Twentieth-Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend of September 2-3, 2017

A Stewardship Reflection for the Twentieth-Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is quite short, but as is ever the case with Holy Scripture it contains a central message which is quite important to us. One of the ongoing challenges of being Catholic and Christian in today’s society is that society, cultural norms, sometimes seem to work against our efforts to live as followers and disciples of Christ.

Paul sums up that struggle succinctly as he says, “Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” Paul offers two suggestions in terms of combating the temptation to conform and agree.

First, he calls for a “renewal” of our minds. Often in today’s society the standard opinion is that it is feelings, how we feel, that are most important. Living in that way ignores the mind approach. Second, if we do try to sort things out intellectually we can only be successful in God’s eyes if we seek truth. The question we must pose to ourselves and to which we need to seek a conclusion is not “How do I feel?” or even “What do I think?” The important question for us is “What is true and what does God’s Word say?”

The philosopher and author C. S. Lewis defined truth simply when he wrote: “No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that ‘…in the beginning God made heaven and earth’.”
WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sep 2 (Sat)  Weekday
Sep 3 (Sun)  22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sep 4 (Mon)  Weekday
HOLIDAY - LABOR DAY (Office Closed)
7:00pm  EPIC Young Adult Faith Sharing (CH)
Sep 5 (Tue)  Weekday
7:00pm  Feast Day Planning Mtg (Lib)
7:00pm  Health Ministry Mtg (PH)
Sep 6 (Wed)  Weekday
10:00am  Central Oahu Vicariate Mtg (Lib)
6:30pm  Youth Ministry Class (Chapel)
7:00pm  Kupuna Kokua Mtg (PH)
Sep 7 (Thu)  Weekday
9:00am  Craft Guild (PH)
10:00am  Charismatic Prayer Group (Lib)
Sep 8 (Fri)  The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sep 9 (Sat)  St. Peter Claver
Sep 10 (Sun)  23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Blood Pressure Screening following the Masses
1:00pm  Altar Society Mtg (PH)

*  OLS = Our Lady of Sorrows  /  CH = Church  /  PH = Parish Hall  /  Lib = Library
Conf = Conference Room  /  MMP = Mililani Mortuary Park  /  WGH = Wahiawa General Hospital

TODAY’S READINGS
[Liturgical Color: Green]
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross (3): offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world (2). Following him will entail derision and scorn (1), yet the Lord is our help (Ps).

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Green]
Ezekiel 33:7-9  ·  Romans 13:8-10  ·  Matthew 18:15-20

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekend of August 19-20, 2017

OFFERINGS
Sunday Offering  $3,443.75
Second Collection (Catholic Charities)  856.25
FIF Pledge Payments  60.00

MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS
Food Pantry  21.00
Other  939.60

Mahalo for your generosity!
Offertory Envelopes: Please call the office at 621-5109 ext. 9720 if you are in need of a new box.

Our Lady of Sorrows code is: 77250

Support Our Lady of Sorrows at Foodland! From September 1-30, make a donation to Our Lady of Sorrows at any Foodland or Sack ‘N Save checkout. Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion of your gift. Thank You for Your Support!

SECOND COLLECTION: September 9-10
Catholic University of America
National Collection
Preparing the next generation of leaders
for our Church and nation.

Please join the faithful as they prayerfully participate in the World Day for Peace on Monday, September 11th at 3:30pm beginning at the Pieta Statue and continuing with the Rosary at the Blessed Sacrament here in the Church.”

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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
+ Allan Paahana Sr.  Sep 22  10:00am Funeral Mass-OLS
+ Caridad S. Dar  Sep 26  6:30pm Memorial Service-MMP
Sep 27  9:30am Funeral Mass-OLS

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Stewardship of Time and Talent
Thank you Barbara, Jesmi, and Robert for helping clean the church. The sharing of your time is greatly appreciated!
Registration Forms are available on Usher’s Table and at the Parish Office.

September 10: CLASSES begin

September 17: CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
7:00am mass, Commissioning of Catechists

September 17: NO CLASSES. Families are encouraged to join in the celebration of OLS Feast Day

September 24: 10:30am, PARENTS’ MEETING at the Church.
ALL PARENTS of children and Youth Ministry are encouraged to attend this mandatory meeting.

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: olshedged@gmail.com, if you are interested in volunteering.

Living Catholic in the 808: Shrimp Shack Evangelization

Ryan Agcaoili; Young Adult Parishioner; St. Anthony Parish, Kalihi

I like what a friend of mine (Dallas Carter) calls "Shrimp Shack Evangelization." Sometimes, when we evangelize to others, we feel that we are the only ones who can convert them or bring them closer to Christ. Most often times, we are not. We may just be the first person they meet, on their way to God.

As we head to the North Shore, no one really stops at the first shrimp shack you see. The food looks good, but you are not hungry. See another shack, and you pass by it. After seeing three more shrimp shack, you decide to pull over and finally get the five-piece garlic butter shrimp plate. The thing about the first shack you saw, is that the thought of these delicious shrimp is settling into your brain. You weren’t interested much in it but now you are beginning to think about it.

Evangelizing is like that. We may be the first person that greets someone, but we should not make it a point to believe that we will be the last person they know. When we become inviting, people may want to come back and meet other "shrimp shacks", which will prayerfully help them become active members in a parish community.

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.