

# PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, November 18	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 19	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... <b>9:00 a. m.</b>	<b>Operations Christmas Child Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>R. C. I. A. - St. Francis Trailer</b>
Monday, November 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, November 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, November 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Thursday, November 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	<b>THANKSGIVING MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Friday, November 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Saturday, November 25	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

November 19, 2017

You will call upon me,  
and I will answer you!



**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

***Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17: I myself will look after and tend my sheep.  
1 Cor:15:20-26, 28: Paul proclaims Christ's death, resurrection and second coming  
Mt:25:31-46: The Son of Man will judge us on our acts of mercy***

**LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 80s  
*There is No Moral Neutrality***

*St. Augustine teaches that we can never be morally neutral, either we are growing in virtue or falling into vice. We never have the luxury of simply being in some neutral, holding state. There's no moral neutrality. Either we are growing in virtue or sliding into virtue's opposite. That's true for all of life. A thing is either growing or it's regressing.*

*If we are not actively advocating for justice and the poor, it is inevitable that at a point we will, with completely sincere hearts, downplay the issues of poverty, racism, inequality, and injustices. And so we need to be alert not just to our conscious attitudes but to what we are actually doing.*

*Similarly, within any circle of friends, either we are talking about way that we can more effectively lessen the gaps between rich and poor or we are talking, however unconsciously, about the need to defend the gaps that presently exist. One kind of conversation is stretching our hearts; the other is narrowing them.*

*As Bryan Stevenson puts it in **Just Mercy**, "The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored; the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated.*

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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](http://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 be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local projects addressing poverty. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**MASS FOR CATHEDRAL "ALUMNI":** Please join us on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cbarnes@rcchawaii.org)

**Urge your senators to vote for the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act:** On October 3rd, the House passed the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act by a vote of 237-189. On Oct. 5, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham introduced the S.B. 1992 in the U.S. Senate, where it has 45 co-sponsors. Although no date for a vote has been announced yet, we need to act now. This bill – which protects babies because of their ability to feel pain -- has wide support among the public, has been enacted in 16 states, has the support of Congress, and is a bill the President has promised to sign. When you contact the offices of these senators, make sure to say that the United States is one of just seven nations in the world that allow abortion after 20 weeks – a fact the Washington Post "fact checker" confirmed just recently. "The United States should not be in that club," Sen. Graham said as he introduced the bill. Echo that sentiment in your message to your senators, and let them know that at 20 weeks, babies in the womb can suck their thumbs, scrunch up their faces, yawn and stretch. Yet thousands of these babies – healthy babies being carried by healthy mothers – are killed every year. Please call the offices of Senators Mazie Hirono (522-8970) and Brian Schatz (523-2061) and ask them to protect these babies from the horrible pain of abortion by supporting S.B. 1992.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Building a culture of life isn't something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative – it's essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives." Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chair **USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Respect Life Month Statement**, <https://goo.gl/NSmjxT>

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It's a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render and account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase. **(International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin)**

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Nov 19 Sun: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Prov:31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thess: 5:1-6; Mt: 25:14-30

**Nov 20 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**  
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps:119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk:18:35-43

**Nov 21 Tue: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
2 Mc:6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

**Nov 22 Wed: Cecilia, virgin, martyr**  
2 Mc: 7:1, 20-31; Ps: 17: 1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15; Lk:19:11-28

**Nov 23 Thur: Thanksgiving (USA)**  
Sir:50:22-22; Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk: 17:11-19

**Nov 24 Fri: Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs**  
1 Mc:4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk: 19:45-48

**Nov 25 Sat: Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr**  
Wis:18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps:105; 2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk: 18:1-8



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