

PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Saturday, January 23	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, January 24	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, January 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, January 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, January 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, January 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p. m.	Feeding: Menu: Hamburger Curry
Friday, January 29	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, January 30	.. 11:00 a. m - 1:00 p. m.	2ND ANNUAL LUAU PICK-UP
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confessions
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jer:1:4-5, 17-19: God calls Jeremiah the prophet.
1 Cor:12:31-13:13: Paul's hymn to love.
Luke:4:21-30:1: Jesus is rejected in the synagogue.

Living Catholic in the 808: The First Step of Catholic Evangelization?

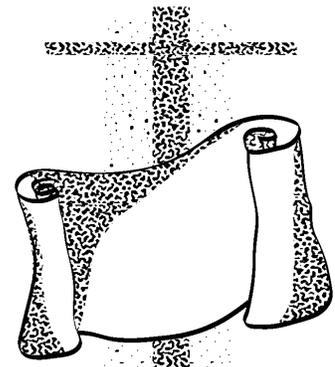
Once we accept that God will speak through us and that it is up to God to produce the result of our efforts, what's the first step towards actually sharing our faith with words?

The first step is to pray. (Anticlimactic? Keep reading.....)
 Now lots of people would suggest we should pray for the person we want to evangelize or pray that be effective when we evangelize. These are good prayers.

But, if you are not very open to sharing your faith with words, then your first step is to pray that God open you by giving you an opportunity to share your faith with words today. If you feel nervous or uncomfortable, then the first step is to pray that God calm your nerves as you share your faith today. If you feel like you just don't see when you should share your faith, then the first step is to pray that God help you see an opportunity today.

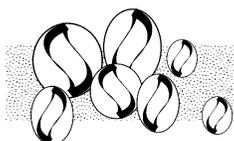
The first step is to pray for a chance to share your faith. **TODAY.**
 "Living Catholic in the 808" provides weekly tips on what evangelization can look like for "typical" Catholics. catholicahawaii.org/evangelization

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today this
scripture
passage is
fulfilled
in your
hearing

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If one member suffers,
all the members suffer with it;
if one member is honored,
all the members share its joy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

“DA BIG BREAKFAST”: It's that time of year again where the religious education department calls upon your help to support our Da Big Breakfast Fund-raising event. This year is even more special because it will be held on **Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th. after the 7:00 am mass and 9:00 am mass.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Our initial Knight of Columbus meeting will be held right after the **9:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, February 7th.** It will be held outside under the Banyan tree. We will have election of officers and an explanation of their duties. We will discuss times to meet each month and come to a consensus for what day and time is best for everyone. More information for our Charter and perhaps our Councils number. Bylaws will be discussed also with dues structure for our particular Council. It is important that everyone attend this initial meeting, so we can start planning our steps to help St. Rita Church move toward its goals for the future.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA: Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. By funding these programs, the support you give today will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.

WORD OF LIFE: “We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love.” – **Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, O. F. M.** “2015 Respect Life Month Statement: Every Life is Worth Living www.goo.gl/GVYQZY”

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 24 Sun: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh:8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor:12:12-30; Lk: 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Jan 25 Mon: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

Acts: 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk: 16:15-18

Jan 26 Tue: Memorial of Timothy and Titus, bishops

Tim 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk: 3:31-35

Jan 27 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sam: 7:4-17; Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk: 4:1-20

Jan 28 Memorial of Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the church

2 Sam: 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk: 4:21-25

Jan 29 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sam: 1:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps:51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk: 4:26-34

Jan 30 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sam:12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps:51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his “Mission Statement.” Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have “glad tidings” to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

“DO NOT BE SAD, AND DO NOT WEEP”

“Do not be sad,” Nehemiah said, “and do not weep” (9:9). Our days are holy when they are lived in the presence of God. So why do we weep? Not because God is not present to us. That's impossible. We weep because we are not present to God. We lose ourselves in our fears and our wishes that things would be different than they are.

The people of Nazareth sat down to listen. Jesus sat with them, and opened up the book of Isaiah. And what passage did he turn to? A message of consolation, the promise of “glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind” and freedom for the oppressed. Then when all eyes were fixed on him, he declared, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:18, 21).

When is that “today”? Is it yet to come? If so, then Jesus was mistaken. Is it already past? If so, then it is not today. “Today” is now, always now.

WE PLAY OUR PART . . . TODAY

Paul tells us that we are “Christ's body.” He explains that in the church there are apostles, prophets, and teachers, as well as gifts of mighty deeds, “healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues” (1 Corinthians 12:28). In other words, a lot of different gifts, a lot of different jobs.

In God's work—work like setting captives free and giving sight to the blind—we have our part to play. Our part is not to fall down on our faces and weep because we haven't done more. Our part is to recognize and acknowledge what we have done, see what else we might do, and then walk out into today and do it.

God has made this year a “year acceptable to the Lord” and this day a “holy day.” God is present to us and we need to be present to God and to God's world. We each have our part to play, our contribution to make. Each of us can make God's world more peaceful, more joyful, healthier, and freer. This year! Today!

