

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 9	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 10	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:15 a. m.	Fund-Raising Committee - Meeting
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Bible Studies - Church
Tuesday, September 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.....9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, September 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.....9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, September 16	.....4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

September 10, 2017

You are just, O Lord

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Sir:27:30-28:7: Wise living includes forgiveness.
Rom:14:7-9: We are all called to new life in Christ.
Mt:18:21-35: Forgiveness of one another must be boundless.

Living Catholic in the 808 "Hello"

"Hello"

Conversations, most have every day . Some with family or with friends during play, And there's the special ones, with our Lord, while we pray.

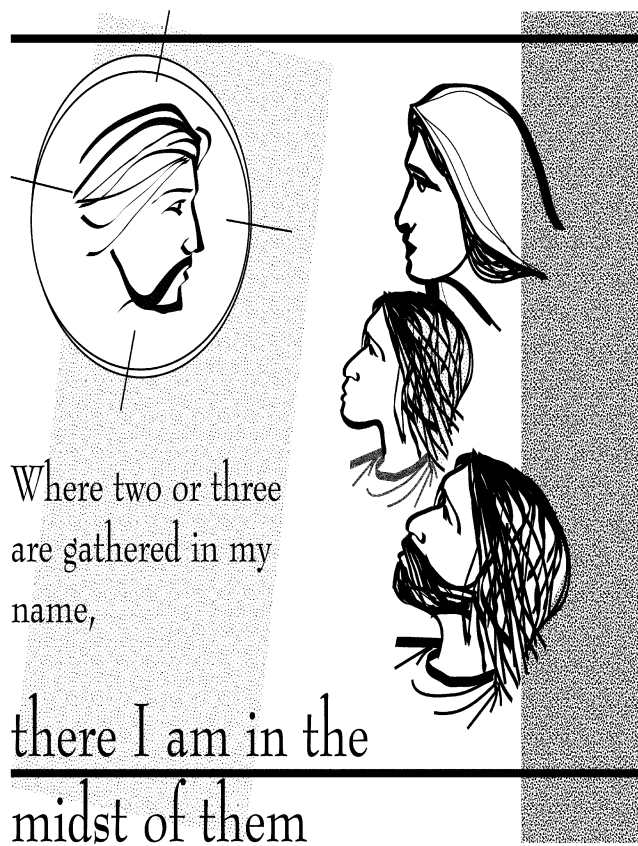
We talk, and we laugh, we cry and complain. We share our dreams and the goals we hope to gain. We pray together, to give thanks and ease pain.

So very blessed we are, to share time with each other. But, what of the lonely? Ones who feel they haven't another. How do we bring them to Christ's Love and make them our sister or brother?

It starts with a smile, that let's His love show. Then by one word that can set their eyes a glow. One filled with kindness. . .

A Simple. . . . "Hello"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious Education Class will begin Sunday, September 17th at 10:45 a. m. Parents please register you children!

R. C. I. A. - The R. C. I. A program will begin Sunday, September 17th at 7 p. m. in the St. Francis Trailer, please contact Don Gerry @ 489-9529, for more information.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT; OCTOBER

13-15: Women, Men, Family Members, and Anyone Wounded by Abortion are Welcome! Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced suffering after an abortion... women and men of all faiths are invited to this weekend retreat to begin the healing process. "If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion have been sapping faith, love and joy from your life, I can promise, that if you enter this process for healing, your life will begin to change. A journey into Rachel's Vineyard is a gift only you can open your heart to receive. A new chapter of your life awaits you. Take courage, God is calling you towards peace, love, hope, and freedom." (Dr. Theresa Burke, Founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries) To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or Sr. GERALYN Spaulding at (808) 741-3819 or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com. For more information go to www.rachelsvineyard.org. Suggested donation: \$150/person (covers room, meals/refreshments and materials). Space is limited. Registrations/Retreats are strictly confidential. Need-based scholarships are available. A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hawaii. Retreats take place at a private retreat center on Oahu ... we honor our commitment to confidentiality.

WORD OF LIFE: "When people are tempted to see their own lives as diminished in value or meaning, they most need the love and assistance of others to assure them of their inherent worth." USCCB, "To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Assisted Suicide," © 2011, <https://goo.gl/BVQ3dE>

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 10 Sun: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez:33: 7-9; Ps 95; Rom:13:8-10; Mt: 18:15-20

Sep 11 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Col:1:24-2:3; Ps:62: 6-7, 9; Lk:6:6-11

Sep 12 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Col:2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk:6:12:19

Sep 13 Wed: John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor

Col: 3:1-11; Ps 145: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk:6:20-26

Sep 14 Thur: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm:21:4b-9; Ps 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Jn: 3:13-17

Sep 15 Fri: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm:1:1-2, 12-14; Ps:16:1b-2a, & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk: 2:33-35

Sep 16 Sat: Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop and martyrs

1 Tm: 1:15-17; Ps 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk: 6:43-49



Owe no debt to anyone
except the debt that
binds each of us to
love one another

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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading Saint Paul enjoins us to be indebted to no one. Debt creates the kind of pressure that impedes our relationship with Jesus Christ. But there is one debt we will always owe and never be able to pay off fully: The debt of showing love to others. We will never reach the place where we can say, "Now I love others as much as I ought, and that's enough." No matter how much we've grown in faith we will always be required to grow in love. Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love." **(International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)**

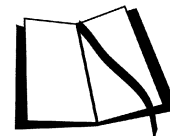
HEED THE WARNING

In answering God's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel took on a serious duty. Just as the watchman sounded a trumpet to warn the citizens of impending danger, so was it the prophet's responsibility to warn the people to repent. If the townsfolk ignored the watchman's trumpet and were taken by the enemy, the watchman was not to blame. Yet in the task of warning the people, the watchman was responsible for the welfare of the entire community. In the same way, the prophet only needed to deliver the message. What the listeners did upon receiving it was their own choice. Nevertheless, the prophet's responsibility to the community was clear. To shirk that duty would be a disservice to all.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he tells us to go beyond the letter of God's law to its heart, which is love. What the fourth through tenth commandments really challenge us to do is love our neighbor. As Paul points out and as the Gospel clarifies, we cannot do this passively or by choosing not to get involved.

A RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

Loving one another is not easy to do. There will always be those whose actions damage and disrupt the community and cause harm to the world at large. It is our responsibility to challenge those actions and shed the light of the gospel on them, but to do so in a loving way. In a culture where public sentiment can run strong, demonstrating such restraint and respect may feel like swimming upstream. Yet today's Gospel invites us not to condemn out of hand, but to engage in a dialogue with the offender that can result in conversion and change. To fail to do so is to shrink from our Christian responsibility. In the light of today's Gospel, what do you think could be the appropriate Christian responses to the many different actions of relatives, friends, fellow citizens, and government authorities in the past year?



PRAY
and it
will be
granted
to you

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