

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

All things are of your will, my God!

Saturday, August 21	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 22	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, August 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:00 p.m.	No Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, August 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 26	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, August 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, August 28	..... 10:00-12 pm	NO CONFESSIONS
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Deut:4:1-2, 6-8: Moses tells the people to hear and obey God's commands.

James:1:17-18, 21b-22, 27: Be doers of the word.

Mark:7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23: Obedience begins in the heart.

(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/

Reflecting on God's Word

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD," Joshua enjoins the tribes of Israel at Shechem, "decide today whom you will serve." And the people answered: "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods," going on to name the deeds the Lord had done for them (Joshua 24:15, 16).

Centuries later, after hearing Jesus call himself bread to be eaten, descendants of those at Shechem said: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" And they "no longer accompanied him." Jesus then asked the Twelve if they would leave too. Simon answered for all: "We have come to believe and are convinced you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:60, 66, 69).

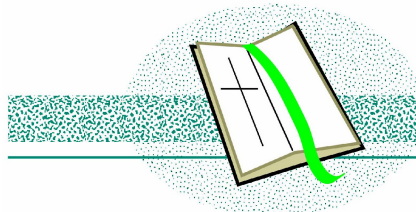
Our response is a simple but weighty Amen (meaning "So be it"). When the consecrated host is held up, accompanied by "The Body of Christ," and the cup offered with "The Blood of Christ," we are asked to put our faith on the line and say, "Amen."

Has familiarity bred contentment? Are we so used to this mystery that we rarely have a sense of awe or wonder? The first act of faith is believing that God is present in things as ordinary as this bread and wine. We believe that the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. What is the change in us that should accompany receiving them?

But of such stuff dreams are made—God's dream of a family, loving daughters and sons, gathered around a table to say "Amen," then to live Communion in a world of broken bodies, shed blood, wounded hearts, and crushed spirits. When we say "Amen" to this mystery, who knows what might happen?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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The words I spoke to you
are spirit and life

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: NOTE: Due to new COVID Restrictions the Stewardship Workshop is now a Virtual workshop see the attached flyer. NOTE: the live link for viewing the Stewardship Day Mass & Presentations on Saturday 8/28 is:

<https://youtu.be/xwgBMxlp0MY>

Saturday, August 28 @ 8 am Mass/ 10 am - Workshop;

WORD OF LIFE: "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 22 Sun: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos:24:1-2a; 15-17, 18b; Ps:34; Eph:5:21-32; Jn:6:60-69

Aug 23 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes:1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt:23:13-22

Aug 24 Tue: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rev:21:9b-14; Ps:145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn:1:45-51

Aug 25 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes: 2:9-13; Ps:139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt:23:27-32

Aug 26 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes:3:7-13; Ps:90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt:24:42-51

Aug 27 Fri: Saint Monica

1 Thes:4:1-8; Ps:97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt:25:1-13

Aug 28 Sat: Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes:4:9-11; Ps:98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt:25:14-30

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?" *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

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

When the Bible says, "Wives should be subordinate to their husbands, for the husband is head of his wife," it just doesn't sit right with a lot of people.

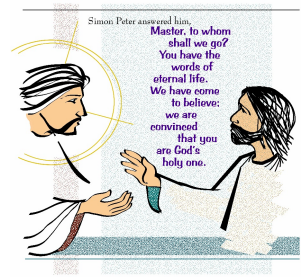
There are other beautiful images in this passage from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Christ is head of the church and savior of the body." "The church is subordinate to Christ." "Husbands should love their wives." All those thoughts are in there. But a lot of people quit listening after the first line.

Ephesians compares the love of Christ for the church with the love of husband and wife. It says Christ is head of the church but loves the church as his own body, which it is. When the letter quotes Genesis about a man leaving home to be joined to his wife so the two shall become one flesh, it seems to say that is what Christ has done—left his heavenly home so that he and the church might be one.

Ephesians has in mind that the church will recognize Christ as its head but be reassured that the head "nourishes and cherishes" the body. We have a loving relationship with Christ, even an intimate one. And we have no problem saying Christ is in charge.

But all that is hard to hear because it seems like the metaphor goes too far. Should wives be subordinate to their husbands? Not necessarily. Should we be subordinate to Christ? Absolutely.

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Stewardship Day 2021

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

**Saturday
August 28**

**8 a.m. Mass and Reflection
10 a.m. Virtual Workshops**

Livestream link:

<https://youtu.be/xwgBMxlp0MY>



**A Virtual
Conference**

**Announcing
New
Schedule**

Host Parish:

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

Speakers:



Most Reverend

Bishop Larry Silva



Very Reverend

Monsignor Gary Secor

This event is offered by the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development and the Diocesan Commission on Stewardship & Development, with support from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), With Grateful Hearts and the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation.

Stewardship Day 2021

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

Saturday, August 28 @ 8 am – 9:30 (Mass)

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

Plus:

VIRTUAL-ONLY presentations @ 10 am & 11 am

Available at: <https://youtu.be/xwgBMxlp0MY>

8:00 AM - Mass & Reflection - Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu
- Msgr. Gary Secor, Vicar General, Diocese of Honolulu

Note: Above will be held in the Main Church and lived streamed for those unable to attend in-person.

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM - Session 1 Workshop will only be available via live-streamed:

A) Stewardship of Evangelization - Dominic Olasso - 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.

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM - Session 2: Workshop will only be available via live-streamed:

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 their new One Community Center.



For more information, please contact the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development at 808-203-6723.