

If you had faith
LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED,
YOU COULD SAY TO THIS
MULBERRY TREE,
'BE UPROOTED AND PLANTED IN THE SEA,'
AND IT WOULD OBEY YOU.
LUKE 17:6



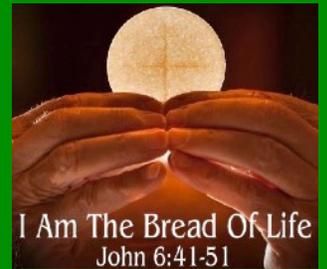
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SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



I Am The Bread Of Life
John 6:41-51

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST Wednesday: After Mass until 6:00 PM

All other Wednesdays: After Mass until 9:00 AM



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8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

A Catholic Community

Diocese of Honolulu

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the family of St. Stephen Catholic Church nurture and sustain our faith through Love, Service and Unity."

DEVOTION

The Holy Rosary, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is prayed 30 minutes before Mass.

MASS SCHEDULES

[In the St. Catherine Chapel]

Monday ~ Thursday ~ 8:00 AM

Friday

[Communion Service Only, 8:00 AM]

Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM

Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:30 AM

Sunday (Main Church) ~ 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM

or by appointment



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LINK TO SUNDAY'S 10:00 A.M. MASS STREAMING:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Stephens-Catholic-Church-Nuuanu-100906711581421/>



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Source: mycatholic.life

October 1:  Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor (OBL)

October 4:  Saint Francis of Assisi (OPT)

October 5:   Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest; St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin (OPL)

October 6:   Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin (OPL)

October 7:  Our Lady of the Rosary (OBL)

ABBREVIATIONS: (SOL) Solemnity, (FEAST) Feast, (OBL) Obligatory Memorial, (OPT) Optional Memorial, (HO) Holy Day of Obligation

REFLECTIONS OF THE DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” [Luke 17:10b](#)

This is a hard command to live. Most often when we have done something well, and fulfilled our duty, we seek recognition and praise. We want to be noticed. And while this may be a “normal” reaction, it’s not the most humble reaction. Humility comes in many degrees, and the deepest degree of humility allows a person to repeat this passage above and mean it.

First, we must realize that the will of God is good for us. It imposes an obligation of love on us. When we fulfill God’s will, we should take delight in that fact alone because it is good. That way, the fulfillment of God’s will becomes the source of our joy, not the recognition of others.

On the other hand, it is good when we see goodness in others and acknowledge it. We should do this not to build up their ego but to give praise to God for the good thing done. And when others see and acknowledge God’s will accomplished in our lives, we must accept their praise not as a source of our pride but as an honest acknowledgment that God is good and His will is being fulfilled. We must be grateful that we could do “what we were obliged to do.”

Embracing the will of God as a holy

REFLECTIONS OF THE DAY (Continued)

“obligation” also enables us to fulfill it more fully. When doing the will of God is seen as something extraordinary, we may not build a proper habit of fulfilling it. But when it’s seen as our duty of love and as the normal act we should fulfill, it’s easier to embrace His will more completely.

Reflect, today, on this humble phrase. “We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.” Try to say it, mean it and let it become the foundation of your daily service of God’s will. Doing so will set you on the “fast track” toward holiness.

Lord, I am an unprofitable servant. When I fulfill Your holy will, I acknowledge that this is a holy obligation of love and my most fundamental duty. Help me to see Your will as the most normal part of my daily life. Help me to embrace it with wholehearted faith and obedience. Jesus, I trust in You. mycatholic.life

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

October 7



On this day, we celebrate the Holy League’s defeat of the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Even though the Turkish forces were very powerful, the Christians won due to the prayer of the Most Holy Rosary.

What happened at the Battle of Lepanto?

At the time when the battle of Lepanto was fought, the Ottoman Empire had not lost a major battle since the previous century. Pope St. Pius V realized that the Holy League needed great spiritual assistance so he asked the Holy League, as well as all of the faithful, to pray the Rosary, asking Our Lady’s intercession

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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for a victory in the upcoming battle. The evening before the famous battle, the sailors prayed the Rosary on their knees.

On October 7, 1571, the Christian fleet went into battle carrying a banner blessed by the Pope. Some evidence also suggests they carried a painting sent to the King of Spain from Mexico depicting the miraculous image known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Holy League encountered the Ottoman warships deployed in the shape of a crescent, the symbol of Islam. The Holy League’s ships took the shape of a cross. Between the two forces, there were more than 400 warships, making this one of the largest naval battles in history. After five hours of battle, the Holy League won.

Who fought in the Battle of Lepanto?

The Holy League, a coalition of Catholic maritime states promoted by Pope St. Pius V, fought against the Ottomans, an Islamic empire centered in Istanbul. The “Turks” were trying to extend their influence beyond Southeast Europe. A Turkish victory might have permitted the expansion of Islam deep into Europe.

Where did the Battle of Lepanto take place?

The battle took place in the Gulf of Patras, on the western coast of the Greek peninsula.

What was the significance of the Battle of Lepanto?

Due to the Holy League’s defeat of the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Lepanto, the Turks did not advance into Europe. Many historians have said that this was one of the most significant battles in history.

Why is Mary called Queen of the Holy Rosary?

Mary is the Queen Mother because her Son is Christ the King. The rosary, as given to St. Dominic, is a mediation on the mysteries of the Incarnate King, and thus on the sorrows and joys of His Mother, as well. Thus, Mary is so deeply entwined with the rosary that one cannot think of the rosary without thinking of Mary.

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St. Stephen The First Martyr

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~ Council 16267 ~



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BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAY FOR US

ALOYSIUS FOOD BANK

The Knights of Columbus request your assistance in providing canned goods for the Aloysius Food Bank to help those in need. Please leave your donations into the plastic container in the entrance of the Church. Your gifts toward this cause will be greatly appreciated. **Mahalo!**



September 17-18, 2022

MAIL-INS: \$0.00

ONLINE: \$2,056.00

WEEKEND: \$2,168.00

TOTAL: \$4,224.00

LAST WEEK: \$9,174.00

MAHALO!

We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent and treasure to our Parish Community.

SECOND COLLECTION

'Ohana in Christ Diocesan Appeal

October 1-2

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

MAGNIFICAT

"Be uprooted and planted in the sea"

October 2, 2022

This can be interpreted literally, as in Saint Gregory Thaumaturge and the mountain [that had blocked the construction of a church], the staffs of several saints that suddenly turned into tall trees, or the floods and fires miraculously stopped. It can also be interpreted figuratively, as in the instant conversions, the virtues arising so unexpectedly in souls flooded with passion.

That is the force of prayer, believing prayer, and having steadfast faith that it will be answered because the asker believes in three things: the infinite *goodness* and infinite *power* of God, and the *veracity* of his words—words in which he often promised in the holy Gospel always to respond to our faith. People's prayers will be answered if they have unwavering faith that if they pray with humility and trust they will receive, either what they are seeking for or something better than what they are asking for. Their prayers, far from being useless and ignored, will always, always be useful, always be answered, and always obtain good, either what they are asking for or (God's goodness

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

MAGNIFICAT

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being so great) something better. God is so good that he sets no limits on the effectiveness of our prayers, but no matter how great our requests are, his power and goodness will always surpass them. He allows himself to give us even more than we ask for.

My God, give me that faith, and since my prayers can do so much good, may I pray and pray and pray, for myself and those you have placed beside me in my life. Let me pray to you with profound faith in the effectiveness of humble, believing prayers the way you want me to pray, with that humility and faith, and let me pray to you as much as you want me to, for your glory, for the good of your children, to do the most good for your children and thus to glorify you the most, in you, through you, and for you.

~ Saint Charles de Foucauld

Saint Charles de Foucauld (†1916), contemplative and mystic lived among the Tuareg people of Algeria. His life and writings are the inspiration for the Congregation of the Little Brothers of Jesus. From Scriptural Meditations on Faith, Alexandra Russell, TR. ©1988, New City Press, Hyde Park, NY. www.newcitypress.com. Used with permission.

Respect Life

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

OCTOBER, RESPECT LIFE MONTH

... may be a good time to ponder and live the wisdom of St. Teresa of Calcutta:

"Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of people."

You may also wish to view **"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love."** Produced by the Knights of Columbus, filmed on five continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this documentary chronicles the life of Mother Teresa and the profound spiritual and physical impact she and the Missionaries of Charity have had on Catholics and non-Catholics alike throughout the world. It also addresses Mother Teresa's admitted periods of spiritual darkness while serving the poorest of the poor, and her friendship with another revered saint, Pope John Paul II. Showings are at Dole Cannery and at Kapolei Commons Regal Theaters at 7 p.m. on October 3 and 4 (if attendance supports a second showing).



Sunday, October 2, 2022

7:30 AM

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

World Communion Sunday

Repose of the Soul

† Celine & Kenneth Asato

† Tony & Sarah Louis

† James Solidum

† Alfredo Tagab

Healing Prayers

Brittany Fujiyama

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim

Preston Pacolba

10:00 A.M. Mass

Repose of the Soul

† Celine & Kenneth Asato

† Rosa Fernandez

† James Solidum

† Alfredo Tagab

Birthday Remembrance

† Angelina Pascual

Healing Prayers

Luz Abcede

Nancy Contrades

Sally Crowell

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim

Mass Intentions



Monday, October 3, 2022

8:00 AM

Healing Prayers

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim



Tuesday, October 4, 2022

8:00 AM

Saint Francis of Assisi

Repose of the Soul

† Mely Akau

Birthday Blessings

Philomena Milong

Mina Begner

Healing Prayers

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim



Wednesday, October 5, 2022

8:00 AM

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest—St.

Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Repose of the Soul

† Deacon Thomas Contrades

† De Etta

† Roy Cunningham

Healing Prayers

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim



Thursday, October 6, 2022

8:00 AM

Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose

Durocher, Virgin

Healing Prayers

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim



Friday, October 7, 2022

8:00 AM

Our Lady of the Rosary

Repose of the Soul

† Alfred Ruis

Healing Prayers

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim



Saturday, October 8, 2022

8:00 AM

Healing Prayers

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim



Saturday, October 8, 2022

4:00 PM

Repose of the Soul

† Celine & Kenneth Asato

† Doreen & Francis Chia

† Al Ibarra

† James Solidum

† Alfredo Tagab

Healing Prayers

Paula Carrington

Isaiab Ares Kim

Eun Jin Kim

Juanita Ruis

Ken Ryan

Patti & Wayne Silva

Source of Content (Vestment colors/Saints): Ordo 2022
Source of Content (Prayer Dates & Masses):
2022 Liturgical Desk Calendar



Prayer Requests

For The Sick & The Homebound

Luz Abcede, Nancy Asato, Paula Carrington, Nancy Contrades, Bernard Ho, Margaret Robello, Ken Ryan, Patti & Wayne Silva, Carrie Talwar

† For The Deceased Of The Parish †

Steve Aki, Celine & Kenneth Asato, Vera Asbitomi, Ignacio Q. Babauta, Stephanie Baron, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Catherine Choo, Sam Chun, Stephen Fujii, Al Ibarra, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Martin Luke, James Solidum, Salvador Solidum, Vickie Solidum, Al Tagab, Nancy & Raymond Tom, Jack Wong, Richard Wong, Shirley Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee