

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Saturday, September 8	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 9	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education - Open House/Registration
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	R. C. I. A. Class - St. Francis Trailer
Monday, September 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, September 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting Church
Friday, September 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, September 15	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Is:50:5-9a: The Lord God is my help
Jas:2:14-18: Faith without works is dead
Mk:8:27-35: Who do you say that I am?



REFLECTION

Miracles are manifestations of the reign of God. In all the miracle stories, healing of both body and soul occurs. Whole new worlds open up, and the healed one gains a kind of access to the community he or she never had before. The person is whole and is wholly restored to the community. In welcoming the healed one, the community itself is healed and restored and made rich.

The heart-rending reality for the deaf man was that his impairment closed him out of everyday life. Jesus' action on his behalf makes it crystal clear that no one need be left out of the reign of God.

In the second reading, James develops this theme. He reminds us to see as Jesus saw and act as he acted. The community is to be the welcoming and freeing body gathered in his death and resurrection. This may call for a reversal on our part. We are asked to identify with the ones who are poor in the eyes of the world. Our business is not to hand down recrimination and stand in judgment. Our business is to see anew and be renewed.

Each of us has a particular world view, a personal lens through which we observe and interpret life. Our outlook may not be the best one or the only one available. We may find it difficult to readjust our sights once we have them set. We may not want to bother with all the messiness conversion implies. We may be tempted to narrow our focus rather than broaden it.

We are each called by baptism to open our eyes, our ears, and our mouths. Miracles fill our lives each day as we use the gifts God has given us. God only asks that we witness compassion for others as we give of ourselves to others like loving parents. Through our speech and prayer, our goodness and actions, obedience and attention, we go out into the world transforming it and the people in it for Jesus Christ. We and the world will be better off if we take some time this week to refocus or broaden our vision. Maybe we are the blind one who will be able to see, the deaf one who will finally hear, the mute one who sings. Maybe our personal little desert will bloom for the benefit of the world. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

The ears
of the deaf
will be
opened
and the
tongue of
those who
are mute
will sing.

the prophet
Isaiah



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FIVE YEAR PLAN MEETING: There will be a **Parish Five Year Plan Meeting, September 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon** in the church. This meeting is for members of the, Building Committee, Leadership Committee, Finance and Pastoral Council and any parishioner interested in Planning the next Five Years our parish. **Jim Walsh of Diocese Office of Pastoral Planning**, will conduct the meeting. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Waianae side of the church. Please sign up so we know how much lunch to order.

THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: Today's Special Collection is for The Catholic University. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity. You can learn more at www.collection.catholic.edu.

CITIZENS FOR A PRO-LIFE SOCIETY: On **Saturday, September 15, 2018**, [Citizens for a Pro-Life Society](#), [Priests for Life](#) and the [Pro-Life Action League](#) will co-sponsor the 6th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on pro-life Americans to honor the memorials of our aborted brothers and sisters. You are invited to join in a Rosary at **Sacred Heart in Waianae on Saturday September 8 at 6PM (immediately following the 5PM Mass)** at their memorial for the unborn in front of the church. Please remember to pray for all respect life issues: for the victims of abortion, euthanasia, human sex trafficking, and for all homeless, prisoners, addicted, and refugees.

WORD OF LIFE: "Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord." **USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, "Promise to Protect" Bookmark**

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 9 Sun: 0.rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:35:4-7a; Ps:146; Jas: 2:1-5; Mk:7: 31-37

Sep 10 Mon: Saint Gregory, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor:5: 1-8; Ps:5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk:6:6-11

Sep 11 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:6:1-11; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk:6:12-19

Sep 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:7:25-31; Ps:45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk:6:20-26

Sep 13 Thu: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor:8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps:139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk: 6:27-38

Sep 14 Fri: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Num:21:4b-9; Ps 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil: 2:6-11;

Jn:3:13-17

Sep 15 Sat: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor:10:14-22; Ps:116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

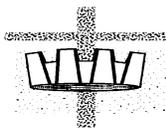
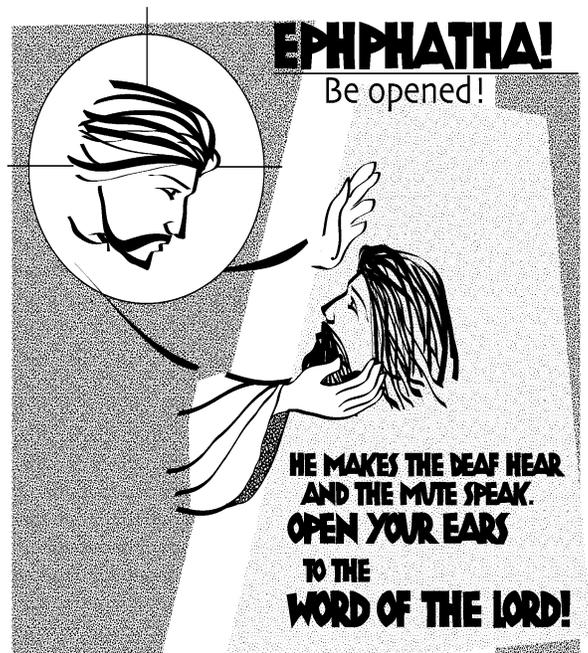
St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of, and to benefit, our neighbor. He suggests that faith in Jesus Christ is demonstrated most profoundly in our care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged. Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor? (International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)

Isaiah prophesies that the nation's melancholy will turn to its opposite. He uses images to make this crystal clear. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the one who cannot move will win foot races, the one who is without words will be full of words—songs even. The very land itself will come alive: sands will be watered, deserts will flower.

The Gospel directly parallels Isaiah's vision. Through Jesus, God's power reverses the condition of the man who cannot hear and therefore cannot speak. All of Jesus' miracles can be viewed through the crystal of his death and resurrection. All of his words and actions are pure colors of that singular clear and pure crystal. Each healing, saving action, and word is but a manifestation of the great saving action of the Paschal Mystery.

Crystal Clear

Crystals are so clear, you can get six pure colors from them. As children we may have been surprised the first time light broke into six colors refracted through a small prism or crystal or through mist after rain. This surprising turn delights us, even though we now understand the physics. The surprising turn of events in this Sunday's readings reaches beyond delight. It draws us into the mystery of God's dealings with us. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



Those who love
the LORD will
be heirs to
the Kingdom