

# PARISH CALENDAR

Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

God gives strength to  
His people!



Saturday, July 23	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 24	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 25	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 26	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 28	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Friday, July 29	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Saturday, July 30	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Eccl:1:2; 2:21-23:** "All things are vanity!" Some people have labored skillfully a whole lifetime.

**Col:3:1-5, 9-11:** Since you now belong to Christ, set your heart on things above rather than on things of earth.

**Luke:12:13-12:** Jesus told a parable about the rich man who stored up all his wealth in order to eat drink and be merry.

**(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/)**

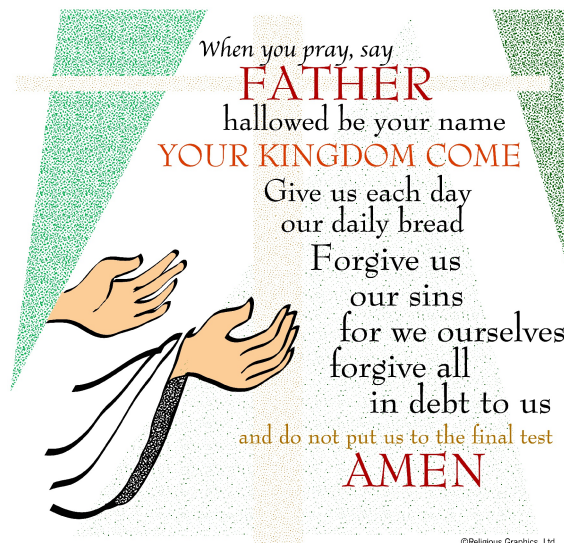
## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Prayer has always been part of the Christian heritage. The book of Psalms long ago became the prayer book of the church, along with some hymns and canticles from other books of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. Among the most beautiful prayers we have are the Magnificat of Mary, the Benedictus of Zechariah, and the Nunc Dimittis of Simeon, all in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:46-55; 1:68-79; 2:29-32).

Most importantly, Jesus prayed. Think about that for a moment. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the only begotten Son, prayed. We know that he went off by himself to pray. He did this before some of the most important moments in his ministry, like before he chose those who would be with him. But it is safe to assume that he did it as a habit. So when one of the disciples asked him to teach them to pray and Jesus responded with the Our Father, it deserves our attention. This prayer reveals the heart of Jesus, and tells us how we should speak to the Father. The prayer has two parts: blessing the Father and calling for his presence in the world, then turning to God for our basic needs of food, forgiveness, and fidelity. The parables that follow call us to persevere and persist in prayer because God is a Father who will give us his life-blood, in this case, the Holy Spirit, to all who ask. Continue to knock, continue to ask. God will respond.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FROM THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Eating healthy, nutritious fruits and vegetables is part of a balanced diet; but many of our parish food pantries typically provide only non-perishable food items to families in need. While a few parishes do participate as members of the Food Bank 'Ohana Produce Plus program or partner with local farmers, there is still a great need to provide food-insecure households with more access to local produce. Thankfully, Hawaii's **SNAP-EBT** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Electronic Benefit Transfer) recipients are able to shop at qualifying local supermarkets and get 50% off their homegrown papayas, pineapples and so much more using a special Access Card through **DA BUX** program.

**DA BUX** was introduced during the early days of the pandemic to help make local fruits and vegetables more affordable for SNAP participants. All active **SNAP-EBT** cardholders are eligible to apply for a Da Bux Access Card and get twice the number of fresh groceries for any given price! The program includes select food retailers on all islands where Hawaii-grown fruits and vegetables are sold. Each retailer has the discretion to designate what types of local produce will be on sale—and in some locations, poi may also be purchased with **DA BUX**. SNAP households were notified by mail last November with a listing of current retailers involved in the program. To view an updated list of locate retailers on your island in your specific community, click here. To get an Access Card for Da Bux purchases or to sign-up online, follow the steps outlined on their website. This benefit program will continue through December 27, 2022 with a possible extension into the new year, depended upon the availability of fund

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. . . . That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other." *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Married Love and the Gift of Life"*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Jul 24 Sun: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gen:18:20-32; Ps:15; Col:1:24-28; Lk:10:38-42

**Jul 25 Mon: Saint James, Apostle**

2 Cor:4:7-15; Ps:126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt:20:20-28

**Jul 26 Tue: Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Jer:14:17-22; Ps:79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt:13:36-43

**Jul 27 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Jer:15:10, 16-21; Ps:59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt:13:44-46

**Jul 28 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Jer:18:1-6; Ps:146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt:13:47-53

**Jul 29 Fri: Saint Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

Jer:26:1-9; Ps:69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn:11:19-27

**Jul 30 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Jer:26:11-16, 24; Ps:69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt:14:1-12

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

A prominent theme in today's Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never to convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity to us. What should our response to that generosity? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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