

# PARISH CALENDAR

**Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**February 7, 2021**

May I share in the grace  
of the Gospel.

Saturday, February 6	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, February 7	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, February 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday, February 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, February 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, February 11	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, February 12	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, February 13	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Lev:13:1-2, 44-46: The lepers and unclean shall be brought to the priest.**

**1 Corinthians: 10:31-11:1: Do everything for the glory of God.**

**Mark:1 :40-45: Jesus healed the leper, who spread the word.**

**(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)**



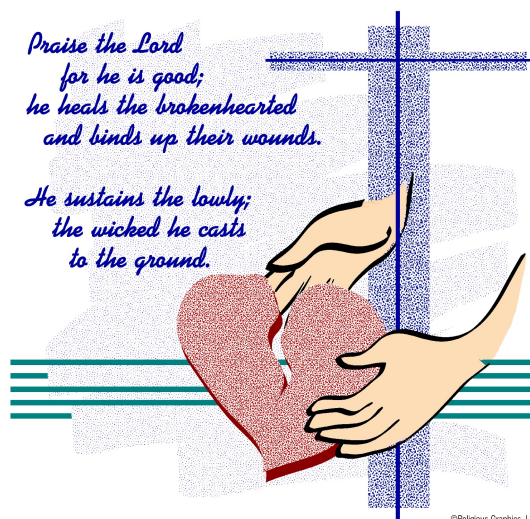
To get tickets. You can go to [www.stritananakuli.org](http://www.stritananakuli.org) on the Banner line look "Mass Tickets" click it. You will see screen "Mass Tickets" click on **Obtain Mass Ticket through Event Brite.com here** you will then have a screen which has a picture of the front of the church "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-MjmZpe7Cq/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cq/)**

**EXTENSION OF DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION:** "One of the most difficult decisions I have had to make as a bishop was the suspension of public Masses due to the coronavirus pandemic from mid-March to late May, 2020. Since then the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days has been dispensed. In light of the ongoing pandemic. **I am extending the dispensation through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, the day before Ash Wednesday.**

While I am extending this dispensation for the sake of those who are at higher risk if they should be infected with COVID-19 virus, **I would like to urge all our parishioners who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.**

**Bishop Larry Silva - December 6, 2020**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **AUGUSTINE: EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: SPECIAL COLLECTION - FEBRUARY 13 & 14:**

We kindly ask for you to support the Augustine Educational Foundation's Special Collection - **Make a Student Smile - Give the Gift of Catholic Education Campaign.** Your gift enables Catholic education to be affordable for families in Hawaii. Every dollar raised in **St. Rita Church, Nanakuli** will go to the families within our parish and vicariate community. A Priority is given to those with the highest level of need. For the 2020-2021 school year, the Augustine Educational Foundation has funded \$1,085,000 in tuition scholarships and \$3,500 in grants for school programs. Donate Online, it's Safe & Secure. [www.AugustineFoundation.org/Donate](http://www.AugustineFoundation.org/Donate)  
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**WORD OF LIFE:** "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

**Feb 7 Sun: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Job:7:1-4, 6-7; Ps:147; 1 Cor:9:16-19, 22-23; Mk:1:29-39

**Feb 8 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:1:1-19; Ps:104: 1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk:6:53-56

**Feb 9 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:1:20-2:4a; Ps:8: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk:7:1-13

**Feb 10 Wed: Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

Gen:2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps:104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk:7:14-23

**Feb 11 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:2:18-25; Ps:128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk:7:24-30

**Feb 12 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:3:1-8; Ps:32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk:7:31-37

**Feb 13 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:3:9-24; Ps:90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk:8:1-10

### **Reflecting on God's Word**

Sue loves to iron clothes. In the process, she says, she also irons out her life, all its wrinkles and creases. She says she can stand neither her clothes nor her life when they're all rumpled. John runs every day. A lot of folks do. He hasn't missed a day in five years. But it's also where he and they pace out the rhythms of their lives. More than one frazzled mother has locked herself in the bathroom for twenty minutes of solitude and quasi-peace. Sometimes deserts look like bathrooms. Even teenagers know the need, so they crank up some tunes, stretch out on their beds, and listen beyond the music to the melodies played upon their lives.

I suspect there is a lot going on in those spaces. That's where kids get raised and loves get sorted and businesses are merged and decisions unraveled and re-raveled. But somewhere in the midst of it all we also make some decisions about who and what we want to become in this life—at any age. That's where goodness has a chance to surface and values are affirmed and commitments are remade for the umpteenth time and faith sprouts forth. And then it becomes prayer, out of the silence and the stillness and the darkness of time spent alone.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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## **NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP**

In today's Gospel we encounter a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus: "The whole town was gathered at the door." Jesus could not possibly respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing and urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns and being present to them. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing? 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.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

### **MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE**

#### **God's Restlessness**

Almost everyone experiences depression. Some people struggle with it throughout their lives. Others have days or months when life seems hopeless.

No one in the Bible experienced despair as much as Job. Job lost his livestock, his servants, his children, and their homes due to the forces of nature and enemy troops. In swift succession, Job lost everything that was dear to him.

At first, he accepts this. Job knows he came into the world with nothing and will leave this world with nothing. What he has belongs to God. God determines whether or not Job will keep it. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

But later, as the reality of his loss sinks in, Job experiences despair. "I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me," he says. "My days come to an end without hope. I shall not see happiness again."

When we experience those emotions we may feel far from God. The security we once felt in God's presence departs.

But Job's raw emotions appear uncensored in the Bible and in the Sunday readings. All human experience finds its place under the mantle of God's farseeing care. Even depression.

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

February 1, 2021

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Honolulu,

Peace be with you!

As we go through the pandemic, we are enjoying the lifting of some restrictions, even as we still need to observe others for the safety and health of our community. I had extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through February 16, 2021. I wanted to reinstate the obligation beginning with Lent, but since we still need to maintain social distancing in our churches, **I am hereby extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass through noon on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021**, which marks the end of Lent. However, this time I am strongly urging that all who take the dispensation engage in some other form of prayer or worship as suggested below. While none of these can be the equivalent of attending Sunday Mass, they will serve to keep us connected to worship, especially during the penitential season of Lent.

As I said in my last communication regarding the issue of Mass attendance, I urge all who are able to attend Sunday Mass to do so. There is nothing that substitutes completely for our weekly encounter with the risen Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. **Nevertheless, if you cannot attend Sunday Mass, you are strongly encouraged to do one or more of the following:**

- Participate prayerfully in a live-streamed or televised Sunday Mass AND spend at least 15 minutes in meditation on the Scriptures, preferably those proclaimed at Mass. (These can be found at [www.usccb.org/readings](http://www.usccb.org/readings).)
- Attend, in person, a weekday Mass AND spend at least 15 minutes on Sunday reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Spend at least 30 minutes on Sunday prayerfully reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Pray at least two rosaries on Sunday, meditating on the Glorious Mysteries and one other set of Mysteries you choose (i.e. Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous).

Note that anyone who is sick should not attend Mass and is not obliged to do so. The above alternative spiritual exercises are strongly urged for those who are physically able to fulfill them.

As we prepare for Lent, I also urge you to celebrate the sacrament of Penance. Consult with your parish for opportunities for communal Penance services or individual confessions. The gift of the Lord's mercy and healing is readily available to us in this beautiful sacrament. May you have a holy and renewing Lent as you prepare for the great celebration of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu



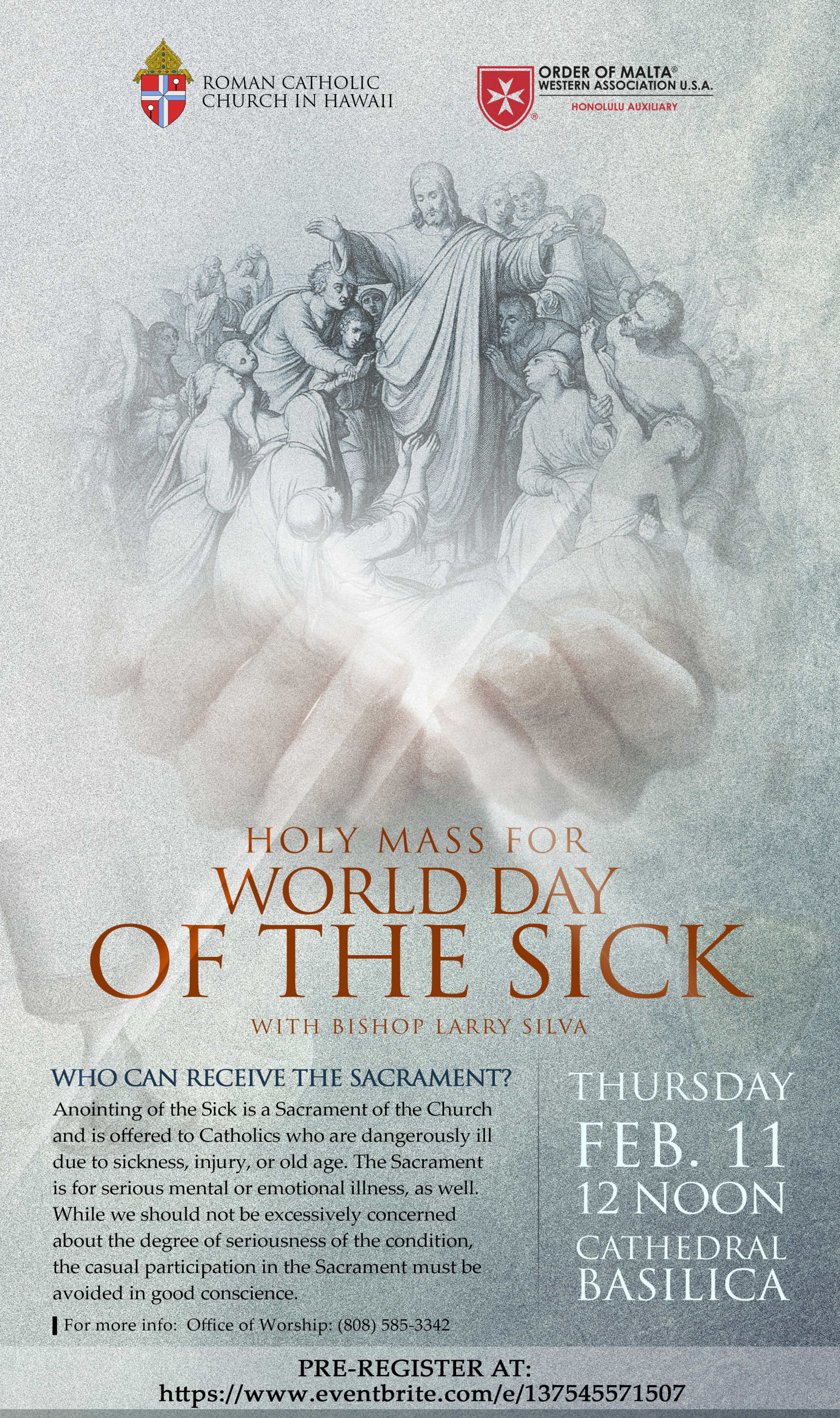


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A detailed black and white illustration of Jesus Christ, with long hair and a beard, wearing a long robe, standing in the center. He is surrounded by a large crowd of people, including men, women, and children. Some people are reaching out to him, while others are looking on with expressions of hope and faith. The scene is set outdoors, with a hilly background.

# HOLY MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

WITH BISHOP LARRY SILVA

## WHO CAN RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT?

Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of the Church and is offered to Catholics who are dangerously ill due to sickness, injury, or old age. The Sacrament is for serious mental or emotional illness, as well. While we should not be excessively concerned about the degree of seriousness of the condition, the casual participation in the Sacrament must be avoided in good conscience.

For more info: Office of Worship: (808) 585-3342

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