

PARISH CALENDAR

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 24, 2016

God gives strength to His people!

Saturday, July 23	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, July 24	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, July 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, July 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 5:30 p. m.	Feeding Menu - Spaghetti & Meatballs
Friday, July 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, July 30	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Eccl: 1:1, 2:21-23: All things are vanity!
Col:3:1-5, 9-11: We are all one in the risen Christ.
Luke:12:13-21: Security does not lie in worldly possessions.

**Living Catholic in the 808:
When NOT to Talk with Loved Ones Who Miss Mass**

For many of us, thinking of our loved ones missing Mass upsets us, bringing us desolation. If this is the case, if we feel guilty, sad, agitated, angry, etc.... then this is NOT the time to talk with our family or friends about the importance of going to Mass. Why not?

Because in moments of desolation, in moments when our predominant state is something other than God's peace and merciful love, in these moments, we cannot trust who/what is talking to our loved ones. It is certainly possible that God can touch their hearts (and ours!) during these times. But, Scripture and our own experience tells us that these conversations usually go badly for everyone involved.

If we are sad, upset, etc..., we cannot trust that we will effectively evangelize our loved ones with our words....at that moment. We cannot trust that the Holy Spirit is in charge of any conversation during this particular time.

St. Ignatius offers us sound advice here – when we are in desolation, not experiencing God's peace, our primary action is to work against the desolation. The time to talk with our loved ones is when we are filled with God's peace. The other moments are times we should instead run to God ourselves.

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*Pray as Jesus himself
taught us to pray*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. RITA'S OUTREACH SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Today is the deadline for our School Supply Drive, please be sure to drop off the school supplies in the gray plastic bin at the back of church. Waianae side of the church. Mahalo.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Jesus tells us that all we have to do is ask and we will receive, seek and we will find, knock and the door will be open to us. Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: *Oahu - September 23-25 and Maui - August 26-28.* For more information contact Lee & Tanya Barbero @ (808) 268-1578 on Maui or Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alviar @ (808) 391-2045; or visit our website at www.hawaiiwwme.org. Get your spot reserved **now**.

WORD OF LIFE: "Through [the] loving care [of my family and friends], they affirm what I also know—that my life is, always has been, and always will be, worth living ." –Maggie's Story: Living like Dad, www.goo.gl/JKwWc USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 24 Sun: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen:18:20-32; Ps 138; Colo:2:12-14; Lk: 11: 1-13

Jul 25 Mon: Feast of James, apostle

2 Cor: 4:7-15; Ps 126: 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Jul 26 Tue: Memorial of Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary

Jer: 14:17-22; Ps:79: 8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt:13:36-43

Jul 27 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Jer: 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59: 2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt: 13:44-46

Jul 28 Thur Ordinary Weekday

Jer: 18:1-6; Ps 146: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt: 13:47-53

Jul 29 Fri: Memorial of Martha

Jer: 26:1-9; Ps: 69: 5, 8-10, 14; Jn: 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Jul 30 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Jer: 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69: 15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

BARGAINING WITH GOD

In the first reading from Genesis today, we hear one of the most protracted deal-making scenes between a human and God in all of the Bible. It was this sort of courageous standing toe-to-toe with the Almighty that helped earn Abraham the reputation of being a fearlessly faithful man, one who lived his end of the covenant and, in deep, trusting faith, would call upon the Lord to live up to the other end. Other ancient religions had accounts of mortals bartering with the divine, but for a mere man to whittle down the divinity's requirements, to stay the wrathful hand of the heavens for the sake of a handful of the innocent, was new and remarkable. Abraham began the trajectory that would find a pinnacle in Christ on the cross, where his own "faith in the power of God" (Colossians 2:12) would lead him not to care how many innocent there were, but to offer himself as a sacrifice so that all might be forgiven their transgressions and allowed to live in life eternal.

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's Gospel parable speaks to generosity. In the deep of night, sleepy friends responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable that a friend would deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize that extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity and what our response should be to that generosity. **International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**

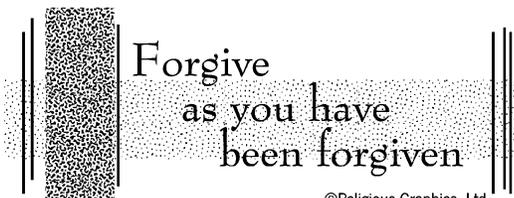
STRIKING A SCARY DEAL

In teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus gives them the benefit of the doubt: "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us" (Luke 11:4). It is not too difficult to imagine Jesus looking around at his followers rather pointedly as he says this, eyebrows arched, perhaps emphasizing the word "everyone" as he spoke. This, when truly prayed, is a scary invitation (or challenge) to God: forgive us in the same way and to the same degree that we forgive others. Perhaps we count on the Almighty to live up to the forgiveness end of the bargain even when we fail to; we, therefore, don't really seem to believe the fact that God can reserve the right to say "OK" to this invitation at any time, and make us bear the consequences. A good barometer of whether or not we're truly sincere in our invitation might be whether or not we break out in a cold sweat when we pray it. Can we always count on God to be merciful and forgiving? Yes. Can we always count on God to honor every agreement God enters into? Again, yes.

Your
prayers
will rise
like
incense
to the
LORD



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