

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2016

We give thanks for you Holy
Name, O Lord!

Saturday, January 30	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, January 31	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, February 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, February 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Leadership Meeting - Church
Wednesday, February 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, February 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, February 5	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, February 6	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confessions
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah:6:1-2a, 3-8: Isaiah feels unworthy of his calling.
1 Cor:15:1-11: Paul call himself "the least of the apostles."
Luke:5:1-11: Peter feels unworthy to follow Jesus.

Living Catholic in the 808: It's Not our Kuleana

Jesus has told us to not worry about what we will say because the Holy Spirit will speak through us. But, Jesus has said even more: it's not our job to worry about results. The results of our efforts are not our responsibility, our kuleana.

Paraphrasing Scripture:

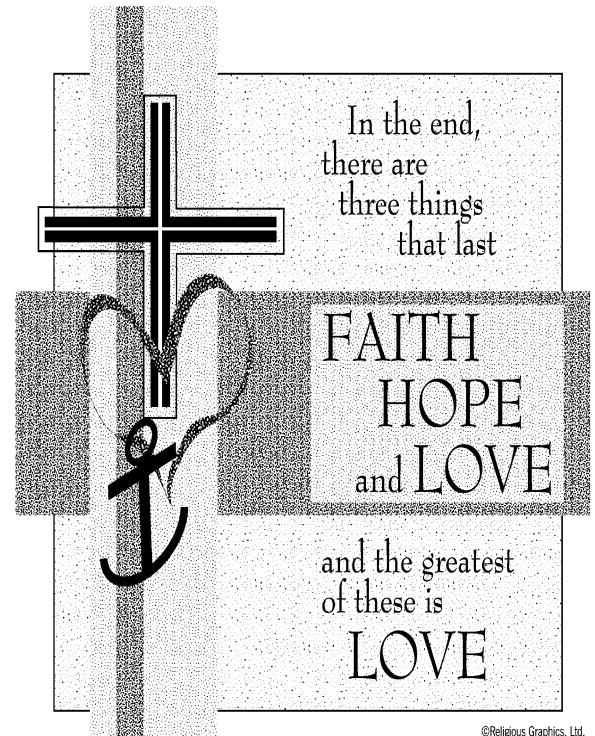
1. A man scatters seed and sleeps and rises and the seed sprouts and grows and the man doesn't know how.
2. The smallest of seeds, the mustard seed shall grow taller than all the other seeds.
3. The sower sows the word and it falls on different ground and grows (or not) depending on what kind of ground it is.
4. The rain falls to the ground but does not rise again until it fulfills God's purpose for the ground.
5. The disciples asked who then can be saved and Jesus replied that with God, all things are possible.

Sharing the faith is not about us. It is about God using us. We don't need to worry about the process (of sharing) or about the results – that's God's job.

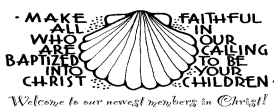
"Living Catholic in the 808" provides weekly tips on what evangelization can look like for "typical" Catholics. catholichawaii.org/evangelization

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Welcome the following infants into our parish family.
 These infants were baptized at the Sunday 7 a. m. Mass.
Logan Mishima-Donahue Alizae Kahalekai



ANNOUNCEMENTS

“DA BIG BREAKFAST”: You still have time to purchase your tickets and join the parish ohana for Da Big Breakfast to be held on **Sunday, Feb. 14 after the 7:00 am mass and 9:00 am mass.** Entertainment will be provided. Tickets are being sold outside for **\$8.00.** On the day of the event we will be selling roses and valentine boxes of chocolates. Please join us and support the Religious Education fund-raiser. Thank you.

BUILDING COMMITTEE NEEDS: As a continuation to Fr. Alapaki’s homily last week, the St Rita Parish Planning & Building Committee is seeking the immediate services of a **Licensed Electrician.** We are planning on moving the trailers / rectory and need to move power prior to that. If you know a licensed Electrician, please contact **Chris or Krissy Kalili @ 840-9038/39.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Our initial Knight of Columbus meeting will be held right after the **9:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, February 7th.** It will be held outside under the Banyan tree. We will have election of officers and an explanation of their duties. We will discuss times to meet each month and come to a consensus for what day and time is best for everyone. More information for our Charter and perhaps our Councils number. Bylaws will be discussed also with dues structure for our particular Council. It is important that everyone attend this initial meeting, so we can start planning our steps to help St. Rita Church move toward its goals for the future.

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WORD OF LIFE: “A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking, in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment..” —Pope Francis, *Laudatio Si*, no. 91 © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission www.goo.gl/UBwd3B

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 31 Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor:12:31-13:13; Lk: 4:21-30

Feb 1 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sam: 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk: 5:1-20

Feb 2 Tue: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk: 2:22-40

Feb 3 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sam:24:2, 9-17; Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk: 6:1-6

Feb 4 Ordinary Weekday

1 Kings: 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29: 10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk: 6:7-13

Feb 5 Fri: Memorial of Agatha, virgin and martyr

Sir: 47:2-11; Ps:18: 31, 47 & 50, 51; Mk: 6:14-29

Feb 6 Sat: Memorial of Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

1 Kings:8:1-7, 19-13; Ps:119: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today’s second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passages in the Bible; a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christians community at Corinth for its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love for God and others? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

“TODAY THIS PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING”

Today’s Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus’ preaching ministry following his forty days in the desert. Filled with the power of the Spirit, Jesus entered the synagogue of his hometown, unrolled the scroll, read from the prophet Isaiah, then declared, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). The people, seeing only the carpenter’s son, demanded, “Prove it!” When he refused, things turned ugly. But, miracle of miracles, when they were about to push him off the cliff, he “passed through the midst of them and went away” (Luke 4:30).

If we try to live our faith, at some point we will be challenged to speak the hard truth and do the hard task, and suffer the uncomfortable consequences. Will God really stand by us in our anguish? Can we muster enough trust to “walk our talk” and not worry too much about the outcome?

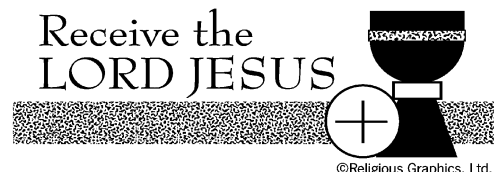
“I HAVE MADE YOU A FORTIFIED CITY”

Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the few church leaders who stood in opposition to Hitler, was executed by the Nazis for speaking truth to power. His good friend told of his peacefulness and joy while awaiting his death. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he proclaimed the truth in the face of opposition. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he died in the process. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, his influence was greater after his death.

So let us dare to live a bit more dangerously, trusting that, like Jeremiah, we will hear God’s assurance and support: “It is I this day / who have made you a fortified city, / a pillar of iron, a wall of brass” (Jeremiah 1:18). Or like the psalmist, perhaps we will find refuge and hope and our mouths will be filled with praise.

Paul reminds us of the only three things that really matter: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is what drove Jesus, Jeremiah, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer to the top of the cliff. If we dare to follow their example, then maybe it won’t make that much difference one way or the other how we get down.

Receive the
LORD JESUS



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