE CALLS

provided information and referrals to programs and services

**29,015**

### COVID-19 RENT & MORTGAGE RELIEF

financial assistance for Hawai'i renters who experienced a reduction in income due to unemployment or a reduction in work hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic and at risk of eviction. Funded by Federal CARES Act, assistance included monthly rent, mortgage, HOA fees and financial counseling

**2,324**  
KAUA'I

**18,970**  
O'AHU

**34**  
MOLOKA'I

**19**  
LANA'I

**5,682**  
MAUI

**1,986**  
HAWAI'I ISLAND

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# Let's talk about the future of our Church

Time - Talent - Treasure

## Stewardship Day 2021

INSPIRATION, PRACTICAL IDEAS  
AND NETWORKING FOR  
OUR PARISHES, OUR PEOPLE



A 3 Hour  
Conference

Free &  
Open to  
all Parishes

Saturday  
**August 28**  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Host Parish:  
St. John Apostle & Evangelist  
95-370 Kuahelani Avenue  
Mililani, HI 96789

Speakers:



Most Reverend  
**Bishop Larry Silva**



Very Reverend  
**Monsignor Gary Secor**

For More Information and  
the Conference Schedule:

[www.CatholicHawaii.org/stewardship](http://www.CatholicHawaii.org/stewardship)

# Stewardship Day 2021

*Inspiration, Practical Ideas and Team Building for Our Parishes, Our People*

Saturday, August 28 @ 8 am - 12:00 noon

**St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church – 95-370 Kuahelani Ave, Mililani, HI**

**8:00 AM - Mass & Comments** - Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu

**8:50 AM - Welcoming Remarks** - Fr. Anthony Rapozo, Pastor - St. John Apostle & Evangelist  
& Keith Tamashiro, Chair - Diocesan Stewardship & Development Commission

**9:00 AM - Opening Address** - Msgr. Gary Secor, Vicar General, Diocese of Honolulu

**Note:** Above will be held in the Main Church, with overflow in the One Community Center and lived streamed for those unable to attend in-person. Stay tuned for more details.

**9:30 AM - Continental Breakfast** – Outdoor lanais with spacing and safety protocols in place

## **10:00 AM – 10:50 AM - Session 1 Workshops:**

**A) Stewardship of Evangelization** - Dominic Olaso - Head Servant, Diocesan Evangelization Task Force  
Our Confirmation calls us to bring others to JESUS. Many Catholics want to spread the Faith, but they don't know where to start. Eight practical beatitudes (*with a touch music of course*), shared in this talk, will provide the inspiration to initiate evangelization (**Main Church**).

**B) Parish Center Projects - Build New or Re-Do** - Mike Browning - Deacon Candidate and Good Steward  
at host parish, **St. John A&E**, heads a panel of fellow lay leaders from other parishes who share their key learnings on major building projects - with special highlights and features of the new (**OCC Parish Center**).

**C) Communication is the Key - Small Group Discussion** - Keith Tamashiro, Chair, Diocesan Stewardship & Development Commission and other stewardship leaders will provide the opportunity to share best practices for starting, maintaining, and/or enhancing parish stewardship efforts. This workshop is especially targeted to Pastors and Stewardship Committee leaders (**1st Floor Conference Room**).

## **11:00 AM – 11:50 AM - Session 2: Repeat of Session 1 Workshops (same locations)**

**12:00 Noon – Closing Prayer in Church** (*followed by a possible bonus workshop – details TBA*)



This event is offered by the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development and the Stewardship & Development Commission, with support from *With Grateful Hearts* & Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation.