

# PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday  
of Lent

March 20, 2022

I will give you a new Spirit,  
says the Lord!

Saturday, March 19	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 20	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, March 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, March 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, March 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, March 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - PRINCE JONAH KUHIO HOLIDAY</b>
		<b>Station of the Cross - Religious Education</b>
		<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
Saturday, March 26	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00-12 pm	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Jos:5:9a, 10-12: God delivered Israel from Egypt. All the people celebrated passover with unleavened cakes.**  
**2 Cor:5:2-3, 4-5, 6-7: We are ambassadors for Christ and ministers of reconciliation to one another.**  
**Lk:15:1-3, 11-32: Jesus told his followers the parable of the prodigal son.**

***(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Mask)***

***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/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)***

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

One morning in 1888, Alfred Nobel, the man who invented dynamite, picked up the morning newspaper and, to his shock, read an account of his death. The reporter had made a mistake; it was his cousin, not he, who had died. In reading his own obituary, Alfred Nobel realized just how he would be recognized and remembered should he die. He would be the "dynamite king," a merchant of death. This so disturbed and upset Nobel that he decided to give his life a new direction. He became involved in the work of peace and justice and made it a point to ensure that money was set aside so an annual award could be given to those engaged in that important work.

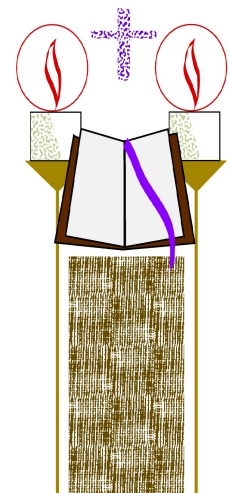
So when Alfred Nobel died, his obituary made no mention of his being a merchant of death. He was hailed instead for his humanitarian deeds, especially the establishment of the Nobel Peace Prize. You could say that the mistake in 1888 gave Alfred Nobel a second chance at life. As a result, the world was awarded a wonderful legacy.

—Rev. Richard Zajac

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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, 3/22 @ 6:30 pm - St. Joseph, Waipahu**  
**Mon, 3/28 @ 7 pm - St. Jude, Kapolei**  
**Tue, 4/5 @ 7 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ewa Beach**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE:** Next week our parish, will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**OVERCOMING DISASTER:** In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life. . . In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, and icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84)

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Mar 20 Sun: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Ex:3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps:103: 1 Cor:10:1-6, 10-12; Lk:13:1-9  
**Mar 21 Mon: Lenten Weekday**  
2 Kgs:5:1-15b; Ps:42:2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Lk:17:1-7  
**Mar 22 Tue: Lenten Weekday**  
Dan:3:25, 34-43; Ps:25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt:18:21-35  
**Mar 23 Wed: Lenten Weekday**  
Deu:4:1, 5-9; Ps:147:12-13, 15-16 19-20; Mt:5:17-19  
**Mar 24 Thur: Lenten Weekday**  
Jer:7:23-28; Ps:95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:11:14-23  
**Mar 25 Fri: The Annunciation of the Lord**  
Isa:7:10-14; 8:1; Ps:40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb:10:4-10; Lk:1:26-38  
**Mar 26 Sat: Lenten Weekday**  
Hos:6:1-6; Ps:51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk:18:9-14

## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel Jesus offers his parable about the last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to "bear fruit" for God and neighbor. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? How might we use our gifts to bear more fruit? The answer requires some urgency. (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](http://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**

## THE ROCK THE MOVES

Looking back on our past we can retrace the steps that brought us to where we are. We made decisions at important crossroads. We met people we weren't expecting. Opportunities and setbacks came our way. We made the best decisions we could. Somehow, mysteriously, they have brought us to where we are.

Lent is a good time to reflect on the past, to thank God for the blessings that have brought us to this day, and to confess the sins that hindered our journey.

Through this reflection we more deeply realize the presence of Christ. He has been our companion through good times and bad. He has guided us, stood patiently by while we made our mistakes, and cleared a path for our faith.

In a letter to the Corinthians, Paul explained that the followers of Moses had a companion on their journey as well. Surprisingly, that companion was Christ. The Bible records two instances when Moses struck a rock and produced water in the desert. The stories occur in different locations. So a tradition developed that the rock moved along with the chosen people. Paul expands that tradition and says, "the rock was Christ."

Throughout Lent we confess our guilt. But we also take heart in the good news that our sometimes crooked path is straining toward a glorious end. Guiding us along the way, solid as a rock, fluid as a stream, is Christ.

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## Living God's Word



The Gospel today unfolds the parable of the fig tree, often described as the parable of the second chance. The owner of the vineyard wants it cut down. The vinedresser pleads that it be given a second chance. Great and wonderful results can often accompany a second chance.

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Whoever thinks he  
is standing secure  
should take care  
not to fall

*First Corinthians*

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## Make Us Whole

God of our longing,  
your love surpasses all understanding.  
Humbly repentant,  
we ask for your mercy in our  
Lenten journey.  
Though we have failed to love others,  
and you above all,

we pray for a new heart.  
Though we have fallen,  
feel broken and lonely,  
you call us to return to you,  
and we desire to be made whole.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 20, 2022

## Another Chance



*Today's readings: Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 7–8, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12; Luke 13:1–9.* Jesus often taught through parables, stories that illustrate truths and moral principles through everyday encounters, situations, and activities.

Today, the parable comes from the world of agriculture. A fig tree has not borne any fruit for several years. The owner wants to cut it down, but the gardener wants to give it another chance, providing especially good care to it for another year. If after receiving increased attention the tree does not bear fruit, it will be cut down. Just as the gardener is willing to spend more time cultivating the fig tree, God

will offer us many chances to change our lives. It is up to us to allow God's love to nourish us so that we can bear good fruit. Where do you need to be open to God's intervention in your life? Will you seek God to change your heart to mend a relationship or to help another person in need?

God graciously welcomes us when we repent and desire to be more of who we are called to be. Allowing Jesus to cultivate the soil of our hearts brings growth. As we give our hearts to the Lord, our compassion, generosity, and humility will increase. With changed hearts, we gain more clarity about the meaning and purpose of our lives, and will spread God's love to others.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, March 21

#### Attending to the Ordinary

The Gospel today notes how those with no status, such as an unknown widow, a leper, and a man from Nazareth, were overlooked. No one saw their greatness. The living God works in and through every part of creation, most notably through human beings. Pay attention to all the ways that God presents himself to you in ordinary ways—the sunrise, a budding plant, the person behind the counter when you get lunch, the laugh of a family member. *Today's readings:* 2 Kings 5:1–15ab; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24–30.

### Tuesday, March 22

#### How Many Times?

How many times should we forgive? Jesus says seventy-seven times. Furthermore, he doesn't mean an exact count either! If we are to expect God to forgive us, we must be willing to forgive others. Set aside time today for journaling, reflecting upon, and writing about any grudges you are holding or past grievances you have not released. Forgive in your heart, and vow to keep the grievance in the past. *Today's readings:* Daniel 3:25, 34–43; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8 and 9; Matthew 18:21–35.

### Wednesday, March 23

#### The Greatest

Greatness often is associated with accomplishments, athleticism, or scholarship. Jesus presents another vision in the Gospel. He tells us that to be the greatest in the kingdom, we need only to follow God's commandments and teach others to do the same. The best way to teach is by example. Be mindful that your actions and words show love for God and your neighbor. *Today's readings:* Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.

### Thursday, March 24

#### Listen, and Listen Again

Jesus strongly tells us that a kingdom divided against itself cannot survive. If hearts are hardened against God's Word, we cannot be unified—as a community, a country, or a Church. Pray for unity today, that we will listen to the voice of God and open our hearts to God and one another. *Today's readings:* Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:1–2; 6–7; 8–9; Luke 11:14–23.

### Friday, March 25

#### Annunciation of the Lord

Today we hear the story of Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel, when Mary said yes to God's will. Mary's courage, faithfulness, and humility are examples for all seeking to live as disciples. The annunciation is the first of the joyful mysteries. (The other mysteries are the visitation, the nativity, the presentation in the temple, and the finding in the temple.) Pray the Rosary, reflecting on each joyful mystery. *Today's readings:* Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.

### Saturday, March 26

#### Steadfast Love

The Pharisee was sure of his worthiness, while the tax collector was just as sure of his sinfulness. Though the Pharisee fasted, paid tithes, and kept the law, it was the tax collector who went home justified. Our God of steadfast love and mercy welcomes back sinners who seek forgiveness. Do not be afraid to acknowledge your sins and receive God's mercy and forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. Check neighboring parishes and your own for schedules for confession. God will heal and bind up the wounds of contrite sinners. *Today's readings:* Hosea 6:1–6; Psalm 51:3–4, 18–19, 20–21ab; Luke 18:9–14.



**Registrations are now being accepted for the April 22-24 Retreat!**

# Rachel's Vineyard

## Weekend Retreats



**Healing the Pain of Abortion...  
One Weekend at a Time.**

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... you've found the right place!

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.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A registration fee of \$175.00 covers accommodations, daily meals/snacks, and materials. Space is limited. Registrations are strictly confidential. Need-based scholarships are available.

**2022 Retreat Dates: April 22-24 & October 14-16**  
(Arrival on Friday: 5:30pm; Departure on Sunday: 5:00pm)

**Call: (808) 349-5071 to Register  
or email:**

**[RvinHawaii@gmail.com](mailto:RvinHawaii@gmail.com)**

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**Rachel's Vineyard is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.**

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# REVEAL Christ's LOVE

**I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.**

**—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions.

Guatemala is a leading producer of coffee, growing more than three million 132-pound bags annually, much of it exported



to the United States, Japan, and Canada. Aged farms, climate change, soil depletion, and a fungal infection called coffee leaf rust that causes leaves to fall off the plant and kill it—all of these pose challenges for small coffee farmers. Odilio Geronimo is one such farmer, whose ability to support his wife and young son was threatened by a fractured foot he suffered in an accident and by a crop destroyed by leaf rust.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is helping Guatemalan coffee farmers like Odilio through a water-smart agriculture program that teaches farmers practices such as soil-quality identification, use of cover crops, and use of better compost. Through this



CRS-supported program, Odilio has had bigger and healthier harvests with the skills he learned, which help him provide better for his family. When you support The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you provide emergency relief to those affected by disasters as well as long-term solutions that improve the lives of families like Odilio's.

## Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . . In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

## And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

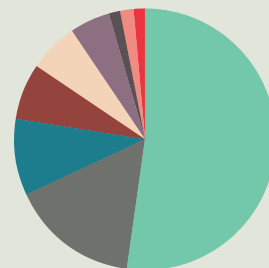
Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

### The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2020

Grants	Amount	Percentage
Catholic Relief Services	\$5,118,278	52.35%
USCCB Migration & Refugee Services	\$1,558,012	15.94%
CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)	\$917,124	9.38%
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Holy Father's Relief Fund	\$500,000	5.11%
USCCB Justice, Peace & Human Development Education & Outreach	\$137,675	1.41%
<b>Administration</b>		
Promotion & Education Costs	\$154,764	1.58%
Administrative Expenses	\$128,744	1.32%

\*USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees & Travelers (\$447,490) and Asian & Pacific Island Affairs (\$239,644)



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# REVELA EL AMOR DE Cristo

Entonces, ya no digo que tengo “prójimos” a quienes debo ayudar, sino que me siento llamado a volverme yo un prójimo de los otros.

—Papa Francisco, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

The Catholic Relief Services Collection es una oportunidad para ayudar a mejorar la vida de las personas más vulnerables alrededor del mundo y aquí, en los Estados Unidos. Tu apoyo ayuda a financiar a las organizaciones dedicadas a ayudar a las personas afectadas por la guerra y por los desastres naturales, a los migrantes y a los refugiados que necesitan asistencia legal y material y a personas en todo el mundo cuyo sustento se ve impactado por las cambiantes situaciones políticas y condiciones ambientales.



Guatemala es un líder en la producción del café, cultivando anualmente más de tres millones de sacos de 132 libras, muchos de los cuales son exportados a los Estados Unidos, a Japón y a Canadá. Las tierras agrícolas viejas, el cambio climático, el agotamiento de la tierra y la infección por hongos llamada roya de la hoja del café, hace que las hojas se caigan y que la planta muera—todo esto les presenta un gran

reto a los pequeños agricultores del café. Odilio Gerónimo es uno de esos agricultores, cuya capacidad para mantener a su esposa y a su menor hijo se vio amenazada cuando sufrió un accidente y se fracturó un pie y su cosecha fue destruida por la roya de la hoja.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) está ayudando a los guatemaltecos productores de café mediante un programa basado en el uso inteligente del agua, el cual les enseña a los agricultores prácticas

como la identificación de la calidad del suelo, el uso del cultivo de cobertura y el mejor uso del material orgánico como abono. Mediante este programa financiado por CRS, Odilio, con los conocimientos que adquiridos ha podido conseguir cosechas más grandes y saludables y eso lo ha ayudado a ser un mejor proveedor para su familia. Cuando apoyas a The Catholic Relief Services Collection, estás dando una ayuda de emergencia a las personas afectadas por desastres, así como soluciones a largo plazo que mejoran la vida de familias como la de Odilio.



Tus donativos ayudan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. . .

## En los Estados Unidos

Alimentando el hambre de Jesús en los refugiados que sufren. . . a través del **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Ofreciendo asesoría legal a Jesús en los inmigrantes que luchan por salir adelante. . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Acercándose a consolar la soledad de Jesús en los trabajadores que se sienten aislados. . . a través de la labor pastoral del **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

## Y, alrededor del mundo

Dando agua para saciar la sed de Jesús en los pueblos de Siria y Níger. . . a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Abogando en nombre de Jesús por el pobre y el marginado. . . a través de la labor que hace en las políticas públicas el **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Enviando ayuda a Jesús en las víctimas de desastres naturales. . . a través del **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

## The Catholic Relief Services Collection en el 2020

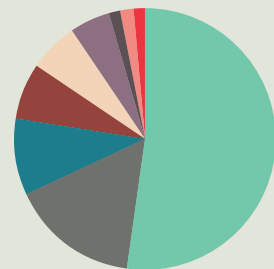
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