

# PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

You are the Lord of all.

Saturday, October 7	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, October 8	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8) Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, October 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed - Discover's Day Holiday</b>
Tuesday, October 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>Liturgy Meeting - Kamiano Trailer</b>
Wednesday, October 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	<b>Prayer Meeting - Church</b>
Friday, October 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, October 14	..... <b>12:00 p. m.</b>	<b>Public Rosary - In Front of Church</b>
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

***Isa:25:6-10a: Poetic images of God as a provider, a warrior, a comforter.  
Phil:4:12-14, 19-20: God strengthened Paul and will strengthen the faithful.  
Mt:22:1-14: "Many are invited, but a few are chosen."***

**LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 808**

***Victims and Perpetrators are Members of the Body of Christ***

***Job 19: 7 Behold, I cry out, "Violence" but I am not answered; I call for help, but there is no justice.***

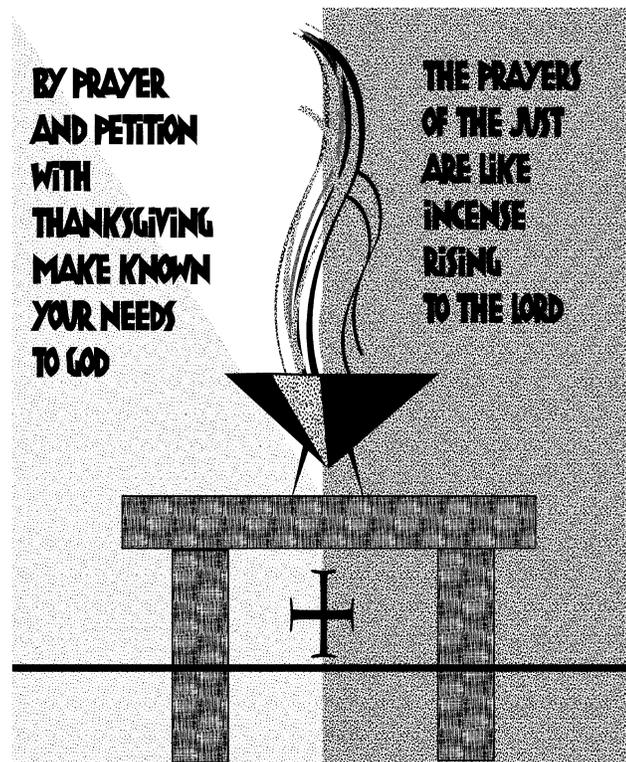
*October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Notice that it says "awareness" month. Our community, our Church, our clergy and parish leaders, we all need to grow to more quickly recognize that there are victims of domestic violence close by – in our circles of influence. Victims and perpetrators are members of our Church, the Body Christ!*

*The World Health Organization in 2013 reported that 35 percent of women around the globe have experienced sexual or physical abuse. And according to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control, 25% of our men are or also have been victims.*

*If you are a victim or a perpetrator, or if you know someone in a situation of domestic violence, please call the 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7223). Additional information on how you might assist people in this situation can also be found at the diocesan website. [www.catholicahawaii.org/stopdomesticviolence](http://www.catholicahawaii.org/stopdomesticviolence)*

***Psalms 10:17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your year to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.***

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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](http://www.40daysforlife.com). In addition, their new app can be downloaded at [www.40daysforlife.com/app](http://www.40daysforlife.com/app)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and at the same time impels us to share his love." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life,"** [www.goo.gl/yAt6Gk](http://www.goo.gl/yAt6Gk)

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Oct 8 Sun: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isa:5:1-7; Ps 82; Phil:4:6-9; Mt: 21:33-43

**Oct 9 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Jon:1:1-2-2:1-2, 11; Jonah:2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk:10:25-37

**Oct 10 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Jon:3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk:10:38-42

**Oct 11 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Jon: 4:1-11; Ps: 86: 3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk:11:1-4

**Oct 12 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Mal:3:13-20b; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk: 11:5-13

**Oct 13 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Jl:1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps:9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9; Lk: 11:15-26

**Oct 14 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Jl: 4:12-21; Ps: 97; 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk: 11:27-28

## THE VINEYARD OF BEAUTY AND LIFE

The first sentence of today's Gospel parable can be easily overlooked: "There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower" (Matthew 21:33). It is difficult for us to imagine the enormous amount of time, money, and effort it must have taken for a construction project of this kind. Once completed, the vineyard must have been a beautiful place, not unlike the vineyards one can find in places like the Napa Valley in California. Vineyards are, by their very nature, places of beauty and life. The vineyard in today's Gospel, however, becomes the setting for treachery and murder. All too often the vineyard that is this fragile planet of ours likewise becomes a setting for treachery and murder.

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living, taking advantage of what the Lord has given us, but not doing our part in return? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest. What will our Lord find when He returns?(**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

## STEWARDS OF THE VINEYARD

Isaiah's marvelous description of the vineyard reminds us of the creation passages from the book of Genesis. That description generates faint echoes of the oft-repeated line from Genesis: "and God saw how good it was" (Genesis 1:25). The sad reality is that we who are called to be good stewards of this vineyard sometimes make bad choices. Sometimes in our arrogance we fail to care for the vineyard of creation. Like the wicked tenants, we care more for our own personal gain than for the virtues of goodness and righteousness. Pope John Paul II used the term "the culture of death" to describe this kind of behavior. The parables we hear are meant to cut right to our hearts and force us to look squarely at our behaviors and attitudes. May this week's parable open our eyes to those times when we stray away from the goodness and beauty of God's vineyard and make decisions that support the culture of death. May we be strengthened in our efforts to become good stewards whose actions bring forth the fruits of life and love.



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