

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of October 10 - 11, 2020



A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the “here and now,” forgetting about what matters most — living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands — with eternity in mind.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful and compelling picture of what we can hope for in Heaven. “The LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” And not only that, our loving Father will personally heal us of each and every suffering we endured during our lives. “The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face.”

How can we say “no” to such an enticing invitation? Yet, so often we are tempted to do just that. We ignore our relationship with God, neglect our prayer and sacramental life, and the call to put others ahead of ourselves. We prioritize the “immediate” over the “eternal.”

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.” In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: “I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” How? Through this: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we return to the image of a feast. To describe the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus shares the parable of a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. The king sends several groups of servants to call the invited guests to come and join the feast. By virtue of our Baptism, we are the “invited guests” that Jesus is describing. How do the invited guests respond? The first group of guests refuses to come. Among the second group of guests, “some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.” Is this how we respond?

Our Heavenly Father is continuously inviting us (reminding us, prodding us) to come and join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Not in a far-off future, but right here and right now. If we will put Him first, partake of the sacraments He gives us (especially the gift of His own Son in the Eucharist) we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven right now. And our example can lead others to join us.

So let us embrace the stewardship way of life today! Let us put God first with our Time, our Talents and our Treasure, knowing that we can do all of this through Christ Who gives us strength. God is calling to us today to live with eternity in mind. If we do this, we will be feasting now and forever!

— *Stewardship Reflections by
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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)
6:00 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Ilocano Mass

Cancelled until further notice.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 5:00 PM

or anytime by Appointment
(Call office for appointment)

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OCTOBER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Confessions: 5:00 PM or anytime by appointment

Sunday Mass: 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM

RESERVATIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Due to limited seating, ALL weekend masses will require a reservation. Visit our website at www.olswahiawa.org OR call the Parish Office at (808) 621-5109 X 9720 to make your reservation now!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Oct 10 (Sat) Weekday / BVM**
 1:00pm RE Parents' Mtg (CH)
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 2:00pm RE Parents' Mtg (CH)
- Oct 11 (Sun) Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Oct 12 (Mon) Weekday**
- Oct 13 (Tue) Weekday**
- Oct 14 (Wed) St. Callistus 1**
 7:00pm PPC Executive Mtg (ZOOM)
- Oct 15 (Thu) St. Teresa of Jesus**
 7:00PM Stewardship Committee Mtg (ZOOM)
- Oct 16 (Fri) St. Hedwig
 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**
- Oct 17 (Sat) St. Ignatius of Antioch**
 10:00am RE Catechists' Mtg (Lib)
 10:30am RE Catechists' Mtg (Lib)
 11:00am RE Catechists' Mtg (Lib)
- Oct 18 (Sun) Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 World Mission Sunday**

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



OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- +Albert Castillo**
 Nov 6 Private Services
- +Ronald Doquiza**
 Nov 9/10 Private Services
- +Nieves Delos Reyes**
 Nov 19 Private Services

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY...

Thank you to the **AWESOME HARDWORKING** volunteers who helped with the successful drive-thru food pantry distribution on September 26, 2020. This month we distributed 778 bags of food to 489 households made up of 707 children and 1,472 adults. Since the beginning of the pandemic the number of households needing food has increased from 122 households in March to 489 households this month.



Mahalo to all for the continued support of the OLS Food Pantry.

We also would like to thank the volunteers that helped with the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), Senior Food Box, and Keiki Backpack distribution. A big **MAHALO** to the Knights of Columbus for traffic control! Also, thank you to Maile Moa, LLC aka Shaka Moa Eggs for their donation of 12 cases of eggs. That's a total of 4,320 eggs, providing for 288 families with eggs."



TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Green]

Isaiah 5:6:10a

Ps 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 21:1-14

The Lord invites us to a banquet (3), one of the favorite images of messianic times (1). This banquet is spread before us (Ps) and can fully satisfy our needs (2), yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us (3).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Green]

Is 45:1, 4-6 · 1 Thes 1:1-5b · Mt 22:15-21

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of October 3-4, 2020

OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering	\$3,646.00
OLS Feast Day	\$20.00
FiF Pledge Payments	\$575.00
Second Collection: Peter's Pence	\$40.00
Second Collection: Catholic University	\$294.00
Second Collection: Holy Land	\$498.00

MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Food Pantry/Social Ministry	\$30.00
Other	\$308.94

SEPTEMBER E-GIVING

Sunday Offering	\$4,460.00
FiF Pledge Payments	\$4,980.00

Mahalo for your generosity!

Please call the Parish Office at 621-5109 ext. 9720 if you are in need of a new box.

Next Weekend's Second Collection (October 17/18, 2020) will go towards WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. Mahalo for your generosity!

PUT YOUR OLS MASK ON AND BE SAFE!



The Parish Hall has been Blessed by the Bishop! **But our Forward in Faith campaign continues!**

We are selling OLS logo face masks before and after each Mass for \$10 each. Take pride in supporting OLS!

We ask for your continued support through pledges and donations. You can sign up online for automatic donations at www.olswahiawa.org or call the Parish Office to enroll.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Shirley Caban, Religious Education Coordinator
(808) 621-5109 X 9273

OCT 10 1:00PM, 1:30PM, 2:00PM Parents' Meeting (Church)
OCT 17 10:00AM, 10:30AM, 11:00AM Catechists' Meeting (Lib)
OCT 25 RE Classes begin for PRESCHOOL to GRADE 5

Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information.



Middle and High Schoolers!!
JOIN YOUTH MINISTRY!

Visit www.olswahiawa.org to register!



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Aloha! Council 6302 invites all 8th-12th graders to participate in this year's **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest!** In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience. Entry forms for the contest are available on line at our parish website or you can pick one up at the parish office M-F between the hours of 9am to 3pm.

Please email essays to: olskocc6302@gmail.com

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 17, 2020



Thank you to all who participated in the **DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS** on October 6! This was a true showing of OLS' *faithfulness* to the rosary.

UPDATED GUIDELINES DUE TO COVID-19 (August 11, 2020)

Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation (*From the Office of the Bishop*)

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Silva extends the dispensation of all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through **October 31, 2020**. All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

"During this time of crisis, let us pray for one another and the health and safety of all in our community."

—Bishop Larry Silva



Your vote counts and your voice matters! Your Faithful Citizenship Ministry wants you to know it is not too late to register to vote. **Registration deadline is on Monday, October 5, 2020 and General Election is on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.** Voting will be done by mail and traditional General Election Day voting sites will not be available.



For more information about the mail-in voting and to register to vote, please visit: <http://www.honoluluelections.us/>. Thank you for being a faithful citizen and participating in our democracy!

⇒ "Social Distancing" will be practiced during mass.

⇒ Everyone who comes to the church must wear a mask (except for children age two and younger).

⇒ Please keep a six-foot distance from one another while at the church.



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.