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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2026

FOCUS: God speaks to our hearts in quiet moments.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus goes up the mountain by himself to pray. Jesus often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us that it is good to seek quietness and stillness when in prayer. God is always with us, but we need to seek him out and listen for the tiny whispering sound of his voice calling us to him.

ONE FOR ALL MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel.

● **Reflect:** Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 10:

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

Tuesday, August 11:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Ella Agustin - Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, August 12:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Vinnie Tacadena Querubin - 2nd Death Annv.)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)

Thursday, August 13:

No Mass

Friday, August 14:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Rose M. Oreta - RS)
10 AM-12 PM Farm Fresh Friday (Hall)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, August 15:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Basic Adult Catechesis (Dcn. Keith)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Felicitas Aguilar - RS)

Sunday, August 16:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Vinnie Tacadena-Querubin - 2nd Death Annv.)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Cathy Lyn Puckett - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting



He (Peter) cried out, "Lord, Save me!"
...he (Jesus) said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
Mt. 14: 22-33

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP LARRY SILVA: A LASTING LEGACY

Excerpts taken from an article by Lisa Dahm. Hawaii Catholic Herald, Issue 7/15/2026.

When he was installed as the fifth bishop of Honolulu 21 years ago, Bishop Larry Silva's first action was to listen not from afar, but through personal encounters. During his tenure, he has overseen the canonization of two saints and the start of a third sainthood campaign; begun numerous fundraising and renewal initiatives, including an overhaul of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace; and reshaped parish boundaries and communities.

Bishop Silva is the second longest serving diocesan bishop after the first, Bishop James J. Sweeney, who served from 1941-1968. While Bishop Silva is always quick to point out that other leaders began the sainthood campaigns for now-Sts. Damien de Veuster and Marianne Cope, he has spent his episcopacy amplifying their work with Hansen's disease patients on Molokai's remote Kalaupapa peninsula.

After 21 years, Bishop Silva has ordained 28 priests and 61 deacons. The diocese now counts seven men in the seminary, with several more applications in progress, and 10 men in Cohort II in the diocese's permanent diaconate program, with ordination planned in 2027. As shepherd of all aspects of the diocese, Bishop Silva also oversees its financial situation. His first major capital campaign, "With Grateful Hearts," raised \$57 million in pledges from 2008-2014; a new campaign, the Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, is currently underway.

In his retirement, Bishop Silva said he will assist Bishop Castori in any way he can, and he hopes to devote time to the completion of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace renewal project. The tentative completion date is next August, with a rededication to follow.



We thank Bishop Larry for his dedication and service to our Diocese and we pray always that the Holy Spirit will keep and guide him safely on his journey toward Jesus. Mahalo Bishop Larry for all that you did for our Diocese! E ho'omaika'i 'ia 'oe e ke Akua

Dear Padre,

August 9, 2026

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life. Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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REGISTRATIONS FOR CCD CLASSES



Children's Religious Education

Registrations for CCD classes continue throughout the month of August. If this is your child's first time registering for classes, we ask that you bring a copy of their baptism certificate. The cost is \$35 per child, but if you have 3 or more children, there is a flat fee of \$75. This cost is to purchase the books and basic supplies for your child. Class will start on September 13th from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. and will continue every Sunday, except for holidays, throughout the year. If you have any questions, please see our Director of Religious Education, Shirley Sunio, after all the Masses outside near the tent.

REGISTRATIONS FOR OCIA CLASSES



OCIA Registration continues during the month of August. Classes are open to non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith, those who want to join the Catholic Church through baptism or Profession of Faith; and those who were baptized as infants, but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist. The first class will begin on Wednesday, September 2nd, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and every Wednesday after that, except for holidays. Please see our OCIA Coordinator, Eden Pulga, outside near the tent after all the Masses throughout the month of August.

REGISTRATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR/GESTURES



Children, ages 4 – 12-years old, are encouraged to sign up for our **Children's Choir**. Parents can sign them up after all the Masses outside near the tent. The children will not only learn songs, but will learn hand gestures to the songs as a sign of praise. Please see our Children's Choir leaders: Regina Rivera, Wileen Biscaino, and Sherrie Alcos for any questions.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – AUGUST 15th



The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. The celebration of Mary's Assumption dates back to at least the 5th century, with early Christian communities commemorating her "birth into heaven" or Dormition. By the 7th century, the feast was widely observed in Rome. The dogma was formally defined much later, on November 1, 1950, by Pope Pius XII in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, declaring it a divinely revealed truth that requires the faithful's assent. The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15 each year. In the Catholic Church, it is considered a holy day of obligation in most dioceses,

meaning the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass to honor Mary. The liturgy emphasizes Mary's prayerful life, her Magnificat, and her role as a model of faith and devotion. Scriptural readings often include passages from the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Revelation, highlighting her exaltation and the promise of eternal life.

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Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15,
29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JUL 18 - 19		JUL 25-26		AUG 1 - 2
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	August 1 st and 2 nd 's Mass Count will be reported in next weekend's bulletin
	Sat. 5:00 PM	126	14	127	13	
	Sun. 7:00 AM	234	6	214	5	
	Sun. 9:30 AM	222	39	248	46	
	Sun. 5:00 PM	167	14	116	17	



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The Stewardship of Treasure for this week will be reported in the next bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

FARM FRESH FRIDAY

AlohaCare Farm Fresh Pop Up Event!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th
10AM – 12PM

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Food Distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables while supplies last.

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BASIC ADULT

CATECHESIS CLASSES

TO BEGIN SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

Next weekend, August 15th, Dcn. Keith Galang, from St. Joseph Church, Waipahu, will be here to conduct the first **Basic Adult Catechesis** for our catechists, ministers, and anyone who is interested in learning about our faith. It is a 4-week course, being held on the following Saturdays: **August 15th, August 22nd, August 29th, and September 12th**. Dcn. Keith will be speaking about the basics of our faith, such as, the Mass, Sacraments, the Church and Ecclesiology. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to attend.

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of "discard" and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not "pass by." Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Church Cleaning Schedule

Aug 15: Couples for Christ
Aug 22: Chamorro Group
Aug 29: Volunteers Needed
Sep 5: Sacred Heart Society

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – Feast Day is Aug. 9th. Named Edith Stein at birth, this 20th c. German saint was a brilliant Jewish philosopher, who converted later to Catholicism. After reading a captivating autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, she became a convert to the Catholic faith and was baptized in 1922 after an intense search for truth. She joined the Carmelites in 1934 and made her final vows as a Discalced Carmelite nun 4 years later. She dedicated her life to Christ & took the name which means "Teresa Blessed of the Cross." She was considered a "rock of prayer" by organizing the other religious for communal prayer. She spent her final days comforting terrified prisoners at Auschwitz. Showing great courage, trust, & strength, she was martyred there in 1942. Canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 1999, she's a patron saint of Europe, those who've lost parents, & converted Jews. Her motto was "Learn to live at God's hands."



St. Clare of Assisi – Feast Day is Aug. 11th. This feast day honors a famous 13th Italian saint, who was greatly inspired by the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi and was his first female follower. She left home & a life of nobility to dedicate herself to a life of prayer & radical poverty. She established the 2nd Order of St. Francis, known as the Poor Clares, which are cloistered, contemplative nuns who practice prayer & absolute poverty. She was the 1st woman to write a monastic rule for her order. Besides poverty, her spirituality focused on humility, a deep love of God, & imitation of Christ from gazes of his image in a mirror. She performed many miracles, most notably, the one of her holding the monstrance with a consecrated Host at a convent gate to ward off invaders. She's the patron saint of television, computer screens, those with eye diseases, & embroiderers. Her motto was "Steadfast in faith, forward in hope."



St. Maximilian Kolbe – Feast Day is Aug. 14th. This 20th c. Polish saint was a Franciscan OFM Conventional friar & priest, missionary, & martyr. He was known as the "apostle of consecration to Mary." Having strong devotion to her, he started an evangelization movement called the Militia of the Immaculata, so people could be led safely to Jesus. He performed missionary work in Japan before returning to Poland, which was being ravaged by WWII. During the war, he defended & promulgated the faith. Arrested & imprisoned for his outspoken opposition to the Nazi regime & for sheltering many refugees in his monastery, he was then sent to an Auschwitz concentration camp in 1941. It was there that he made the ultimate sacrifice of volunteering to take the place of a condemned man in a starvation bunker & then was later killed by lethal injection. He's the patron saint of prisoners, journalists, amateur radio operators, & drug addicts. He was canonized in 1982 by Pope St. John Paul II, who named him as "a martyr of charity." His final words were "Ave Maria."

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