

# PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

The Lord shall reign forever!

Saturday, November 6	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 7	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, November 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, November 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Thursday, November 11	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, November 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, November 13	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY**

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Daniel:12:1-3:** The promise of God's coming and of eternal life.

**Hebrew:10:11-14, 18:** Jesus makes the perfect priestly sacrifice: himself.

**Mark:13:24-32:** Signs of the Messiah's coming.

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

**Saturday Evening Mass @ 5 pm**

**Four Sunday Masses @ 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am & 5 pm**

**Weekday Masses will be at 8 am & 7 pm (Mon)**

LORD  
✠ Bless those who have  
served our country

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To get tickets. You can go to [www.stritananakuli.org](http://www.stritananakuli.org) on the Banner line look "Mass Tickets" click it. You will see screen "Mass Tickets" click on **Obtain Mass Ticket through Event Brite.com here** you will then have a screen which has a picture of the front of the church "St. Rita Catholic Mass Tickets" click; on the next page will be in orange box which says "Select a date" select date and time you wish to get tickets. Please remember there a limited amount of seats due to social distancing. If you do not have a computer you may call the parish office between 10 am - 12 pm (Mon-Tue- Wed-Fri) for tickets

**We will continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr\\_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)**

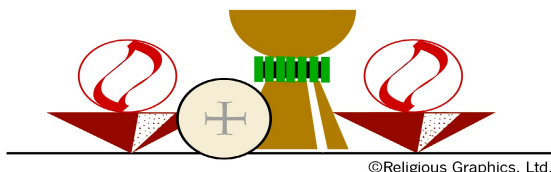
## Reflecting on God's Word

My earliest memory of a widow was Aunt Lizzie: white-haired, seemingly very old, but kindly. (I was four, so she was probably in her sixties then—how one's perspective on age changes with time!) She lived with my godmother and uncle, having contributed some of her savings to help them buy a house. My second memory was of Lana Turner playing The Merry Widow in the 1952 movie of the same name. Both were light years away, historically and culturally, from the widows in today's readings. The widows in biblical times were imperiled. If they did not have sons who would care for them, their very lives could be endangered. The widow in the first reading has a young son; she is collecting sticks to build a fire to prepare the last of her flour so they can eat and die. When Elijah asks her to prepare a cake for him, she generously does so—which proves to be her salvation. Later he even restores her son to life.

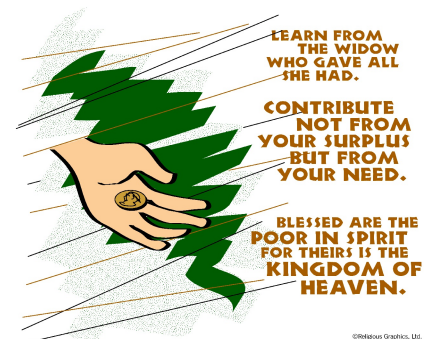
Jesus watches a widow put in her last—literally—two cents in the temple's coffers. He has previously warned about the scribes who "devour the houses of widows" while reciting lengthy prayers (Mark 12:40). Some say Jesus is lamenting the foolishness of this widow, like the prophets of the past who railed against the neglect of widows and orphans. But most think he is praising her generosity in giving "all she had, her whole livelihood" (12:44). Like her, Jesus will soon put all his trust in the Father.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS:** The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Beginning, **Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** the book of remembrance will be placed in the church where you may place your love ones's name and the parish will pray for all those who have died.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal 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." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing" [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Nov 7 Sun: 32<sup>ND</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs:17:10-16; Ps:146; Heb:9:24-28; Mk:12:38-44  
**Nov 8 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**  
Wis:1:1-7; Ps:139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk:17:1-6  
**Nov 9 Tue: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
Ezk:47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps:46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor:3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn:2:13-22  
**Nov 10 Wed: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor**  
Wis:6:1-11; Ps:82:3-4, 6-7; Lk:17:11-19  
**Nov 11 Thur: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
Wis:7:22b-8:1; Ps:119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk:17:20-25  
**Nov 12 Fri: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**  
Wis:13:1-9; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk:17:26-37  
**Nov 13 Sat: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**  
Wis:18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps:105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk:18:1-8

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus points out to his disciples the poor widow who has just dropped two simple copper coins into the temple treasury. He then delivers a teaching on stewardship. Despite her poverty, the poor widow in today's gospel does not refuse God her generosity. Out of her desperately impoverished life she contributes to an earthly institution to give God glory and praise. It is not the monetary value of the gift that was important, but the love, trust and gratitude expressed through the gift. The Gospel asks us similarly compelling stewardship questions: What do we value? In what or whom do we place our trust? How do our own contributions to our community of faith reflect our generosity toward God? (*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

Lord, teach us the true spirit of generosity

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## LATER ON

Lot of us dream of being generous someday. "If I had a little more income, I'd give more to charity." "If I had more time, I'd volunteer for the needy." "If I had better health, I'd get involved in the community." "If I made better grades, I could apply for a job."

But when we're short on time, money, or abilities, we are tempted not to share. "Why give up the little I have?" Or even, "Why share from my abundance? If I save more, I can give more later on." Later on. As if something will happen to make us less greedy and more generous than we are right now. When Elijah the prophet saw a widow gathering sticks in Zarephath, he asked her for a cup of water. Then he added, "Please bring along a bit of bread."

She replied, "I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug." She was collecting sticks to prepare food for herself and her son. "When we have eaten it, we shall die."

Elijah tells her to fix his food anyway. He promises that if she shares, "the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." So she shares, and she miraculously has enough to eat for a year.

When we give the little we have, we receive much more.

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Thursday, November 11  
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Wahiawa  
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

# PATRIOTIC ROSARY

[www.catholicahawaii.org/catholicscouting/rosary](http://www.catholicahawaii.org/catholicscouting/rosary)

OPTIONAL: Participate in the Wahiawa Lions Club "Mahalo Veterans" sign waving with Knights of Columbus Council 6302.  
Visit the website for more information.

**RSVP:**  
required



# The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## National Vocations Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate the 45th annual National Vocation Awareness Week from November 7-13, 2021. During this week, dioceses across the United States will hold events to foster an appreciation for vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

In his message for the 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis offered St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as a model for vocational discernment. "Amid all these upheavals, [St. Joseph] found the courage to follow God's will. So too in a vocation: God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say "yes" to God," he said, and exhorted the Church to look to St. Joseph as an "outstanding example of acceptance of God's plans."

*Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.*

## Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

