

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

Let the hearts that seek the
Lord, rejoice!

Saturday, October 28	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, October 29	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, October 30	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, October 31	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 1	..... 9:30 a.m.	Funeral - Visitation Ranulof Nonoy Ramones (+)
	..... 11:30 a.m.	Funeral - Mass Ranulof Nonoy Ramones (+)
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, November 2	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, November 3	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, November 4	..... 4:00-4:30 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Mal:1:14b-2:2b, 8-10: In the name of the Lord of hosts the prophet asked, "have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?"

1 Thes:2:7b-9, 13: Paul gave thanks to God and praised the Thessalonians for receiving the gospel as God's word at work in all who believe.

Mt:23:1-12: Jesus warned the crowds and disciples not to show off but to practice the faith humbly before God:

THE HIGH CALLING OF LOVE

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

Think about the many things you desire in life. What would make up that list? Perhaps there are many good things that would be included, such as a desire for strong family relationships, good health, a happy life, good friends, and financial security. Perhaps there are other things that would be included, such as success in an occupation, nice vacations, a new home, and fun adventures in life. If you were to make a list like this that began with your deepest desire, what would come first? We might all know what should come first, but if you were to honestly examine the desires of your heart right now, what would be on the top of that list?

Ideally, the first and greatest desire of our souls would be the two greatest commandments. Above all else you will desire to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. Is that the deepest desire of your heart?

What's important to note is that we ought not love God with most of our heart, soul and mind. We don't just love Him with 51% and then allow ourselves to disseminate the other 49% to other loves. No, 100% of our love must go to God. God must be the single and exclusive object of our love.

If you were to give to God 100% of your love, what would you have left for others? The glorious nature of our love of God is such that the more love we offer to God, the more we have to give away to others. When we give our love to God, He does not take it away from us and keep it for Himself in a selfish way as if He is jealous and possessive. Instead, loving God transforms our ability to love in such a way that we have even more than we started with. We are limited creatures and we are limited in our ability to love. God is infinite and His love is infinite in nature. Therefore, when we give our limited love to God, we receive back from Him His infinite love. This love is then able to overflow from our lives and can be distributed without reserve.

So back to our original question: Do you love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind? If you do, then it means that every part of who you are is caught up in the mind and will of God. It means that you continuously seek to understand God and all that He has revealed to you. It means that you seek to comprehend His perfect will for you every day of your life. It means that you choose only that which God wills and that you do so with passion, zeal and fervor. It means that you are continuously attentive to God, respond to His gentle promptings of grace, and are led by Him every moment of every day of your life. That is a high calling! But it is the calling you have been given. Then, and only then, will you be loving yourself with the love of God by opening yourself to His outpouring of love, and only then will you be able to act as an instrument of God's love to those around you.

Reflect, today, upon the high and definitive calling you have been given to love God with every fiber of your being. Your love must become all-consuming. It must be total and without hesitation. It will require the complete sacrifice of your life, the full purging of your sins, the denunciation of all selfishness and a heart that is open to the infinite power of God's transforming touch. Because God commanded this, it is possible. It is possible to become a great saint. Shoot for nothing less. Never give up on this high calling, and know that it is the only way to the fulfillment in life that you deeply desire.

My loving Lord, You have given everything to me and ask for everything in return. Please help me to understand Your perfect love and to choose it with all my might. I do love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You with all that I am. Jesus, I trust in You..

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Your Generosity Ignited Change on **World Mission Sunday - Thank You!** Your active participation on World Mission Sunday has been heartwarming! By extending your generosity to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you've ignited change, supported missionaries worldwide, nourished the hungry, and aided the building of the Church in the Pope's mission territories. Your gifts, combined with countless others, was the spark that set "hearts on fire"! God's blessings be upon you for embodying the true missionary spirit!

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 loved 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: "Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because "remaining" by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative care and Hospice"*

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 29 Sun: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex:22:20-26; Ps:18; 1 The:1:5c-10; Mt:22:34-40

Oct 30 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Rm:8:12-17; Ps:68: 2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk:13:10-17

Oct 31 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Rm:8:18-25; Ps:126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk:13:18-21

Nov 1 Wed: All Saints Day

Rv:7:2-4, 9-14; Ps:24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn: 3:1-3; Mt:5:1-12a

Nov 2 Thur: All Souls Day

Wis:3:1-9; Ps:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rm:5:5-11; Jn:6:37-40

Nov 3 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Rm:9:1-5; Ps:147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk:14:1-6

Nov 4 Sat: Saints Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rm:11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps:94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk:14:7-11

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

There is one command that summarizes this weekend's Gospel: to love. For Jesus there is no distinction between these two commands of loving God and neighbor. One naturally flows from the other. In fact, for Jesus, these commands constitute a way of life for Christian stewards; a unique approach to life and to their relationship with others. Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come into contact: family members, friends, people we don't like, strangers and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. Love calls us to open our hearts and do more to help others grow closer to the Lord. How might we follow Christ's love command more fervently?
International Catholic Stewardship Council

SPREAD THE WORD

When faith takes root it spreads. When you are truly touched by the mercy of God, you tell other people. You share your faith. Others come to believe because of your testimony.

In the business world, customers are some of the best agents for selling products. If you really like something you have bought, you tell other people and inspire them to get it too. In the secular world, this is a form of evangelization.

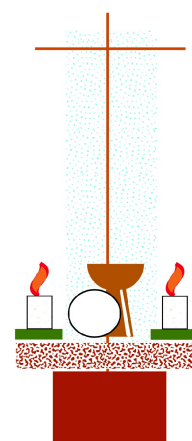
Paul, Timothy, and Silvanus, writing to the Thessalonians, complimented them on their faith. It had taken root and was spreading. The Thessalonians were telling the world about Christ. "For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth."

The Thessalonians had received the Word in great affliction, and it brought them tremendous comfort. They shared their faith with others who needed to hear this Gospel of hope as well. People undergoing any affliction may find comfort from the Gospel of Jesus, whom God raised from the dead and who delivers us from all adversity. If you have experienced peace through faith, and if you know someone suffering some affliction, you can do the world a favor. Proclaim the peace of Jesus Christ. Faith has taken root in your heart. Let it spread.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

October 18, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you!

We were all stunned when we found out the extent of the tragic wildfires in Maui on August 8. Even more stunned, however, were those who lost loved ones in the fires and who grieve the untimely passing of their relatives and friends.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, better known as All Souls Day, is celebrated every year as a reminder of our service to our beloved dead. We offer prayers for them to speed their passage through whatever purgation they may yet need to be able to fully enjoy the eternal vision of God. In a special way, we want to remember our brothers and sisters who perished in the Maui wildfires.

I will be celebrating the All Souls Day Mass with the community most effected at Sacred Hearts Church, Kapalua, Maui, on November 2, at 6:00 p.m. There, of course, I will remember those who died in the wildfires. We invite all parishes and communities celebrating Masses on November 2 to pray in a special way for these victims of the wildfires. Enclosed is a poster for each parish, which includes the names of all who have died in the wildfires. I am grateful to Father Alfred Guerrero and his team for producing this remembrance for all our parishes.

May the Lord bless you always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

In Memory of Those who Lost Their Lives in the Maui Wildfires

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.

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