

PARISH CALENDAR

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022

I have the Lord for my help!

Saturday, July 16	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 18	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 20	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, July 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, July 23	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Gen:18:20-32: The Lord was outraged at the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Col:2:12-14: God has forgiven all our transgressions and "removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross."

Luke:11:1-13: Jesus taught his disciples the "Abba" prayer. He encouraged them to pray with persistence.

(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

Our readings pair up the story of Jesus coming to dine at Martha and Mary's house with God coming to dine with Abraham and Sarah. And just as Abraham turned to Sarah for help in preparing the meal, Martha turns to her sister for a hand. After all, why should one person bear the burden of serving the Lord?

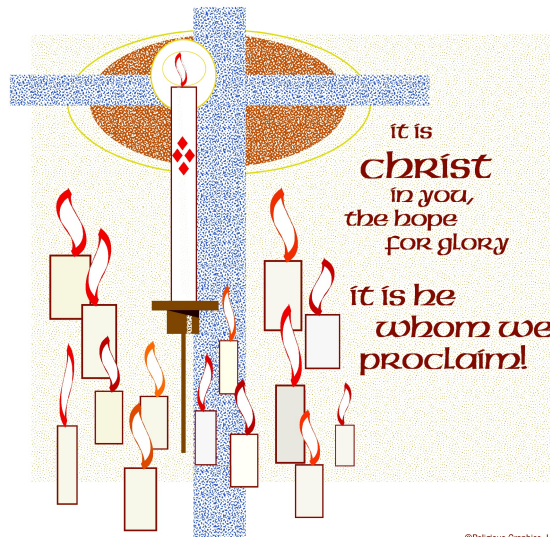
But Mary does not come into the kitchen, even after hearing her sister banging things around in there, perhaps a little more loudly than usual. Instead, she stays sitting at the foot of the Lord, listening to him. Martha, not one to keep her thoughts to herself, addresses directly the cause of her sister's prolonged delay: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" (Luke 10:40).

As a matter of fact, Jesus didn't care. What he did care about was that Martha was all "anxious and worried about many things"(10:41). Jesus did not care about busy Martha but about worried and anxious Martha. Even more simply, what he cared about was Martha. Not the meal, not the table, not the time they ate, or whatever else was bothering her. He just cared about Martha—and Mary, too, of course. But he didn't have to worry as much about Mary.

Perhaps we could consider this simply a story about Jesus visiting two very dear friends and wanting some time with them both, together. And if that was true then, why wouldn't it be true now? If you find yourself worried and anxious these days, give yourself some time with the Lord.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SEMINARIAN

EDUCATION FUND: Today's special collection is for the "Seminarian Education Fund" Currently the Diocese of Honolulu have 11 Seminarians. 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. Please be generous! Mahalo!

WORD OF LIFE: "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. . . . We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Consideration for Our Earthly Passing"

WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 17 Sun: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen:18:1-10a; Ps:15; Col:1:24-28; Lk:10:38-42

Jul 18 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Mi:6:1-4, 6-8; Ps:50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17 & 23; Mt:12:38-42

Jul 19 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Mi:7:14-15, 18-20; Ps:85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt:12:46-50

Jul 20 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:1:1, 4-10; Ps:71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 & 17; Mt:13:1-9

Jul 21 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps:36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt:13:10-17

Jul 22 Fri: Saint Mary Magdalene

Sg:3:1-4b; Ps:63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn:20:1-2, 11-18

Jul 23 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:7:1-11; Ps:84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt:13:24-30

BIBLICAL FAST

Our idea of fast food is that you drive your car to a local chain, you pull up to the giant menu board with the scratchy speaker system, you yell out your order, you drive to the window, and you pay your money. Within minutes, you have your food and you speed away. It is fast.

In the Book of Genesis, there is a different account of fast food service. Some mysterious visitors came to see Abraham and Sarah. Abraham realized that there was something divine about their presence. He immediately offered hospitality: a bath, a rest, and a meal. They agreed. But Sarah had to come up with some food, fast.

She baked rolls from fine flour. A servant slaughtered and prepared a juicy steer. The curds and milk were easier, but the basic ingredients of a hamburger, bread and meat, had to be prepared from scratch on the spot. By our standards, not fast food — but pretty impressive for its day.

As a result of his hospitality, Abraham received from God the gift he had waited for all his life: a son, Isaac, whom he would love. When strangers or friends drop by, we have the opportunity to offer hospitality. Sometimes we are so busy that our primary hope is they will leave as soon as possible. But there is another solution. We can offer hospitality. The blessing we receive may be the one we have desired all life long.

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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that they if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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NOT SUFFERING ENOUGH

There is too much suffering in the world. Everyone agrees. There is too much sickness, too much enmity, too much jealousy, too much violence, too much poverty, too much anxiety, and too much death.

It is strange, then, to hear the Letter to the Colossians imply there has not yet been enough suffering. Paul says, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ."

Certainly there was nothing "lacking" in the afflictions of Christ — abandoned by his friends, betrayed by an apostle, arrested and manhandled, falsely accused, beaten, and flogged, made to carry the instrument of his torture, and nailed to it, then lifted high, to die, on a cross. Nothing was lacking.

Yet suffering has continued. Some people have known sorrows, torture, and pain even worse than that. The cross of Christ did not end suffering. But it rendered suffering powerless before the glory of the cross. Paul says he rejoices in his sufferings "to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past." That mystery is now made manifest: "It is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

It feels like we have had too much suffering, but even if there is more, it cannot harm us. Suffering has no power before the promise of glory in Christ.

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