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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

FOCUS: As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive others.

Today’s readings challenge us as Christians to live in God’s love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors.

THE DEBT WE HAVE IN COMMON

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

As we hear today’s Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn’t really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn’t explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one’s own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers.

● **Reflect:** How am I at forgiveness—with others and with myself?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 14:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Corazon Julian - RS)
6:30 PM Council of Ministries Meeting
6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, September 15:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Bryant Taasan Ragasa - RS and +Kalena Wai - 1st Death Anniversary)
6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
6:30 PM Funeral Service for +Loreto Rasay at Mililani Makai

Wednesday, September 16:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Don & Adelaida Cabanatan - Thanksgiving)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM OCIA

Thursday, September 17:

No Mass

Friday, September 18:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Pedro Eliazar - RS)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 19:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Secular Franciscans Meeting
10:00 AM Funeral Mass for +Laverne Holdstock
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

Sunday, September 20:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Pacita Mauleon - Death Anniversary)
8:15 - 9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Horatio Sanchez & +Lucia Sanchez - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Lyla Bonilla - Birthday Blessings)
6:00 PM San Miguel Novena begins

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOR DAY PICNIC FUN!!!!



We'd like to thank our **Knights of**

Columbus, Event Planners, and Stewardship Committee, who devoted their time to planning the day, and all those who came out to enjoy the festivities.

SAN MIGUEL NOVENA



Starting next **Sunday, September 20th** through **Monday, September 28th**, we will be praying a novena of rosaries at **6:00 p.m.** in honor of **San Miguel** (St. Michael). All are welcome to join our San Miguel Society to call on the protection of St. Michael and to ask for spiritual strength and ask for help in times of difficulty. On **September 29th**, we will celebrate the Feast of San Miguel with Mass and fellowship.

Dear Padre,

September 13, 2026

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1-11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Likewise, at Mass, we're so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ's love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one's breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn't a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (GIRM 46).

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +LAVERNE HOLDSTOCK

This coming **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, we will have a funeral Mass for the late **+Laverne Holdstock**. Visitation begins at **9:00 a.m.**, followed by the **Mass at 10:00 a.m.** presided by Fr. Melchor Palomares. Laverne was baptized in this parish and was a life-long member, who devoted her life to the Church. She served as a member of the San Miguel Society, and most notably, as the cantor for the 9:30 a.m. Mass. As a member of San Miguel, she helped clean the church on Saturdays and participated in the annual novena, procession, Mass, and feast celebration. Rest in peace, Laverne.



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +LORETO HERNANDO RASAY

A funeral service for the late **+Loreto Hernando Rasay** will be held on **Tuesday, September 15th** at **Mililani Memorial, Makai Chapel**. Visitation begins at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by a **prayer service** at 6:30 p.m. Burial will take place in the Philippines. Dcn. David Bruce will preside over the service.

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTERS



Last week Sunday, **September 6th**, at the **5:00 p.m. Mass**, our **Youth and Young Adult Ministers** were **commissioned** by Fr. Sieg, as they begin their new year of ministry. Pictured below are: **Justin Peralta, MJ Agcamaran, Aaron Agcamaran, Maricel Sebastian, Mark Sebastian, Melanie Yacas, Kirsten Yacas, Anvie Alcayde, Mona Ishihara, and Randy Ishihara**. We thank our ministers for their gift of time, talent, and treasure to our Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST – COUPLES RETREAT



On September 5 and 6, 2026, the annual **Couples for Christ** Theme Weekend Retreat: **Mensa Christi** was echoed in our community here in Hawaii. We engaged in various activities, including receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participating in the World Mission Rosary, celebrating the Holy Mass, worship sessions, and fostering fellowship.

The retreat served as an inspiration to renew our personal faith, embrace God's call, and strengthen our bonds with each other, our community, friends, family, and the Church. We were encouraged to respond to God's invitation to communion by cultivating a heartfelt prayer habit, actively participating in the Eucharist where Jesus offers Himself as true nourishment for our souls, participating in the church's liturgical life, fostering unity within our marriages, building families where all members feel valued, respected, loved, and trusted.

We were also encouraged to extend Christ's Table by caring for each other's needs and participating in the divine life through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The concluding session reminded us that our fellowship transcends our own tables and extends to the wider community. As Couples for Christ, we are called to be a community of joy, love, and mission, a living testament to God's grace in the world, and to contribute to the building of the body of Christ. If you want to know more about Couples for Christ, please contact our parish office. *(Article written by Vinya Manianglung)*

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WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	AUG 22 – 23		AUG 29 – 30		SEP 5 – 6	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	156	23	155	12	140	13
	Sun. 7:00 AM	190	8	242	6	276	4
	Sun. 9:30 AM	238	34	252	47	249	35
	Sun. 5:00 PM	159	23	149	20	120	27



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 5 – 6, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,217.21
Sat. 5 pm –	\$1,046.00
Sun. 7 am –	\$1,401.00
Sun. 9:30 am –	\$1,049.00
Sun. 5 pm –	\$721.21
Repair & Maintenance	\$920.00
Building Fund	\$382.00
Book of Intentions	\$25.00
Mass Intentions	\$35.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$60.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Word Among Us donation	\$5.00
Religious Ed (CCD) fees	\$370.00
Total	\$6,317.21

Second Collection:

Joseph Dutton	\$7.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$6.00
Catholic University of America	\$1,158.10

BAC MAKE-UP CLASSES

We're grateful to Dcn. Keith and his OCIA Team Members, Berna Callejo and Carl Arpon, for their time in teaching us about our faith through the Basic Adult Catechesis Classes. For those who may have missed any classes, you may make those up at St. Joseph Church, Waipahu, on the following dates:

Day 1: 9/19 or 10/24	These classes will be in the Music Room (next to the grotto) from 9am – 2 pm .
Day 2: 9/26 or 11/14	
Day 3: 10/10 or 11/21	
Day 4: 10/17 or 11/28	

If you have any questions, you may email them at stjosephchurchaff@gmail.com.

FR. SIEG ON LEAVE

Fr. Sieg will be on leave from September 16th – 28th. We will have several priests from the Leeward Vicariate to preside over the Masses in his absence.

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

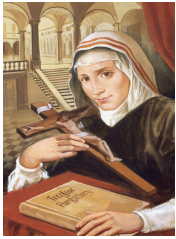
In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and...every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

Church Cleaning Schedule

Sep 19:	Couples for Christ
Sep 26:	Chamorro Group
Oct 3:	Sacred Heart Society
Oct 10:	Knights of Columbus

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Catherine of Genoa – Feast Day is Sept. 15th. This 15th c. Italian saint & mystic was known for her work among the sick & poor and for her spiritual writings. She was a married laywoman, who was in a difficult arranged marriage with an unfaithful husband. Ten years later, she had a mystical conversion, which she described as an overpowering sense of God's love for her. Her spouse was eventually converted and together they dedicated their lives to caring for the sick & poor in a hospital in Genoa, where she became the manager & director. She was also renowned for her spiritual writings & visions regarding Purgatory & God's love. She considered Purgatory as an inner, joyful state of spiritual purification driven by God's intense love, rather than as a physical place of punishment. She spent most of her life unselfishly serving the sick, especially during the plague which ravaged Genoa and growing closer to God through prayer & Holy Communion. She's the patron of hospitals, nurses, difficult marriages, caregivers, & souls in Purgatory.



St. Januarius – Feast Day is Sept. 19th. Also known as San Gennaro, this 3rd c. saint & martyr is commemorated on this date as well as on two other dates during the year. He was the bishop of Benevento, Italy during the Christian persecution under Roman Emperor Diocletian & was martyred by beheading in AD 305. He's best known for the "Miracle of Blood." Traditionally & mysteriously, his dried blood relic, which is sealed in a glass vial in the Naples Cathedral, spontaneously liquifies 3 times a year as a sign of God's presence & an omen of good fortune for Naples. If it doesn't liquify, it's historically interpreted as a sign of impending misfortune or disasters. His blood liquifies on the 1st Saturday of May, which marks the transfer of his relics to Naples, Sept. 19th, which is his liturgical feast & anniversary of his martyrdom, & on Dec. 16th, which commemorates his intercession of protecting Naples from the 1631 eruption of Mount Vesuvius. He's the patron of Naples, blood banks, blood donors, & protection against volcanic eruptions.



Our Lady of La Salette – Feast Day is Sept. 19th. This feast day commemorates the anniversary of the 1846 apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in La Salette-Fallavaux, France, a mountain village in the French Alps. She appeared to 2 shepherd children, Maximin Giraud & Melanie Calvat, who witnessed her weeping & giving a message of repentance & conversion. The core of her message focused on reconciliation, penance, prayer, & turning back to God. Her communication to them conveyed warning as well as hope. If people didn't repent and turn back to God, there would be disasters such as famine, war, or persecution. She expressed the need for people to observe the Sabbath by not working & by respecting God's name. She also stressed the importance of prayer & penance by praying the Rosary daily & fasting on Fridays. Also, she desired that priests should be holy and lead their flocks by example. Many people were moved to repentance & conversion. A shrine was built on the apparition site, which is a major pilgrimage destination with a miraculous healing spring.



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