

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

Our soul waits for the Lord!

Saturday, October 16	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, October 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, October 18	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, October 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, October 20	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Thursday, October 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, October 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, October 23	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jeremiah:31:7-9: Jeremiah delivers God's promise of restoration to Israel.

Hebrew:5:1-6: Jesus Christ is the perfect high priest uniting God and humans.

Mark:10:46-52: The healing of blind Bartimaeus.

(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)



To get tickets. You can go to 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/

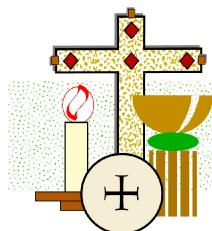
Reflecting on God's Word

The text of this weekend's Isaiah reading speaks of a servant whose suffering and afflictions are borne for the many. Father Daniel Berrigan once said that the call of the disciple of Jesus is to absorb evil. Not very glorious, indeed, for servants absorb the leftovers of the household's extravagance. Those at the bottom of life's pyramid absorb the muck; swamps and lowlands absorb the runoff of life's fields. Just so parents absorb our tears. And those who forgive absorb the blow. As the warrior absorbs the enemy's hate, so the conscientious objector absorbs the need for revenge. So also the embrace absorbs our fears, justice absorbs mistrust, love absorbs the distance of hearts, and the sharing of bread absorbs the memory of pain. In such ways God makes the world new.

The fear, and perhaps the sadness as well, is that in absorbing the evil of life we do become at least to some extent that which we absorb. Then those who gaze upon us do so as if we ourselves were afflicted and diseased. Then those who minister to dying AIDS patients are themselves eyed with suspicion and fear. Then the conscientious objector is expelled by the patriot, and the selfless warrior is cast off into indifference by the righteous purist. Then the Alzheimer caregiver is forgotten; the one who forgives the abuse is revenged; and the one who combats poverty with generosity grows poorer while the hoarder is glorified. And, contradiction of contradictions, the crucified Christ becomes the Christ who reigns. And so we become like him.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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**we have a great high priest
Jesus, son of God**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MYPARISH APP: Have you tried the St. Rita myParish app? It is available for iPhone and Android phones and provides information for St. Rita Nānākuli church, and also other churches you may visit. The app is handy for rosary, current readings, messages, bulletins and more. Go to www.myparish.com for info and download or type in "myParish" on your phone's app store to download.

CHAMINADE SCHOLARS PROGRAM: If you are a high school senior and attend a Catholic parish, you could be eligible to receive up to 75% off tuition, through the Chaminade Scholars Program. For more information please refer to the poster on the bulletin board in the church or contact Chaminade at 808-735-4711 or www.chaminade.edu

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

WORD OF LIFE: "Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. . . . Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen." USCCB, "Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life" www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 17 Sun: 29TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:53:10-11; Ps:33; Heb:4:14-16; Mk:10:35-45

Oct 18 Mon: Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tim:4:10-17b; Ps:145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk:10:1-9

Oct 19 Tue: Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom:5:17-19, 20b-21; Ps:40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 17; Lk:12:35-38

Oct 20 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:6:12-18; Ps:124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk:12:39-48

Oct 21 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

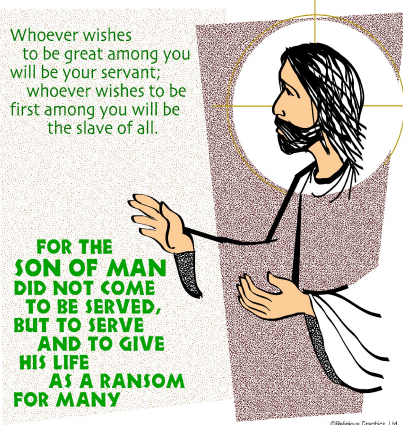
Rom:6: 19-23; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:12:49-53

Oct 22 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:7:18-25a; Ps:119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk:12: 54-59

Oct 23 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:8:1- 11; Ps:24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk:13:1-9



NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples that whoever wishes to be great among them must be a servant, just as he came to be a servant. Good stewards know that their "greatness" is found in God, and is affirmed by serving heart, a Spirit-filled life, a humble walk and a commitment to acting in ways that glorify God. The "greatness" we feel about ourselves is rooted in a proper view of God in our lives and proper view of our place in creation. It is from here that we derive our sense of identity and our belief that human life is particularly valuable. Not to be a servant of the Gospel and others would be poor stewardship. In what ways do we serve the Gospel in our daily lives? (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 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

COMMUNION IN SUFFERING

The mystery of human suffering haunts every life. No one likes to endure suffering. We feel better about it if it produces some good. But for those who suffer needlessly and pointlessly, life seems bitter.

The prophet Isaiah speaks words that offer little consolation. "The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity." That sounds like our worst nightmare. It sounds like God took pleasure in crushing someone with illness. It appears to support the perverse belief that God takes delight in human suffering. But Isaiah goes on. God has given a task to those burdened with miseries. If they give their lives as an offering, they shall obtain their reward. God can work wonders through the heavy-hearted who place themselves at the service of others. If someone else has the same sorrows we have, we can give them hope. Our weakness shows them that they are not alone. All humans share the same condition, a condition that leads to life through death.

Not everyone can bear burdens with hope. But infirmity need not bring despair. It can be a source of connection with others, an occasion for insight into the meaning of life, and a glimpse at the pleasure of God.

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