TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of August 15 - 16, 2026

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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

Samoan Mass
See Weekly Schedule

RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
or by Appointment

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1928

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1939

FROM FR. NICK . . .

Lifted Up by Mercy: Mary, the Canaanite Woman, and the God Who Raises the Lowly

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On August 15th, we celebrated the Assumption of Mary, recalling that at the end of her earthly life our Blessed Mother was taken body and soul into heaven. This feast reminds us that God's power is revealed not in domination, but in mercy. He lifts up the lowly. In Mary, God shows what He desires for all His children: that the humble be raised, the forgotten remembered, and the faithful brought into glory.

Mary's life reveals how God notices what the world overlooks. She was a young woman from an ordinary village, without status or influence, yet God chose her to bear His Son and, at the end of her earthly life, drew her body and soul into heaven. The Assumption teaches us that humility is never wasted and trust is never ignored.

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 15:21–28) echoes the same truth. The Canaanite woman was an outsider, dismissed by the disciples and seemingly ignored by Jesus. Yet she refused to give up. Her persistent faith broke through every barrier, and Jesus praised her perseverance. She shows, as Mary does, that God listens to those without power and draws close to all who come before Him in need.

Mary and the Canaanite woman together show how wide God's mercy truly is. Mary reveals the future God desires for His faithful ones; the Canaanite woman shows the courage to seek that mercy even when others say we do not deserve it. Both proclaim that God's heart is open to those who come in humility, trust, and hope.

God still looks upon the lowly. God still hears those who feel pushed aside. God still raises up those who cling to Him in faith. And He calls the Church to be a place where the forgotten are remembered, the outsider welcomed, and the humble honored. May our parish reflect this calling.

May Mary's Assumption strengthen our hope, and may the Canaanite woman's faith deepen our trust in the God who lifts up the lowly and brings His children into glory.

I wish you a grace-filled week!

Fr. Nick Apetorgbor

Legacy Sunday (August 15 & 16) - Beginning Your Legacy Journey

Legacy Sunday is an invitation to reflect on the values and faith you wish to pass on to future generations. Through thoughtful planning, you can care for your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and leave a legacy that reflects your faith and gratitude for God's blessings. See insert for more information.

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."
~Matthew 6:21

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Aug 15 (Sat) **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
[*NOT* a holy day of obligation this year (USA)]
7:00 am Mass / Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am Benediction
12:00 pm Pro-Life Rosary (Holy Family Statue)
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Aug 16 (Sun) **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00 am Mass
9:00 am Children's Mass
10:30 am Filipino Catholic Club (PH)

Aug 17 (Mon) **Weekday**
7:00 am Mass
4:00 pm Eucharistic Encounters (Lib)

Aug 18 (Tue) **Weekday**
7:00 am Mass
3:00 pm Seven Sorrows of Mary Chaplet (Pieta)
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (PH)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (CH)

Aug 19 (Wed) **St. John Eudes**
7:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council (Conf)
NO Youth Ministry (Summer Break)

Aug 20 (Thu) **St. Bernard**
7:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Cantor Practice (CH)
7:00 pm Stewardship Committee (PH)

Aug 21 (Fri) **St. Pius X**
Admission Day Holiday / Office Closed
7:00 am Mass
8:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Lib)
1:30 pm EADM (PH)

Aug 22 (Sat) **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
7:00 am Mass / Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am Benediction
5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Stewardship Spotlight After 5:00 PM Mass

Aug 23 (Sun) **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Stewardship Spotlight After All Masses
SHE Ministry Fundraiser After All Masses
7:00 am Mass

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

OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

+Alfonso Pasco
Aug 25 4:00 pm Funeral Mass; OLS

+Brian Neves
Sep 18 6:30 pm Funeral Svc; MMP-Makai

TODAY'S READINGS

[*Liturgical Color: Green*]

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord (1) and to know his ways (Ps). God's gift and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike (2). Jesus recognizes the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman (3).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [*Liturgical Color: Green*]
Is 22:19-23 • Rom 11:33-36 • Mt 16:13-20

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of August 3 - August 9, 2026

OFFERINGS	
Sunday Offering	$4,571.00
Second Collection: Catholic Charities Hawaii	$10.00
Special Collection: Joseph Dutton	$10.00
Forward in Faith	$4,940.00
MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS	
Food Pantry	$50.00
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School Supplies	$10.00
Special Donations	$250.00
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Summer Break on August 19. **SESSIONS RESUME AUGUST 26.** 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER / Alan Kim, RE Coordinator (ext. 9723)

- Registration for the 2026-2027 Sacramental Prep & Children's Faith Formation classes is open. Contact the RE Office for more information.
- Adults seeking to be baptized or need to complete their Sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion, please call the RE Office for more information.

"Christ was raised in glory to the right hand of the Father, while Mary herself would be raised to that same glory in the Assumption, enjoying beforehand, by a unique privilege, the destiny reserved for all the just at the resurrection of the dead. Crowned in glory – as she appears in the last glorious mystery – **Mary shines forth as Queen of the Angels and Saints**, the anticipation and the supreme realization of the eschatological state of the Church."

John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*.

For the month of August, the STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE "MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT" features: the *OLS LITURGICAL MINISTRIES*

This weekend, we highlight our **Lectors**. **Lectors** serve our parish by reading Scripture at Mass and, when needed, leading the Prayer of the Faithful. Through prayerful preparation, they help bring God's Word to life for the community. This ministry is important because Scripture is central to the Mass, and lectors help others hear, reflect, and encounter God's message. At Our Lady of Sorrows Church, anyone fluent in English and comfortable speaking in public is invited to serve. Share your voice to proclaim the Good News, and consider joining the lector ministry.

Last weekend, we highlighted our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. **EMHCs** assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass and may also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. This sacred ministry helps others encounter Jesus in the Eucharist through reverence, prayerfulness, and care. Parishioners age sixteen and older who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to consider this ministry. Answer the call to serve Christ and His Church and consider becoming an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**.

Next weekend, **August 22 and 23**, come visit the table in the parish hall after Mass for more information on all of our liturgical ministries or to sign-up to join one of our liturgical ministries.

Don't Forget to Pick-up Your SHE MINISTRY FUNDRAISER Bentos!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, AFTER THE 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM MASSES, PARISH HALL
Don't miss out on ***"THE BEST BREAKFAST BENTO IN THE WORLD!"***

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF HOSPITALITY SUNDAY!
Join us on **SEPTEMBER 5 & 6** after every Mass for refreshments and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, welcome new faces, and grow as one parish family. We're bringing back Hospitality Sunday as a **monthly tradition**, so mark your calendars and plan to stay after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE! ***MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS***
SEPTEMBER 15: MASS AT 6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW
SEPTEMBER 6-15: 9-DAY NOVENA AT 5:00 PM

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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.

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