

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Saturday, September 4	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 5	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
	..... 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday, September 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wednesday, September 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday, September 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Friday, September 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, September 11	..... 10:00-12 pm	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
		Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah:35:4-7a: God will come with healing.

James:2:1-5: Show no partiality among yourselves.

Mark:7:31-37: Jesus heals the deaf and mute man.

(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

Perhaps you saw the movie The King's Speech about the future king of England, George VI, whose speech impediment was so severe that it reduced him to tears of anger and humiliation. His wife, Elizabeth, found a speech therapist who was able to help him by using some unorthodox methods, such as rolling around on the floor, cursing, and singing. It is a profoundly moving experience when King George finally addresses his people over the radio and delivers a speech flawlessly, giving courage to his people on the eve of World War II.

The story in this Gospel tells us how Jesus helped a man to find his voice. The man whose tongue Jesus touched with his spittle (an element believed to ward off demons) came to speak "plainly." Another word for "plainly" would be "rightly," in the sense of correctly or truly. "Be opened!" Jesus says, and it happens (Mark 7:34). The man then spoke the truth of what Jesus did for him, and honored him.

As we hold firm to our faith in the Lord, Jesus calls us to both speak and act "rightly" in the eyes of the world, caring for those who have little and treating them with the same dignity as those who have much. We are called to imitate Jesus by reaching out tenderly to touch those who have been wounded by life and burdened by the rejection of others. Helping others to hear the sound of love can be done in many quiet ways and with little fanfare.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: Next weekend, the arch/diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D. C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Learn more at: www.collection.catholic.edu.

WORD OF LIFE: "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion" www.respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 05 Sun: 23RD Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa:35:4-7a; Ps:146; Jam:2:1-5; Mk:7:31-37

Sep 06 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Col:1:24-2:3; Ps:62:6-7, 9; Lk:6:6-11

Sep 07 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Col:2:6-15; Ps:145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk:6:12-19

Sep 08 Wed: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mic:5:1-4a or Rom:8:28-30; Ps:13:6ab, 6c; Mt:1:1-16, 18-23

Sep 09 Thur: Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col:3:12-17; Ps:150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:6:27-38

Sep 10 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Tim:1:1-2, 12-14; Ps:16:1b-2a, & 5, 7-8, 11; Lk:6:39-42

Sep 11 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1 Tim:1:15-17; Ps:113:1b-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7; Lk:6:43-49

FEAR NOT

The uncontrollable forces of nature cause uncontrollable fear. Illness is an inconvenience. If we cannot overcome it, it can make us fear the future. A natural disaster can cause destruction and harm. If we cannot control it, we fear it could happen again. We experience fear when we do not understand the sources of infirmity or when we cannot control the future. God spoke through Isaiah to Israel, "Fear not." The blind, the deaf, the lame, and the mute suffered uncontrollable infirmities. But God is stronger than disability, and God is coming to save. The desert yielded no water. It offered no chance for crops to grow or life to thrive. But God is stronger than death, and God is coming to save. In moments of fear, it may help to remember the source of our strength. God is the author of creation. God is our destiny in redemption. All creation suffers weakness, and imperfection causes fear. But creation is not equal to the Creator. The Creator knows no weakness. The Creator knows no fear. The fear we feel need not overpower us. The one who made us, sustains us, and calls us home gives strength when we are weak. Lectionary Bulletin

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Those who love
the LORD will
be heirs to
the Kingdom

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom. (Our Sunday Visitor)

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

GETTING TO KNOW THE POOR

If a beautiful person walks past you, you may do a double take. It's human. When you make new friends at school, you'll try first the ones with an attractive appearance. And if you hear that someone is rich, you'll want to get to know that person. We're always curious to know who has money and to become their friends—just in case. Even at church, we probably give more attention to those who have than we do to those who have not. It's human. And it's wrong. The Letter to James cannot stand this hypocrisy. "If a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, "James knows what will happen. You'll pay more attention to the rich than you will to the poor. If we do that, we 'become judges with evil designs." James appeals to us on behalf of the poor. "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" The poor often have a deeper faith, a stronger dependence on God, and keener insight into the Spirit than do the rich. We owe them our respect. When you have the opportunity, don't try to meet someone with money. Get to know someone who has less. You will receive a greater reward. . . Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year B © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass ©2001, CCD

The ears
of the deaf
will be
opened
and the
tongue of
those who
are mute
will sing.

the prophet
Isaiah



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Respect Life Coordinators and Team Members Mini-Retreat

St Elizabeth's Church

99-321 Moanalua Road

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Saturday September 18, 2021

7:00 AM Mass to 12 Noon

Prayer, Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Directed by RLM Spiritual Director Sr Meristella Umdor, MSMHC

*Lite Breakfast and Lunch Provided



Opening Rally Mass

St Theresa's Co Cathedral

712 N. School Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

Saturday September 25, 2021

8:00 AM Mass

Followed by Opening Rally

Starting 9:00 AM

in front of

Planned Parenthood

839 S. Beretania Street,

Honolulu, HI 96813