TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekend of August 26-27, 2017

A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE
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In last week’s Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples.

This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver. Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power.

We are also fond of images and more showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1023) states, “Those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they ‘see him as he is,’ face to face.” Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, “The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good.” Our call is clear.

This weekend’s second collection will go towards Catholic Charities Hawai‘i. Help carry out the social mission of the Church. Your generosity will help improve the lives of those we serve right here in Hawai‘i. “Lord, increase our spirit of charity.”

The third person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is sometimes referred to as “the forgotten” member of the Godhead. He is, no doubt, the least spoken of among the three persons of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Please join Deacon Ben Awana at the next Catholic Café on Sunday August 27th @ 10:30 in the parish library to learn more about the nature and person of the Holy Spirit. Light refreshments will be served.
WEEKLY CALENDAR

Aug 26 (Sat)  Weekday
9:00am  RE Retreat (Benedictine Monastery)
5:00pm  Infant Baptism

Aug 27 (Sun)  21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30am  Catholic Café (Lib)
5:00pm  Ilocano Mass

Aug 28 (Mon)  St. Augustine
7:00pm  EPIC Young Adult Faith Sharing (CH)

Aug 29 (Tue)  The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Aug 30 (Wed)  Weekday
6:30pm  Youth Ministry Class (Chapel)

Aug 31 (Thu)  Weekday
9:00am  Craft Guild (PH)
10:00am  Charismatic Prayer Group (Lib)

Sep 1 (Fri)  Weekday
First Friday
7:00am  Mass/Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am  Wahiawa Ministers’ Mtg.
8:30am  Benediction

Sep 2 (Sat)  Weekday

Sep 3 (Sun)  21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY’S READINGS
[Liturgical Color: Green]
Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138: 1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace (1), so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and to loose (3). To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for time (Ps), be glory for ever and ever (2)!

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Green]
Jeremiah 20:7-9 · Romans 12:1-2 · Matthew 16:21-27

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekend of August 19-20, 2017

OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering  $3,496.89
FIF Pledge Payments  150.00

MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Food Pantry  110.00
Other  796.00

Mahalo for your generosity!

Offertry Envelopes: Please call the office at 621-5109 ext. 9720 if you are in need of a new box.

ATTENTION:
Please mark all offering checks and/or envelopes accordingly. For example: Tithe Collection, Offering, Candles, Second Collection, Forward in Faith, Building Fund (Repairs & Maintenance), etc. All envelopes will be entered into the regular Sunday collection unless otherwise specified. Mass Intentions should be brought to the Parish Office directly. These details will greatly assist our Counters and Finance Office. Mahalo for your kokua!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
September 15th is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows!
Sign-ups for potluck lunch (September 17) after all the masses!
See the posters around the church for the schedule of events!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE
THANK YOU for all you generous donations received! All together you donated: 237 lbs. of supplies and $1,170.00 monetary donations. MAHALO!

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY …
We are truly blessed with your generous food and monetary donations. Besides giving the usual bag filled with canned meats, fruits, vegetables, etc., we are now able to give visitors separate bags with bread, cereal, cookies, juice and other food items. A big MAHALO to all of you for your support.

Stewardship of Time and Talent
Thank you Barbara, Jesmi, and Robert for helping clean the church. The sharing of your time is greatly appreciated!

OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

+ Thomas Conner  Sep 8  10:30am Memorial Service-MMP
+ Florentino Tamondong Sr.  Sep 21 11:30am Memorial Service-MMP

*   OLS = Our Lady of Sorrows / CH = Church / PH = Parish Hall / Lib = Library/
Conf=Conference Room / MMP = Mililani Mortuary Park / WGH = Wahiawa General Hospital
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER
Shirley Caban, Religious Education Coordinator
(621-5109 ext. 9723)

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION registration has begun and will continue throughout the month of AUGUST.
  Forms will be available after all masses and at the Parish Office.
- CATECHISTS’ RETREAT on August 26, 2017.
- CLASSES begin on September 10.

There are First Communion banners AND photos from previous years. PLEASE stop by the Parish Office by the end of September to pick up. All UNCLAIMED items will be thrown away!

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Chairperson, Parish Building and Maintenance Committee

Youth Ministry at OLS
Youth ministry is our response as a Christian community to the needs of young people – to empower them to live as disciples and to foster their total personal and spiritual growth. Youth ministry is also allowing young people to share their gifts with our community.

Here at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, we have youth ministry for young people in middle school and high school. Our youth ministries provide a safe, fun place for youth to enjoy community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. The resources that we use are Edge (for middle school) and Life Teen (for high school). These resources present Catholic teaching in a way that young people can understand.

Our Middle School Youth Ministry meet on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Library.
Our High School Youth Ministry meet on Sunday's from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (behind the Parish Office Building).
Our middle school and high school youth ministries also need men and women to journey with them in their discovery of faith. Join the Core Team and help bring our Catholic faith to life! No experience needed. Training is provided. Next training date is September 16. Call the parish office or email: olsedge@gmail.com, if you are interested in volunteering.

Living Catholic in the 808: Jesus’ Mission - Our Mission
Deacon Michael Ross, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Reflections on the Original Order
Diocese of Honolulu. Q: kdeneve@rcchawaii.org

What are we to make of Jesus’ mission? Is his mission something that he does along with other actions? Is it just a matter of converting peoples in foreign lands? Is it even just evangelization, the bringing of the good news of God to those who do not yet have faith, or have actually lost it?

The answer seems to be…mission is what Jesus is, as a person. Jesus has no other personality, no other purpose in the world than to bring people of every race and nation to him, to the love of God the Father. He has no life purpose, no private realm of satisfaction, no egocentric interests, no political or economic goals, no social status to acquire. Yet for all this absolute altruism he is fully human.

All of Jesus’ human energy and creativity, his courage, emotional fortitude, rationality, faith, and physical strength are devoted to his one task: to bring all peoples into the fold so they might receive the fullness of the love of God and so that they might attain to salvation.

In Jesus, we have our model, our paradigm, of what it means to be fully human. If this is the case, and it is, then our mission is to participate in his mission. Our mission is to share who Jesus is.

MISSION STATEMENT
Our Lady of Sorrows Church is a Catholic, faith-filled community united and founded on the teachings and love of Jesus Christ to serve the needs of all parishioners and, through its ministries, to foster and nurture their growth in faith.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church believes in stewardship as a way of Christian living. As stewards, it is our responsibility to give back to God the best that He has given us, by giving of our time, talent and treasure.

As a unified and welcoming parish of the Universal Church, we reach out to all of God’s people through education, through social action, through worship and through proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.