

PARISH CALENDAR

**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 18, 2021

Sing to our God, a new song!

Saturday, July 17	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 18	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 20	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting - (Virtual)
Wednesday, July 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, July 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, July 24	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

2 Kings:4:42-44: Elisha puts hungry people first.
Ephesians:4:1-6: We are called to be one in the spirit of Christ.
John:6:1-15: Jesus feeds the multitude.

(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 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

Often we are unable to identify the truth in our lives. Is our passion love or lust? Is our financial security greed or wise preparation? Is the raising of our children good discipline or carving them into our own image and likeness? Is our religiosity superstition or faithfulness to the tradition? Do our dreams nurture the Kingdom of God or the Tower of Babel? In other words, is it from God or is it from the Other Side? So we look about us, and because our neighbors' lives seem little different from our own, we put into any self-help harbor that seems able to shelter us from aimless drifting.

Most of us, I suspect, wonder if there is anyone who knows the deepest truths, whether they be about life or about our world or even about ourselves. So we find ourselves gathering about Jesus, though even then some may do so half-heartedly—at times trusting that he will have some sort of answer and at other times wondering if he indeed does, yet not knowing where else to go. And so we gather, like sheep around a shepherd, simply because every other voice has been heard and found wanting.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: The Outreach program will have school supply drive starting **Saturday, July 17th thru Tuesday, July 27th**. There will be a box at the back of church to place your donation. (Items needed: Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Composition Books, Backpacks, Folders, Folder Papers, Pocket Folders, etc.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, on Saturday, **July 31st** help is needed when we start moving items from the back of the Quonset to the old Rectory in preparation of removing the Quonset we need strong men and women who can lift heavy items. Work will begin at **8:00 a.m.** Any questions please call the parish office.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND: Please support our Special Collection to day for the Seminarian Education Fund. Mahalo for generosity!

WORD OF LIFE: "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. . . . We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for our Earthly Passing"

WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 18 Sun: 16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:23:1-6; Ps:145; Eph:2:13-18; Mk:6:30-34

Jul 19 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:14:5-18; Exo:15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt:12:38-42

Jul 20 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:14:21-15:1; Exo:15:8-9, 10 & 12, 17; Mt:12:46-50

Jul 21 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:16; 1-5, 9-15; Ps:78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt:13:1-9

Jul 22 Thur: Saint Mary Magdalene

Songs:3: 1-4b; Ps:63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn:20:1-2, 11-18

Jul 23 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:11:10-12:14; Ps:116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt:12:1-8

Jul 24 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:12:37-42; Ps:136:1 & 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt:12:14-21

Uniting the Flock

When parents hand children over to other caretakers for the day, they rightly expect that those in authority will dutifully watch the kids. When religious and civil leaders accepted responsibility for the people of Israel, God rightly expected that they would watch the people with care.

It didn't happen. They failed. Through Jeremiah, God told the leaders of Israel that they were like hired shepherds who scattered the sheep and drove them away.

Several consequences resulted. God punished the irresponsible leaders, gathered the remnant of the chosen people back together, and appointed new leaders who would do the job right. God also promised something more. God promised to "raise up a righteous shoot to David," a king who would govern wisely and do what is just. We Christians believe that prophecy was fulfilled in the coming Jesus, who rules as a righteous king.

God is no happier with bad leadership than parents are when caretakers mistreat their children.

Whom has God placed in your care? If God were to assess your leadership, how would you score? If God could use you to unite rather than scatter, what actions would you take?

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Though I may walk
in the valley of darkness
no evil will I fear
for you are at my side
with your rod and staff
that give me courage



NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

The letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ is creating a new world order: one that brings about relationships based on love, peace, reconciliation, hope and unity. As a Eucharistic community, we are stewards of Christ's new creation. How are we promoting peace and reconciliation? How are we showing love for our neighbors? What are we doing to encourage unity and understanding among those with whom we gather around the Lord's Table each week? 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

The Path to Peace

Forgiveness can be hard to achieve. If you have broken a relationship that you wish could be restored, you know the longing for reconciliation.

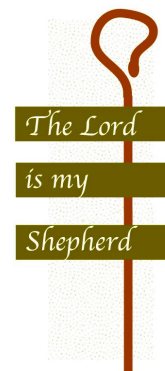
In some cases, you may not even seek reconciliation. You may still be angry over an injury committed against you, your home, or someone you love. You may wonder how one nation could ever reconcile with another after being at war. The death and destruction caused by war lies beyond imagination; healing seems unreachable. Then forgiveness seems not only hard—it seems impossible.

In the first century, the separation between Jews and Gentiles was severe. The Letter to the Ephesians called it a "dividing wall of enmity." It seemed as though the two groups would never agree, never get together, never heal the old wounds.

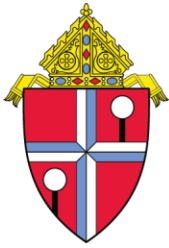
But then came Jesus, who suffered and died so that everyone might have life. Ephesians says, "He is our peace, he who made both one." Through the cross, Christ put death to death, but he also put enmity to death. "He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father."

Forgiveness may seem unreachable, but all things are possible with Christ. He provides a middle ground where hope is alive and peace is real. Those who listen to his message and heed his words are already on the path of reconciliation.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
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WITNESS TO JESUS

To: All Pastors and Parishioners

From: Covid-19 Task Force

Date: July 16, 2021

Subject: July 2021 Covid-19 Update

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.
-From the USCCB's Covid-19 Prayer for Solidarity

Dear Pastors and parishioners,

Governor Ige's July 8 updates to the State's Safe Travels Program and Reopening Hawai'i Strategy did not change any restrictions for the Catholic Church, except for the increases in limits for indoor and outdoor events. *See list below.*

All other directives expressed in past communications, especially Bishop Larry's March 5, 2021 memo are still in place. While we do not enforce these policies, we continue to rely on the integrity of our pastors and parishes to consider the safety of our faithful with continued urgency and attention. New covid-19 cases and deaths are still a reality.

Although at times frustrating, we must remain patient and understanding as we abide by national, state, city, and diocesan policies.

General

- Spiritual Services (i.e., Sunday and daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer groups, Stations of the Cross, etc.): Allowed at full capacity as long as we continue to maintain 6-foot distancing between singles (when alone) and 6' between households.
- Masks must be worn by all who attend indoor functions such as Mass, other liturgical services, and meetings.
- Continue the use of hand sanitizing and washing hands as often as possible.

Mass

- Social distancing and no-touch greetings and Sign of Peace remain the norms.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed only under one kind; namely, the Body of Christ.
- Singing by the entire congregation is still *discouraged*. Follow your county guidelines.
- The use of a small choir is permitted. If the parish is using a choir, choir members need to continue following the rules for indoor singing as directed by the state:
"Any person(s) singing shall maintain physical distancing of at least ten (10) feet from any other person(s) while singing. Members of the same performing group

singing may be closer than ten (10) feet together while performing, provided the group consists of less than ten (10) persons. To the extent reasonable and practicable, a physical barrier (e.g., plexiglass) of sufficient size to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 shall separate any person(s) singing from any other person(s), but not including members of the same performing group.”

- In addition to the Entrance, Offertory, Communion and Leavetaking hymns – the Kyrie, Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and the rest of the Mass part responses could be sung by the choir, observing the proper precautions.
- A distance of 10 feet between the cantor and the congregation needs to be observed as much as possible.
- Sanitization is to continue between Masses.
- Social loitering/gatherings after Mass are discouraged.

Workplace

With the State of Hawaii now in Tier 5, supervisors have the authority to determine in-office scheduling for their direct reports. This means that employees may be required to work from the office full-time or a hybrid of remote working and in-office work. We are monitoring County and State requirements and will be issuing updates should the situation change.

The following directives remain in force for employees and volunteers:

- You must wear a mask indoors unless alone without others around.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet. We can now have an indoor meeting up to 25 people as long as all individuals – even those fully vaccinated – are masked and can space out 6 ft.
- Please regularly disinfect your workspace and other communal equipment and high touch items (copiers, mail machines, refrigerator door handles, doorknobs, light switches, etc.)
- No communal food, potluck, or “food tables” allowed. Be aware of spacing and sanitation in the lunch room.

Other

- **[UPDATED]** Indoor events/meetings: Allowed now for up to 25 people maintaining 6-foot social distancing and masked.
- **[NEW]** Outdoor events: Allowed up to 75 people with appropriate Covid-19 mitigation efforts in place.
- No communal food, potluck, or “food tables” allowed at parish events.
- Funeral Mass at Church continues with an URN only - at full capacity - as long as we maintain proper social 6-foot distancing (no change in this area). Bodies are not allowed to be transported to Houses of Worship per the Governor's Exhibit G of his 21st Proclamation.
- Use of conference/breakrooms: Allowed – spaced 6-feet apart.
- Religious Education continues as currently directed. Please check with the Office of Religious Education (Jayne Mondoy) and the Office of the YYAM (Lisa Gomes) for more information.

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JULY 18, 2021

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

—Jn 10:27



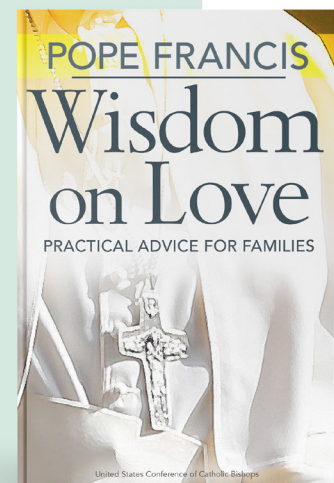
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The Year of Amoris Laetitia Continues!

We continue to celebrate the Year of the Family, focusing on familial relationships. Pope Francis brings to life the path of love in families in *Wisdom on Love*. Read a tip a day. Read it together with your family. And put into practice today the helpful advice that corresponds to your heart!

Check out www.foryourmarriage.org for more tips, prayers and blogs that promote healthy Catholic marriages. **#MarriageWeek**



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BULLETIN

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Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

*Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility.*

We often assume parenthood happens easily after “I do,” but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens.

Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.

**God is with
you, and
His Church
desires to
walk with
you.**

You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

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