

## PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

Lord, open my lips and my  
mouth shall proclaim your praise!

Saturday, September 10	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 11	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass ( <i>Live Stream</i> )
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 12	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, September 13	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 14	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 15	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Friday, September 16	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Saturday, September 17	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Am:8:4-7:** Amos the prophet of God warned that greedy people who cheat the poor or take advantage of other's misfortune do not escape God's justice.

**1 Tim:1:1-8:** Paul urged Timothy to preach truth and justice.

**Luke:16:1-13:** Jesus encouraged his disciples to have an enterprising spirit.

**(Masks are optional but encouraged)**



**We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a. m. @ <https://www.sritananakuli.org/livestream> or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr\\_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)**

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Rita Parish Ohana...are you interested in hearing about the progress that has been made by the building committee? Please join us on **Sunday, October 2nd after the 9:00 Mass** for a parish town hall. The town hall will also be streamed live on Facebook for our Parishioners who can't make it in person. We will answer your questions, provide all the details of what has been accomplished so far and what our next steps are. We also encourage you to continue making donations designated to the building fund. All donations to the building fund are exempt from the Diocesan assessment, so 100% of your building fund donation is utilized only for our project. Mahalo for your continued support!

### REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

*Writing, it seems, is mostly about waiting, though most of us tend to think of it as a pen-in-hand sort of thing, or a fingers-on-the-keyboard activity. Eventually it does come to that, but much of the time before can be spent waiting. Some would say it's waiting for the muse to show, or imagination to kick in, or for the idea to float free.*

*Anyone who has ever tried to do some writing—a description of what it's like to fall in love or a piece of poetry or an attempt to share the meandering path of a soul's journey—knows that such writing takes a great deal of waiting before it can happen, if indeed it ever happens at all. And sometimes when it does happen, it feels more like being found than it does like succeeding. Many of the inner pieces of our lives seem to be like that. Discovering one's calling, falling in love, faith and the conversion that gives rise to it, recognizing the gifts sewn into the hems and cuffs of our lives—they all seem to find us rather than the other way around. Sometimes it's even in spite of our own efforts. Sometimes they feel like the very work and intention of the Divine One. The scriptures are filled with stories of God doing the finding, even when we didn't know we'd been lost. That's the way it is with us and God—so often being found without even asking.*

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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Give peace, O LORD,  
to those who wait for you

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELP NEEDED WITH 9 AM LIVE STREAM:** Do you have time to help with Live Stream Broadcast, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we are looking for assistance with the set-up and monitoring the camera's and sounds of the Live Stream camera during the 9:00 a. m., Mass, training will be provided. Please see Mele or call the Parish Office.

**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:** This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the 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 future Catholic leaders, both 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 crisis in the Church, 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 to the University is serving the Church and nation scan the QR code on the provide envelopes or visit:

[www.futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org](http://www.futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org), to learn more.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." USCCB "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sep 11 Sun: 24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex:32:7-11-13-14; Ps:51; 1 Tim:1:12-17; Lk:15:1-32

**Sep 12 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

1 Cor:11:17-26, 33; Ps:40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk:7:1-10

**Sep 13 Tue: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor:12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps:100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk:7:11-17

**Sep 14 Wed: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Num:21:4b-9; Ps:78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phi:2:6-11;

Jn:3:13-17

**Sep 15 Thur: Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Cor:15:1-11; Ps:118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn:19:25-27,

**Sep 16 Fri: Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs**

1 Cor:15:12-20; Ps:17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b & 15; Lk:8:1-3

**Sep 17 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

1 Cor:15:35-37, 42-49; Ps:56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk:8:4-15

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Among the primary themes in today's Gospel when we hear Jesus' well-known parable of the Prodigal Son is forgiveness and the need to repent. But from a stewardship point of view what is also interesting is one of the secondary themes: the failure to use responsibly the gifts that have been so generously bestowed. The youngest son who demanded his inheritance and left home broke no laws or religious commandments. His wrongdoing was that he wasted his inherited wealth, the abundant gifts given to him. His sin was in his extravagant living; squandering his gifts in pursuit of selfish pleasures. Good stewards acknowledge that everything they have comes from God, and they are required to cultivate these gifts responsibly. What are our God-given gifts? Do we use them responsibly? Do we exercise good stewardship over them? (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 website [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**

## GUILTY AS SIN

Sometimes we are more guilty of ignorance than of sin. We did not know that we were offending someone else. We were not aware we were breaking local rules. We did not know we were hurting ourselves. We did not realize God would be displeased. We do not always mean to do something wrong. Sometimes we do the wrong thing out of ignorance.

Other times, though, we sin. We deliberately choose what is wrong. We talk ourselves into it for what seems like a good reason — it's easier, no one will know, it will be fun, I deserve it. But we choose what is wrong. We know it's wrong, and we do it.

At the time it may feel all right. But later we experience remorse. The guilt of our sins sits with us more than the enjoyment they so briefly extend. What can restore our peace? Forgiveness. And that is why Jesus came. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," says the First Letter to Timothy. Jesus did not come into the world to punish sinners but to save them. The author of the letter gives this personal testimony: "I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him." Whether we are guilty of ignorance or sin, Jesus has come to save us. This we believe. For this we give glory.

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