

# PARISH CALENDAR

Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.



Saturday, October 22	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, October 23	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, October 24	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, October 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, October 26	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 27	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	... 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Drive thru Feeding
Friday, October 28	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Saturday, October 29	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Wis:11:22-12:2: The Lord, who can do all things, spares all things. God's imperishable spirit is in all things.**  
**2 Thes:1:11-2:2: The name of Christ is to be glorified in you and you in him.**  
**Lk:19:1-10: When Jesus passed through Jericho, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree in order to see him.**

**(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

*It's not that the Pharisee's prayer is a bad prayer. It starts out well: "O God, I thank you . . ." Gratitude is good. But then it gets into boasting: "I am not like the rest of humanity . . . I fast . . . I pay tithes" (Luke 18:11, 12). It's a Little Jack Horner prayer. Remember the old nursery rhyme that ends with Jack saying, "What a good boy am I!"? The Pharisee's prayer is all about him and what he does, all the while gauging the distance between himself and the rest of humankind.*

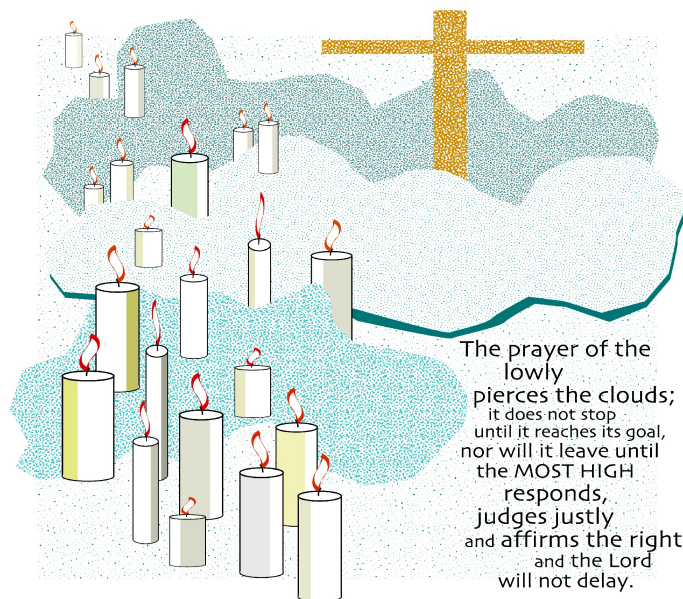
*In contrast, the tax collector "stood off at a distance" with bowed head, beating his breast and saying, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (18:13). He knows who he is and who God is and what God alone can do for him. No repetitive "I," no swelling ego there, just a repentant figure, one who asks to receive what only God can give—mercy.*

*Jesus tells this story "to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else" (18:9). How do we hear it? It acknowledges God who makes us "just," that is, who helps us to be in proper relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation.*

*Sirach reminds us that our just God hears the cry of the oppressed, the wail of the orphan, the complaint of the widow, the petition of those who serve God willingly, and the prayer of the lowly. These folks allow room for God to enter their minds and hearts, and then all kinds of things can begin to happen, both within and all around them.*

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not stop until it reaches its goal, nor will it leave until the MOST HIGH responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: TODAY IS WORLD

**MISSION SUNDAY.** We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



**From the Office for Social Ministry:** "Make mental health for all a global priority" is the 2022 theme of World Mental Health month. This special worldwide effort is an opportunity for parishes to help mobilize support for individuals experiencing mental health issues plus promote and pray for the wellness for the whole community.

Mental Health America of Hawaii is providing a variety of virtual one-hour training sessions in the months of October and November, **FREE OF CHARGE. The sessions begin at 12 Noon and end at 1:00 PM. They are:**

### **October 25, 2022 LIVE YOUR LIFE WELL**

This training will help you to understand the consequences of stress and importance to focus on healthy relationships and self-care.

### **November 2, 2022 COLLEGE MENTAL HEALTH**

Learn the importance for college students to acknowledge sources of stress and anxiety and ways to practice coping skills to improve mental health.

For details about the sessions, background of the trainers and to register, please go to

<https://mentalhealthhawaii.org/online-trainings/> . Mahalo and malama pono.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in our heart may not yet have healed. . . . But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. . . . The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." *Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### **Oct 23 Sun: 30<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir:35:12-14, 16-18; Ps:34; 2 Tim:4:6-8, 16-18; Lk:18:9-14

### **Oct 24 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Eph:4:32-5:8; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:13:10-17

### **Oct 25 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Eph:5:21-33; Ps:128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk:13:18-21

### **Oct 26 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Eph:6:1-9; Ps:145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk:13:22-30

### **Oct 27 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Eph:6:10-20; Ps:144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk:13:31-35

### **Oct 28 Fri: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Eph:2:19-22; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5; Lk:6:12-16

### **Oct 29 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Phil:1:18b-26; Ps:42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk:14:1, 7-11

## Living God's Word



We pray that God will give us the grace of humility when we pray, the ability to recognize who God is and who we are, to trust that God will give us what we most need, to be thankful for what we have received more than what we have achieved.

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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to himself." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a payer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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## THE GOOD FIGHT

We all admire people who hold their ground in the face of all opposition. They overcome the odds. They recover from poorly placed trust. They talk like they make sense to themselves even if no one agrees. They believe strongly, not weakly. They have values and principles. They think the world should be another way. They keep their vision alive in the midst of criticism and ridicule.

When someone like that dies, you will hear people say, "She fought the good fight." Or he did. It is a wonderful expression. It implies that life was a struggle, but the struggle was worth it, and that this person engaged in the struggle to the end. "He fought the good fight."

This expression comes from the Second Letter to Timothy, where it is heard today in a slightly different form: "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." To be able to say that is a great testimony. "I have fought the good fight."

It means that faith is a struggle, but worth it. It means we have faced opposition. We may not have won the race, but we finished it.

When we persevere in our struggles, it does not go unnoticed. Even if we never achieve all our goals, we have achieved the struggle, and that brings its own reward. It may not feel as satisfying, but it impresses a lot of other people. And it pleases God.

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will be humbled and  
whoever humbles himself  
will be exalted!

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