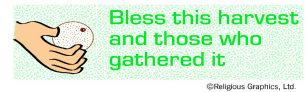


## PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

I am the salvation of the people,  
says the Lord!



Saturday, September 23	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 24	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass ( <b>Live Stream</b> )
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 25	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, September 26	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 27	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 28	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, September 29	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, September 30	..... 4:00-4:30 p.m.	<b>Confession - Church</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### **Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa**

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

#### **OCTOBER the MONTH of ROSARY**

**October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, and the actual Feast of the Holy Rosary falls on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is encouraged to pray the Rosary daily and to meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary that leads us into the life of Jesus Christ.

As a parish ohana the Rosary will be prayed **30 minutes before all the masses on the weekends of . Saturday 4:30pm (Cherrielynn Kamahale & Patrick Gomes), Sunday 6:30 am (Kathy Pashion), 8:30am (Karen Victor) & 4:30pm (Rosa Lefua).** Our designated prayer leaders will lead us as we pray together.

**Brief History:** Pope Pius V established the Feast of the Holy Rosary in 1573 to commemorate the Christian victory over the Ottoman Moslems on the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. On this naval battle off the coast of southwestern Greece the smaller Christian naval forces of Holy League led by Don Juan de Austria while the larger Ottoman Turkish naval forces were led Ali Persha.

The Moslem forces was threatening to take over the Mediterranean Sea and hence be able to attack the Christian countries in Europe. Pope Pius V asked the Christian faithful to pray the Rosary and seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother to defeat the powerful Ottoman Moslem navy. Despite being outnumbered, the Christian naval fleet prevailed.

**FATIMA 1917:** Our Blessed Mother began to appear to the three children of Fatima, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta at Cova da Iria in Fatima beginning on May 13<sup>th</sup> until October and she asked that they make sacrifices and pray the Rosary so that people will turn away from sin and return (convert) back to God.

The great miracle of the sun was witnessed by over 75,000 people on the final appearance of Our Blessed Mother on October 13<sup>th</sup> authenticating the truth of her message from heaven.

The horrible World War I had just ended in 1918. Our Blessed Mother warned that if people do not heed her warning another horrible war come and grave sufferings will come...World War II began in 1939 as men and women did not heed the warnings from heaven and remain in sin.

Let us pray the Rosary daily and daily offering our little sacrifices seek the intercession and protection of Our Blessed Mother in all our endeavors to follow our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully and seek her maternal protection for our ohana and all our loved ones.

**PRESIDER'S CHAIR:** You may have noticed the new location of the Presider – Priest's chair. It was placed there by Bishop Larry Silva D. D. who was here last Sunday in the installation of my pastorship. He informed me that the rightful place of the presider's chair is not in the seats within the congregation, and he moved the presider's chair.

Even as we are priest, prophet and king through our Baptism in Jesus Christ, the ordained priesthood is the ministerial priest who acts in "persona Christi"- as Christ in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

The priest by the laying of the hands by the bishop is ordained to the ministerial priesthood that acts as "in persona Christi" to give Sacraments, bless, and offer the Holy Mass for the people of God and by the words of Jesus Christ, "...this is my Body and this is my Blood" makes the bread become the Body of Christ and the wine become the Blood of Christ.

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

**Fr. Paulo ofm cap.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome, **Leonydas Marlang, Desiree Nguynen-Bataya, King Pang-Burgess** into our Christian family, these infants were baptized into our Christian faith at the 9 a. m. Mass.

**EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS:** St Rita will be part of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress on **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information call the parish office.



The Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii: **The appeal starts the weekend of September 30<sup>th</sup> -October 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die. . . . The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?" *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Suicide is Tragic"*

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Sep 24 Sun: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is:55:6-9; Ps:145; Phi:1:20c-24, 27a; Mt:20:1-16a

**Sep 25 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Ezr:1:1-6; Ps:126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk:8:16-18

**Sep 26 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Ezr:6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps:122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk:8:19-21

**Sep 27 Wed: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Ezr:9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk:9:1-6

**Sep 28 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Hg:1:1-8; Ps:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk:9:7-9

**Sep 29 Fri: Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

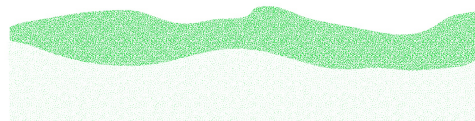
Dan:7:9-10, 13-14; Ps:138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn:1:47-51

**Sep 30 Sat: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Zec:2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer:31:10, 11-12ab, 135; Lk:9:43b-45



As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.



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### NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand 'fairness', or that final servants who, seemingly, deserves the least. *International Catholic Stewardship Council*

### TRUST IN GOD'S WISDOM

It is hard to figure God out. Looking around creation we see beautiful places but also areas of devastation. We meet charitable people but also others who are unkind. We see homes of the rich and the streets of the homeless. One family prospers. Another suffers multiple tragedies. What was God thinking by creating such inequality?

Our own lives are also filled with blessing and sorrow. Momentary incidents have forever shaped us. Friends have rescued us. Death stalks us. It is hard to figure out what God has in mind.

God spoke to Isaiah, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." You can say that again. As hard as it is to read the mind of God, God does not choose to act the way we think a divine, loving Being should.

Through the prophet, God does not apologize for the way things are. Instead, God simply tells us we will never quite figure it out. The best we can do is turn to God for mercy.

To accept the wisdom of God requires faith and humble admission of our own inability to fully probe God's plan. It also takes trust that God will ultimately bring about the good that awaits all creation.

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stewards  
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earth



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