



# Sts. Peter and Paul Church

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 24, 2023

[The LORD said,]

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways, my  
thoughts higher than your thoughts.”

ISAIAH 55:9

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### WEEKDAY

Monday – Friday  
7:00 a.m. & 12 noon

##### WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

##### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays after 7:00 a.m. mass until 11:45 a.m.

##### RECONCILIATION

Fridays: 10:15—11:30 a.m.  
Saturdays: 3:00—4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment

#### CONTACT

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#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Anointing of the Sick and Funerals:** Please call parish office.

**Infant Baptism:** Parents are required to meet with Father before scheduling a baptism. Please call the office or send email to request a registration form. (For adults call and leave a message for RCIA coordinator, 808-941-0675 ext. 25)

**Marriage:** The proper and required prep for Marriage is extensive. Please talk to a priest or deacon before setting a date.

CLERGY: Father Khanh Pham-Nguyen, Pastor

Dcn. Richard Port (emeritus) ◇ Dcn. Berley Araceley ◇ Dcn. Joel Narusawa  
Dcn. Angken Xymoon (on leave)

# Good News!

September 24, 2023

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:6–9 / Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a / Matthew 20:1–16a

### Late Bloomers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Human beings grow and mature at different paces.** Turning twenty-one is no marker of maturity. We've all known the ten-year-old whom people say is already an old man because of how he thinks and acts. Just as surely, we've known the forty-year-old who still acts and dresses like a teenager. If this is true with human growth, would it not be true as well with growth in faith?

This Sunday's parable of the landowner who pays all his laborers the same even though they have not all worked the same amount of time often sparks the comment that it's not good business sense. But the parable is not about business. It's about how we all come to faith at different times in life, all according to God's plan, not ours. Why then do some complain about deathbed conversions as being unfair? Who's to say when someone finally catches up to God's love and goodness? Too often human wisdom and divine wisdom spin in different worlds.

Pope Benedict XVI once commented on this Gospel's wisdom and how we should be patient with young people as they seek the sacraments. Jesus was patient with us, he said, so we should follow his lead. Federico Lombardi, SJ, the Vatican spokesman for Pope Benedict, reported that the pope had commented, "I used to be more strict about this, but the example of Christ led me to become more welcoming in cases in which, perhaps, there is not a mature and solid faith, but there is a glimmer, a desire of communion with the Church." ●

### -Reflect-

***Has your faith matured over the years, or  
have you stopped growing?***

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### MONDAY

September 25

Weekday

Ezr 1:1–6

Lk 8:16–18

### TUESDAY

September 26

Weekday

Ezr 6:7–8,

12b, 14–20

Lk 8:19–21

### WEDNESDAY

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,

Priest

Ezr 9:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

### THURSDAY

September 28

Weekday

Hg 1:1–8

Lk 9:7–9

### FRIDAY

September 29

Sts. Michael,

Gabriel, and

Raphael,

Archangels

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

or Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

### SATURDAY

September 30

St. Jerome,

Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a

Lk 9:43b–45

### SUNDAY

October 1

Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25–28

Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5

Mt 21:28–32

"Thus, the  
Last  
will be  
First..."



From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.



# LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
<b>Sat Sept 23</b>	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sunday Sept 24</b>	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Francisco B. Garrido + Serafina H. Garrido + Laurie Apiki	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Celcilia Thi Thoa + Laurie Apiki	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	Ka Kin Choi (H) + Laurie Apiki	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	Teresa Hwang (SI) + Laurie Apiki	Fr. Greg
	6:00 PM	Connie Macaraeg + Laurie Apiki	Fr. Greg
<b>Monday Sept 25</b>	7:00 AM	+ Celcilia Thi Thoa	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Norman Dupont	Fr. Khanh
<b>Tuesday Sept 26</b>	7:00 AM	+ Henri Nguyen	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	+ Leonardo Bumanglag	Fr. Greg
<b>Wednesday Sept 27</b>	7:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Pham Van Thanh	Fr. Greg
<b>Thursday Sept 28</b>	7:00 AM	+ Maria & Giesu	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
<b>Friday Sept 29</b>	7:00 AM	Matilda Correa (H)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Arne Flora	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sat Sept 30</b>	5:00 PM	+ Merv Young	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sunday October 1</b>	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo Irene Takushi (Th)	TBA
	9:00 AM	+ Cecilia Thao Thi Nguyen Janet Goo (SI) Audrey DeCosta (SI)	TBA
	11:00 AM	Manlolo Family (SI) + Ralph Galeria	TBA
	12:30 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	TBA
	6:00 PM	Protection of Life	TBA

*We pray for the repose of the souls of*

*+ Raymond Akimseu*

*+ Julie Tom*

*+ Petrus Hadley*



## Holy Father's Intentions

*For people living on the margins*

**We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.**



## PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

*Cleotilde M. Bamba*

*Peter Behrens*

*Vicky Chee*

*Deb Chiarucci*

*Matilda Correa*

*Avon Czerwinski*

*Blanche DeConte*

*Harold DeCosta*

*Brian Dill*

*Lynn Domingsal*

*Elena Elliott*

*Marius Fischer*

*Pedro R.D. Guerrero*

*Robert Heisler*

*Tuna Hunkin*

*Virginia L. Ishida*

*Christoph Jucewicz*

*Jack Jucewicz*

*Diane Kai*

*Kimberly Mann*

*Sandy Mann*

*Gloria Masunaga*

*Doreen Shimabuku*

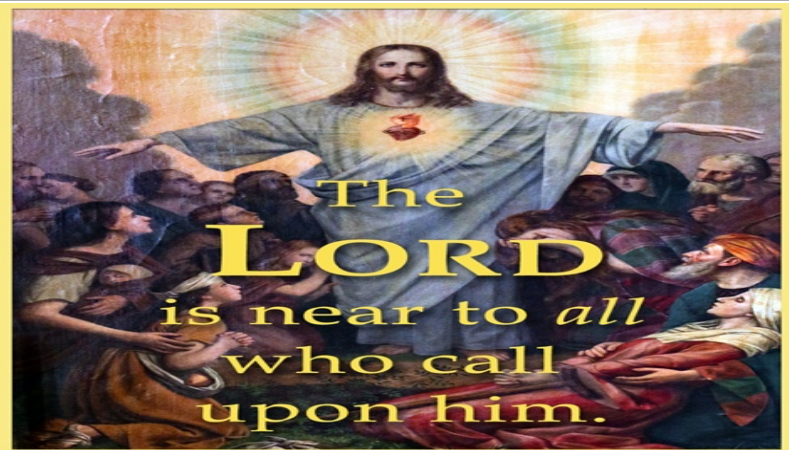
*Joseph Shimabuku*

*Laurie Sparks*

*Erlinda Surban*

*Albert Waterson*

*Theresa Yu*



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Sept 25—Oct 1, 2023)

**Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group—Courtyard**

**Tuesday: 9:00 am—Funeral—Church**

**Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary—Courtyard**

**3:30 pm—Centering Prayer—Reception Room**

**6:00 pm—Parish Scripture Group—Reception Room**

**Friday: 7:30-11:50 am—Eucharistic Adoration—Church**

**6:00 pm—Young Adult Ministry Bible Study/Faith**

**Sharing—Amana Bldg**

**Sunday: 5:00 pm—OCIA—Reception Room**

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."  
—Matthew 20:16*

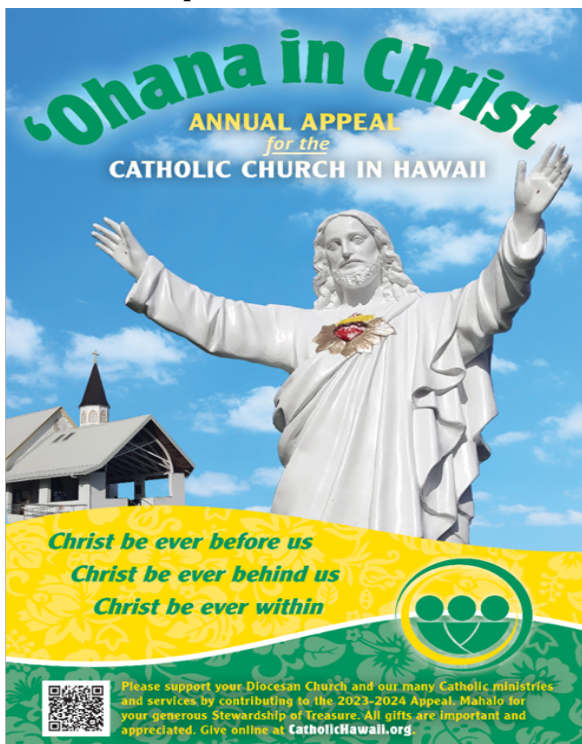
You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

**Mahalo to all our volunteers who helped to fill Catholic Care bags for our kupuna and families.**

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### 'Ohana In Christ Annual Appeal

Your generous gift will help support diocesan ministries, programs, and services that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own. Mahalo for your stewardship of treasure!



## TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful Stewardship contributions.*

*Totals for **September 16—17, 2023**:*

<b>Sunday collection &amp; Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 6,460.20</b>
Mass Intention	590.00
Building Fund	3,175.46
Outreach	120.00
Olakino Produce Program	45.00
Catholic University of America	68.00
Maui Wildfire Relief	1,289.00
Catholic Charities	3.00
Candles	<u>549.00</u>
Total:	<b>\$12,299.66</b>

*Our online giving is available on our website.*

*The collection total for **September 11—15, 2023** online giving is: \$ 390.78*

Stewardship	250.00
Mass Intentions	10.00
Building Fund	35.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Olakino Produce Program	20.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	60.00
Help offset fee	5.78

*NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION (SEPT 30/OCT 1):  
DIOCESAN APPEAL*

### Priesthood Sunday

Sunday, September 24

#### Prayer for Priests

Heavenly Father, pour out Your grace on the priests You have made. Let them remember that in performing their tasks, they are never alone.

Relying on Your almighty power and believing in Christ who called them to share in His priesthood, may they devote themselves to their ministry with complete trust.

Strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help them to serve their subjects. Through them, may Your Word be truly proclaimed, and may Your Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, be faithfully administered and devoutly received. Amen.



# Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization

◆◆◆ American Eucharistic Witnesses ◆◆◆  
National Eucharistic Revival Team

## Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York in 1774. She grew up during the Revolutionary War and the founding of our new country. She married William Seton and they had 5 children. When William became sick, they traveled to Italy hoping to find the right treatment to make him better.

While in Italy, they stayed with the Filicchi family. The Filicchis welcomed the Setons into their home and also shared their Catholic faith with them. For the first time, Elizabeth prayed at Mass and witnessed Eucharistic Processions. She was fascinated by their faith in the Eucharist. They believed that Jesus really meant it when he said that the bread wine offered at Mass are truly transformed into his body and blood!

Sadly, William died while they were in Italy. Elizabeth came home to New York, but she continued to learn more about the Catholic faith. She believed that Jesus was waiting for her in the Eucharist, and joined the Catholic Church in 1804. Elizabeth was overjoyed to finally receive Jesus in Holy Communion!

She moved her family to Baltimore, Maryland where she helped start the first Catholic schools in America. She also became a religious sister in 1809 and founded the Sisters of the Charity of St. Joseph, where she spent the rest of her life dedicated to the Eucharist. Elizabeth Ann Seton's story is at the heart of America's Church; and the Eucharist is at the heart of her story.

HAWAII CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES

**43rd Regional Catholic Charismatic Conference**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

Catholic Charities Hawaii  
1822 Keeaumoku Street Honolulu, HI 96822  
9:30 am - 6:00 pm

**Remain in Me**  
*I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing - John 15:5*

FR. GREG HONORIO   FR. EJ RESINTO   FR. ROMPLE EMWALU   FR. MARIO PALANCA   FR. BILL PETRIE, SS.CC.

ADMISSION IS FREE!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL INFO@HCCRS.ORG OR CALL 808-990-8153

## PARISH SAVE THE DATES

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm** | We will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance with those planning to receive the Sacraments at Easter. Please pray for them. OCIA continues to meet at 5:00pm on Sundays.

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm** | Feast of St. Francis / Blessing of Animals — For your pet's safety and the safety of others, please be sure your pet(s) are on a leash or in a carrier.

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm** | Parish Eucharistic Revival Night

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** | Living Rosary

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** | Full Rosary led by Youth & Young Adults

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** | All Souls Day – 6:00pm Mass of Remembrance

OH MY GOD. *forgive* WHAT I HAVE BEEN,  
*correct* WHAT I AM, AND *direct* WHAT I SHALL BE  
- ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON

# Dear Padre,

*When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.*

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. ●

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.*

ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017