

PARISH CALENDAR

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022

With the Lord there is
mercy and forgiveness!



Saturday, August 13	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 14	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, August 15	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 16	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, August 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 18	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Friday, August 19	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - ADMISSION DAY HOLIDAY
Saturday, August 20	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:66:18-21: The prophet spoke of the Lord's coming to gather all the nations together.

Heb:12:5-7, 11-13: The author of Hebrews offered encouragement: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord.

Luke:13:22-30: Jesus told the people, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate."

(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

By now just about all of summer has been unwrapped and spent. As the season drains away and summer's light dims, so too grows the realization that the busy work of life must soon be taken up in earnest once more. Once more the realization returns that life calls us seriously to particular autumn cares. No matter how fearful or challenging, each of us must follow that inner voice or else sense that life will have become less.

Such was the story of Jeremiah, who found himself prophet to the Hebrew people. He sensed an inner call to speak God's word against the nation's political alliances and against the king's penchant to trust in military machines. As a result Jeremiah found himself tossed into a well. Yet he remained committed.

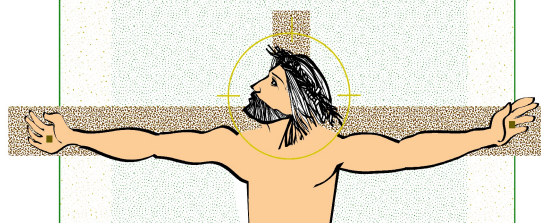
It is also the story of Jesus, who came with truth as a walking stick and the kingdom as seeds of life to be scattered and sown. He also knew full well that few would walk where he would walk or choose to feed on what he would sow. Yet he would not back away from what he was about.

Such a willingness to stretch ourselves into the unknown is part of that mysterious list of things that make us human. At such times we walk in the shadow of Jesus as he leads us into new ways of being human. Seldom, if ever, is it without struggle or even pain, yet it is then that we begin to gain a fuller sense of who we truly are, and it is then that through us God brings the world to something new.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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For the sake of the joy that lay before him



He endured the cross
and he has taken his seat
at the right hand
of the throne of God



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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: "Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Solace and strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"**

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 14 Sun: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:38:4-6, 8-10; Ps:40; Heb:12:1-4; Lk:12:49-53

Aug 15 Mon: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev:11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps:45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor:15:20-27; Lk:1:39-56

Aug 16 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Ez:28:1-10; Dt:32:26-27ab, 27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt:19:23-30

Aug 17 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Ez:34:1-11; Ps:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt:20:1-16

Aug 18 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Ez:36:23-28; Ps:51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt:22:1-14

Aug 19 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Ez:37:1-14; Ps:107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt:22:34-40

Aug 20 Sat: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

Ez:43:1-7ab; Ps:85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt:23:1-12

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ. Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running. (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

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

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Set your goals high. Thinking about them will bring you joy. But do not despair if they are hard to meet. Reaching your goals is always a struggle.

In Christian life, obstacles hamper our goals. But most of us are not facing the obstacles of the early church. Those Christians were persecuted for their faith. Some of them were tempted to abandon Christ. In their struggle against sin, some of them resisted to the point of shedding blood. That has not happened to most of us.

Still, sin tempts us in many ways. Many young people, for example, set high goals for themselves: not to abuse drugs, not to foster racism, not to have sex outside of marriage, not to commit acts of violence, not to drink and drive. But those goals are hard to reach. Temptation appears every day. The Letter to the Hebrews says we can build up our endurance by reflecting on the perseverance of others. They shed the sins that kept them from their goals. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

He endured the cross, "in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart." Set your goals high. And meet them with Christ.

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Living God's Word



Each of us must choose to step into some unknown, guided by our God-given vision of what our lives must be about, a vision to which others are often blind. At these moments one can feel both most alone and most alive.

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