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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2024

FOCUS: If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel about being a servant to all are a reminder that the ways of the Lord are not the ways of the world. If we wish to be his disciples, we must have the courage to seek to understand God's ways

LEARNING HOW TO DIE WELL FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Karl Rahner was a German Jesuit priest and a leading theologian of the twentieth century. He once observed that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. On first hearing this, we may be much like the disciples who didn't understand Jesus when he spoke of his own need to enter death (see Mark 9:31-32). How do we learn to “die well”? If we forgo the need to always have our own way, if we forgive and resist the impulse to get revenge, if we are sensitive to the needs of others even when it's inconvenient, if we care for the child among us, whether that “little one” be five, forty-five, or eighty-five—if we practice a willingness to die in such ways, then when it comes time for us to make that final journey of our earthly lives, it will not be as frightening because we will have been there before.

Furthermore, if we learn how to die well, our lives will take on new meaning. The focus of our lives will not be on ourselves, but on others and their needs. We will find ourselves less disappointed when life doesn't go our way. Blue moods will evaporate more readily. We will have a greater interest in daily life. In other words, the very aspects that once seemed to drag us down will become doorways to hope and renewed life. What once seemed to have been a kind of death will become an avenue to faith in the resurrection.

● **Reflect:** Have you ever “died to yourself” and then experienced a resurrection?

Contact us for the following:

BAPTISM: Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

FAITH FORMATION (CCD & OCIA):
Contact coordinator.

MARRIAGE: Notify the parish 6 months prior to proposed date. Attending an Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to marriage ceremony.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: Contact the office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

FUNERALS: Call the parish before making arrangements with the mortuary.

FOOD PANTRY: Distribution happens in Parish Hall, bring ID:

- First Friday hours: 3-5 PM
- Remaining Fridays: 4-6 PM

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 23:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Vicente Rollon and Madonna Olaya
- Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, September 24:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Felipe Madamba, Jr. - RS)
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Mtg

Wednesday, September 25:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Roberto Olaya - Death Anniversary)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.
6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting

Thursday, September 26:

No Mass

Friday, September 27:

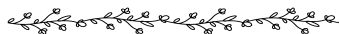
6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 28:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Andres Ramoran - RS)

Sunday, September 29:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Vini Tacadena Querubin)
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Horatio Sanchez. - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)



CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Sept. 21 Couples for Christ
Sept. 28 Chamorro Group
Oct. 5 Sacred Heart Society
Oct. 12 Knights of Columbus



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. MICHAEL



Please join us for a novena in honor of San Miguel (St. Michael) from **September 21st - 29th, 2024**, starting at **6:30 p.m.** (Correction from last week's bulletin. Novena begins on the 21st and not the 20th.)

On Monday, September 30th, we will have a regular 8am Mass and at 5:30 p.m., we will celebrate the Feast Day with Mass and fellowship.

DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS and FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - OCTOBER 7, 2024

Diocesan Rosary Congress*

8:00 a.m. - Mass
8:30 a.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:45 a.m. - Adoration and Rosary
2:30 p.m. - Benediction and Reposition

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Please join us in celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady** of the Rosary on **October 7th** starting with **Mass at 5:30 p.m.**, followed by fellowship after.

**From October 5 - 11, 2024, the Diocese of Honolulu*

will join other dioceses around the nation for the 2024 Eucharistic Rosary Congresses (ERC). Parishes in our Diocese are participating in the Congress as an effort to fulfill the message of Our Lady of Fatima.



FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +PEDRO P. SAVELLANO

Wake services for the late **+Pedro Pablo Savellano** will be held on **Tuesday, September 24th**, at **Mililani Mauka Chapel**, at **6:30 p.m.** Dcn. Richard to preside.

DAILY ROSARY TIME CHANGES

Starting next week, our daily Rosary times will be changing from 7:15 a.m. to:

- **7:00 a.m.** on Mondays and Tuesdays
- **6:40 a.m.** on Wednesdays and Fridays

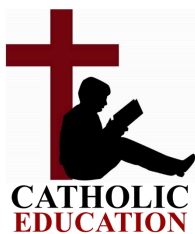
"FAITHFUL ENDURANCE"

Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services invite everyone to attend a one-day conference entitled, "Faithful Endurance," which will include speakers & praise and worship. Please join them on Saturday, September 28th from 9am - 6pm.



MINISTRY FAIR - HAPPENING SOON!

Aloha, ICC Family! We will be kicking off another Ministry Fair at the end of October! The purpose of the fair is to celebrate the ways that strengthen our church community, grow spiritually, and showcase all our parish ministries so that you will be able to see how your particular God-given gifts can be used to continue to serve God and one another in love. Something for all ages--bring the entire family!



Pictured above are our catechists who were commissioned at last week's Sunday 9:30 Mass to begin a new year of religious education. We are grateful for their stewardship of time to our parish. May God bless you all! (Pictures courtesy of Jaime Malasig)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering	\$3,495.00
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 926.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 979.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$ 876.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$ 714.00	
Repair & Maintenance	\$604.25
Building Fund	\$280.00
Flowers	\$22.00
Candles	\$50.00
Book of Intentions	\$110.00
Mass Intentions	\$190.00
Blessings	<u>\$20.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,771.25
Second Collection:	
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 20.00
Catholic University of America	\$1,004.28



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Thank you for your generous support during the last weekend of the collection for The Catholic University of America! As a parish, we raised **\$1,004.28**, so far, to support Catholic education and form tomorrow's Catholic leaders. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit: collection.catholic.edu.

LEEWARD VICARIATE MEETING

Every month, the priests in our Leeward Vicariate (St. Joseph, St. Jude, OLPH, Sacred Heart, St. Rita's, and ICC) hold a meeting to discuss the happenings of our parishes and of the Diocese. This month, Immaculate Conception hosted the meeting. We wanted to thank all those who set up and prepared food for the priests and deacons: **Sherrie Alcos, Loreal Villanueva, Teri Fajardo, Bunny Rizando, and Alison Harney.**



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Don't forget to bring your animals on **Friday, October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.** Fr. Sieg has

decided to bless your animals anytime between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to allow those who cannot make it after the morning Mass, as previously announced. Please bring them to the office between those hours.



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What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God’s presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one’s relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the “director” in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and selfdiscovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person’s faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and “toward ever more intimate union with Christ” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ’s Church. “This union is called ‘mystical’ because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments” (CCC 2014). “All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: ‘Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect’” (CCC 2013).

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

Greatness and success in God’s eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve... [Service] has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means to act like Jesus.

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PARISH MINISTRIES

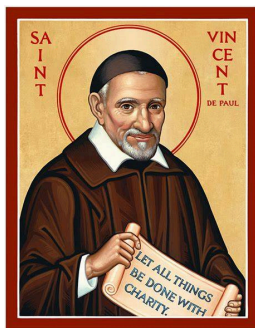
- Parish Pastoral Council
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- Parish Planning & Building
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- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Pio of Pietrelcina – Feast Day is September 23rd. Aka Padre Pio (Italian for Father Pius), he was a 20th c. Italian Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic. He joined the Capuchins at the young age of 15 and dedicated his life to serving God. He’s best known for his deep wisdom about prayer and peace, stigmata (wounds of Christ’s crucifixion), bilocation, physical attacks by the devil, and a master of the spiritual life. He worked with the poor and was noted for his great piety and humility. Many people pray to him for healing and several miracles have been attributed to him; thus he’s regarded as the patron saint of healing. His famous quote is “Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

Sts. Cosmas and Damian – Feast Day is September 26th. These twin brothers from Arabia were 3rd c. early Christian martyrs and physicians, who practiced medicine and surgery for free. These skilled doctors showed great piety and attracted many to the Christian faith. They were arrested for their faith and fame as healers. After the judge made several attempts to kill them by fire, torture devices, stones, and arrows during the persecution of Christians by Emperor Diocletian, they were finally beheaded in Syria. These saints are invoked in the Canon of the Mass and in the Litany of the Saints. They are the patron saints of physicians, surgeons, pharmacists, barbers, and twins.



St. Vincent de Paul – Feast Day is September 27th. He was a 17th c. French priest, who was known for his charity and compassion for the poor. Called “The Apostle of Charity” and “Father of the Poor,” he resembled Jesus by continuing His charitable mission and exhibited values of simplicity, humility, and selflessness. He was a leader of the Vincentians, who preached missions to poor country people. Later, he established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick in parishes. He helped found the order of the Daughters of Charity, who serve the poorest and most abandoned in society. He’s the patron saint of all charitable societies; the most notable being the Society of St. Vincent de Paul founded in 1833.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	AUG 31-SEP 1		SEP 7 - 8		SEP 14 - 15	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	102	11	145	8	140	20
Sun. 7:00 AM	271	7	258	11	210	9
Sun. 9:30 AM	263	46	256	52	227	50
Sun. 5:00 PM	129	26	162	24	146	19

Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nbr 11:25-29
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48