

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, November 11	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	
Sunday, November 12	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2017 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)	
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry	
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	
Monday, November 13	..... 7:00 p. m.	R. C. I. A. - St. Francis Trailer	
	..... 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, November 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting - Kamaiano Trailer	
Wednesday, November 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Leeward Vicarate Meeting - St. Francis Trailer	
Thursday, November 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church	
Friday, November 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
Saturday, November 18 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession	
 5:00 p.m.	Mass	

**MY SOUL
IS THIRSTING
FOR THE LORD**

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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Prov:31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: Advice to a king on a worthy life.
1 Thess:5:1-6: Stay alert, for the day of the Lord will come
Mt:25:14-30: A parable on acting responsibly as we await the future

LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 808 Do We Need to Talk About the End Times?

Each November, as we move towards the end of our liturgical year, the readings at Mass deal more and more with the "end times" and with Jesus' second coming.

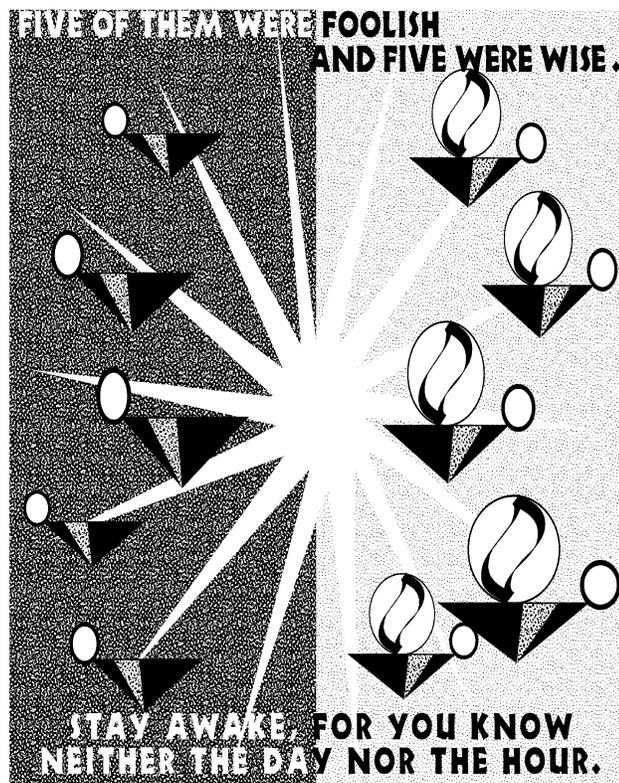
In many ways, our society has a fascination with this issue, as TV on zombies and movies about global apocalyptic events attest. Catholic Christians do not believe that some will be "taken" and others "left behind." That said reflecting on what happens "if" can still be a sobering, worthwhile spiritual exercise.

We may like vampire movies, but our society does not generally want to hear about the end times as Scripture proclaims it: that each of us **will** die, that Jesus **will** come again and that we **will** individually be judged and enter (or not) eternal life. Heaven and hell are not fashionable. But they are real.

Apocalyptic media, Scripture, Mass, time spent with Kupuna, our own health scares. God help us remember that life is precious, that life is fragile, that it is short and finite. I need help remembering that if I do not live for others, then my entire life is **nothing**. And, worse than that, if I do not live for others, I may spend eternity wishing I had.

So, yes, let's talk about the end times.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING ELECTRONICALLY: There are now two ways to give electronically to St. Rita's you can give via on-line giving at www.striananakuli.org (on-line giving) by using your credit or debit cards. Or you can give after Mass to our parish volunteers using our credit/debit card reader. Mahalo for your generosity!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - CCHD COLLECTION: Please respond to Pope Francis' call for the 1st World Day of the Poor the weekend of November 19. Please be generous in the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development-CCHD**. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and help vulnerable people across our county struggling to overcome persistent poverty. **In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local projects addressing poverty.** Two of the projects funded by CCHD in Hawaii involved parishioners working with the **Pu`a Foundation** which focuses on families affected by incarceration with special emphasis on Native Hawaiian women and girls and **Hope Services Hawaii** which works to end homelessness on the Big Island by connecting persons to transitional and affordable housing, food, mentoring, and job opportunities.

FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry cupboards are bare: We have had an increase of new families needing food, who have been coming to our pantry. The pantry is in need of the following: Spam, Vienna sausage, tuna, sardines, pork and beans, chili beans, soups, spaghetti, ravioli, saimin, cups of noodles, can vegetables, can fruits or fruit cups. Dray pasta (noodles and macaroni) We are also in need of zip lock bags, recyclable store bags. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. **Thank you for your generosity!**

MASS FOR CATHEDRAL "ALUMNI": Please join us on **Thursday, December 14th for Mass at 6:00 pm** and a reception to follow in the Kamiano Center. Families of "alumni" are welcome and all are encouraged to bring pictures to display and share during the reception. Bishop Larry Silva will be presiding, and Msgr. Gary Secor con-celebrating a special Mass for Cathedral "Alumni," for anyone baptized, confirmed, married or ordained in the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. For more information, contact (808) 585-3357 / cbarnes@rcchawaii.org

PRO - LIFE: "When someone is pregnant, she is not "expecting a child", she already has one; She is not "Going to be a mother", she already is a mother. The baby is not "on the way", the baby has already arrived. If we are going to change the way society treats unborn children, we have to change the way we talk to them. **Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life**

WORD OF LIFE: "Christ came to liberate us from the cycle of violence by showing us how to love and be merciful . . . As the culture of death threatens to electively select who does and who does not deserve life, we must uphold that all human life has invaluable dignity and worth." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A,"** <https://goo.gl/U7Evgz>

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent. The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent bridesmaids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than the had expected. And the wait was long. Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences. Good stewards heed Jesus' warning: Be prepared to wait for the Lord's return. Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait? Will the "flames" of passion for the Lord endure? What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out? (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin)

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 12 Sun: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis:6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thess: 4:13-18; Mt: 25:1-13

Nov 13 Mon: Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

Wis:1:1-7; Ps:139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk:17:1-6

Nov 14 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Wis:2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

Nov 15 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Wis: 6:1-11; Ps: 82: 3-4, 6-7; Lk:17:11-19

Nov 16 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Wis:7:22b-8:1; Ps 119: 89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk: 17:20-25

Nov 17 Fri: Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Wis:13:1-9; Ps:19: 2-3, 4-5ab; Lk: 17:26-37

Nov 18 Sat: Ordinary Time

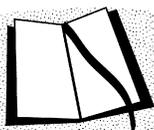
Wis:18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps:105; 2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk: 18:1-8

AUTUMN LEAVES

In the autumn, as leaves are dying all around us and nights are growing longer, it is natural for our thoughts to turn to the end of our lives. We may ask ourselves if we will be ready when the Lord comes to meet us. Perhaps we have experienced the sudden, unexpected death of a loved one. Perhaps we have kept vigil with someone who died slowly. If so, we know that death is an unpredictable and ever-present reality in every human life.

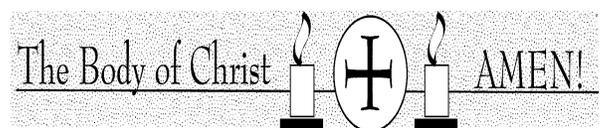
How are we to live our lives in the face of such knowledge? What is wise? Today's scriptures address this question. We are not to live as though we are immortal and nothing can harm us. Neither are we to live in fear and despair, as though we were already dead. Paul tells the Thessalonians to console one another with the knowledge that we are meant to be reunited with our loved ones for eternity. Jesus tells his disciples not to be so foolish as to think that they can get by with only the bare minimum of faith, hope, and love

The
WORD
of the
LORD



Renews
and gives
life to
my soul

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