

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Saturday, June 25	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, June 26	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, June 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, June 28	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, June 29	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, June 30	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, July 1	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, July 2	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:66:10-14c: The prophet said, "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her. . .

Gal:6:14-18: Paul boasted only in his acceptance of the cross for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke:10:1-12, 17-20: Jesus sent out an additional seventy-two disciples to spread the good news and care for the sick.

(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

These two stories are quite touching, perhaps because they involve so much touching—forbidden touching, as a matter of fact. The father starts it off by falling at Jesus' feet and begging Jesus to help his dying daughter: "Come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live" (Mark 5:23). Only touching her will do.

Then as Jesus is passing through the crowd, a woman suddenly appears on the scene, reaching out to Jesus and saying to herself: "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" (5:28). Jesus knows immediately that he's been touched: "Who has touched my clothes?" he asks (5:30). And the disciples wryly observe that the crowd is . . . well, crowding him . . . so how can you ask "Who touched me?"

It is important to remember that because the woman was bleeding, a condition that made her "unclean" according to the law of Moses, her touch would have made Jesus unclean. However, her touching Jesus has the opposite effect: the bleeding stops and she is made clean once again.

When word comes that the little girl is dead, Jesus calls on the father to set aside fear and put on faith. Arriving at the house, Jesus goes in and takes the child by the hand and says, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Mark 5:41). Sixteen times in Mark's Gospel Jesus touches or takes someone by the hand. She does arise and he tells them to bring her some food. Again, touching her would have made Jesus unclean, but instead his touch cleanses her of death's hold.

Two desperate people—a dying girl and a bleeding woman. Jesus touches them and they both touch him—the woman through her own faith, the little girl through the faith of her father. It seems that healing depends on a flow between healer and the one being healed. The great news is that God allows a proxy.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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We welcomed **Remi Branch** into our Christian Family, **Remi** was baptized at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. **Remi** is the daughter of **Eric and Katherine Branch**.

Out of love
place yourselves at one
another's service



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to the
LORD
is LOVE

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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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Today is Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the words of everlasting life. Let Jesus speak to you on the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on: **July 8-10 - Maui/ August 12-14 - Molokai/November 18-20 -Oahu:** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at www.hawaiiwme.org

WORD OF LIFE: "O God our Creator. . . we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." USCCB **"Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"**

WEEKLY READINGS

Jun 26 Sun: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs:19:16b, 19-21; Ps:16; Gal:5:1, 13-18; Lk:9:51-62

Jun 27 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Amos:2:6-10, 13-16; Ps:50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Mt:8:18-22

Jun 28 Tue: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Amos:3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps:5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt:8:23-27

Jun 29 Wed: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts:12:1-11;; Ps:34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim: 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt:16:13-19

Jun 30 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Amos:7:10-17; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt:9:1-8

Jul 1 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Amos:8:4-6, 9-12; Ps:119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt:9:9-13

Jul 2 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Amos:9:11-15; Ps:85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt:9:14-17



NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel reveals to us the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. We will journey with Jesus for many Sundays to come, and along the way he will teach us about the demands of discipleship. His instructions may seem harsh and unreasonable to our ears. His response to legitimate requests to postpone the journey reminds us that there are always justifiable excuses to defer the journey or put off the responsibilities of discipleship. Other important matters compete for our attention. Some of us must make heart-wrenching choices, but there is urgency about Jesus' mission to bring forth God's kingdom. His demand is that we proclaim the Kingdom of God now. Is this our first priority, or do we have other priorities?(International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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OWNING CHRIST

Most people save stuff. We are packrats. We save clothes that have not fit for years. We save computer files we may never look at again. When we run out of closets at home, we rent additional space to store things.

Once in a while we have a garage sale to thin down our possessions. But we rarely hear of anyone getting rid of everything in order to start over again. When Elisha agreed to follow Elijah as his attendant, he left his livelihood as a farmer. He broke up the yoke he steered for plowing and used it to fuel a fire. He slaughtered his oxen and used the fire to boil their flesh. He served the flesh to his people to eat. Elisha left nothing behind.

To be a follower of Christ, we must be prepared to travel light. Our possessions may distract us from keeping Christ as the center of our being. We may also be distracted by too many interests, too many commitments, too much food, or too much play. When Elisha decided to follow Elijah, he broke up, burned up, and cooked up everything he owned. When we decide to follow Christ, we will leave some things behind.

It will not feel right at first. It is hard to let go of the things of our past. We are packrats. But the future is glorious if Christ is all we own.

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