

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of July 29 - 30, 2023

A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom.



In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants



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> OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE Daily Monday - Saturday 7:00 AM

Weekend Saturday (anticipatory) 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Ilocano Mass See Weekly Schedule

RECONCILIATION Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 PM or anytime by Appointment (Call office for appointment)

> Mission Established 1928

Parish Established 1939

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jul 29 (Sat)	Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus 9:00 am Food Pantry/Senior Box Distribution	
Jul 30 (Sun)	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 am Fr. Octavius 30th Ordination Anniversary Lunch	
Jul 31 (Mon)	St. Ignatius of Loyola	
Aug 1 (Tue)	St. Alphonsus Liguori4:00 pmLegion of Mary (PH)7:00 pmChoir Practice (CH)	
Aug 2 (Mad)	St. Europhius of Verselli	

- Aug 2 (Wed) St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard 7:00 pm Development Committee (Lib)
- Weekdav Aug 3 (Thu) 6:30 pm RCIA Classes (Lib)
- Aug 4 (Fri) St. John Vianney
- Aug 5 (Sat) Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major 10:00 am Wahiawa Family Fun Fair (Wahiawa **District Park** 12:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Rosary (CH Lanai)
- Aug 6 (Sun) Transfiguration of the Lord 2:00 pm Samoan Mass

OLS = Our Lady of Sorrows / CH = Church / PH = Parish Hall Lib = Library Conf = Conference Room / Class = Upstairs Classroom MMP = Mililani Mortuary

OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

+Victoria Tamondong

11:30 am Aug 2 12:30 pm

+Feliciano Domingo

Aug 9 6:30 pm Aug 10 11:00 am 1:30 pm

Wake: MMP-Mauka Funeral Mass; OLS Burial; MMP

Burial; MMP

Funeral Svc; MMP-Mauka

+Peter Bejer

Aug 11 5:00 pm Aug 12 9:30 am

+Leonarda Campos Aug 15 6:30 pm Aug 16 12:30 pm

+Dennis Academia

Aug 25 11:00 am 1:30 pm

Wake; Oahu Cemetery

Burial: MMP

Wake: MMP-Makai Burial; MMP

Funeral Svc; MMP-Makai Burial; MMP



TODAY'S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Green]

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

The person of true wisdom, like Solomon (1), will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else (3). It is more precious than gold and silver (Ps). Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son (2)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [Liturgical Color: White] Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 • 2 Pt 1:16-19 • Mt 17:1-9

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of July 10 - 16, 2023

OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering	\$3,006.00
FiF Pledge Payments	\$385.00
Second Collection: Holy Father (Peter's	
Pence)	\$40.00
Second Collection: Seminarian Educ.	\$15.00
MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS	
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Other Miscellaneous Offerings	\$264.09
School Supplies Drive	\$145.00

Mahalo for your generosity!

Call the Parish Office at 621-5109 ext. 9720 if you are in need of a new offering envelope box.



August 5 - 6 Second Collection: **CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i has served Hawaii since 1947. Serving all peoples with the

greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture. In 2022, Catholic Charities Hawaii served 107.446 lives.

Envelopes are attached to this weekend's bulletin. Check donations should be made payable to "OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH;" indicate "CATHOLIC CHARITIES" in the memo.

Please prayerfully consider being generous in your support.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE Supplies and monetary donations will be collected during the month of July until August 27. A list of supplies requested is posted on the OLS website and on the church bulletin boards. Check donations should be made out to "OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH" and indicate "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" on the check and envelope. To date we have collected 39 lbs. in supplies and \$375.00 in monetary donations! Thank you for your generosity!

Youth Ministry is now on Summer Break. Classes will resume on AUGUST 16 / 6:30—8:30 PM in the Parish Hall See the OLS Website for more information!

USHERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Beginning next weekend (Aug 5-6) we resume passing the Offertory baskets. <u>Ushers</u> are needed to help during the Offertory collection and other general duties. No prerequisites are needed, just a desire to serve OLS! If you are interested in being an Usher, please see one of our current Ushers or contact the Office.

AN EVENING WITH CHRIST & COMMUNITY



All young adults invited to the World Youth Day Stateside Celebration "An Evening with Christ & Community." The evening starts with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by food and fellowship.

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu Learn more at www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/yam/wyd



Volunteers are needed to help with the OLS booth. Call Alan Kim ((808) 621-5109 X 9723) to find out how you can help bring OLS to the community of Wahiawa!!!



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Wednesday, September 6, 2023 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani Come! Be energized! Tickets available at <u>www.reallifecatholic.com</u>

PARISH STAFF

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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 to 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.