

PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2021

Sing of the Savior's glory!

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| Saturday, June 5 | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sunday, June 6 | 7:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Mass (Live Stream) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Monday, June 7 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Tuesday, June 8 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Wednesday, June 9 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Thursday, June 10 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Friday, June 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY
HOLIDAY**

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| Saturday, June 12 | 10:00-12 pm | Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St. |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ezekiel:17:22-24: God promises to restore exiled Israel.

2 Cor:5:6-10: Patiently wait for Christ's return.

Mark:4:26-34: The kingdom of God is like a seed.

(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

Going to movies these days can be an immersion in blood. I go to movies fairly regularly and friends in the parish will ask me my reactions now and again. Often over the years, I have found myself responding, "It's well made, but . . . it's pretty bloody." Or "I'm not sure if you want to see all this bloodshed."

It might be surprising to listen to the three readings that all have to do not just with shedding blood, but sprinkling it on people, as Moses did out in the desert, and presenting Jesus as the great high priest who goes into the sanctuary bearing his own blood, which will "cleanse our consciences from dead works" (Hebrews 9:14) so we can worship the living God.

And then there is the more familiar reading of Mark's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus tells his disciples to drink his blood. Perhaps we have gotten used to hearing these words since they are spoken at every Mass. But if you stop and think about it they are rather shocking.

In the biblical world blood is sacred, blood is life. From the beginning animals were offered in sacrifice. But with the offering of the body and blood of Christ, a new relationship has been entered into with our God. Through Jesus' gift of his body and blood, salvation was won for us and is present to us when we gather in his name to praise the Father.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

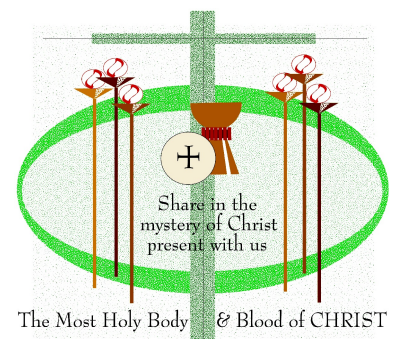
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Living God's Word



Lord Jesus, in Baptism we were washed in the blood of the Lamb; at every Communion, we eat your Body and drink your Blood. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we continue to live with your life, sharing in your divinity as you have shared in our humanity. For this we give you praise and thanks.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSARY RELAY: Join the annual Worldpriest Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of the Priests, **this Friday June 11, 2021 at 11:30 a. m. at Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.** Pray the Rosary, unite with your country and help encircle the world in prayer! The Global Rosary Relay will be live-streamed on:
<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>.
For further information, visit: www.worldpriest.com . See flyer attached to this weekend bulletin.

WORD OF LIFE: “Our relationship with Christ-strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation”

WEEKLY READINGS

Jun 6 Sun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Exo:24:3-8; Ps:116; Heb:9:11-15; Mk:14:12-26, 22-26

Jun 7 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor:1:1-12; Ps:34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt:5:1-12

Jun 8 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor:1:18-22; Ps:119: 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt:5:13-16

Jun 9 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor:3:4-11; Ps:99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt:5:17-19

Jun 10 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor:3:15-4:1, 3-6; Ps:85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt:5:20-26

Jun 11 Fri: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosea:11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is:12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Eph: 3:8-12, 14-19;

Jn:19:31-37

Jun 12 Sat: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Cor:5:14-21; Ps:103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

; Lk:2:41-51

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

At communion time, many Catholics do not partake of the Blood of Christ. Some churches do not offer it. In those that do, some people abstain. Some worry about the sanitation of drinking from a common cup. Others probably find the idea of “drinking blood” a bit repulsive. Perhaps it is. But so is the idea of “eating flesh.” Our communion in Christ is a bold gesture of faith and commitment.

Drinking the Blood of Christ is an important expression of our faith. Jesus asked his followers at the Last Supper to eat his Body and drink his Blood. He didn’t recommend just one or the other.

The Letter to the Hebrews expresses the significance of the Blood of Christ. In the past, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies, the heart of the temple, with the blood of goats and calves. The sprinkling of this blood forgave the sins of those who were defiled.

When Christ ascended into heaven, he entered the holiest of holy places. He brought with him his own blood—for our sakes.

“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.”

Drinking the Blood of Christ forgives our sins, frees us from “dead works,” and makes us more worthy to worship. It is an act of faith, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. *Lectionary Bulletin Inserts:*

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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today’s Gospel gives St. Mark’s account of Jesus gathering his disciples for a last supper, revealing to them a new covenant established through his own blood that would be poured out as a sacrifice from the, Every time we participate in the Eucharist, we make a pledge to renew and deepen our participation in Christ’s covenant in practical ways. For those who exercise stewardship of Christ’s covenant, that means making daily, personal sacrifices to strengthen this covenant relationship such as deepening our relationship with the Lord in prayer, supporting our parish, and giving comfort to the poor and those who suffer. As we begin to see our way out of the COVID pandemic, it is a good time to reflect on how we might renew and strengthen our covenant with the Lord and our community in practical ways. *International Catholic Stewardship Council*

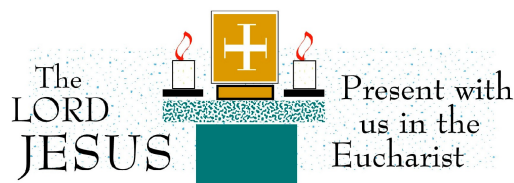
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

To drink the Blood of Christ is to perform a strong act of faith. Drinking human blood would be repulsive in any culture. But drinking divine blood is an act of faith. Jesus specifically asked us to do this. “Take and drink,” he said. “This is my blood.” And, “if you do not drink my blood you have no life in you.” Strong words. Moses used blood as a sign of the covenant between Israel and God. After relating God’s commands to the people, they all answered with one voice, “We will do everything that the Lord has told us. “Moses had some young men slaughter some young bulls as a peace offering. He sprinkled some of the blood on altar. He sprinkled more of it on the people. Blood, the symbol of life, united the people with God in a committed covenant. Moses told the people, “This is the blood of the covenant.” Jesus told those gathered at the Last Supper, “this is the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.” When we drink the Blood of Christ, we drink the source of life. We make firm our commitment with God. We say in our sip, “We will do everything that the Lord has told us.” *Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year B © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All right reserved.*



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Worldpriest Annual Global
Rosary Relay
for the Sanctification of Priests

Friday 11 June 2021

Country:

USA, Hawaii

Time:

11.30 *Local prayer time*

Lead Location:

**The Cathedral
Basilica of Our
Lady of Peace**

Mysteries:

Sorrowful

Please use all live streaming, video and Facebook Live facilities you may have access to – and help extend your prayer participation to an even greater audience worldwide.

Pray the Rosary, unite with your country and help encircle the world in prayer

The Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests 2021—organised and coordinated by Worldpriest. For further information visit our Website: www.worldpriest.com
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