

# PARISH CALENDAR

Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

It is good to confide in our God!

Saturday, July 3	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 4	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY</b>
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	<b>No Evening Mass</b>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
Tuesday, July 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, July 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, July 10	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Amos:7:12-15: Amos obeys God's call to prophesy.**

**Ephesians:1:3-14: All things are summed up in Christ.**

**Mark:6:7-13: Jesus sends out the disciples, instructing them to take nothing for the journey.**

**(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](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

God describes the people to whom Ezekiel is being sent as "hard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). They are a people who have rebelled and revolted against God, but still God persists in sending them a prophet: this time Ezekiel, last time Jeremiah, the time before that Isaiah, all the way back to Samuel and Nathan, Elijah and Elisha. Even today, God continues to send prophets to soften our faces and make yielding our own hearts.

Jesus found hardened faces and stubborn hearts when he went to his hometown. Impenetrable seems to be the best description. His words could not get through. He was proclaiming the kingdom of God, the presence of God among them, and they couldn't hear him. It all depended on what they saw and all they saw was the carpenter, questioning where he got such wisdom and how he did these mighty deeds. He was just the son of Mary! We know the family. Go figure.

And then we hear some of the saddest words in the Gospel: "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them" (Mark 6:5). Why? Their lack of faith.

So Jesus started a new family. It began with the people whom we have been hearing about—the disciples, for all their struggles to believe in him right up to the very end, but also people like the woman with the hemorrhage, Jairus and his daughter, the man lowered through the roof, the fellow who had an evil spirit. The list goes on and on, down to our own day.

By baptism, we became part of the family, the new family whose bond is not based on blood, but on faith. The ever-recurring question is: Is he able to work any signs among us, or is he amazed at our lack of faith?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PETER PENCE COLLECTION:** Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. visit [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).

**WORD OF LIFE:** "We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." USCCB "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Jul 4 Sun: 14<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Eze:2:2-5; Ps:123; 2 Cor:12:7-10; Mk:6:1-6a

**Jul 5 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:28:10-22a; Ps:91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt:9:18-26

**Jul 6 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:32:23-33; Ps:17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15; Mt:9:32-38

**Jul 7 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:41; 55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps:33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt:10:1-7

**Jul 8 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps:105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt:10:7-15

**Jul 9 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:46:1-7, 28-30; Ps:37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt:10:16-23

**Jul 10 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Gen:49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps:105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt:10:24-33

## A Thorn in the Flesh

If you touch a thorn on a rose, you pull your hand back right away. But when St. Paul talked about "a thorn in the flesh," he described something worse. He felt a constant pain, a thorn stuck there "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

No one knows what it was. An illness like shingles? Or something more psychological, such as an annoying coworker or threats from an enemy? Paul doesn't say.

But he didn't like it. "Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me." If such an affliction tormented us, we'd probably not stop after three prayers. We'd pray constantly for relief.

Why only three times? Perhaps because Paul got an answer to his prayers. It brought spiritual relief, but not physical relief. "The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'" It wasn't the answer he wanted. But it was the answer he got.

The hardships we endure remind us of our frailty. We'd like to think we can handle any task, overcome any challenge. But sometimes we cannot. And no one can help. We are left with this stark realization: we are weak.

It is then that Christ can help. The grace of Christ sustains us in good times and in bad, but we only realize it when things go wrong. "When I am weak, then I am strong."

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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel reveals Jesus being amazed that the people in his hometown of Nazareth did not accept his teaching and ministry; he is amazed at their lack of faith (Mk 6:6). Good stewards recognize and participate in Christ's teaching, reconciling and healing presence in their community. Are we good stewards of our family of faith? Do we value and support the ministries that take place in Christ's name? Are we attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our parish and encourage those who work to enhance our life of faith? *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.stritananakuli.org](http://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

### Speaking When No One Listens

Whenever you have something to say, not everyone is going to listen. Some people will roll their eyes. Others will wait until you're done and then change the subject. You don't always get the admiring audience you want.

For some reason, this never stops God from putting passion into the human heart. Our faith becomes a part of us. We link our identity to it. When we see someone challenging something we believe in, we cannot keep quiet. We have to speak up.

It feels good to say what we think. It feels good to let the strongest beliefs inside us have voice and air. It feels good to have other people know what matters the most to us.

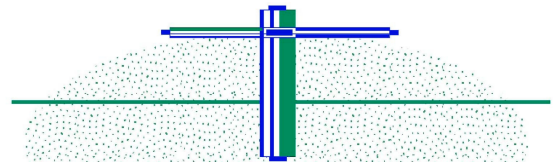
But some people don't listen. They do not heed the word we speak. They patronize us with kind looks or light applause.

But God keeps putting the Word into the human heart.

When Ezekiel spoke God's Word to people who were hard of face and obstinate of heart, God knew the Word might not change them. But some good would come. "They shall know that a prophet has been among them."

Even if people do not listen to our words, they know that a prophet was there.

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# The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Happy Fourth of July!

God, source of all freedom,  
this day is bright with the memory  
of those who declared that life and liberty  
are your gift to every human being.  
Help us to continue a good work  
begun long ago.  
Make our vision clear and our will strong:  
that only in human solidarity will  
we find liberty,

and justice only in the honor that  
belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family  
of nations:

to understand the ways of others,

to offer friendship,

and to find safety only in the  
common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/. Amen.**



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## News Articles

### Housing the Homeless: Vouchers Available, Landlords Needed!

June 28, 2021

*From the Office for Social Ministry*

A variety of housing vouchers (rent subsidies) are available statewide for individuals and families who are newly homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Unfortunately, the need for housing is greater than what the current inventory provides. The only way for our community to move the dial with housing the houseless is to work together - **LANDLORDS ARE NEEDED!**



**Oahu Housing Now** is a collaborative partnership between the C&C of Honolulu and Partners In Care (PIC), a coalition of organizations representing non-profit, private, government and community organizations. PIC is leading Oahu Housing Now by providing capacity building support and technical assistance. The City is supporting the program through CARES Act funding. Each partnering service provider brings to the table their particular area of expertise. Partners have set a goal to re-house at least 300 homeless households, or around 1,000 individuals, by this September. These households will be supported with rent for 12 months and will be provided with the needed wrap-around services for ensuring they're set-up to go into permanent housing when the program concludes.

Oahu Housing Now will apply a **Rapid Rehousing approach** throughout the course of the program.

Rapid Rehousing is an approach where short-term rental assistance and supportive services are provided to assist with:

- *obtaining housing quickly*
- *increasing self-sufficiency*, and
- *maintaining housing*

In addition to Oahu Housing Now, a minimum of 708 **Emergency Housing Vouchers** will be coming to Hawaii through the federal American Rescue Plan Act. These vouchers are specifically for households which are homeless, are at risk of becoming homeless or are fleeing volatile circumstances (e.g. domestic violence, trafficking). With these additional vouchers being made available on all islands, the call out to property owners for open units is even more urgent.

WHAT IS NEEDED are opportunities to raise awareness and to break down barriers and misconceptions of voucher programs and the people who rely on vouchers to maintain a stable life.

Please check out the following webpage for more information and to learn about some of the supports available locally for landlords: <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/landlord-engagement/>

**Stay tuned for details on a virtual presentation and discussion** for our community on this important topic that will be hosted by the Office of the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

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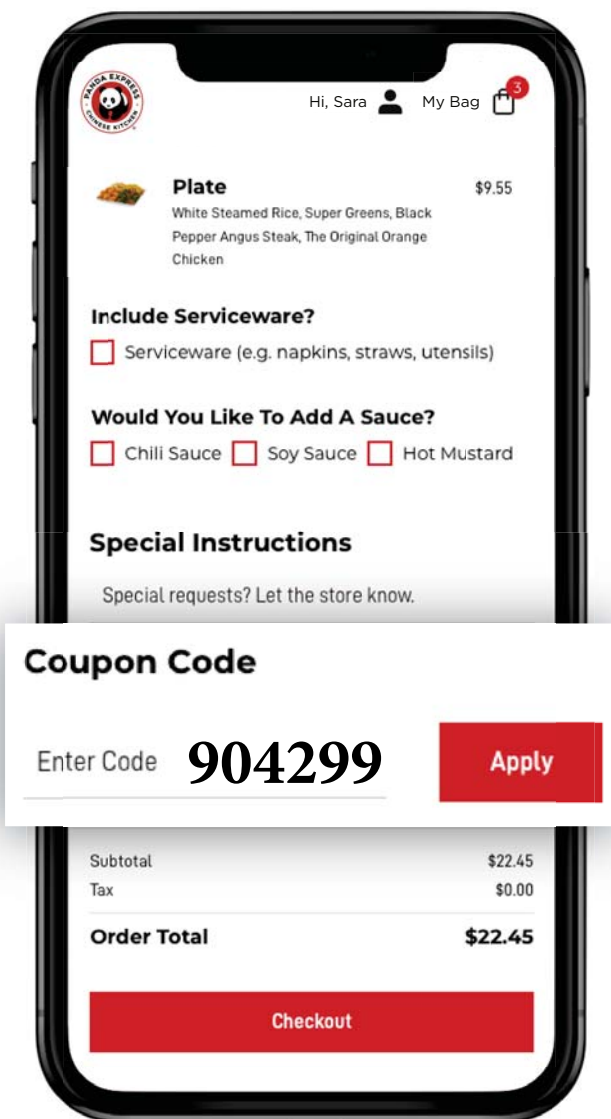
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**1** Go to **PandaExpress.com** to “Order Now” or open our **Panda Express App** to “Order”.

**2** Choose **“Pickup”** and select a pickup restaurant, or choose **“Delivery”** and input your address for options.

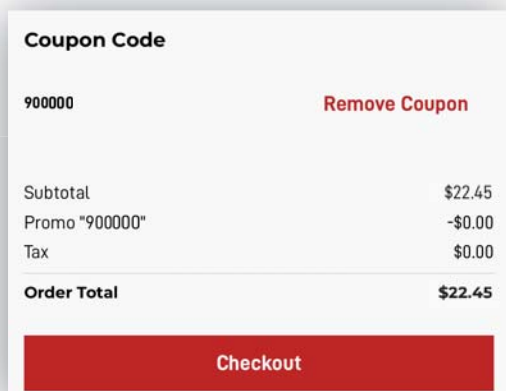
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**3** Add all your Panda favorites to your order, like our Original Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, and Chow Mein!

**4** Input your unique fundraiser Online Ordering Code in the **“Coupon Code”** section and click **“Apply”** in the red box.

Note: Fundraiser Codes are only active on the day of the fundraiser event.

**5** Confirm that your code has been applied by checking that your cart shows a **“Promo [code]”** with **-\$0.00**. Click **“Checkout”** and provide payment information.



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