

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

How precious is your mercy, O God!

Saturday, September 16	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 18	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, September 19	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 20	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 21	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, September 22	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, September 23	..... 4:00-4:30 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Is:55:6-9: Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the Lord while he may be found, /call him while he is near.

Phi:1:20c-24, 27a: Paul wrote, "Life is Christ, and death is gain. I long to depart this life and be with Christ

Mt:20:1-16a: Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day

Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa

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

The start of Exterior Repairs and Repainting of our St. Rita Church...Last Saturday's Happy Labor Day. Our workers in action...Deacon Hal Levy, Francis Tautua'a, John "Sonny" Keawe, Tim Drury and Patrick Gomes. Lunch was served by Carlin and Mele. Come and kokua your Time and Talent and let us beautify our historical church. **Please Note: We will continue with our Happy Labor throughout the Saturdays of September, 8am – 2pm.**

Today is Catechetical Sunday, September 17th. St. Rita Parish Faith Formation Catechists Commissioning at 9:00am Mass. Parents & grandparents are encouraged to register your child/children for Catechism Classes. Classes will be set up for students who need to receive the Sacraments and those who have already received the Sacraments. Our Faith Formation do not end with the reception of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation but rather grow in practicing the Sacraments received and further understanding them. Classes will start in October and more information to follow.

We Welcome our Bishop Larry Silva D.D. to our 5:00pm Sunday Mass!

Looking Ahead: Month of October is the Month of Holy Rosary. Rosary Prayers will be prayed 30 minutes before the Masses. **Saturdays** 4:30pm and **Sundays** 6:30am and 8:30am & 4:30pm.

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.



Friday, October 13 - Sunday, October 15, 2023

(Arrival at 5:30pm on Friday/departure on Sunday at 5:00pm)

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further... and join us on our next retreat!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. Call us today if you need someone to talk to. To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 490-2571 or email rvinhawaii@gmail.com.

A fee of \$175/person (covers room, meals/refreshments and retreat materials). Need-based scholarships are available. Space is limited. Registrations are strictly confidential. For more information visit www.rachelsvineyard.com



The Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii: **The appeal starts the 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.

WORD OF LIFE: "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance" (Lk 15:7*)." *NABRE© 2010 CCD. Used with permission USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

**Should one refuse mercy
to another
and yet seek pardon
for his sin?**

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 17 Sun: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir:27:30-28:7; Ps:103; Rom:14:7-9; Mt:18:21-35

Sep 18 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Tim:2:1-8; Ps:28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk:7:1-10

Sep 19 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Tim:3:1-13; Ps:101: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk:7:11-17

Sep 20 Wed: Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions Martyrs

1 Tim:3:14-16; Ps:111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:7:31-35

Sep 21 Thur: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Ep:4:1-7, 11-13; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5; Mt:9:9-13

Sep 22 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Tim:6:2c-12; Ps:49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk:8:1-3

Sep 23 Sat: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Tim:6:13-16; Ps:100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk:8:4-15

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive. **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

LETTING GO OF ANGER

The oddest thing about being angry is that it feels good. Anger takes our opinions, our feelings, and our actions and unites them in one interrelationship. When we get good and angry at somebody, it feels so good that it is hard to change. Anger locks us up. It makes us afraid to let go. The longer we hold the anger the harder it is ever to change.

How else can we explain the comment by Sirach: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight"?

When you forgive someone, you are the one who becomes free. When you withhold forgiveness, you hurt yourself, not just the other. Often the person against whom we hold the anger pays little attention to our feelings. But the feelings remain strong within us, eating away at our ability to find peace.

Granting forgiveness does not have to mean approving of what an offender did. It does not mean you have to be best friends. It just means letting go of the hate. If you quit letting the offender control your feelings, you can regain some peace and enjoy the mercy of God.

Who have you not forgiven? Why? By remaining angry, are you helping anyone?

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