

## PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God!

Saturday, November 4	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, November 5	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass ( <b>Live Stream</b> )
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, November 6	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, November 7	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 8	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 9	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, November 10	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, November 11	..... 4:00-4:30 p.m.	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	<b>Confession - Church</b>
		Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Wis:6:12-16:** Wisdom is there for those who love and seek her: resplendent, unfading, responsive, eager, patient, perfect, gracious and caring.

**1 Thes:4:13-18:** Those who have died in Christ will rise first. Believers will be with Christ forever.

**Mt:25:1-13:** Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaids, emphasizing the urgency of keeping alert to the coming of God's reign.

### Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa

Aloha e ku'u hoahānau/'ohana aloha nui 'ia,

Humble yourself  
that you may be  
exalted

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### **NOVEMBER the MONTH of POOR SOULS**

Let us keep in our prayers throughout the Month of November, all our loved ones who have gone before us.

Throughout the Month of November Masses are being offered for our beloved loved ones who have gone before us. We call them Poor Souls because those who are in the state of purgation-purgatory can no longer pray or do good to gain their merits. Upon our death we no longer can sin or gain grace. Truly

Jesus Christ our Lord died and by his Life, Death, and Resurrection we all have been saved - redeemed, yet we still must do our part to attain what is already won and given to us. That is faith in Jesus as our Savior is fundamental yet also doing good works in response to that faith in our Savior Jesus Christ is indispensable for our salvation. **“Be doers of the word and not hearers only deluding yourselves.” James 1: 22.**

There are many souls in need of our prayers who have gone before us, for yet they may still have not fully expiated of all their sins committed while on earth and still in need to be cleansed before entering the Beatific Vision of God in heaven.

**“Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” Matthew 5: 48.** What does Jesus mean? He is stating that we complete, whole and fully grow like Him in his Image through His grace and atonement of our sins while we are pilgrims on earth.

As members of the Body of Christ the Church we can truly pray for one another, even as those **in Heaven, Church Triumphant** is praying for us, and **we Church Militant**, still on earth in struggle can pray for one another and for those in purgation – purgatory- **Church Suffering.**

St. Paul reminds us that we are all members of the Church. Christ is the head of the church, and we are the members of the body, the church. **1 Corinthians 12: 12-14**

### **DAILY PRAYER for POOR SOULS – SOULS in Purgatory**

Lord hear my prayer...And Let my cry come to you.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of your servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins; that through our devout supplications they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them, May they Rest in Peace, Amen.)

**Have a blessed week in the Lord!**

**Fr. Paulo, ofm, cap**

**SING  
TO THE LORD**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS:** The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Beginning, **Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>** the book of remembrance will be placed in the church where you may place your love ones's name and the parish will pray for all those who have died. You may also use the "All Souls" envelopes at the back of church.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christians to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritann: Palliative care and Hospice"*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Nov 5 Sun: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mal:1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps:131; 1 The:2:7b-9, 13; Mt:23:1-12

**Nov 6 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Rm:11:29-36; Ps:69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk:14:12-14

**Nov 7 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Rm:12:5-16b; Ps:131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk:14:15-24

**Nov 8 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Rm:8-10; Ps:112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk:14:25-33

**Nov 9 Thur: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

EZ:47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps:46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor:3:9c-11, 16-17;

Jn:2:13-22

**Nov 10 Fri: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Rm:15:14-21; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk:16:1-8

**Nov 11 Sat: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

Rm:13:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps:145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk:16:9-15

## The Message's Minister

The minister is not the same as the message. But the message will have power if the minister has love.

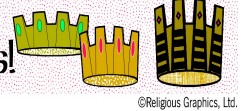
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy distinguished between the minister and the message in the First Letter to the Thessalonians. When they had first visited the community, they chose a gentle style—like a nursing mother caring for children. They brought the Gospel in love, not with force. "With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."

The missionaries felt very close to the people they evangelized. They shared their faith, which was extremely important to them, but they also shared their lives—their joys and sorrows, their hopes and dreams. They all became friends. The community experienced together the love that Jesus had preached. The ministers and those they met worked hard together. They did not make the long journey in order to take advantage of the local population. Instead, they came on a mission of love, to preach about love, and to be love for their new friends.

God has entrusted each of us as a minister of the Word. We are not the same as the message, but the message will be conveyed by how we live. If we live in peace and friendship with others, we will proclaim the Gospel message in more than words.

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saints of heaven  
pray for us!



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## Faithful Dissent

People who dissent from the teaching of the church find themselves caught between their loving trust of authority and the quiet but strong voice of conscience within them. They can see contradictions and ironies among the members of the community. When they form their disagreement they strive to do so in the charity demanded by the Gospel. If they dissent in anger, they damage the moral ground on which they stand.

The prophet Malachi faced a situation requiring faithful dissent. The priests had violated God's commandments. They offered animals of inferior quality in sacrifice. They did not teach people accurately. They showed partiality in their judgments. God spoke through Malachi to challenge the religious leadership of his day.

The prophet made his appeal based on the ideals of the community. He reminded the priests that all people shared the same God, who served as their creator and divine parent. God was their point of unification. Priests were responsible to God for observing the law, but they were also accountable to the community to sustain its covenant.

Malachi gives an example of faithful dissent: an opinion steeped in prayer, specific in its challenge, solid in its foundation of fidelity to God's Word.

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