

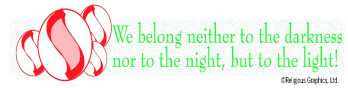
PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

You will call upon me,
and I will answer you!

Saturday, November 18	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 19	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, November 20	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Tuesday, November 21	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 22	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 23	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass - Thanksgiving
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Friday, November 24	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Saturday, November 25	..... 4:00-4:30 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY - HAU' OLI LA HO'OMAIKA'I

This coming **Thursday, November 23rd** we celebrate the **Feast of Thanksgiving Day** throughout our Nation. Though it is a secular celebration, the meaning of giving thanks truly resonates with our Christian Faith, giving thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

I am sure that each one of us has something to be truly grateful to God for in which we can spend a little time to give thanks to God.

In these challenging times to truly live a Christian Faith, let us pray in thanksgiving to God for our unfailing faith in the **True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist**. In fact, the word Eucharist comes from the Greek word "**Efcharisto**" "**to give thanks**" as mentioned throughout the New Testament. How fitting that our **Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ!** As a parish, we will have a **Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00am**. Everyone is invited to come and give our Thanks to God and let us recognize in gratitude our countless blessings we have received through "**the hand of God**", as a parish ohana of St. Rita.

You may bring your ohana Thanksgiving food to be blessed at the offertory of the Mass and taken back home to be shared at your Thanksgiving meal.

The **Origin of Thanksgiving** goes back to October 3, 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26. The holiday was annually proclaimed by every president thereafter and the date chosen, with few exceptions, was the last Thursday in November.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him," Colossians 3: 17.

MONTH of NOVEMBER - MONTH of POOR SOULS

Throughout the Month of November, our daily and weekend masses are being offered for the Poor Souls - our loved ones who have gone before us. Let us remember them in our masses and prayers.

ST. RITA PARISH BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 20th at 7:00pm in Kamiano Trailer Building. The Building Committee consists of **St. Rita Meeting Center Planning & Construction** and **On-Going Church Repairs**. We are inviting men and women with God given talents to come and share your stewardship

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

Fr. Paulo, ofm, cap



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 2nd** 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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

WORD OF LIFE: "We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well. . . . Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An adoption Love Story"* (www.respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 19 Sun: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv:31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps:128; 1 The:5:1-6; Mt:25:14-30

Nov 20 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Mc:1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps:119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk:18:35-43

Nov 21 Tue: The Presentation of the Blessed virgin Mary

2 Mc:6:18-31; Ps:3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:19:1-10

Nov 22 Wed: Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc: 7:1, 20-31; Ps:17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15; Lk:19:11-28

Nov 23 Thur: Thanksgiving

Sir:50:22-24; Ps:113; 1 Cor: 1:3-9; Lk:17:11-19

Nov 24 Fri: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions

1 Mc:4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr:29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk:19:45-48

Nov 25 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1 Mc:6:1-13; Ps:9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19; Lk:20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ez:34:11-12, 15-17: The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flocks. . . I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark."

1 Cor:15:20-26, 28: Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life."

Mt:25:31-46: As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not:

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents, using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

A Woman of Valor

The role of women continues to evolve in society and in the church. We have become more aware of the gifts women have to offer and the benefits of placing those gifts in service to the community. Women who generously offer their wisdom and talents have made the world a better place to live. Hundreds of years before the dawn of Christianity, the Book of Proverbs praised the gifts of a worthy wife. It is interesting to look from this distance at what that culture valued. The book warns against the charm and beauty of certain women. Those qualities will not last. Instead, Proverbs praises the wife who brings good to the home, who obtains wool and flax, who spins fabric with proficiency, and who gives to the poor.

A good wife, then, was one of noble character, who used her skills for the community, and who performed charity. Although our image of women has changed, some values have remained constant. Women who devote themselves to faith, family, and work can still rejoice in the praise of the Book of Proverbs. The entire community thanks God for their inspiring service and care.

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