

# PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fifth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

The Lord upholds my life!

Saturday, September 18	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 19	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 20	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, September 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Finance Council Meeting (Virtual)</b>
Wednesday, September 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, September 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, September 25	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Numbers:11:25-29: Jealousy among Moses' followers.**

**James:5:1-6: Warnings for the rich.**

**Mark:9:38-43, 45, 47-48: Jesus responds to his disciples' jealousy and misunderstanding.**

**(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](http://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/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)**

## Reflecting on God's Word

The disciples may have been a bit slow to understand how Jesus was re-defining the Messiah he was going to be, but they were not stupid on all accounts. They picked up on the reaction Peter got when he rebuked Jesus for talking about suffering rejection and death. So, when Jesus brought up the subject for a second time in today's Gospel, they just listened politely, then dropped back out of earshot and changed the subject to a more pleasant one—themselves, and who was the greatest. Things must have gotten quite animated because when they got home, Jesus asked about it. Their silence surely disappointed him, since he could surmise what had engaged them. But like a good teacher, he tries another way to make his point. There must have been a child nearby, because he calls her over and places his arms protectively around her, and says to them, "If you want to be first, then be last. If you want to be in charge, then serve. When you take in the least, you take in not only me but my Father." Class dismissed.

It has proved a hard lesson to learn. Or maybe few of us really want to learn it. When you look out at the world, most seem to want to be first, the greatest, the one with the most and best toys, a wielder of power and influence and authority. Choosing to serve the least doesn't make the top ten on most people's "to do" list.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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is sown in peace for those  
who cultivate peace



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**NOTE FROM BISHOP LARRY BISHOP:** As many of you know, St. Philomena Church and Early Learning Center in Honolulu suffered a major fire on Labor Day weekend as a result of arson. The property Insurance will not cover the majority of the loss due to program deductibles and pre-existing termite damage which occurred prior to the fire. Any parish or parishioner who can help St. Philomena with this tremendous cost can do so at <https://www.catholicahawaii.org/philomena-fire>. Your kokua will be greatly appreciated! God bless you all!

**‘OHANA IN CHRIST: The Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii (October 2-3, 2021):** “Bishop Larry Silva is asking every faith community to actively support the new ‘Ohana in Christ initiative—an effort to raise awareness of or wider church mission and services, as well as to help raise the funds to sustain them through an annual diocesan appeal. Watch for more information in the Hawaii Catholic Herald, at Church, online and in the mail. **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! Visit : [www.collection.catholic.edu](http://www.collection.catholic.edu) and click “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 19 Sun: 25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis:2:12, 17-20; Ps:54; Jam:3:16-4:3; Mk:9:30-37

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

Ezra:1:1-6; Ps:126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk:8:16-18

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

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

**Sep 22 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Ezra:9:5-9; Ps:13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk:9:1-6

**Sep 23 Thur: Saints Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

Haggai:1: 1-8; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk:9:7-9

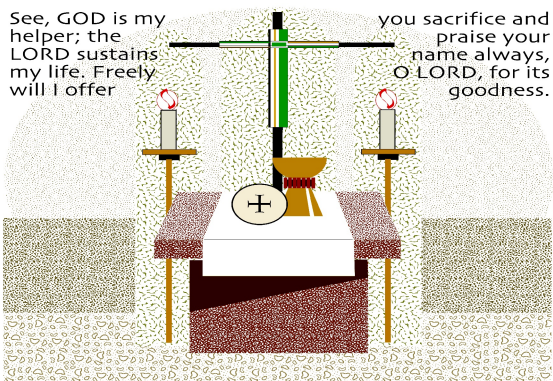
**Sep 24 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Haggai:2:1-9; Ps:43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk:9:18-22

**Sep 25 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Zech:2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer:31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk:9:43b-45

See, GOD is my helper; the LORD sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice and praise your name always, O LORD, for its goodness.



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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, we learn that the disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus is about to turn their idea as well as our society's idea of “greatness” upside down. He embraces a child and tries to help the Twelve understand that to be great is to be focused on something other than themselves. Jesus teaches that “greatness” lies in being a good steward of those who are not great: welcoming one who is not viewed as great by our society's standards, like the child, the innocent, the vulnerable, the suffering, those who are outside our comfortable circle of family, friends, companions and colleagues, those who need a welcome. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness. How do we define greatness? Is our notion of greatness consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ? (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](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**

## THE WEAKNESS OF WICKEDNESS

For churchgoers who strive to do what is right, it is hard to understand why some people strive to do what is wrong. But those people exist. They steal to support a drug habit. They hack websites to cause confusion. They lie. They murder. They have no respect for human life.

Evil people have been around throughout the history of the world. Jesus predicted that his life would end in their hands. Jeremiah faced them in his ministry.

Jeremiah overheard the collusion of the wicked. They targeted him because he was just, and righteous people were obnoxious to them.

Whenever the just reproach the wicked, the two sides grow further apart. The just become more just and the wicked conceive more wickedness in retaliation.

To the untrained eye, evil people often seem to win. They achieve the wrong they try to do.

But to eyes of faith, the wicked never win. Agents of death and destruction, they are eternally conquered by the God of might. Jeremiah did not live to see the final victory that Jesus achieved over death. Jeremiah lived to see revilement.

In the light of the Resurrection, we know now what prophets only hoped for: that wickedness can never overcome what is good.

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His word is life

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