

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

**You will call upon me,
and I will answer you!**

This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant!... Come and share the joy of your master" Matthew 25: 21).

The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife, in the use of our God-given gifts and talents with "the fear of the Lord." Unlike the one-talent man, she takes her gifts and "brings forth good, not evil"; she "reaches her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy."

In today's Responsorial Psalm, Ps 128, the Psalmist echoes the concept of the blessedness of the faithful servant of the Lord. The Psalm affirms that the fear of the Lord is the key to human happiness and success. In the second reading, Paul advises us to keep awake and be sober, encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the "Day of the Lord." He challenges the Thessalonians to turn fear of the Lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action.

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Today's Gospel challenges us to ask the questions: Are we using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Are we doing everything we can to carry out God's will? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

1) We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming

computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society.

2) We need to make use of our talents in our parish. In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in creative worship in the church and in various ministries of our parish, such as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, usher, Sunday school teacher, singer in the choir, volunteer and member of one or more parish organizations and community outreach programs.

3) We need to "trade" with our talent of Christian Faith: All of us in the Church today have received at least one talent namely, the gift of Faith. Our responsibility is not just to preserve and "keep" the Faith, but to work with it. We need to promote and add value to Faith by living it out. The way to preserve the Faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and make it bear fruit.

It's difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent or treasure if we do not give him 100 percent of our hearts.

Our deepest reason for giving is not because our parish has needs, but because we have spiritual need to give. We are called to give to God from our first fruits, and to recognize that everything comes from him. Our gifts to God should be out of Faith and gratitude for what God has done for us. Just like the apostles who laid down their nets the moment that Jesus called them, we should lay down everything, even something as important to us as our finances, to follow Christ. God's promises to us is a promise of life and security when we place all of our trust in Him. "The Lord will be with you and will never fail you or forsaken you. So do not fear or be dismayed'. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Fr. Gus. MS

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JOSE MACOY

As of November 1, 2017, Father Jose Macoy will be incardinated in the Diocese of Honolulu. His status will also change from Administrator to Pastor of Sacred Hearts Church, Lanai.

MISA DE GALLO

December 16-24, @ 5A.M

Except the 18 & 24 @ 6a.m

This year we are inviting all families, organization or businesses who would like to sponsor a Novena day. Please call the parish office and give the date you want to sponsor with your name and phone number. There will be a special offering by the sponsors during the mass as a Thanksgiving to God.

Sunday, November 26, 2017, Christ the King 85th Anniversary Celebration. Mass at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop Larry Silva followed by a parish luau. Wear your green Anniversary t-shirt if you have one, or ethnic outfit or muumuu.

PARKING FOR THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY MASS ON NOVEMBER 26, 10AM MASS

For the SAFETY of all we will have Stationed POLICE OFFICERS at the ENTRANCES of the CHURCH to Guide you for parking. ENTRANCE to the Church will be through PUUNENE (Right turn only) and EXIT will be through WAKEA (Right turn only). PLEASE follow these INSTRUCTIONS for the parking. Your Cooperation will be deeply APPRECIATED. Thank you in advance.

May the Lord's healing and life-giving touch be upon those whose cross is too heavy to bear? Amen.



David Aaron, Clarita Agcaoili, Vitaliano Agsalog, JoJo Apo, Eleanor Aquinde, Maria Aranaydo, Felisa Asuncion, Silvestre Baggao, Barbara Bagio, Glenn Barcoma, Michael Barroga, Lokahi Bissen, Inez Bulger, Criselda Cabanilla, Carla Camara, Hilda Camara, Caniaveral Family, Quintin Casio, Ko Chan, George Cordeiro, Teresita CopuzJohn & Patricia Fernandez, Burt & Matilda Freeland, Penney Galam, Karen Goo, Jasmine Higa, Germaine Lopes-Nicola, Carol Martin, Lauren Carol Martin, Paul Mortel, Cayetana Paet, Jimmy Gabriel Paet, Robyn Pellazar, Desiree Phillips, Charles Pico, Juanito Ramelb, Eddie Reyes, Dominga Sagaysay, Christopher Salvador, Arnold Sanchez, Cru Silva, Christine Souza, Rudy Sumabat, Tom Tadakuma, Frank Takase, Felicidad Tan, Laurie Tirona, Paul Vargas Sr, Lioda Yanos Please call the office for any changes.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE:

Joshua Aquinde, Drevan Kalani Barfield, Jay Blanca, Jerome Blanca, Reese Blando, Raena Camara Bulusan, Zhyre Cardines, Kapiolani Davis, Nolan Felipe, Ryan Gaoiran, Robert Garo, Reinalyn Golino, Jonathan Gutierrez, Reychelle Lapuebla, Kent Wycliffe A Matillano, Bernard Paet, Arturo Pedro, Jared Purdy, Ka-sandra Ragasa, Patrick Wayne Ramos, Michele Saiki, Samantha Santiago, Lutoviko Taai, Xavier Tongson and Sage Valdez.

85TH ANNIVERSARY

We are in need of Fruits & Vegetables to be used to decorate the stage on November 26. If you have any of the above items please bring them to the hall on Saturday November 25 between the hours of 10am and 12 noon, contact persons are Manny Baltazar 563-0736 or Lucy Peros 269-1602. Thank you for your generosity in sharing.

**2ND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND
School Debt Fund**

Our Monthly Sweet Bread Sale on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Pick Up Times. 9am to 12 noon. Please call Harriet Sardinha at (808) 877-5643.

November 23 Thursday
Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving is the most uniquely American of all our holidays. In the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln, established Thanksgiving Day as a formal holiday on which we express our thanks to God for the many blessings He has provided. The first American Thanksgiving didn't occur in 1621 when a group of Pilgrims shared a feast with a group of friendly Indians. The first recorded public Thanksgiving had taken place in Virginia more than 11 years earlier, and it wasn't a feast. The winter of 1610 at Jamestown had reduced a group of 409 settlers to 60. The survivors had prayed for help without knowing when or how it might come. When help arrived in the form of a ship filled with food and supplies from England, a prayer meeting was held to give communal thanks to God. Thanksgiving is the favorite holiday of many Americans. It has the simplicity of a family gathering together for a meal. Why should we be thankful this day? We must learn to be thankful or we will either become bitter and discouraged or grow arrogant and self-satisfied.

However, Thanksgiving Day also has a profound religious meaning, because giving thanks is the very heart of our natural and spiritual life. For us as Catholics, the central act of worship is called the Eucharist, a Greek word for Thanksgiving. In the Mass, we give thanks to God through Jesus, and share a sacred meal in which we acknowledge the fact that everything we have comes from God.

Mass @ 8.A.M.....Join us to celebrate our Thanksgiving Day Mass with the portion of your Food that you will be sharing with your Family. Bring that portion to the Church and will be placed on the table to be blessed during the Mass.

"Much Mahalo to the **Marian Club and the Hispanic Community** for spearheading the **Marian Festival on October 27**. It was such a successful event attended by many parishioners. The attendees processed from the church holding a lighted candle and each a statue (image) of the Blessed Virgin Mary singing the song, Salve Maria. The rosary recited in English, Spanish, and Ilocano. The songs also were in English, Spanish, and Ilocano. ***It was a very spiritual experience.***"

HONORING OUR VETERANS



PLEASE JOIN
 US ON
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER
21, 2017 AT
6:00 PM
 IN CHRIST
 THE KING
 CHURCH

AS WE
 DEDICATE
 THE
 ROSARY
 TO HONOR
 OUR
 VETERANS
 WHO GIVE
 THEIR



LIVES TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY.
 BRING YOUR ROSARY AND BRING A
 FRIEND.

STEWARDSHIP

2017	Weekend of: Nov 4-5	Weekend of: Nov 11-12
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,538	\$ 8,039
Occasional Offerings	\$ 100	\$ 50
Spanish Mass	\$ 830	\$ 620
Catholic Campaign for Human Development		\$ 1,589
School Support Debt Fund	\$ 4	\$ 36
Facility Maintenance	\$ 3,839	\$ 1,075
Candles	\$ 1,812	\$ 980.50
All Soul's	\$ 2,153	\$ 205
Visayan Mass	\$ 332	
Donations	\$ 2,945	\$ 25
Mass Intentions	\$ 160	
Food Pantry	\$ 176	\$ 60
Sweet Bread		\$ 3,190
TOTAL	\$ 20,889	\$ 15,869.50

MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • 6pm Choir Practice • 6pm Networking • 7pm RCIA: Reconciliation • 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday, November 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6pm Hispanic Ministry/Choir • 6pm Rosary Honoring Veterans
Wednesday, November 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6:30pm Thanksgiving Mass • 7pm Choir Practice
Thursday, November 23 Happy Thanksgiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Thanksgiving MASS • NO Confirmation Classes or RE Grade 7&8 • OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, November 24 Office Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6pm Hispanic Ministry/Choir
Saturday November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30pm Confessions • 5pm Mass
Sunday, November 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6am, 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass • 10am 85TH Anniversary Celebration followed with Luau



Mahalo to our Tongan Community who erected the stone pedestal for Mother Mary and to Cancer Ministry and Rudy Simon for providing the plants. What a beautiful little monument! Excellent Job well Done – we cannot thank you enough for your time, treasure and talent.

We invite you to join our Respect-Life Ministry by contacting any of our Leaders: Ku`ulei Cagasan, Chair (808)281-4469 or Carole Chai, Co-Chair (808)877-0950. We welcome you to join us at our meeting.



SAVE THE DATE
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 4
6:30 pm in Church
PARISH ADVENT RETREAT
WITH
FATHER ALFRED GUERRERO

St. Ann's Church
40 Kuhinia Street, Waihee
Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 25
7am-1pm

TREASURE OF THE MONTH

Bread Makers, Finance Committee Income Generators

- One of our Income Generators is our Monthly Bread Sale. Our ever faithful Bread Makers that come from 2am to start preparing the dough for the rest of the volunteers who will knead and form the doughs in loaves of sweet bread. \$5 a bread for many years as they continue to help the church earn an extra income to defray the many projects and expenses of our parish. Our lovely Kupunas and yes more volunteers the better. We need some young ones to come and assist once a month and to carry on. If you have never tasted the bread – it's delicious! You can even put a standing order for each month.
- Other Income Generators: Annual Bazaar – chaired by volunteers of the Parish. This Bazaar takes many hands to plan and execute. We are very fortunate that we have a cohesive group of parishioners that say yes to this
- Finance Committee is an advisory committee to our Pastor in the finances of the Church. Thank You all for your expertise and guidance.