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Sts. Peter and Paul Church

September 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



[Christ Jesus] emptied himself...
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY

Monday – Friday
7:00 a.m. & noon

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.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.

DEVOTIONS

First Fridays: 5:30—7:00 p.m.
First Saturdays: 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

CONTACT

OFFICE HOURS:

M-Th 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. / 1:00—3:00 p.m.
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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 at least 6-months prior before setting a date.

Father Arnold Ortiz, Temporary Administrator

Father Gregorio Honorio Jr ♦ Father Khanh Hoang ♦ Father Victor Lanuevo, Assisting Clergy

Dcn. Joel Narusawa

Good News!

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

-Reflect-

***What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?***

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MONDAY

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 2:1-8
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

TUESDAY

September 16
*Sts. Cornelius,
Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs*
1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY

September 17
Weekday
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY

September 18
Weekday
1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY

September 19
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY

September 20
*Sts. Andrew Kim
Tae-gŏn, Priest,
and Paul Chŏng
Ha-sang, and
Companions,
Martyrs*
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

SUNDAY

September 21
*Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or
16:10-13



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LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Sept 13	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh H
Sunday Sept 14	7:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Amigo (Anniv) Galo Camacho (SI) + Alice Secor	Fr. Victor
	9:00 AM	+ Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen Nathaniel Bumanglag (BD) Elizabeth Spector (SI)	Fr. Arnold
	11:00 AM	Michi Kyler (H) Susan Valdez (SI) Anna Nevtanova (SI)	Fr. Arnold
	6:00 PM	+ Fr. Sydney Fernandes Mary Ann (SI)	Fr. Greg
Monday Sept 15	7:00 AM	+ Edgardo V. Sandoval	Fr. Khanh H
	12 NOON	+ Fr. Sydney Fernandes	Fr. Arnold
Tuesday Sept 16	7:00 AM	+ Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	+ David Cantley + Johann Strasser + John-Michael Caminiti	Fr. Greg
Wednesday Sept 17	7:00 AM	Patricia Estella (H)	Fr. Arnold
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh H
Thursday Sept 18	7:00 AM	+ Fr. Sydney Fernandes	Fr. Khanh H
	12 NOON	St. Anthony Padua intercessions (Th)	Fr. Arnold
Friday Sept 19	7:00 AM	+ Marcelo Cordero	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Ka Kin Choi (H)	Fr. Victor
Sat Sept 20	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Arnold
Sunday Sept 21	7:00 AM	Galo Camacho (SI) Catherine Balan (SI) Caceres family (SI)	Fr. Arnold
	9:00 AM	+ Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen Barbara Kennedy (H) Families of Annunciation School, MN	Fr. Khanh H
	11:00 AM	Paula Simeona (SI) + Holy Souls in Purgatory + Marianne B. Setik + Raymond Setik	Fr. Greg
	6:00 PM	+ Fr. Sydney Fernandes + Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen	Fr. Victor

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 15—21, 2025)

Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group
Tuesday: 6:30 pm—Young Adult Bible Study/Faith Sharing-Reception Rm
Wednesday: 9:30 am—Funeral-Church
 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary-Reception Rm
 3:30 pm—Centering Prayer-Reception Rm
 6:00 pm—Parish Scripture Group-Reception Rm
Friday: 7:30 am-11:50 am—Eucharistic Adoration-Church
 10:15-11:30 am—Confession-Church
 2:00 pm—Wedding-Church
Saturday: 10:00-11:00 am—Olakino Distribution-Parking Lot
 3:00-4:15 pm—Confession-Reception Rm
Sunday: 9:00-10:30 am—Adult Scripture Study-Upstairs Green Rm
 12:30-2:00 pm—OCIA Afternoon with Saints-Church



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

James Alcon	Leonard Lange
Filamor Alcon	D. Llena
Peter Alosi	Claro & Cely Lopez
Nickolas K.S. Au	Carol Luke
Arthur Cababa	Connie Macaraeg
Leilani Cantiberos	Michael C. Manglona
Alex Curtis	Esther Maniago
Ekaterina Curtis	Gloria Masunaga
P. Estella	Mr. Larry McClure
Tina Excabe	Mrs. Diane McClure
Mark Felipe	Hilda Mendoza
Rita Gaspar	Miyaji, Hsiu Mei
Tuna Hunkin	Napualani Nicholas
Virginia Lee Ishida	Kalani Nicholas
Victoria L. Jacinto	Anna Nevtanova
Christoph Jucewicz	Anne Noto
Jack Jucewicz	Elizabeth Rigney
Alison H. Kunishige	Doreen Shimabuku
Lyudmila Kuritsina	Sharday Tamanaha
Michi Kyler	Abelardo Velasco
Janet La Farciola	Deacon Angken Xymoon
Joan La Farciola	Sharon & Keven
Axana King	



In Loving Memory We pray for the repose of the soul of...

+ Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen
 + Fr. Sydney Fernandes
 + Timothy O'Callaghan (funeral Mass 9/17/25 9:30am)
 + Isabel Tagala (funeral Mass 9/27/25 10:00am)
 + Kim Cervantes

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Congratulations & Welcome!

Please pray for growth in faithful discipleship for our newly baptized, and their families: Mahina R. (baptized September 7th)

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect Prayer, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"For God so loved the world he gave his only Son."

—John 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma"—the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?



Olakino Produce Distribution

Sponsored by Hawaii Food Bank

Saturday, September 20th

Distribution time is 10:00-11:00am (or until produce runs out). All are welcome to receive fresh produce. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer to help sort/distribute produce, direct traffic, or register recipients, please see the volunteer sign-up on the Parish website or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your time & service.



Catholic Care Project collection of nonperishable food items

September 19 & 20 – You may place items in the marked bins in the courtyard. Mahalo for your contributions.

FAITH FORMATION

- **Catechetical Sunday** is on September 21st with the Commissioning of Catechists at the 11am Mass.
- **Registration** for catechism classes is ongoing throughout the end of September. Classes will begin on September 28th. Kindergarten through 8th graders will meet Sundays at 10:15-11:45am. High-schoolers needing Sacraments will meet Sundays at 12:30-2:30pm (with Youth Ministry). Please see parish office or website for current registration forms.
- **OCIA**—All are invited for a time of prayer and introduction to saints who were converts to the Faith. Peter Cruz will be giving a presentation on September 21st at 12:30pm in the church. To join, please pick up a card at the entrances to the church. We will pray for those who are joining OCIA this year and anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic.

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous donations and faithful Stewardship contributions.

*Totals for **September 6—7, 2025:***

Sunday collection & Stewardship	\$8,245.58
Mass Intentions	470.00
Building Fund	165.00
Outreach	60.00
Olakino	60.00
Restricted	100.00
Centering Prayer	100.00
Catholic University of America	2,306.01
Second Collections	223.00
Candles	<u>672.86</u>
Total:	\$12,402.45



Online giving is also available on our parish website. It is secure, quick, and easy. Scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera app to access the web link.

*The collection total for **September 1—5, 2025**
online giving is: **\$1,386.88***

Stewardship	905.00
Mass Intention	30.00
Building Fund	70.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Olakino	205.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	110.00
Capital Campaign-GT	50.00
Donation help offset fee	6.88

*NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION (SEPT 20 & 21)
BUILDING FUND*

*Priesthood Sunday
September 28*

We invite you to write a note or send a thank you to our priests to let them know you appreciate them and are praying for them. These are the priests who have been recently serving our parish:

*Fr. Arnold Ortiz
Fr. Khanh Hoang
Fr. Greg Honorio
Fr. James Joseph
Fr. Victor Lanueva
Fr. Leonardo Tubana*

Around the Diocese

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

PRAY, FAST, SACRIFICE, & AFFIRM



**WITHOUT *PRIESTS*,
THERE IS NO EUCHARIST,
WITHOUT THE EUCHARIST,
THERE IS NO CHURCH!**

**VOCATION
MINISTRY**

What is Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

When is Priesthood Sunday celebrated?

Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of September. This year, it falls on September 28, 2025.

Why is Priesthood Sunday important?

Though Catholics observe other worldwide vocation events, Priesthood Sunday specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. It is a special day to express gratitude to thank and honor priests in unique ways.

It is also essential to note that the number of priests and ordinations in the U.S. has steadily declined in the past 50 years. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.

Be sure to thank and honor your priests!

We appreciate and thank Father Arnold, Father Khanh, Father Greg, Father Victor, and Father James for their ministry and gifts of service to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, especially during these past few months. May we never take the presence of our priests for granted as we cherish the celebration of the Mass and are nourished by the Eucharist. And may we always embrace our priests by our love, constant prayers, and trust in his leadership.

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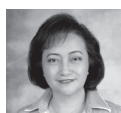
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Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

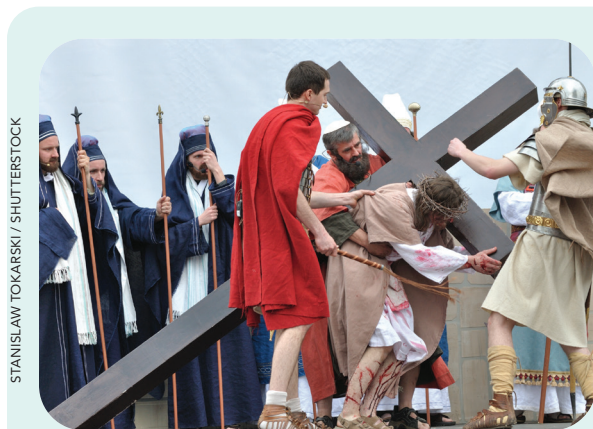
Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



NANCY WIECHEC / CNS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Tm 2:1–8 Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35	1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17	1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35	1 Tm 4:12–16 Lk 7:36–50	1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3	1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15	Am 8:4–7 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

**ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,
ROME, MAY 10, 2025**