

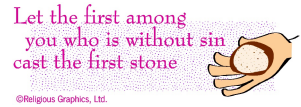
PARISH CALENDAR

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

April 3, 2022

Give me justice, O my God!

Saturday, April 2	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 3	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, April 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Station of the Cross - Prayer Group
Saturday, April 9	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Lk: 19:28-40: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord."

Isa: 50:4-7: The servant of the Lord God was rebuffed but did not turn back.

Phil: 2:6-11: Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at.

Lk: 22:14-23:56: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," said one of the criminals

(Masks are optional but encouraged)

We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

The stone probably didn't feel that heavy when it was first picked up. But it was a stone, not a pebble, and there were many of them. They would do damage, especially when hurled in self-righteous anger. Perhaps it helped the people to believe that no one stone could be blamed for her death. This was an act of the community, all of them in it together, standing up for the Law of Moses, and bringing down God's wrath upon an adulteress.

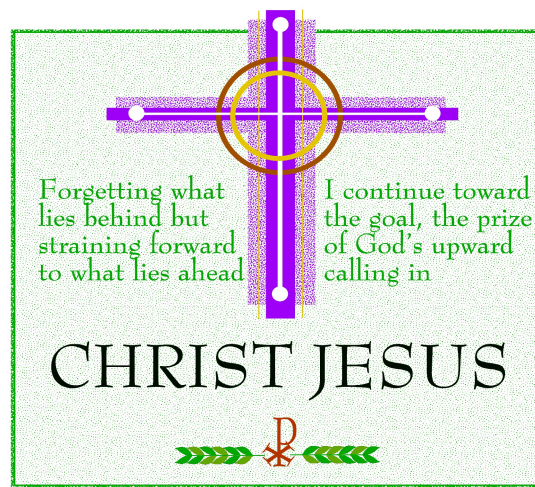
While things were starting to heat up, no one was paying much attention to the woman. They were all watching Jesus. What was with the crouching down and drawing in the dirt? You really couldn't tell whether he was writing or drawing or maybe he was just stalling for time.

Some said he had tricked them, worked some kind of magic, proof that he was indeed in league with Beelzebub. The more thoughtful ones were silent. One even said he thought Jesus was praying. Where else could his words have come from, words that redirected their gaze from the woman to themselves, words that caused stones to drop and feet to shuffle off?

His words continue to echo any time we find ourselves about to cast stones of condemnation at one another: "Let the one among you who is without sin . . ." After taking these words to heart, we might hear more clearly Jesus' final words, meant not only for her, but for us: Go and sin no more.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: If you miss St. Rita's Penance Service, here are the dates for the Leeward Vicariate:
Tue, 4/5 @ 7 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ewa Beach

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE: Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit www.csricebowl.org to learn more.

WORD OF LIFE: "Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. . . Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." *A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 3 Sun: 5th Sunday of Lent

Is:43:16-21; Ps:126; Phil:3:8-14; Jn:8:1-11

Apr 4 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Dan:13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn:8:12-20

Apr 5 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Num:21:4-9; Ps:102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn:8:21-30

Apr 6 Wed: Lenten Weekday

Dan:3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Ps:3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn:8:31-42

Apr 7 Thur: Lenten Weekday

Gen:17:3-9; Ps:105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn:8:51-59

Apr 8 Fri: The Lenten Weekday

Jer :20:10-13; Ps:18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn:10:31-42

Apr 9 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Ez:37:21-28; Jer:31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn:11:45-56

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Strong words come from Saint Paul I today's second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish." Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping later hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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FLOWING WATERS

Turn on the faucet at home and get running water. Drinking water is close at hand, ready to use and abundant. The faucet is a sign of God's promise.

It wasn't always that way. People could not live far from a water source. Desert areas went uninhabited and uncharted because no one could stay there very long without ample drinking water.

Through Isaiah, God promised a day when water would flow in the desert. As proof of God's power, Isaiah invited the people to recall the marvels God had done in the past. During the Exodus, as the Israelites fled Egypt, they went through the sea dry shod, but the waters closed on the chariots, horses, and army of Pharaoh, all following in pursuit. God marvelously preserved the Israelites in the past. God would marvelously preserve them again. God is doing something new. It springs forth in the sight of believers.

As Easter draws near, we think about the water God keeps close at hand — not just the water of the faucet, but the water of your church's font. There water flows freely for those who seek Christ. God has prepared a way in the deserts of the human heart for water to flow, to give life, and to transform. This Lent we reflect not only on the desert of our sin but also on the signs of God's presence. "In the desert I make a way," God says, "in the wasteland, rivers."

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Living God's Word



We pray that we might have the grace to see ourselves as we are, both graced by God and yet sometimes still sinful in thought, word, and deed. We pray that we might look on others with compassion and be given the power to forgive others who have harmed us, as God has forgiven us.

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Remember not the things of the past. See, I am doing something new!



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



An Inward Gaze

Loving and merciful God,
you are steadfast and unwavering
in drawing us to yourself.
Hold us in mercy
as we look within
and discover how we need to change.

Give us the courage
to eliminate all judgment from our hearts.
Grant us the grace
to continue moving toward
what lies ahead, being one with you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 3, 2022 No Judgment, Know Jesus



Today's readings: Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philippians 3:8–14; John 8:1–11. Jesus' lesson to the crowd early in the morning changed when a woman was brought before him. Placing the woman in the middle of the crowd, the Pharisees tested Jesus by stating the charge of adultery and the punishment: "Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

The few words Jesus used, along with his actions, taught the crowd about withholding judgment and showing compassion. Challenging the Pharisees to look within themselves, Jesus responded: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." To the woman, he showed compassion and support, telling her, "Neither do I

condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Those who tried to entrap the Lord left one by one. The woman was able to walk away with her dignity restored.

God may work in unexpected ways but always acts with justice and compassion. Even in the desert, in a difficult relationship, in the middle of struggle and distress, God can make a way for us that leads to joy and fulfillment. Jesus invites us to look within and make needed changes so that we grow in holiness and steadfast faith. As followers of Christ, we are to mirror his actions by withholding judgment and acting compassionately.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 4 I Know, Do You?

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "I know where I came from and where I am going." In the first reading, from Daniel, Susanna clearly knows who she is, and stands firm though she knows she will face serious consequences for her righteous decision. As you make your way through the week, notice how you claim your identity as a Christian in your words and actions. *Today's readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62; Psalm 23:1–3a; 3b–4, 5, 6; John 8:12–20.*

Tuesday, April 5 He Spoke

Many came to believe because of the way Jesus spoke. He taught with a new authority and he spoke with words rooted in the Father. His direct and assured manner of relating to others attracted followers looking for the truth and repelled those who wanted to remain in power. Does the way you speak attract people to Christianity? *Today's readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.*

Wednesday, April 6 Be Set Free

All of us sin, and at some points in our lives, may become slaves to sin. Jesus shares his life with us, sets us free from sin, and invites us to live in the truth. The sacrament of reconciliation allows people to begin anew in freedom each time sins are confessed. Set a time for you and your family to receive this sacrament of healing. *Today's readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.*

Thursday, April 7 Life in the Covenant

Over and over again, Jesus is challenged by the authorities, and, repeatedly, he shares that he is who he says he is. He is the new covenant, and in him we receive eternal life. The Lord keeps his covenant forever. Journal today about how you keep your side of the covenant with the Lord. Do you attend Mass, pray regularly, offer service, work for justice? *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.*

Friday, April 8 The Lord Is with Us

Long before Jesus gets to Jerusalem and endures his passion, leaders try to trap him and find reasons to arrest him. Jeremiah deals with similar persecution. Even in the darkness of terror and wickedness, God is present with us. Pray the stations of the cross with your parish family, or in your home today. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

Saturday, April 9 Where Am I?

Holy Week begins tomorrow. The time has come for Jesus to move toward Jerusalem. Take stock of your Lent so far. Have you made any changes in your life? How is your prayer life as compared to the beginning of this season? Write down several spiritual goals as we step into the most holy of weeks in our tradition. Make plans to set aside time to participate in the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*





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**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
THE FIRST SESSION OF THE DIOCESAN INQUIRY
FOR THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION
OF SERVANT OF GOD JOSEPH DUTTON, LAYMAN**

I am happy to announce that, with the completion of preliminary steps, we are now going to proceed with the First Session of the Diocesan Inquiry for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Servant of God, Joseph Dutton, Layman.

On Tuesday, May 10, 2022, I will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. It is the Memorial of St. Damien DeVeuster. At the end of the Mass, there will be a short ceremony to formally open the Diocesan Inquiry Phase of the cause of Servant of God Joseph Dutton. The members of the Joseph Dutton Guild will be present, and the officials who will play various roles in the investigation of the cause will take their oaths of office.

It should be noted that beatification and canonization in the Catholic Church is a rigorous process, and there is no guarantee that the process will finally result in Joseph Dutton's beatification or canonization. Nevertheless, many of the faithful in the Diocese of Honolulu and in other parts of the world have spoken favorably and are hopeful that Joseph Dutton's holiness of life will be deemed by the Church to be worthy of public veneration and imitation. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this process to its completion according to the will of God and for the good of his holy Church.

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

March 30, 2022