

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

Praise the Lord,
who lifts up the poor.



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| Saturday, September 17 | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sunday, September 18 | 7:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Mass (Live Stream) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. | R. C. I. A Class - Church |
| Monday, September 19 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Tuesday, September 20 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Finance Council Meeting (Virtual) |
| Wednesday, September 21 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Thursday, September 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Friday, September 23 | 8:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| Saturday, September 24 | 10:00-12 pm | Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St. |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Am:6:1a, 4-7: Amos, God's prophet, rejected the individualist, consumerist values of lazy, greedy and unjust people who ignore the rights of the poor.

1 Tim:6:11-16: Paul exhorted Timothy to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

Luke:16:19-31: Jesus tells the story about the rich man and Lazarus so that his listeners would repent and put their faith in God.

(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/

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

When Jacob Marley appears to Ebenezer Scrooge at the beginning of A Christmas Carol, he wears a long chain, clasped around his middle, "made of cash-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought in steel." He tells Scrooge that he wears the chain he forged in life, and now he wanders the earth because in life his spirit never went beyond "the narrow limits of our money-changing hole." Old Marley's life had been about money until it ended; now he pays the price.

Luke calls on his community to consider its use of money. In today's parable a steward has been caught squandering his master's property. Seeing that his days are numbered, the steward acts quickly to ensure that he will have friends at the end. Surprisingly, the master commends him for "acting prudently." Jesus then comments that the children of this world have more gumption than the children of light, using their money to make friends.

Three other comments follow: Use money to make friends for eternity; trustworthiness in small matters and earthly wealth will lead to being trusted with true wealth, i.e. God's kingdom; and you have to choose between God and "mammon" (whatever holds your deepest trust other than God). In a nutshell, use your money to serve; allow God to save.

Jesus is in line with the prophet Amos, who castigates the businessmen of his day for cheating the poor and needy. God is on the side of these little ones. They are the ones we are to befriend by using our money for their good. Jesus, who came as a "ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:4), is our true wealth.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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Christ became poor so that by his poverty
we might become rich

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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.

FOOD PANTRY: Do you have old/unused reusable shopping bags? The Food Pantry is in need of them, the pantry can no longer use plastic bags for our food distribution. A box will be place in the back of church for your old/unused reusable shopping bags. Mahalo!

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: Thank you for your generous support last week of the collection for The Catholic University of America! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Scan the QR code on the provide envelopes or visit: www.futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org, "Give Now".

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)*." *NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion"

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 18 Sun: 25TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am:8:4-7; Ps:113; 1 Tim:2:1-8; Lk:16:1-13

Sep 19 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Prv:3:27-34; Ps:15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk:8:16-18

Sep 20 Tue: Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions

Prv:21:1-6, 10-13; Ps:119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk:8:19-21

Sep 21 Wed: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph:4:1-7, 11-13; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5; Mt:9:9-13

Sep 22 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Eccl:1:2-11; Ps:90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc; Lk:9:7-9

Sep 23 Fri: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Eccl:3:1-11; Ps:144:1b & 2abc, 3-4; Lk:9:18-22

Sep 24 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Eccl:11:9-12:8; Ps:90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Lk:9:43b-45

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In Jesus' parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master's wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God's favor. (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 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

PRAYING FOR AUTHORITY

Our list of people to pray for is pretty long. We pray for members of our family. We pray for friends. We pray for the sick. We remember the dying. We also ask God to care for the dead. We know people in financial trouble, parents with difficult children, and children with difficult parents. We even pray for our sports team to win. Whenever there is a need, we are happy to pray. We cannot always solve someone else's problem, but we can pray for them and lend our voice to the chorus appealing for God's ear.

The First Letter to Timothy thinks such prayers are a good idea. "I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone." So the Bible approves the idea of praying for others.

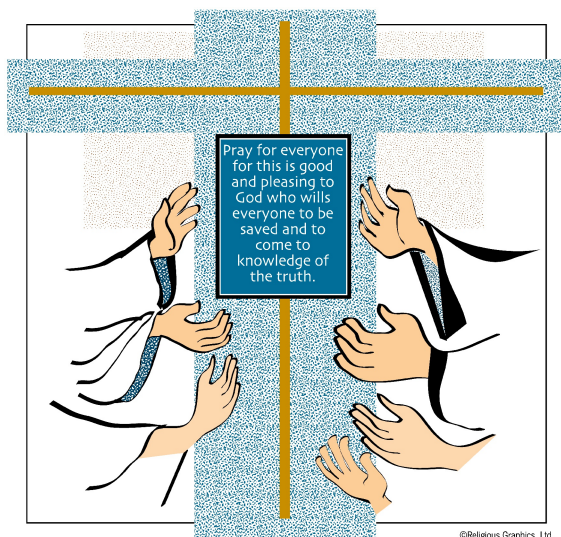
But it is a little surprising to hear what comes next. Next comes an example of whom we should pray for. It is not the sick. It is not the family. It is not even the poor. Prayers should first be offered "for kings and for all in authority." Say what? "Kings and all in authority."

There is a reason: "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity."

People in public office need our prayers more than we realize. We need them to govern so that they help us lead a tranquil, dignified life.

When you pray for the needy, remember those in public office.

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'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

September 2022

Aloha to All,

Peace be with you!

*And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful. Colossians 3:15*

Amen, for I am very thankful for your generous response to the initial **'Ohana in Christ** appeal. Along with the faithful support of your pastoral leaders and fellow parishioners, nearly one million dollars was raised in its first year.

With **'Ohana in Christ** we are able to unite our efforts and *Witness to Jesus* to impact our "family" of parishes, pastors, schools, social agencies, and communities across the Islands. In turn, the funds raised strengthen many important ministries and services - some of which are listed to the right and on the reverse.

Although the purpose of this letter is to ask for your continued financial support, I also want to encourage you to seek a renewed understanding and devotion of Jesus' love and real presence in the Eucharist. As **'Ohana in Christ** we are each called to emulate His sacrificial giving of self and reach out to those in need to further build the Catholic Church in Hawaii.

Therefore, I humbly ask for you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift again to this year's appeal. Please know that I pray for you and your loved ones each day. I will remember all donors in a special Mass for your kind Stewardship of Treasure. Together, we will respond to the Lord's call to build His Kingdom as **'Ohana in Christ**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



**Your donations are critical
in helping to provide these
ministries and services:**

Priests & Deacons

- Professional development
- Recruitment & assignment
- Permanent Deacon Formation
- Clergy health & wellness needs

Parishes

- Savings & Loan Services
- Emergency Preparedness
- Staffing & Training Services
- Financial & Insurance Services
- Stewardship & Tech Assistance
- Cemetery & Real Estate Services

People

- Evangelization & Respect Life
- Catholic Schools & Youth Groups
- Young Adult Faith Development
- Adult Faith Training & Program
- Parish Food & Shelter Programs
- Catholic Social Ministry Agencies
- Hospital Ministry & Prison Ministry

Administration

- Hawaii Catholic Herald
& Diocesan eCommunications
- Cathedral Basilica, Chancery,
& St. Stephen Diocesan Center
- Pope Francis & United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops

P.S. For more information on how to live out the Church's mission, or to make a gift and help your parish reach its 'OIC goal, please visit **catholichawaii.org**. MAHALO!



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Please support your Diocesan Church and our many Catholic ministries by contributing to the 2022-2023 Appeal. *Your Stewardship of Treasure will especially help:*

PARISH PRIESTS AND DEACONS

recruitment, assignment, professional development, health and wellness needs

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

developing faith formation groups, programs, events, and support for Catholic schools

THOSE MOST IN NEED

resourcing for parish food and shelter programs, and for Catholic social ministry agencies serving our kupuna, keiki and migrant communities



MAHALO for your Generous Support - All Gifts are Important and Appreciated - Give online at CatholicHawaii.org

Here is a link to the 'Ohana in Christ campaign video (3 min 47 sec)
<https://vimeo.com/747029210>