

PARISH CALENDAR

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

All you have done for us, O God,
has been done in true judgement!

Saturday, August 18	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 19	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, August 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, August 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, August 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, August 25	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jos:24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b: Decide whom you will serve
Eph:5:21-32: Love one another with mutual reverence
Jn:6:60-69: You have the words of everlasting life

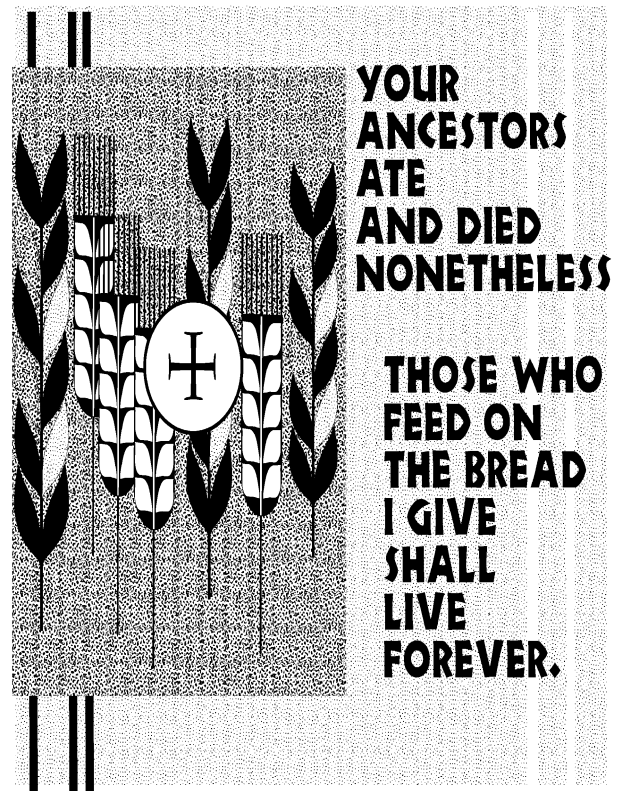
Living Catholic in the 808 Such a Big Word!

What does it take to be an effective evangelist? If you asked the prophet Jeremiah, he might have said that all it takes is cooperation with God and a pair of underwear. It worked for him, after all; Jer 13:1-11 vividly illustrates how our proximity to God directly affect our well-being.

Many of us feel unable to take on the task of evangelizing. Evangelization is a big, important word that sounds like big, important work, and requires big, important abilities on our part. It is a big word, and it is very important work, but it definitely does not require us to have big, important abilities. All we need are the things closest to us: clothes, food, books, and hobbies.

The most important thing is our desire to cooperate with God: the desire to use what we have to reveal the Good News of God's love for us, to reveal the path of reconciliation and salvation through Christ, and to reveal the beauty of God's work in us, our neighbors, and the created world. Read to a child, feed a neighborhood family, or say hi to a stranger: ask God what He wants you to do!

Melissa Maleski
Blessed Sacrament Parish
Honolulu, Hawaii



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

Give Thanks
to the LORD

©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. C. I. A - Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, communion, confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) St. Rita's RCIA program will begin **Sept 9, 2018**.
- 2) RCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Trailer or church.
- 3) RCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.
- 4) RCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass: a. Rite of Acceptance (beginning of Advent) b. Rite of Election (beginning of Lent) c. RCIA Scrutinies (during Lent) If you or someone you know is interested, please call our RCIA Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)"

PRO-LIFE: "All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." Pope Francis.

WORD OF LIFE: "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their "Ad Limina" Visit, February 3, 2001 © Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 19 Sun: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov:9:1-6; Ps:34; Eph: 5:15-20; Jn:6:51-58

Aug 20 Mon: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez:24:15-24; Dt:32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt:19:16-22

Aug 21 Tue: Saint Pius X, Pope

Ez: 28:1-10; Dt:32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt:19:23-30

Aug 22 Wed: The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez:34:1-11; Ps: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt:20:1-16

Aug 23 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Ez: 36:23-28; Ps:58: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt: 22:1-14

Aug 24 Fri: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv: 21:9b-14; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn:1:45-51

Aug 25 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Ez:43:1-7ab; Ps:85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

Savoring and Sharing Life

If summertime isn't the best time to share life with one another, it's surely the easiest. In the summer, we seem to have the time or make the time to enjoy life and to enjoy it with those we love—at the beach, in the park, dangling a fishing line over the side of a boat, pedaling a bike, or just basking in the sunshine. Summertime is a good time to remember that all our time, all our life, is a gift, a sharing in the time and life of God. And, thank God, our God encourages us to savor the gift of life by sharing it with others. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus announces that he is the "living bread." And we understand that the Eucharist is the center of our life in faith: in our families, parish, local church and throughout the world. We are the stewards of Christ's life in the Eucharist. We are called to put the Eucharist into action. How do we do that? St. Paul enjoins us to be always grateful, to worship, to try to understand the will of the Lord and to watch carefully how we live. What are some of the ways we can put the Eucharist into action this week?(**International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin**)

Reflection

In a splendid passage from Proverbs, we find Wisdom preparing the messianic banquet. This is again a prefiguration of the Eucharist. The reading invites us to put away "foolishness" and to sup at the table the Lord God has set for us. Doing so may well seem foolish to others. Who would be so unwise as to celebrate a meal that leads to a cross? Who would be so foolish as to believe that bread and wine are body and blood? All of us "simple" folk, that's who. All of us who are crazy enough to believe that there is more to life than meets the eye, more to bread and wine than meets the senses, more to the cross than death.

The Gospel contains the third installment of Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life (and the fourth consecutive reading from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John). In today's passage, Jesus bluntly states that the bread he will give is his own flesh. The crowd grumbles and misunderstands. However, we shouldn't be too hard on those folks. Remember, we're reading John. "Misunderstanding" on the part of Jesus' hearers is one of John's favorite ways to help us ask important questions. Thus, the crowd's misunderstanding leads them to ask Jesus just such a question, which in turn allows Jesus to lead them to deeper understanding.

Jesus is asked a "how" question. He answers a "what" question. The crowd wants Jesus to solve a problem. Jesus wants to draw the crowd into a mystery. So Jesus does not tell his listeners "how" he will give them his flesh to eat. Instead, Jesus tells them "what" eating his flesh will mean for them: real union and real life with God. This is not just a promise, a hope hanging in the future. No, Jesus is saying that the person who eats the bread he gives has union and life now.

Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

