

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 26	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	
Sunday, August 27	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	
Monday, August 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	August 27, 2017
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	Save the servant who trusts in you, Lord!
Tuesday, August 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting - Kamiano	
Wednesday, August 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
Thursday, August 31	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 5:30 p.m.	Feeding Menu: - Beef Stew or Hamburger Stew	
Friday, September 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
Saturday, September 2	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession	
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jeremiah:20:7-9: Jeremiah rebukes God for his suffering
Rom:12:1-2: We are called to live sacrificial lives
Mt:16:21-27: Jesus rebukes Peter for denying that he must suffer

Living Catholic in the 808 Jesus' Mission - Our Mission

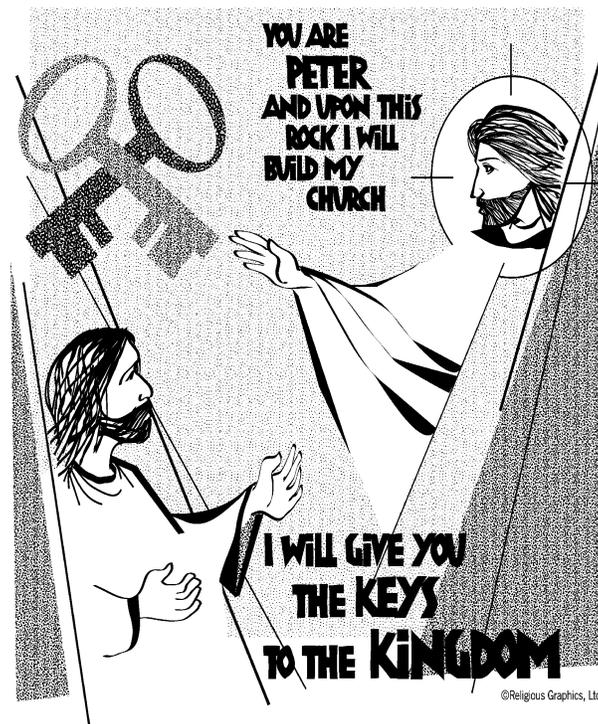
What are we to make of Jesus' mission? Is his mission something that he does along with other actions? Is it just a matter of converting peoples in foreign lands? Is it even just evangelization, the bringing of the good news of God to those who do not yet have faith, or have actually lost it?

*The answer seems to be . . . **mission is what Jesus is**, as a person. Jesus has no other personality, no other purpose in the world than to bring people of every race and nation to him, to the love of God the Father. He has no life purpose, no private realm of satisfaction, no egocentric interests, no political or economic goals, no social status to acquire. Yet for all this absolute altruism he is fully human.*

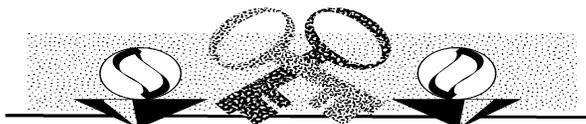
All of Jesus' human energy and creativity, his courage, emotional fortitude, rationality, faith, and physical strength are devoted to his one task: to bring all peoples into the fold so they might receive the fullness of the love of God and so that they might attain to salvation.

*In Jesus we have our model, our paradigm, of what it means to be fully human. If this is the case, and it is, then our mission is to participate in his mission. Our mission is to share **who Jesus is**.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Aloha e na ohana! Registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Education school has begun. Please see Karen Victor for a registration form. **Our RE year will begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 17.** Mahalo!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY: Today is Catholic Charities Sunday, please Support Catholic Charities Hawai'i through a special collection this weekend. Envelopes are at the back of church.

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 17, 2017.***
- 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)"*

WORD OF LIFE: "May the infinite depth and breadth of Christ's Divine Mercy remind us that no wound is too great for God to heal." **Pray for Life: April 2016,** <https://goo.gl/rqX7jH>. **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Sign up for monthly reflections at [www.usccb.org/prayforlife!](http://www.usccb.org/prayforlife)**

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 27 Sun: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:22: 19-23; Ps 138; Rom:11:33-36; Mt: 16:13-20

Aug 28 Mon: Augustine, bishop, doctor of the church

1 Thes:1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps:149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt:23:13-22

Aug 29 Tue: Passion of John the Baptist

1 Thes:2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk:6: 17:29

Aug 30 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes: 2:9-13; Ps 139: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt:23:27-32

Aug 31 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes:3:7-13; Ps 90: 3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt: 24:42-51

Sep 1 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes:4:1-8; Ps:97: 1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt: 25:1-13

Sep 2 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes: 4:9-11; Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9; Mt: 25:14-30



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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

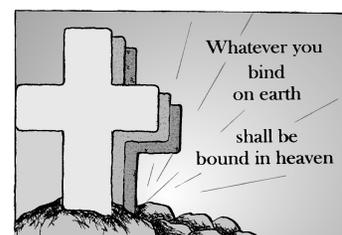
Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose. (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

RUMOR HAS IT . . .

During Jesus' time, there were many beliefs circulating about the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recount the story of Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi; only Matthew inserts the portion we hear today in which this inbreaking manifestation of faith for Peter makes of him the rock on which Jesus can found a church. Jesus knows, as he illustrated earlier in Matthew's Gospel with the parable of the houses built on sand and rock, that nothing can endure that doesn't have a sure foundation. We also hear Jesus today immediately follow up Peter's profession with a strict command not to go around right away and tell this to others. The faith that breaks in is the foundation, but it takes time and teaching and discernment to comprehend it adequately in order to tell others about it. Indeed, in all three Gospels, the very first thing Jesus does after he is revealed as Christ through Peter's faith is to begin teaching his followers that to be "Messiah" or "Christ" means to suffer much and to die, neither of which was commonly believed about God's Anointed One.

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Throughout the Gospels there is a relentless teaching by Jesus that how we live and act on earth is intimately connected to the workings of God's heavenly reign. "Your will be done on earth as in heaven" we pray, along with "forgive us as we forgive others." In Matthew's Gospel the Last Judgment is portrayed with us being told that the manner in which we treated the hungry, poor, lowly, and oppressed is how we treated Christ. Today Jesus gives Peter—and all of us, the baptized, the church—our vocation. We can misread or misunderstand this passage to think that we have been imbued with some sort of control over the workings of heavenly grace and mercy. Rather, Jesus gives us a potent (and a bit overwhelming) charge to live the life of heaven's boundless forgiveness, to be witnesses to him, the Messiah, the Christ who, as he died on the cross to fulfill the work of those names, made his last words, "Father, forgive them."



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