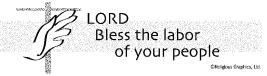


# PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

O Lord, you are good  
and forgiving!



Saturday, Aug 31	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, Sep 1	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, Sep 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
		<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, Sep 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, Sep 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Sep 5	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Sep 6	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Sep 7	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Wisdom:9:13-18b: Who can understand the mind of God?**  
**Philemon: 9-10, 12-17: Receive this former slave as a welcome brother.**  
**Luke:14:25-33: Renounce all and follow Jesus**

*When Ben Sirach recommends humility, he is doing more than urging worldly discretion. Rather he is reminding us that the humble life “finds favor with God.” Only the humble person, whose eyes are not filled with self, can see that there is more to life than meets the eye, that the world is charged with the “sublime,” that God is afoot. Thus, Sirach’s call for humility as the stance to be taken before God is not a call to become milquetoasts. Indeed, human beings are not supposed to blend into the woodwork or act as wallflowers when it comes to their dealings with God. Sirach wants us to understand, however, that putting ourselves “forward” in God’s eyes is different from doing so in the eyes of people. God remains absolutely unimpressed with the proud or high and mighty. It is humility—our right relationship before God—that attracts the divine attention.*

*The people at the party described in the Gospel, the Pharisees, had to know these words of Ben Sirach, and Jesus knew that they knew. And yet there they were, trampling humility underfoot as they jockeyed for the best seat in the house. These folk were supposedly the sages of Jesus’ day. They were supposed to be the folks who could see reality as it really was, and more than that, who could look beyond and see what underpinned reality. These were people who knew the place of the Law and the place of everyone within it. And yet there they were, scrambling over one another, clearly not knowing their place. No wonder Jesus was amused and upset and saddened by their antics. No wonder Jesus realized that the only wise thing to do was to put them in their place. It doesn’t seem likely that the section from the Letter to the Hebrews that serves as today’s second reading was chosen to parallel Sirach and the Gospel. Oddly enough, however, it seems to do just that. The passage puts us—Christians—in our place. It reminds us that the Church began not on the crest of a mountain through blazing fire, storm, and trumpet blast, but at the foot of a cross through water and blood that flowed from the side of Christ. Humble beginnings, indeed.*

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**Those who  
exalt  
themselves  
will be  
humbled  
and those who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: ("Off the Bench and into the Game")** *Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection fo the Lord Catholic Church in Waipahu* for inspirational talks by Dallas Carter and Tito Montes. The Conference is from **8 am to 5 pm** and includes breakfast and lunch. The conference cost is **\$25 per man** and can be paid in advance on Eventbrite, or at the door. The minimum age for this conference is 18. Contact Dewey Arakawa (808)4288543 or [ddaarakawa@gmail.com](mailto:ddaarakawa@gmail.com).

**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.** *2019 Nurturing Seeds of FAITH. Conference will be held at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa School. KEYNOTE: Truth, Love, Science and the Word of God.* You can register online or Registration forms are at the back of Church. Registration deadline is **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. ANTHONY RETREAT CENTER PRESENTS: *Praying with The Saints of Kalupapa:*** St. Damien, St. Marianne, Brother Joseph Dutton, *Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am -3 pm at Rose Hill (St. Anthony Retreat Center).* Join Sr. Alicia Damien Lau, OSF, Fr. Bill Petrie, SS. CC., and Sr. Marie Lemert, SS. CC., in prayer and reflection with these holy ones who cared for Jesus "in distressing disguise". A light lunch will be served. Suggested donation \$25. Register with Sr. Ivy 808-845-0065 by **September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**WORD OF LIFE:** "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." *USCC Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sep 1 Sun: 22<sup>ND</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Sir:3:17-18, 20, 28-29 ; Ps:68; Heb:12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk:14:1, 7-14*

**Sep 2 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**  
*1 The:4:13-18; Ps:96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk:4:16-30*

**Sep 3 Tue: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

*1 The:5:1-6, 9-11; Ps:27:1 4, 13-14; Lk:4:31-37*

**Sep 4 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

*Col:1:1-8; Ps:52: 10, 11; Lk:4:38-44*

**Sep 5 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

*Col:1:9-14; Ps:98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk:5:1-11*

**Sep 6 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

*Col:1:15-20; Ps:100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk:5:33-39*

**Sep 7 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

*Col:1:21-23; Ps:54: 3-4, 6 & 8; Lk:6:1-5*

## The Right Place

Today's readings are a call to reflect on where we stand in relationship to God and others. We may think that we're in pretty good shape, that we "deserve" honor and credit for who we are and what we do. If so, today's readings just may knock us down a peg and cause us to reconsider our position. They may force us to discover just what is our right place. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Learn from the Lord  
who is meek and  
humble of heart

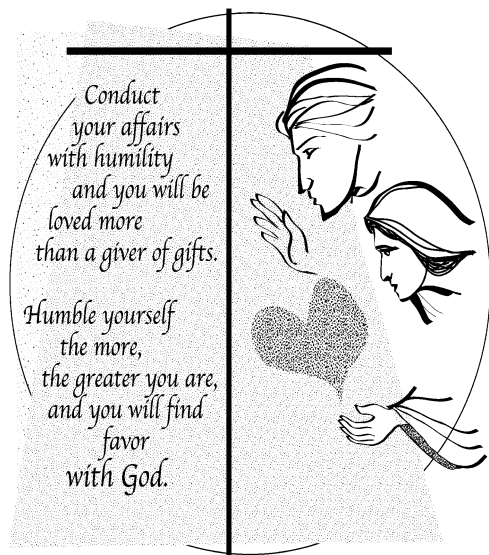
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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER:** *Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama I k Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (A call to Stewardship in the Catholic Church in Hawaii)*

## REFLECTION

Given the first reading's emphasis on humility, it seems pretty clear that the Church chose today's Gospel to focus our attention on the humility required of a guest. But Jesus' words are always filled with surprises. We know that one of Jesus' favorite images of God was that of an extravagant, indiscriminate host, who welcomes one and all to his table and who ultimately will welcome all to the everlasting banquet of the Kingdom. Contrast that image with the one given by the host at the party Luke describes. Not a very pleasant comparison, is it? If God were like the host in the banquet described in today's Gospel—if God were a discriminating host—then, when it came to sharing the banquet of eternal life, most of us would not find ourselves on the guest list. Jesus, however, reminds us that if we are humble guests, we will be ushered into the banquet by a humble host. Jesus goes even further. He says that our humility will prompt our humble host to say to us, "My friend, move up to a higher position." We will become even closer to God. The distinction between guest and host blurs, not in the sense of essence or nature—we won't become gods!—but the difference between us, the gap that separates us, will close. Then both we, as guests, and God, as host, will be able to revel in the humble but magnificent gifts we have to share.



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