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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 2024

**FOCUS:** God desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves.

From the very beginning, the Lord made us to not be alone: we were created for relationship with him and with one another. There is something truly worthy of awe – awesome – in knowing that God, the Creator of the Universe and all things, desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves. We are not just his Creation, we are his children. His only Son is our brother. The kingdom belongs to us, if we embrace it with the childlike wonder it deserves.

## SPIRITED TRUTH

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole. The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that “the heart asks more than life can give.” That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it.

● **Reflect:** When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?

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, October 7:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Carolyn Somera - RS)  
8:30 AM Diocesan Rosary  
Congress with Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament and Rosary  
12:00 PM Funeral Service for  
+Bernard Magno at Mililani Mauka  
6:30 PM Council of Ministries Mtg.

### Tuesday, October 8:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
6:30 PM PPBC Meeting

### Wednesday, October 9:

6:40 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Carolyn Somera - RS)  
5:00 PM Centering Prayer  
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

### Thursday, October 10:

No Mass

### Friday, October 11:

6:40 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Isabel & Peter Alabanza - RS)  
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

### Saturday, October 12:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
12:00 PM Public Rosary for America  
Needs Fatima  
1:00 PM Sacred Heart Meeting  
4:00 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Julian Iglesias - Death Anniversary)

### Sunday, October 13:

6:15 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(+Mariano Luga, Jr. - RS)  
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(Bernard Magno - RS)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Mass for the People)

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEAST OF SAN MIGUEL CELEBRATION

Our San Miguel Society celebrated the Feast of St. Michael with Mass, presided by Fr. Lyndon Jong and concelebrated with Fr. Sieg. We would like to thank Cecilia Pantohan who coordinated the novena and the fellowship afterwards. On Monday, September 30th, everyone gathered in the hall for dinner and entertainment by the Divine Mercy Choir, which was led by Josie and Virgilio Sumait. Below are some pictures of this joyous occasion:



### DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS

Our parish is participating in the Diocesan Rosary Congress again this year. All are invited to come for Eucharistic Adoration and to pray the rosary in response to the request of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima. It will be held on **Monday, October 7th** from **8:30am - 2:30pm**.



### PUBLIC ROSARY - AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

On **Saturday, October 12th**, we will be gathering under the tent at **12:00 p.m.** to pray the rosary to make reparation for the sins committed against the Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Conception, her perpetual virginity, her divine maternity, blasphemies against her sacred images, and for instilling hatred in the hearts of children against the Mother of God.

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +BERNARD MAGNO

Burial services for the late **+Bernard Magno** will be held on **Monday, October 7th**, at **Mililani Mauka Chapel**, at **12:00 p.m.** Dcn. Richard will preside.

### CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

**Oct. 12:** Knights of Columbus  
**Oct. 19:** Couples for Christ  
**Oct. 26:** Chamorro Group  
**Nov. 2:** Sacred Heart Society





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**Parents & Families**  
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information on parenting and the involvement of families in parish life. They are also inviting parents, grandparents, and guardians of children under the age of 18 to attend a "Parent's Café" which includes a workshop and fellowship on **October 13, 2024**, from **11:00 – 12:30 pm**, in the **Parish Hall**.

**The Parent and Family at the Center of Faith Formation Ministry** would like to remind you to please participate in the survey to provide



Click on the QR code above to access the survey.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 28 – 29, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$3,448.00
Sat. 5:00 PM – \$ 1,023.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM – \$ 1,035.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM – \$ 797.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM – \$ 593.00	
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,448.25
Building Fund	\$244.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Candles	\$66.00
Book of Intentions	\$200.00
Mass Intentions	\$110.00
Funeral	\$250.00
Houseblessing	\$50.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M)	<u>\$162.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,988.25</b>



<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$12.00
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Sacred Heart Society	\$40.00
Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate	\$2,612.00



## ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE – EDUCATION & WELLNESS CLASSES

Join St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's classes to receive information on caregiving, enjoy wellness activities with your loved ones, and connect with our

St. Francis community. In-person classes take place at the St. Francis Kupuna Village Senior Community Center at 2230 Liliha Street. Virtual classes take place via Zoom.

## ST. BENEDICT RETREAT

**One-Day St. Benedict Men's Retreat**  
Living Out The Rule of St. Benedict as Catholic Men  
7:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Saturday, October 19, 2024  
\$65\*  
\*Get Early Bird pricing when you pay by 30 September!  
\$75 regular price

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

OCTOBER 2024 Immaculate Conception Church Young Adult Ministry

### Upcoming Events

<b>6 Sunday</b> 18:30pm	<b>13 Sunday</b> 6:30pm
Bible 101: a conversation on the history & the translations	How to incorporate the Bible into prayer, worship, reflection, or meditation
<b>20 Sunday</b> 6:30pm	<b>25 Friday</b> 6:00pm
Intro to Eschatology	Trunk O' Treat

## TRUNK O' TREAT

Immaculate Conception's Trunk OR Treat  
Sponsored by Couples for Christ Family Ministry  
Friday | Oct. 25, 2024  
gravel parking lot  
6:00 pm: trunk set up/children activities  
7:00 pm: trunk or treat  
Potluck, please bring a light dish to share.  
Please no costumes that glorifies evil, death, or violence  
contact parish office for more information

The Couples for Christ ministry will hold a "Trunk 'o Treat" event on **Friday, October 25th**, starting at **6 p.m.** in the gravel parking lot. Bring your keikis in costume (please no costumes glorifying evil and death) to get treats from the trunks of their cars. Afterwards, join them for a potluck dinner with activities for the family.

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Please note that the Collection for the Ohana in Christ has been moved to the weekend of **November 9-10, 2024**.

Father Sieg will be away during the week of October 14 – 18 to attend a convention. Fr. Lyndon will preside over the daily Masses.

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Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn Sub Tuum Presidium (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

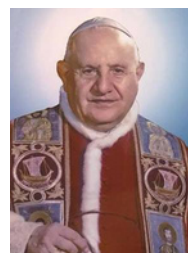
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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**Our Lady of the Rosary** – Feast Day is October 7th. Formerly known as the Feast of “Our Lady of Victory,” St. Pius V established this memorial to thank God for the Christian naval defeat of the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto (near Greece) in 1571. This victory was attributed to the praying of the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of this feast in 1573 to the “Feast of our Lady of the Rosary” and it was originally celebrated on the 1st Sunday in October. St. Pius X set the date to October 7th in 1913, which marked the Battle of Lepanto. By praying the rosary, we encounter Mary and become closer to Jesus through the mysteries. Our Lady provides special protection, love, and many graces to those who recite the rosary, which is a powerful armor against hell and can destroy vices, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

**St. Denis** – Feast Day is October 9th. He was a 3rd c. Italian-born martyr, who was the first bishop of Paris and has been regarded as the patron saint of France. St. Denis was sent from Rome to Gaul to convert the people and was martyred in Montmartre (Mountain of martyrs) in Paris along with two companions by beheading in the persecution under Emperor Valerius in 258. According to legend with some details suggesting facts, this decapitated bishop accompanied by angels, picked up his head and walked several miles while preaching a sermon on repentance. He finally collapsed and died when he reached his chosen burial site at a village northeast of Paris. Later, a church was built there on the spot. His courageous death proved his victory of faith over persecution and death.



**St. John XXIII** – Feast Day is October 11th. One of the most notable popes of the 20th c. from 1958 - 1963, he was best known for his convening of the Second Vatican Council. He’s also regarded as one of the most popular popes in history and was an energetic advocate of world peace. Pope Francis canonized him in 2014 along with Pope John Paul II and bypassed the necessity of a second miracle due to his virtuous model lifestyle and the good that came from his opening of the Second Vatican Council. He’s been regarded as the “Good Pope” for his benevolence as a man. His motto was “Obedience and Peace.” He taught us what it meant to have a holy life, which he surely demonstrated, and he exhibited primarily the virtues of faith and hope. He’s the patron saint of papal delegates and the Second Vatican Council.

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Stewardship Committee
- Music Ministry
- Money Counters
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- 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

WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	AUG 31-SEP 1		SEP 7 -8		SEP 14 -15		SEP 21 -22		SEP 28 -29	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	102	11	145	8	140	20	142	17	156	20
Sun. 7:00 AM	271	7	258	11	210	9	216	11	224	10
Sun. 9:30 AM	263	46	256	52	227	50	265	51	247	43
Sun. 5:00 PM	129	26	162	24	146	19	143	18	130	13.

Readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wis. 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-27