

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday
of Lent

March 14, 2021

Our God is rich in mercy.

Saturday, March 13	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 14	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 16	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday, March 16	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, March 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 18	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, March 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, March 20	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

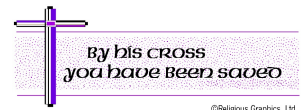
Jeremiah:31:31-34: God will write the divine law upon our hearts.
Hebrews:5:7-9: Jesus prayed to be saved from death, but was obedient.
John:12:20-33: Jesus speaks of the suffering he must endure.

(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.sritananakuli.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.sritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

"As we continue on our Lenten journey, we look forward to the joyful celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest event in the history of the world. We have been living in this strange time of the pandemic, and now with decreasing numbers of cases, increasing accessibility to vaccines, and "herd immunity" on the horizon, we should be able to celebrate Easter in a more normal fashion this year. Since our Sunday encounter with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Christians, it is important that we return to our weekly celebrations.

Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed."

Bishop Larry Silva - March 5, 2021

Reflecting on God's Word

Andrea had done everything her parents had warned her against and had lied to cover it up. But it's impossible to keep a secret in a small town, so she stopped talking to them. When they continued "nagging" her she moved out "forever," telling her parents she "didn't have a family" anymore. Eight months later, broke and lonely, she chanced to see her father on the street. Certain he would condemn her, she turned away—too late. "Hello, Andrea. How have you been?" Andrea could not contain her tears when she heard the words, "Sweetheart, your mom and I would love for you to come home."

What must it have been like for the Israelites to learn that they were free to go home from their exile? No questions asked. All debts forgiven. A new beginning. If we can imagine their joy and gratitude perhaps we can understand more deeply the tremendous gift we have been given in baptism—God's mercy gives us the courage to leave our self-imposed exiles and come home.

—Virginia Stillwell
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

If you have not gone to confession for Lent, this Saturday will be last opportunity to go to the rectory without making an appointment. (87-1511 Nakii St.) March 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon or by appointment.

TODAY'S MISSAL ON SALE: Starting next weekend March 20-21, the "Today's Missal," will be on sale, cost is \$5. The Missal is from March 29-May 29, 2021. See Mele after Mass next weekend.

PARISH COUNCIL: The parish is looking for volunteers to serve on the Parish Council, if you are interested in serving on the council, please send your *Name, telephone number and e-mail* to the parish email at strita_nanakuli@rcchawaii.org. Fr. Alapaki will contact you.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: TRYING NEW FOODS IN

TIMOR-LESTE: Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

WORD OF LIFE: "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28)

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 14 Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chron:36:14-16, 19-23; Ps:137; Eph:2:4-10; Jn:3:14-21

Mar 15 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Isa:65:17-21; Ps:30: 2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Jn:4:43-54

Mar 16 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Ezk:47:1-9, 12; Ps:46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn:5:1-16

Mar 17 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Isa:49:8-15; Ps:145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Mt:5:17-30

Mar 18 Thur: Lenten Weekday

Exo:32:7-14; Ps:106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn:5:31-47

Mar 19 Fri: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam:7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps:89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom:4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt:1:16-21, 24a

Mar 20 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Jer:11:18-20; Ps:7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn:7:40-53

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

This weekend's Gospel reading, gives us the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives his most cherished beloved son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to get out of our personal "comfort zone" and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way? **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.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

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

The Folly of the Cross

Everyone wants to be wise and powerful. Many people spend the first part of their lives gaining wisdom in school and the rest of their lives gaining power at work. Wisdom and power are the goals we seek.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians that some people seek demonstrations of power and others look for wisdom. Everyone looks for something to make sense of life, and even in Paul's day, power and wisdom were highly treasured.

But what Paul had to offer was something else. "We proclaim Christ crucified," he said. Not just Christ—but Christ crucified. If you are looking for signs of power, you won't find them in someone put to death on a cross. If you look for wisdom, you don't find it in someone whose teachings cost him his life. Or do you? Paul says, "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God." Through the cross, God revealed the power of the Resurrection. Through the cross, God showed the wisdom of sacrifice. The cross was a message that the Corinthians struggled to grasp.

As do we. We keep seeking power and wisdom from other sources: drugs, pornography, greed, and violence. But to accept the cross is to stand by one's principles, to speak up for the lowly, and to sacrifice for others. That cross is the wisdom and power of God. That is the cross of Lent.

Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year B
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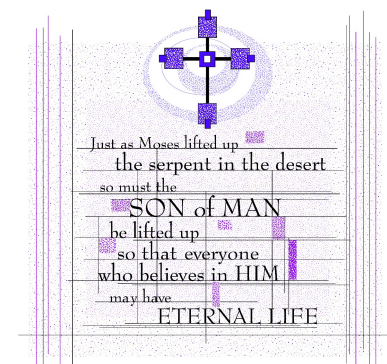
Living God's Word



We don't always "come toward the light" (John 3:20). Sometimes we prefer the darkness. We might fear being condemned if our deeds are brought to light or we may simply be unable to find our way in the dark. We need the light of Christ to help us believe once

more in God's merciful love.

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MASS *of* THANKSGIVING

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 | 6:00PM

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE
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1521 - 2021

HAWAII CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT: MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA
Bishop, Diocese of Honolulu

HOMILIST: REV. PASCUAL G. ABAYA IV
Rector, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Due to the pandemic, in-person participation is by invitation only. Seatings may become available as the date approaches via the Cathedral Basilica. The Mass will be live-stream on the Cathedral Basilica Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Hawaii Catholic TV).

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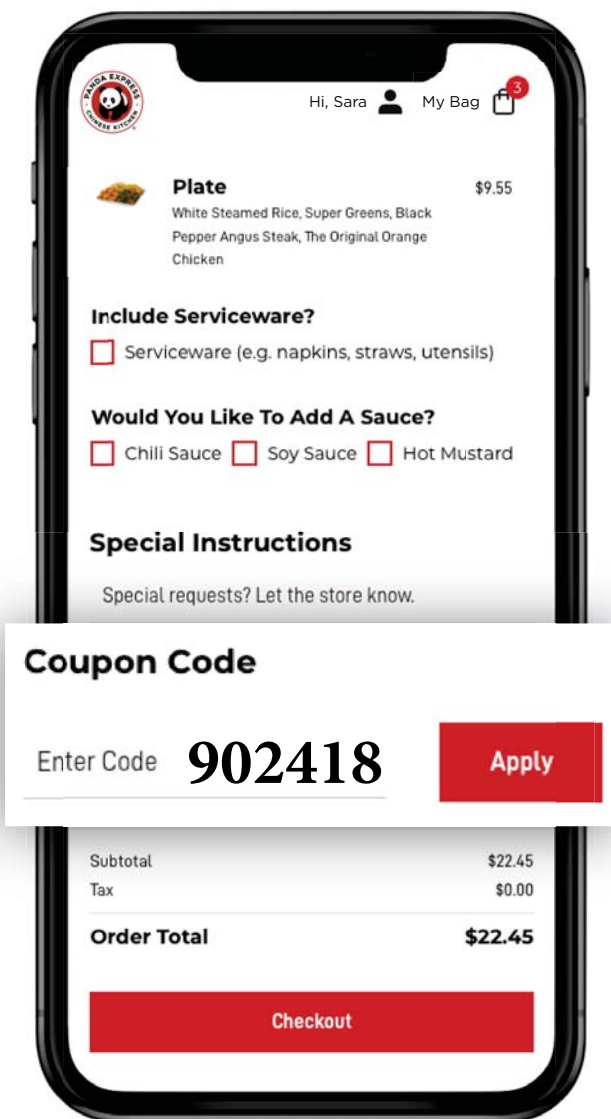
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1 Go to **PandaExpress.com** to “Order Now” or open our **Panda Express App** to “Order”.

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

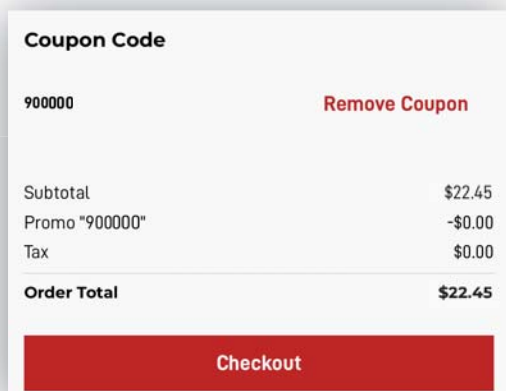
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