

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 30	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, October 1	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, October 2	..... 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, October 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Leadership Meeting - Church
Wednesday, October 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, October 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, October 7	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 1, 2017

O Lord, make your ways
known to me.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:5:1-7: God speaks judgement upon Israel.

Phil:4:6-9: Paul consoles and advises a persecuted community.

Mt:21:33-43: A parable on responding to Jesus and the kingdom of God.

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More on Why It's Confirmation and THEN 1ST Communion?

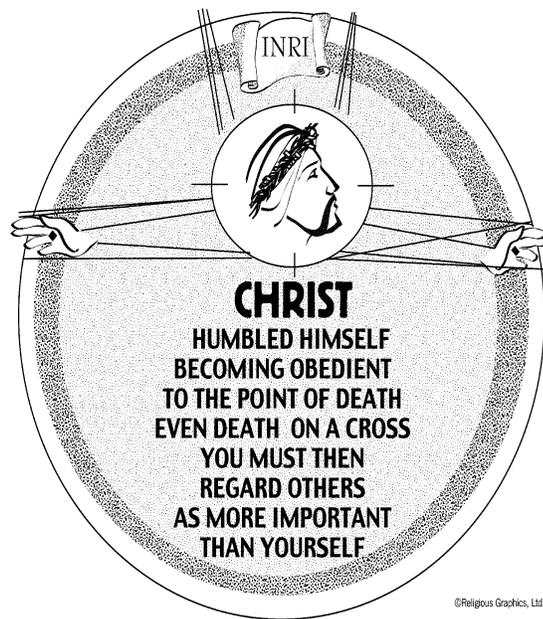
This past couple of weeks, I've been sharing why Confirmation was not intended to be the third/last sacrament of initiation, following Baptism and First Holy Communion. Besides being guided by the practice of the church and Jesus' experience, the fact that Holy Communion is third relates to the fact that the Eucharist is the summit of our life in Christ.

Baptism and Confirmation lead to the Eucharist. If we sin gravely and are in the state of mortal sin, then we go to confession and then are returned to the Eucharist. At any Mass where we celebrate with other sacraments or sacramentals received (Marriage, Ordination, Anointing of the Sick, blessings), the other sacraments or blessings are celebrated first, and then they culminate in the Eucharist. Everything reaches its crowning point in Eucharist.

Historically, giving Holy Communion to children who have not yet been confirmed only dates to 1910 by 1932, the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments affirmed that "children should not approach the sacred table for the first time unless after the reception of the sacrament of confirmation, which is, as it were, the complement of baptism and in which is given the fullness of the Holy Spirit."

I encourage you to learn more about this by checking out our website: catholichawaii.org/originalorder

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE: The Building Fund Committee found a unique way to raise funds. Get your luggage custom painted with beautiful designs, so you never waste time looking for it again. Call Cathy Agor 222-7035 to schedule a date.

Fatima 100th Anniversary Rosary: Please join the 2017 Public Rosary Campaign by joining us in praying the Holy Rosary at **noon on Saturday, October 14 here at St. Rita.** Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. Nearly 20,000 Rosaries will be prayed at noon throughout Hawaii and the entire USA. The Miracle of the Sun was public: On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed a miracle witnessed by 70,000 people, including atheists, communists and anti-Catholics. Some of them converted. The 2017 Public Square Rosary Rallies will remind the person on the street that conversion is possible. We invite you to bring your favorite dish to share for fellowship after the Rosary. Contact Rosa Lefu'a at 861-3747 or Bob McCulloch 672-5718, for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Annual 40 days for Life Campaign began on September 27. It is a time of prayer and fasting to end abortion. For more information, please visit their website www.40daysforlife.com. In addition, their new app can be downloaded at www.40daysforlife.com/app

WORD OF LIFE: "Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2017-18 Respect Life Reflection Flyer,** <https://goo.gl/fZX2q6> NABRE © CCD. Used with permission.

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 1 Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezk:18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil:2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt: 21:28-32

Oct 2 Mon: Guardian Angels

Zec:8:1-8; Ps:102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt:18:1-5, 10

Oct 3 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Zec:8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:9:51-56

Oct 4 Wed: Francis of Assisi

Neh: 2:1-8; Ps: 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk:9:57-62

Oct 5 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Neh:8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Lk: 10:1-12

Oct 6 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Bar:1:15-22; Ps:79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk: 10:13-16

Oct 7 Sat: Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar: 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps: 69: 33-35, 36-37; Lk: 10:17-24

ON CHANGING A TIRE

Years ago, a television commercial showed a man driving his car on a rainy night. The man, who looks as though he's had a rough day and just wants to get home, comes across an elderly couple with a flat tire on the side of the road. The man drives past the disabled car, then stops. He can do the right thing—change the flat tire for the couple—and get drenched in the process, or he can keep on going. The expression on his face sums up his torn feelings. He looks as though he wishes he hadn't seen the couple at all. But he has seen them, and in the end, he climbs out of his car to help.

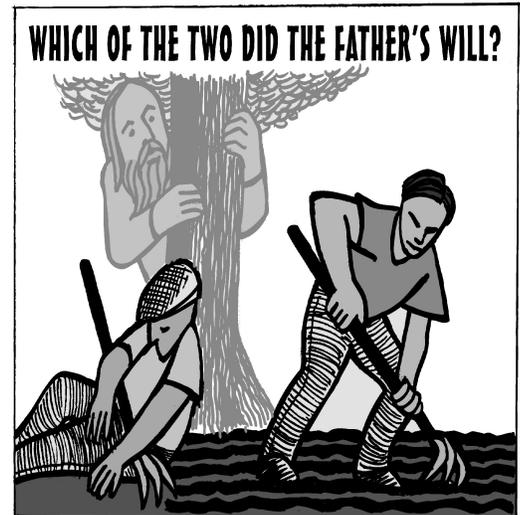
NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship "A Way of Life": To be a steward of service means that we gratefully name and nurture our gifts from God. We then offer them to our Church and the world. With this in mind, we are called to reflect upon our personal calendars and consider how we can best use our time and our gifts. The Church offers unique opportunities to serve within our parish. In addition to your financial contribution, you can also sign up to volunteer in any of our parish ministries. We are always in need of **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Server, Ushers.** If you have few hours on a Saturday morning we are in need of Church Cleaners. There are only two families who clean our church during the month. **Please contact the parish if we wish to volunteer.**

ON CHANGING THE WORLD

It's all about choice, isn't it? Generally, we know what's right and what's wrong. We know the virtuous path. The trouble is, the other path is usually the easier and more expedient one, and often, perhaps, it is our first choice. For those of us who struggle with such choices, what a great Gospel reading! And how comforting it is if—as we do our part in building up the reign of God—we can see ourselves more often than not like the first son, the son who said "no" but then "yes!"

Our choices are our own, and the Lord says that we shall live or die by them. Paul counsels us to choose wisely by taking on the values and attitude of Jesus. The prostitutes and the tax collectors? Yes, they made some bad choices. But when John called them to repentance, they changed their attitudes and came running. Not so the chief priests and the elders. If anything, they ran the other way. That man in the commercial didn't want to change the tire, but in the end, he did. If ultimately we say yes to Jesus, we can all change a whole lot more.



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