

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

O Lord, make your ways
known to me!



The word
of the Lord
lights the way
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Saturday, September 30 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, October 1 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream), Aloha Sunday
	..... 12:00-6:00 pm	Eucharistic Rosary
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, October 2	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, October 3	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, October 4	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 5	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, October 6	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, October 7	..... 4:00-4:30 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Is:5:1-7: Isaiah sang of his friend, "My friend had a vineyard/on a fertile hillside." The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished plant.

Phi:4:6-9: Paul wrote, "have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition. . .the God of peace will be with you."

Mt:21:33-43: Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them.

Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa

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

RETURN of LITURGICAL HULA In OUR HAWAIIAN MASS

Beginning this month of October, Liturgical Hula as sacred gesture of worship will return to our 9:00am Hawaiian Mass during the meditation part of the Mass. This will assist us all in enriching our worship and most of all to integrate into our worship the richness of the Hawaiian heritage that we have in the parish.

The Office of Worship - Fr. Alfred Omar B. Guerreo gave our parish the permission to restart the Liturgical Hawaiian Hula in our masses. The original document **Sacred Gesture in the Liturgy - Norms for the Diocese of Honolulu** was issued by late Bishop Francis de Lorenzo DD on January 3, 1999, when he received the approval from Rome on the Liturgical Hula as sacred gesture in worship.

In the document 9 statements are made by late Bishop Francis de Lorenzo D.D. and he pointed out statements #4, #5 and #6 as three important reasons:

#4 Sacred gesture is a way for Pacific Islanders, Asians and those who embrace the culture to worship as baptized Catholics. For many, their culture and religious experiences are interwoven. These sacred gestures were and are part of the repertoire of prayer forms of the people indigenous to the Islands and many of these who have recently arrived in Hawai'i.

#5 Sacred gestures is also an important prayer form for the children. In view of the nature of the liturgy as an activity of the entire person and in view of psychology of children, participation by means of gestures and postures should be strongly encouraged in Masses with children, with due regard for age and local customs. Much depends not only on the actions of the priests, but also on the manner in which the children conduct themselves as a community.

#6 Sacred gesture is hereby defined as movement in ways that express praise, thanksgiving, adoration, petition, and penitence. This form of gesture is considered as a form of praying with one's while being.

Also, I received the General Decree on the Use of Hula in Liturgy issued by Bishop Larry Silva D.D. back on July 20, 2015, on further clarifications on the issued by late Bishop Francis. Bishop Larry made the following 2 key statements:

#1 Music must be of a sacred, not secular, character, and is to be appropriate to the Liturgical Season.

#2 *Since Liturgical Gestures are acts of praise and worship and not entertainment, applause after the gesture is not appropriate. This should be announced or included in worship aides as needed.*

The Office of Worship, Fr. Alfred simply asked that these two statements of Bishop Larry Silva D.D. be always kept in mind in our Liturgical Hula here in the parish of St. Rita.

Let us in our Liturgical gestures of Hula express our honor, glory and thanksgiving due to our Lord in our Worship.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

Fr. Paulo ofm cap.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS: St Rita will be part of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress on **Sunday, October 8th from 12 pm to 6 pm, which includes the 5 pm Sunday Mass.** The Rosary will be prayed, every hour on the hour, beginning at 12 pm. Come and spend an hour, Sunday October 8th. For more information call the parish office.



The Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii: **The appeal starts this weekend of September 30th -October 1st.** This is an annual tax-deductible collection to help provide needed funding for diocesan ministries, programs, and services formerly funded by the With the Grateful Hearts Capital Campaign and other efforts that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own. Each parish is required to reach at least 75% of its goal set forth by the Diocese. Envelopes are pews and at the back of church, please be generous!

WORD OF LIFE: "Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their pre-born children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Radical Solidarity"* (respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 1 Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez:18:25-28; Ps:25; Phi:2:1-11; Mt:21:28-32

Oct 2 Mon: The Holy Guardian Angels

Zec:8:1-8; Ps:102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt:18:1-5, 10

Oct 3 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Zec:8:20-23; Ps:87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:9:51-56

Oct 4 Wed: Saint Francis of Assisi

Neh:2:1-8; Ps:137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk:9:57-62

Oct 5 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Neh:8:2-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk:10:1-12

Oct 6 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Bar:1:15-22; Ps:79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk:10:13-16

Oct 7 Sat: Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar:4:5-12, 27-29; Ps:69:33-35, 36-37; Lk:10:17-24

LIFE IS NOT FAIR

Even if you live a good life, if you do one thing wrong, people may never let you forget about it. They remind you of your past foolishness. Perhaps they call you a name. It does not seem fair because you have been so good otherwise.

Other people, hardened criminals, ask for mercy and get it. Sometimes they get rewarded. They get away with the wrong they have done. That just does not seem fair.

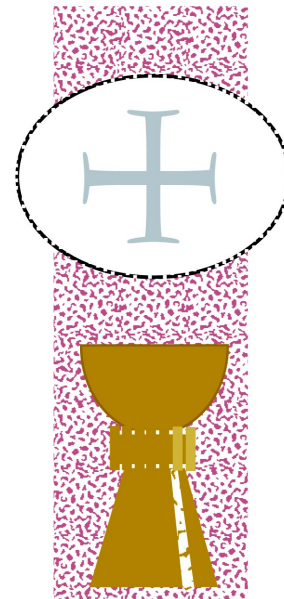
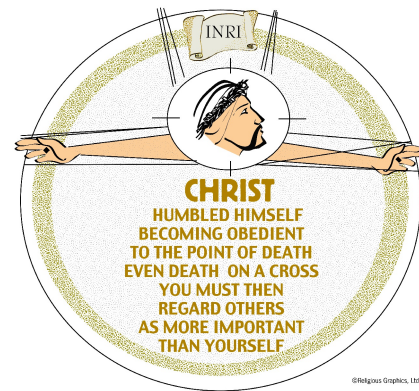
God speaks to Ezekiel that the unfairness lies with people, not in heaven. God is willing to let people change and grow.

Our opinions of our companions change less frequently than they do. People who are good make bad decisions. People who do evil repent. It is inconvenient for us to change our opinions of who they are.

But God sees to the heart. God knows a person's intent. God knows what a person is responsible for and how sincerely they are trying to do what is right.

That is a good thing for us. It means that if we who are basically good commit some wrongful act, we can still obtain mercy when we repent. Mercy comes from a God who expects us to change.

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is LORD!

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