

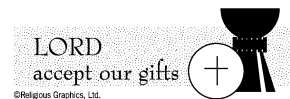
# PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

Give us peace, Lord!

Saturday, Sep 14	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Sep 15	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, Sep 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, Sep 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, Sep 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Sep 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Sep 20	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Sep 21	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Amos:8:4-7: God challenges those who cheat the needy.**

**1 Timothy: 2:1-8: We are to pray for all.**

**Luke:16:1-13: God forgives our debt; we should forgive others**

### **LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 80s SEEKING FORGIVENESS**

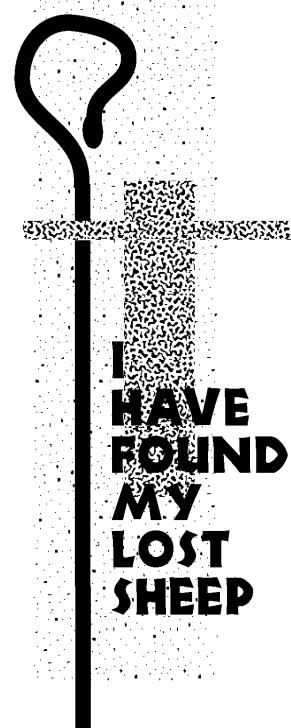
The Gospel reading for this Sunday is well known to many of us. It is the Parable of the Prodigal Son, that exhibits how we are given free will from our father and even when we abuse it, he lovingly forgives and accepts us back into communion with him.

So many times we do something that we perceive to be so bad that God will not forgive us for it. Just like the prodigal son we resolve we deserve to suffer and don't seek reconciliation with our heavenly father. As the parable so vividly depicts the son's request for forgiveness and the father's accept serves as a model for the joy the sacrament of reconciliation brings.

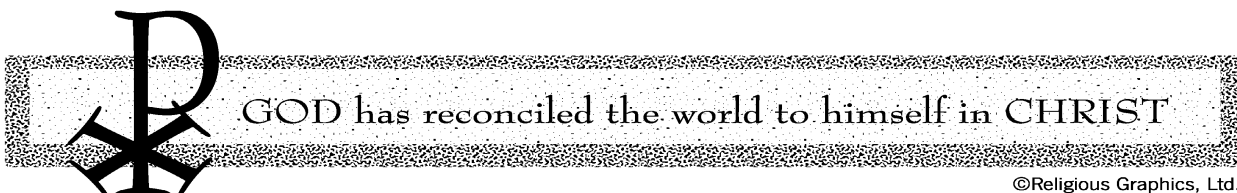
In our faith tradition we have many contemporary models for seeking forgiveness of sin through an examination of conscience, penance and absolution. Most notably we have St. Damien of Moloka'i who yearned for the opportunity so much he even shouted his sins to his confessor on the open sea.

So this week, using the Ignatian practice of the Examen, search your soul for anything that you need forgiveness for and make a plan to go to confession so you too can experience the joy that reconciliation with God brings. E `imi I ke kala `ia

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

**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:** "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance" (LK 15:7)" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Sep 15 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 16 Mon: Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop**

1 Tim:2:1-8; Ps:28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk:7:1-10

**Sep 17 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

1 Tim:3:1-13; Ps:101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk:7:11-17

**Sep 18 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

1 Tim:3:14-16; Ps:111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:7:31-35

**Sep 19 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

1 Tim:4:12-16; Ps:111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk:7:36-50

**Sep 20 Fri: Saint Andrew Kim Tai-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions**

1 Tim:6:2c-12; Ps:49: 6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk:8:1-3

**Sep 21 Sat: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Eph:4:1-7, 11-13; Ps:19: 2-3, 4-4; Mt:9:9-13

### **Forgiveness**

The forgiveness of God permeates every inch of today's liturgy. The forgiveness of God is the core of our faith. We survive because of it. Forgiveness sustains us like no other fare. It can't be categorized or understood in any logical way, for it is not logical for the all-perfect God to forgive us imperfect creatures. That is why forgiveness is a total tonic that restores all whom sin and failure have led astray. It restores our future to us and banishes all fear. It rescues us when we are lost.

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God will not spurn  
a heart that is contrite  
and humble

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## NOTE 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)

### REFLECTION

Since today's readings teach us many things, perhaps it's a good idea to try to focus on just one: obstinacy. The angry God we encounter in Exodus is upset because the people are so obdurate, so thick! They just don't get it. God has rescued them, fed them, led them, made covenant with them, and there they are bowing down before some bovine. The God we meet in the Letter to Timothy is the God who turned the stiff-necked Pharisee Saul/Paul's head once and for all. The God we meet in the Gospel acts contrary to conventional housekeeping, animal husbandry, and parental rights. This God is telling us not to be so thick, so stiff-necked, so tough on others. God forgives the Israelites even after they blatantly break the first law of the Decalogue. God forgives Paul even though he has ruthlessly persecuted the Christ. God forgives the repentant sinner, no matter how prodigal that forgiveness may seem to those who want to condemn. God forgives the stiff-necked, the obdurate, the thick, the sinner. Lucky for the stiff-necked, the obdurate, the thick, and the sinners. Lucky for us. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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