

# PARISH CALENDAR

Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2022

Let us forever sing your praise!

Saturday, July 9	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 10	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 11	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, July 12	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 13	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 14	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Friday, July 15	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Saturday, July 16	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Gen:18:1-10a:** The Lord appeared to Abraham in the form of three visitors. . .

**Col:1:24-28:** The apostle Paul found suffering a joy, in order to build up the body of Christ, the church

**Luke:10:38-42:** Martha became angry with her sister Mary who sat down and listened to Jesus.

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

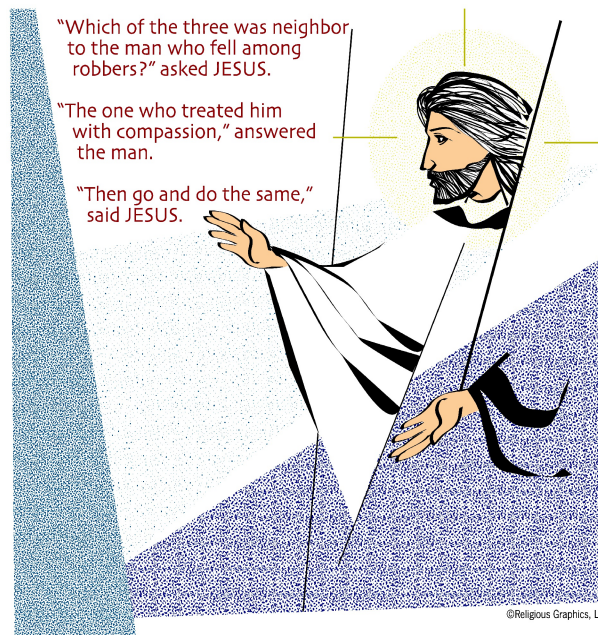
## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

"Live and let live." "Mind your own business." "Leave well enough alone." "It's not your problem." "Don't get involved." So goes the wisdom of the world, the law of the jungle. One of these sayings may come to mind when you see a car accident, a bum on the sidewalk, a competitor going bankrupt, a parent slapping a child, a teenage prostitute, a news story about illegal immigrants being deported.

We who have received the love of Christ are to live by a different law. It is "very near to you . . . in your hearts; you have only to carry it out" (Deuteronomy 30:14). We are to live in Christ's love and let our neighbor experience that same life-giving love. And yet, like the "scholar of the law" in today's Gospel, we always try to define who is—or more precisely, who isn't—our neighbor. There's no escaping the message of this Gospel passage. Everyone we fear or despise, every victim, every outsider, every undeserving soul whom God loves, we are to "go and do likewise."

—Virginia Stillwell

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** We would like to resume taking Holy Communion to any parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion during the week (Mon. or Tue). Please contact Sebastian Lopez @ 808-224-6691 by leaving a message on his cell phone

## **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND:**

Next week our special collection is for the "Seminarian Education Fund" Currently the Diocese of Honolulu have 11 Seminarians. Support the Seminarian Education Fund (S.E.F.) Many men have answered this call, and you can answer it as well, through your prayers and generous support of them as they continue to discern and follow God's will in their lives. Envelopes are at the back of church and in your envelope packets.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." Read more at [www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory](http://www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "An Adoption Love Story"

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

**Jul 10 Sun: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt:30:10-14; Ps:69; Col:1:15-20; Lk:10:25-37

**Jul 11 Mon: Saint Benedict, Abbot**

Is:1:10-17; Ps:50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt:10:34-11:1

**Jul 12 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Is:7:1-9; Ps:48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt:11:20-24

**Jul 13 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Is:10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps:94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt:11:25-27

**Jul 14 Thur: Saint Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin**

Is:26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps:102:13-14ab & 15, 16-18, 19-21;

Mt:11:28-30

**Jul 15 Fri: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Is:38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Ps:38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt:12:1-8

**Jul 16 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Mt:2:1-5; Ps:10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt:12:14-21

## **NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP**

Today's Gospel turns our attention to one of Jesus' most familiar stories, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about living how God intended us to live: to acknowledge God's divine love and compassion upon others without reservation. We can find a lot of reasons for not stopping to help someone. We can talk ourselves out of being Good Samaritans. Strangers are not our responsibility, or are they? Good stewards understand that God's mercy is a gift that must be shared, and that doing the right thing, acting as Jesus would act toward others, is the only course of action for one who lives according to the demands of the Gospel. How might you be a Good Samaritan this week? (*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.sritananakuli.org](http://www.sritananakuli.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

## **DIFFICULT DECISIONS**

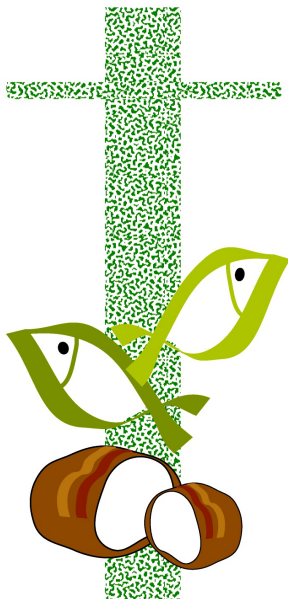
The most difficult decisions to make are the ones in which we cannot tell right from wrong. We feel drawn by one solution, but we are not sure why. Are our motives pure? Is the reason we find one option attractive a reason that is ignoble? Or are we truly choosing what is good for ourselves, for those we love, and for those we do not know.

Sometimes a decision is hard because both options seem bad. We do not want to choose because we will feel sad once we make the choice. But not choosing also brings its frustration and sorrow.

When the answer is not clear outside us, we turn inside ourselves. We pray. We ask God for a sign. We look for some clear direction. Sometimes God is silent. Sometimes God speaks. Moses told his people that the task is not as hard as they might think. God's command is not up in the sky. You do not have to look for someone to go up there and bring it back. God's command is not across the sea. You do not have to find someone to cross over and get it. No, God's command is something very near, "already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

If we live our lives in the spirit of the Gospel, we know what the answers to our dilemmas should be. We only have to carry them out.

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### **Living God's Word**



The good Samaritan doesn't ask the victim, "Who did this to you?" or "Did you deserve it?" or "Can you pay me back?" Like Christ, the Samaritan reveals "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15) by treating the suffering person with compassionate mercy and healing his wounds, not counting the cost.

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