

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

Turn your ear and answer me,
my God!



Saturday, August 20	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 21	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, August 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, August 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	... 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Drive thru Feeding
Friday, August 26	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, August 27	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Sir:3:17-18, 20, 28-29: Conduct your affairs more humbly, the greater you are, and God will favor you.
Heb:12:18-19, 22-24a: Our God draws near to our maintain and city. The judge of all comes close into our assembly.
Luke:14:1, 1714: When you have dinner, invite poor people or person with disabilities.

(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

Trudy hung up the phone very slowly. "Well, Jim, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that your mom and dad are coming to Kate's wedding after all. The bad news is that your brother is coming with them." Jim's brother was a missionary for a strict religious sect. When he had learned that Jim and Trudy were becoming Catholic he had erupted in condemnation. They had not spoken since then.

Have you ever hoped someone would not come to an event you were hosting, or scheduled it when you knew the person wouldn't be available? Are there people whose presence in the seat next to you at Sunday Mass would make you uncomfortable? Today's scriptures proclaim that those people have as much right to "recline at table in the kingdom of God" as we do—or more. They suggest that if we want the Lord to "open the door for us," we must be willing to open the door to everyone.

—Virginia Stillwell

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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: "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather **whose** we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"**

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 21 Sun: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:66:18-21; Ps:117; Heb:12:5-7, 11-13; Lk:13:22-30

Aug 22 Mon: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 The:1:1-5, 11-12; Ps:96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt:23:13-22

Aug 23 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

2 The:2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps:96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt:23:23-26

Aug 24 Wed: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rev:21:9b-14; Ps:145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn:21:9b-14

Aug 25 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:1:1-9; Ps:145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt:24:42-51

Aug 26 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:1:17-25; Ps:33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt:25:1-13

Aug 27 Sat: Saint Monica

1 Cor:1:26-31; Ps:33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk:6:17-29

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel reading today starts with a question. "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus offers only a simple reply: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many will try to enter and will not be able. Good stewards know there is only one, narrow gate. Not everything will fit. This narrow gate has no room for our accomplishments. No room for our money. No room for our possessions. No room for anything else but those who've been good stewards of the Gospel. We can't custom build our own gates either. There is only one, narrow gate that happens to be open for a time, but for how long: What is our plan of action to get through the gate? **(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

FOR YOUR OWN GOOD

"You'll thank me for this one day." Oh, how a kid hates to hear those words. They often accompany some punishment that kids have to put up with until they get older. Kids seethe under those words. They do not make any sense. They take away fun. And they make them mad.

But those words are usually right. Maybe that adds to the frustration. We all hate to do what is "for our own good" when it feels like it is anything but. We do not like being told we did the wrong thing. We do not like to be punished. And we do not like being told to fix our attitude about punishment. So when the Letter to the Hebrews says God treats us like children, it doesn't quite sound like good news. The author recalls a quote from the Old Testament. It is enough to make you wince: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges."

So, here is the advice we get: "Endure your trials as 'discipline.'" We would rather not have to endure trials at all. But when they come, we are supposed to endure them. "At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

We do not like hearing it, but it is true: Some day we will thank God for these trials. **Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and**

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Living God's Word



Many of us wish that certain people were outside the reach of God's love. Surrendering that illusion can be "a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness" (Hebrews 12:11). Perhaps by giving up our self-righteousness our words and actions will tell the Good News of God's all-inclusive love.

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Rejoice
in the good news
of the Lord!

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