

# PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022

The Lord has revealed to the  
nations His saving power.

Saturday, October 8	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, October 9	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass ( <i>Live Stream</i> )
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, October 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed -Indigenous People's Day</b>
Tuesday, October 11	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, October 12	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 13	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, October 14	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, October 15	..... 10:00 a.m.	<b>Funeral Mass - Juliet Branigan (+)</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Ex:17:8-13:** When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well.

**2 Tm:3:14-4:2:** Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to sacred Scripture because God inspired it.

**Luke:18:1-18:** Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a persistent widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights.

**(Masks are optional but encouraged)**

**We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 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/)**

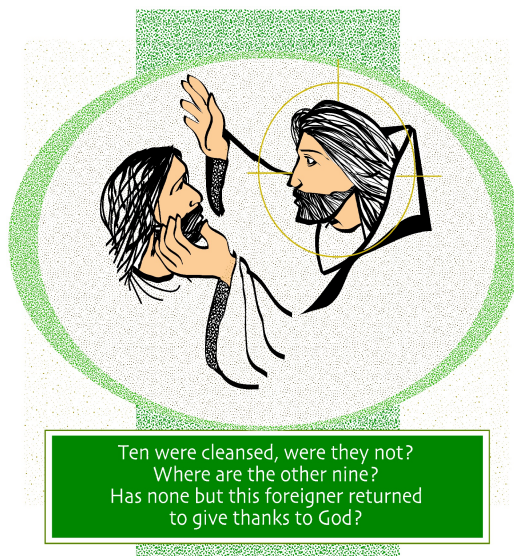
## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

When Jan's son and his buddies were given two weeks' notice to move out of their house, Jan proposed that they throw a cleaning/moving party. She provided the food, drinks, and cleaning supplies. They provided the music and the muscle. The party was a great success. The house got cleaned, the move was completed in one afternoon, and everyone went home happy. Later that week a thank-you card arrived from one of her son's housemates. "Thanks for the party, Jan. We couldn't have done it without you. You're the greatest. Adam."

Do we take the time to reflect back on each day or do we just keep moving on? Do we recognize the healing in our lives or focus only on the suffering? Do we realize that "we couldn't have done it without" God or do we attribute our successes to good luck or our own hard work? Do we, like Naaman and the Samaritan leper, make it a habit to express our thanks to God in public praise and in lives of service?

—Virginia Stillwell

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY:** Welcome back, St Rita families! Our Comprehensive Youth Ministry staff is excited to reinstate regular Sunday morning meetings starting October 9th after the 9 am Mass. Please stop by to say hello, register your children, enjoy some snacks, play games, and get more information on Sacramental prep and Youth Ministry events. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/StRitaCYM](http://www.tinyurl.com/StRitaCYM) or pick up a form at the back of the church. Mahalo!

**WORD OF LIFE:** “An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best “shelter” them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care).” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End”

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Oct 09 Sun: 26<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Am:8:4-7; Ps:113; 1 Tim:2:1-8; Lk:16:1-13

**Oct 10 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps:113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Lk:11:29-32

**Oct 11 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:5:1-6; Ps:119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk:11:37-41

**Oct 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Gal:5:18-25; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:11:42-46

**Oct 13 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Eph:1:1-10; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk:11:47-54

**Oct 14 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Eph:1:11-14; Ps:33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk:12:1-7

**Oct 15 Sat: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Eph:1:15-23; Ps:8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:12:8-12

## GLIDING INTO A HOLE

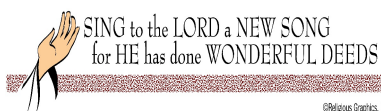
At the end of a hard day’s work, at the beginning of a tough month, in the middle of a difficult season — some people feel like quitting. But they cannot. They have to keep on working, even in the face of failure. Like rowers slipping downstream when they strive to paddle up, they see no progress. But if they stop, it only gets worse. Often it is debt that saps our energy. We get deeper into trouble, and there seems no way out.

Rule number one for getting out of a hole is simple: Quit digging. Even in the Christian life we all go through times of despair. Our prayer does not seem what it used to be. We are not as faithful at attending church as we would like. The feasts and seasons drift by without acknowledgment. Kindness to a neighbor seems unappealing.

Some people let their faith glide into a hole that seems unfathomable. They do not know what to do.

The Second Letter of Timothy knows what to do: “Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David.” Jesus was the Son of God, but he was also human, a descendant of David. He was human like us. And he was raised from the dead. Remember that. “If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him.” He remains faithful to us if we open our hearts to him and remember.

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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today’s Gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with leprosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions could change one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. Do we walk in faith, offering the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances? **(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

## THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

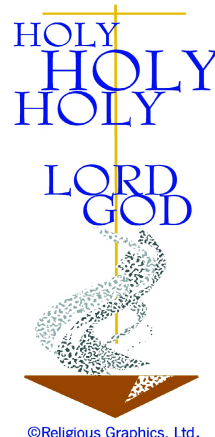
You expect your family and friends to help you. You expect church and society to help you. But you do not expect help from strangers, from people of other nations, and especially not from enemies.

The help we receive from God always delights us. But when it comes through an unexpected source, it brings special delight. Naaman was a leper who sought a cure. He sought help from Elisha the prophet. But Naaman was a Syrian, not among the children of Israel. Elisha had little or nothing to do with Syrians. But God inspired Elisha to help Naaman. Elisha ignored the nationality and focused on the illness. At his command, Naaman washed in the Jordan River seven times. He came out healed. Naaman decided he would no longer worship any other god in Syria. He would worship only Israel’s God.

The help we give strangers proclaims the Gospel. In acting charitably toward others, we bring Christ to them, even to those who have not yet met Christ.

When we receive the kindness of strangers, we learn how Christ is at work in the world in places we did not imagine. The miracle of charity proclaims the universality of God’s work.

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