

PARISH CALENDAR

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

Arise, O God, and defend us!

Saturday, August 6	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, August 7	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream), Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, August 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, August 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 11	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, August 12	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, August 13	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jer:38:4-6, 8-10: *The princes were eager to kill Jeremiah because he constantly challenged them to follow God's law.*

Heb:12:1-4: *Let us repent of our sin and fix our eyes on the Lord.*

Luke:12:49-53: *Jesus announced to his disciples that he came to bring a hard message indeed, and some have not listened to it.*

(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

It's tempting to wish that our faith in God enabled us to have an unfailing trust that God will take us where we want to be. It would free us from diddling with decisions, vacillating and second-guessing. Only that wouldn't be faith because it would be our own script we'd have God carrying out.

Faith in God surrenders the script. It also surrenders the outcome, which is why Abraham, when asked by God to pack up kin and belongings and move to another land, did just that without knowing where or how he'd eventually settle in. And much later, like the unpredictable thread of a good novel, Abraham's story finds him and Sarah with child when they are 100 and 90 years old. A decade or so later, Abraham again finds himself without any sensible or sane understanding of the storyline as he leads young Isaac up a sacrificial mountain to what would seem to be a failure of God's promise to Abraham to father countless generations. Once more God rewrites the ending. Throughout Abraham's life it is God's script that Abraham lives out, not his own.

Faith is unpredictable, like good novels that twist and turn and keep us in suspense. If novels are well written, they keep us up long into the night. On the other hand, we like our lives quite the opposite. The appearance of the unpredictable tends to unsettle and undo our living. We presume that good lives, unlike a good novel, are interesting and engaging but always deliberately focused and free of unwarranted surprises. And so we expect good novels and good lives to be like the tracks of the railroad—parallel, but never touching or crossing lest someone or something be derailed.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. C. I. A.: "Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, & Confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) St. Rita's RCIA program will begin **Sept 18, 2022.**
- 2) RCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 7:00 pm in the church.
- 3) RCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.
- 4) RCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass:
 - a. Rite of Acceptance (beginning of Advent)
 - b. Rite of Election (beginning of Lent)
 - c. RCIA Scutinies (during Lent)

If you or someone you know is interested, please call or our **RCIA Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)"**

HAWAII CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: The 2022 Hawaii Catholic Men's Conference is being held at Saint Ann Catholic Church on the **27th of August 2022.** Our own Dallas Carter will be the host for this conference, and will facilitate Jesse Romero as he gives four inspirational talks. All men are strongly urged to come to this annual event; this is a great opportunity to reawaken and deepen your faith. For more information, please visit our Diocese Event page at the following link:

<https://www.catholicahawaii.org/news-events/events-calendar/2022/august/827-hawaii-catholic-mens-conference/>

WORD OF LIFE: "We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86) Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 7 Sun: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis:18:6-9 Ps:33; Heb:11:1-2, 8-19; Lk:12:32-48

Aug 8 Mon: Saint Dominic, Priest

Ez:1:2-5, 24-28; Ps:148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt:17:22-27

Aug 9 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Ez:2:8-3:4; Ps:119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt:18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Aug 10 Wed: Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor:9:6-10; Ps:112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn:12:24-26

Aug 11 Thur: Saint Clare Virgin

Ez:12:1-12; Ps:78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt:18:21-19:1

Aug 12 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Ez:16:1-15; 60, 63; Is:12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt:19:3-12

Aug 13 Sat: The Ordinary Weekday

Ez:18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps:51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt:19:13-15

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

You can still continue contribute to St. Rita during this time of Social - distancing by going to our web-site www.stritananakuli.org And click "On-line Giving" on the banner line. You can also send your Tithe/Donation via mail: St. Rita Catholic Church/ 89-318 Farrington Hwy. / Nanakuli, HI 96792

MAKING READY

What if tomorrow were the day? What if tomorrow someone in your family died? What if someone were to offer you a new job? What if an old friend resurfaced? What if you learned you were free of cancer? What if you were to hear this tomorrow? What would you do today?

Our ancestors knew in advance the night of Passover. They knew that their enemies would be destroyed and the just would be saved. On Passover night, they knew that freedom would follow the next day. They knew all along that God would rescue them one day, and now they prepared with courage — for tomorrow.

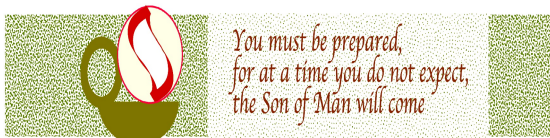
We do not always know on what day God will shower new blessings upon us. We do not know how God will act. But we have learned through the testimony of our ancestors and through our own experience that God will do just that: God will destroy the enemy and rescue the just.

While we wait, we spend our days reflecting on God's good deeds. We develop our friendship with God. We train ourselves in the courage that comes from a strong faith. If tomorrow becomes the day of our deliverance, we shall be prepared.

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