

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 22, 2023 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

We are citizens of heaven; but we are also citizens of earth. We live in a secular world. There will always be tension between this world and the kingdom of God. We shall never completely solve these tensions. Yet in every aspect of our public life we must seek to serve God. Let us pray for wisdom to be good citizens of this world while we serve the Lord in all things.

1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Six centuries before Christ, a pagan king, Cyrus the Great of Persia, freed the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity. Cyrus did not know the true God. But he did such good things that he is even called "the Lord's Anointed." People of good will are not always found in the church pews.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Even when we do not see God's plans for us and for our world, we must keep up our hope and our faith. Let us pray that we shall always be faithful to our convictions in our public life.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

Today's gospel is an attempt to entrap Jesus by asking about tribute to Caesar. Jesus' reply is classic: Give to Caesar what belongs to him, and to God what belongs to God. But in faith, we know that all things belong to God. Let us never fear to stand up for principles of justice and religion in all areas of our life.

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Saturday at 6 p.m. Sunday Liturgy
Sunday at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Monday at 7 a.m. Communion
Service
Tuesday thru Saturday at 7 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 5:15—5:45 p.m. or by
appointment

BAPTISM

Please call the office to register for
classes which are required for
parents and godparents.

MARRIAGE

Call for an appointment with the
Pastor at least six months prior to
wedding date.

ANOINTING THE SICK

Call the parish office to schedule.
Communion may also be arranged
for the homebound.

The pastor will do home visits on a
regular basis on the 2nd Friday of
every month. Call the parish office
to schedule a visit.

FUNERAL

Please contact the parish office
upon death and before making
burial arrangements with the
mortuary and cemetery.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Sunday, 8:15—9:30 a.m.
Please register at the parish
office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K—5, 8:15—9:15 a.m.
Grades 6—12, 10:30 a.m.—noon
Please call the parish office for
more info.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration forms are available in
the church, on our website, or
from the parish office.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday at 6 p.m.

Rosary

Monday—Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers

Every Sunday at 3 p.m.

Second Sunday of the month at
11 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m.

Respect Life Rosary

First Wednesday of the month at
noon in the Meditation Garden

Fatima Rosary

13th day of the month at noon in
the Meditation Garden

Novena to St. Joseph

19th day of the month at noon in
the Meditation Garden

Dear Parish Ohana,

"What do you really want?" These words are repeated often in our lives. It seems like a day doesn't go by when we are approached or called on the phone by a salesperson. They ask us questions and we can tell right away who they are by their smooth talk. And we think to ourselves "what do you really want?" Husbands and wives often find themselves in the same position: "honey, are you busy?" We know that our mate is not inquiring about the quality of our life. We think, "what do they really want?" Kids in similar situations respond the same way. Sometimes questions are deceiving and at times they cover a trap.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, the Pharisees were getting tired of Jesus and no longer wanted their authority undermined. Therefore, they wanted to trap Jesus with His own words by asking him a question about taxes and politics: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" He responds by telling them the truth - "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

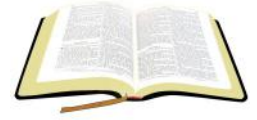
The question then is: What is it that belongs to God? The answer is everything! If everything belongs to God, is there a relation between the Church and the State? The relationship is neither complete union nor complete separation, but more like a collaboration. We should not separate our religion and our politics because we have obligations to Caesar and obligations to God. The Church is supposed to be a voice of conscience. Since government policy has moral implications on family life, the unborn, human dignity, and many other areas, the Church can question official policies. If we the Church, don't influence our politics, someone else will bring their own priorities. Like St Thomas More, once said, may we be: "The King's good servant, but God's first."

What belongs to God

Offerings for October 15, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3263
Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
Outreach—\$181
Repair & Maintenance—\$2651
Total—\$6145

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, October 29, 2023

First Reading: Exodus 2:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

A Stewardship Moment

Jesus offers us a profound teaching on stewardship in this weekend's reading: What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel.



Question of the Week

What can I do concretely to repay to God what belongs to God? How does giving back to God make me feel richer?

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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References to the Holy Eucharist in the Old Testament. Passages written in scripture foreshadow that Jesus is the Lamb of God and that Bread and Wine would become His Body and Blood.

1. Bible scholars say that the Tree of Life in Genesis is a prefiguration of the Cross, and the fruit of the Tree of Life is a prefiguration of the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, which hung from the Cross.

2. Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; is said to foreshadow Christ's priesthood, who also offered bread and wine.

3. Isaac asks his father Abraham why there is a fire but no lamb for a burnt offering. Abraham responds: "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering." Jesus is the "Lamb of God" offered in sacrifice for mankind. (**John 1:29**)

4. God commands Moses to say: "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male...they shall take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts...They shall eat the flesh that night" (**Exodus 12: 5-8**). Jesus is identified with the Passover lamb, and the eating of the lamb with the eating of Jesus' body.

5. God also commands his people to eat "unleavened bread" (**Exodus 12:15**), According to Matthew and Mark, Jesus instituted the Eucharist on "the first day of Unleavened Bread" (**Matthew 26:17; Mark 14:12**).

6. God sent the Israelites the manna, or bread from heaven: Jesus is the fulfillment of the manna when he states " I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" (**John 6: 49-51**).

7. Moses said, 'Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you" (Exodus 24:8). Jesus said "This chalice which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood" (**Luke 22:20**).

8. Moses said "You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before me always" (Exodus 25:30). Jesus who is greater than the temple became the true bread of the Presence. (**Matthew 12:1-8**).

Calendar of Events for Ordinary Time

October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary

October 1—29

7 p.m. Family-sponsored Rosary in the church.
Sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board.

Sunday, October 22

11 a.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting in the parish office meeting room

3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet and prayers in church

Sunday, October 29

3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet and prayers in church

Monday, October 30

9 a.m. Visitation, 9:45 a.m. Eulogy, 10 a.m. Funeral Mass for Rosealani Spencer, 1 p.m. Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery

6:30 p.m. Culmination of the October Rosary Devotion with Rosary in different languages

7 p.m. Mass with healing sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, November 1

7 a.m. All Saints Day Mass

12 p.m. Respect Life Rosary in the garden

7 p.m. All Saints Day Mass

Thursday, November 2

7 a.m. All Souls Day Mass

7 p.m. All Souls Day Mass

Friday, November 3

9 a.m. Visitation, 10 a.m., Funeral Prayer Service for Oma Joan Reis-Moniz at Hawaiian Memorial Park Chapel, 1 p.m. Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery

6 p.m. First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church

9. Todah is Hebrew for "thanksgiving. A todah sacrifice was a type of peace offering that consists of meat, bread and wine (**Lev 7:11-15; Num 15:8-10**). In the Eucharistic sacrifice, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.

10. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter... although he had done no violence... he [made] himself an offering for sin." Jesus is, again, the "Lamb of God," who is the "righteous", and "the expiation for our sins" (**1 John 2:2**).

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radical solidarity

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RESPECT LIFE



October is the month of the Rosary and the parish will offer a daily devotion at 7 p.m. in the church. Thank you to everyone who signed up to lead the rosary in the evening at church!

The Mysteries of the Rosary (and the fruits of the Mystery)

Joyful

1. The Annunciation (Humility)
2. The Visitation (Love of Neighbor)
3. The Nativity (Poverty)
4. The Presentation (Purity of Heart and Body)
5. The Finding in the Temple (Devotion to Jesus)

Sorrowful

1. The Agony in the Garden (Obedience to God's Will)
2. The Scouring at the Pillar (Mortification)
3. The Crowning with Thorns (Courage)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (Patience)
5. The Crucifixion (Sorrow for our Sins)



Glorious

1. The Resurrection (Faith)
2. The Ascension (Hope)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom)
4. The Assumption (Devotion to Mary)
5. The Coronation (Grace of a happy death)

Luminous

1. The Baptism of Jesus (Openness to the Holy Spirit)
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana (To Jesus through Mary)
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom (Conversion)
4. The Transfiguration of the Lord (Desire for holiness)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist (Adoration)

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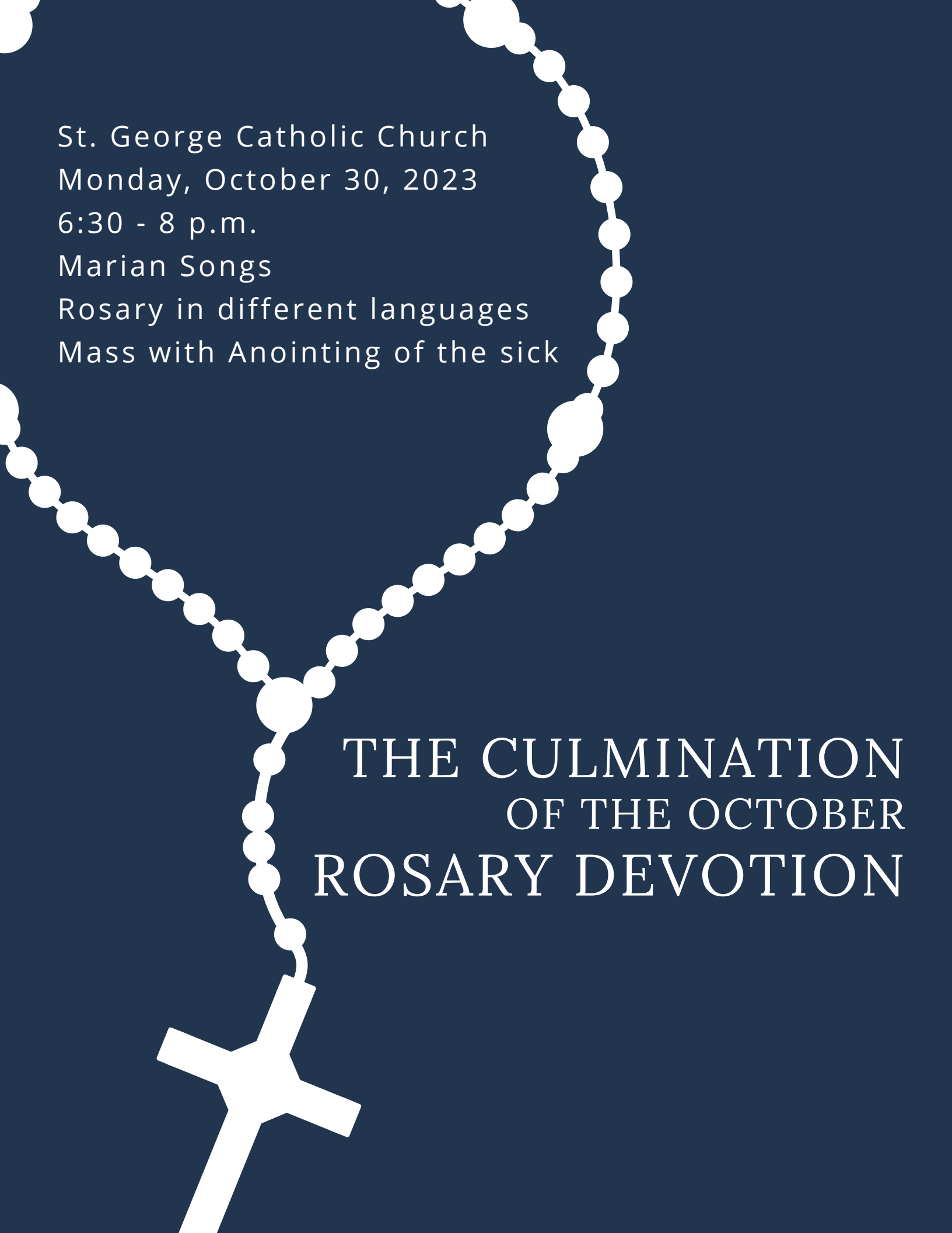
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St. George Catholic Church
Monday, October 30, 2023
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Marian Songs
Rosary in different languages
Mass with Anointing of the sick

THE CULMINATION
OF THE OCTOBER
ROSARY DEVOTION

March For Life Visual Art Contest

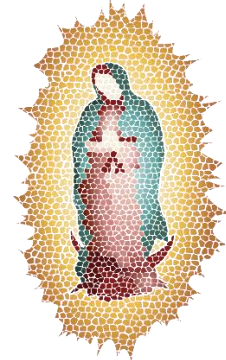
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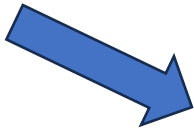


Theme: **Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi** (Love One Another)

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning to the end of their lives. Let's creatively spread awareness of God's call to "Love One Another" through artistic expression created by our youth, our future church.



**Deadline to submit entry is
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023**



Cash Prizes for the top 3 winners by grade level:

PreK - K	1st Place \$50	2nd Place \$30	3rd Place \$20
1st - 3rd Grade	1st Place \$50	2nd Place \$30	3rd Place \$20
4th - 8th Grade	1st Place \$75	2nd Place \$50	3rd Place \$25
9th - 12th Grade	1st Place \$75	2nd Place \$50	3rd Place \$25

Top winners will also be able to march with Bishop Larry Silva at the March For Life Rally at the State Capitol on January 19, 2024

Questions? Call (808) 673-3074



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

October 18, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you!

We were all stunned when we found out the extent of the tragic wildfires in Maui on August 8. Even more stunned, however, were those who lost loved ones in the fires and who grieve the untimely passing of their relatives and friends.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, better known as All Souls Day, is celebrated every year as a reminder of our service to our beloved dead. We offer prayers for them to speed their passage through whatever purgation they may yet need to be able to fully enjoy the eternal vision of God. In a special way, we want to remember our brothers and sisters who perished in the Maui wildfires.

I will be celebrating the All Souls Day Mass with the community most effected at Sacred Hearts Church, Kapalua, Maui, on November 2, at 6:00 p.m. There, of course, I will remember those who died in the wildfires. We invite all parishes and communities celebrating Masses on November 2 to pray in a special way for these victims of the wildfires. Enclosed is a poster for each parish, which includes the names of all who have died in the wildfires. I am grateful to Father Alfred Guerrero and his team for producing this remembrance for all our parishes.

May the Lord bless you always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

In Memory of Those who Lost Their Lives in the Maui Wildfires

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.

Tony Takafua, 7
Justin Recolizado, 11
Keyiro Fuentes, 14
Allen John Constantino, 25
Poomaikai Losano, 28
Junmark Quijano, 30
Angelica Baclig, 31
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Virginia Dofa, 90
Louise Abihai, 97
Unkown

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

Living Radical Solidarity

OCTOBER 2023

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Since 1973, the year the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in *Roe v. Wade*, the month of October has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a time to focus on protecting God's precious gift of human life. While we thank God that the terrible reign of *Roe* has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity.

St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: "*In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.*"¹

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts

of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*," a transformation within our own hearts.²

This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her.

This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies. It all the more so requires our individual, personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional, and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones.

Our parish-based and nationwide initiative, [Walking with Moms in Need](#), for example, provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. Melissa, a [North Carolina mom](#)³ with young children and a busy



job, attended a parish informational session for *Walking with Moms in Need*, thinking she might help out here and there. But she felt the Lord's call and "by the end of the session she had volunteered to be the ministry's coordinator." Her parish now holds "Hand Up Days" once a month during which families can "shop" free of charge for baby and toddler items they need that have been donated by parishioners.

Melissa shared some powerful words of encouragement: "I think for too long we have been comfortable leaving the work of accompanying women in crisis situations – pregnant or parenting – to others in the nonprofit and government sectors. It is very clear in the Gospel that this is our job — all of us! A woman in a pregnancy center once told me that most women considering abortion are wrestling with a financial matter less than \$250 and that has really stuck with me. If we can lighten the burden just a little, what a difference we can make — it is literally life or death."

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life. Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: *Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children?* Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center;



helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Moms in Need* at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

For more information on how to celebrate Respect Life Month and stand in radical solidarity with moms in need, please visit respectlife.org/celebrate.

1 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

2 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 188.

3 Elizabeth Ascik, "One of the Best Ways to Walk with Moms in Need," *Aleteia*, March 23, 2023, <https://aleteia.org/2023/03/22/one-of-the-best-ways-to-walk-with-moms-in-need/>.