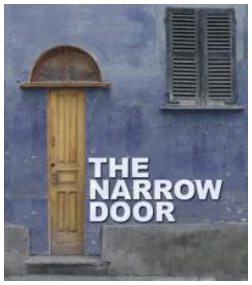


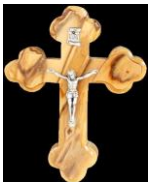
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2022

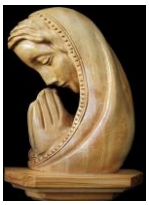
Readings for next week:

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 **Hebrew 12:18-19, 22-24a** **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

FOCUS: We strive to be faithful always.

The liturgy today gives us a chance to step back and think of our journey as disciples. This journey is not a short sprint, but a marathon. Its urgency is always there. The narrow gate is always there. But we are not alone, and we have food for the journey. Our eucharistic celebration strengthens us and gives us the grace to continue our journey to be faithful.





Little Bethlehem Christians

Little Bethlehem Christians is a group that represents over 300 Christian families who live in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Shepherd's Field, who make their living as Olive Wood Carvers.

After all the Masses next weekend, **August 27-28, 2022**, the group represented by the Alsahouri family, will display a collection of hand carved Olive Wood religious items for sale. The profit goes to support the existence of Christianity in the land of Christ. Please take a moment after Mass to view this beautiful collection of items. Thank you for your support.

Labor Day Picnic

Next month, we will celebrate Labor Day, **Saturday September 3rd**, with a potluck picnic right here on the parish grounds. The Knights of Columbus are planning to barbecue on the grill. Bring your favorite dish and share it with the community! The parish will provide all the paper goods (plates, utensils, napkins, etc.) There will be a sign-up sheet posted this weekend. Activities are being planned for the keiki and the whole family. It will be a lot of fun so mark your calendars and join us for some:

FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP!!! More info to follow.

Parish Schedule

Monday, Aug. 22:
8:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, Aug. 23:
8:00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, Aug. 24:
8:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, Aug. 25:
- No Mass -
Friday, Aug. 26:
8:00 a.m. Mass
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry
Saturday, Aug. 27:
5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, Aug. 28:
7:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer *(Chu)*

Church Cleaning Schedule

Aug 27: Couples for Christ
Sep 3: Sacred Heart Society
Sep 10: Knights of Columbus
Sep 17: Chamorro Group

Volunteers always needed. Call the office if you can help! Mahalo!

Registration for Religious Education Classes (CCD) for Grades Pre-school through 12th grade will be held on all Sundays throughout the month of August. See our Director of Religious Education in her office which is located near the Women's Restroom. If this is your first time to register, please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. For any questions, please call the office during regular hours at (808) 681-3701.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are an unbaptized child or adult or need to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program is just what you need. Please call the office to set up an appointment to meet with one of our catechists. Appointments are usually held on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Classes are being held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Classroom No.#1.

Catechist Training Day

Sat., Sep. 3, 2022, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Stephen Diocesan Center, Laulima

Join Fr. Mark Gantley, JCL for a review of the "Norms for the Preparation for and Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and First Penance". This session is suitable for clergy and parish/school catechists who help children, youth, and adults to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and First Penance.

Welder Needed

Immaculate Conception is seeking a Welder to fix our dumpster railing which is falling apart due to the rust corrosion. If you know of anyone who can help, please have them contact the parish office. Mahalo.

Knights of Columbus: Pilgram Icon Program in Honor of St. Joseph

As Pope Francis has declared this year, the "Year of St. Joseph", the Knights of Columbus, Council 6734 has chosen to honor him and ask for his guidance to grow in the imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity, and fidelity.

Below are pictures taken last Friday, August 12th, where they offered their prayers together in the church before the Icon of St. Joseph:

"BEAT-LELE" Benefit Concert

Get Back! to Church
Thu., Aug. 25th and Sat, Aug. 27th
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
St. John Evangelist Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani
Tickets available at
www.stjohnmililani.org

Catholic Charities Hawaii

Our second collection today is being take up for Catholic Charities Hawaii. Please mark your envelopes accordingly. Mahalo for your generosity.

Dynamic Catholic Speaker **Jesse Romero** will be here on the following days to share on the following topics:

- **How to overcome Depression Catholic Style** on August 23rd at Blessed Sacrament, Pauoa
- **The Power of Prayer** on August 24th at St. Michael, Waialua
- **The Benefits of Prayer and Church Attendance** on August 25th at St. Ann's, Kaneohe. For more info, contact Ron Goerner at (808) 306-7502.

Walking with Moms – a New Ministry

The Diocesan Respect Life office is implementing a new outreach ministry called "Walking with Moms". In this ministry, one is called to welcome pregnant and parenting women by walking alongside of them during their pregnancy as well as after the child is born.

"Walking with Moms" is building a culture of life with people, who are experiencing brokenness, difficulties, and challenges.
So far, we've had one person volunteer to help with this ministry. Help us promote LIFE by volunteering for this ministry. If you are interested, please contact our Respect Life Coordinator, Susan Duffy at susan@hipp.team. This is her correct email. *(Corrected from last week's bulletin).*

Stewardship of Treasure

August 20-21 2022

Weekly Offering	$ 3,400.77
Repair & Maintenance	684.00
Building Fund	103.00
Book of Intentions	310.00
Flowers	20.00
Candles	240.00
Food Pantry	140.00
Total	**$ 4,897.77**

Second Collection

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund
$ **5.00**

Faith Free Classes at UH Manoa

UH is offering FREE help to underrepresented groups in higher education!
- The SEED (Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity) programs offers a variety of programs to promote ethnic diversity and student success.
- The Online Learning Academy (OLA) supports SEEDS participants with tutoring and mentorship for college readiness.
- GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) and Talent Search Programs help motivate low-income students with potential to achieve higher education.