

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 29, 2023 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Humans are great imitators. We learn to speak by imitating others. We learn our morals by observing others. Let us imitate God by showing our love of every person. In ancient times, pagans remarked, "See how these Christians love each other." Let us always strive to be good models of God.

1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

The Torah (or law of Moses) reminded the Hebrews of their humble roots. They were outcasts and aliens; yet God made them great. Because of God's goodness to them, they were to be good to others. Today's first lesson shows us that the Old Law was also a Law of Love.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

The Thessalonians had been pagans. But they converted to Christ and completely changed their ways. In so doing they became models of faith and love to their neighbors, who in turn were drawn to Christ. God calls us to be models in our own community. By our lives we shall show the real meaning of faith and love.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

In today's gospel, Jesus quotes two passages from the Law of Moses; He combines two commandments of love which had never before been placed together. He shows that we cannot love God without a practical love of our neighbor and we cannot truly love our neighbor without first loving God.

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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
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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
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MARRIAGE

Call for an appointment with the
Pastor at least six months prior to
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ANOINTING THE SICK

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

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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,

“Love and do what you will,” is a statement attributed to the great St Augustine. The word ‘love,’ though so often misunderstood, is the theme found in this Sunday’s readings and touches on the very heart of the Christian message and indeed of all human living. Among the believers, there were over 600 different laws. Everyone seemed to be bothered about the ranking order of these laws. Was there one which summed up what the other laws were trying to say? All this debate led the Pharisees to approach Jesus and ask his opinion: “Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?”

And Jesus cites not one law but two. He first quotes the book of Deuteronomy which says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind.” Jesus says this is the “first and greatest commandment”. Probably Jesus’ hearers would have had no problem agreeing with that. He then goes on immediately to say, “The second resembles it: You must love your neighbor as yourself.” For Jesus’ listeners, this commandment would have been seen very much as a secondary requirement. And, as we know, the word “neighbor” could be taken in a highly restricted sense. The story of the Good Samaritan in Luke’s gospel indicates that Jesus had a very different understanding of who our neighbor is.

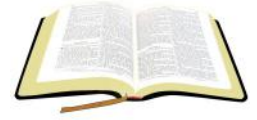
It is clear from the rest of the New Testament that one cannot love God without loving one’s brothers and sisters at the same time. Jesus identifies himself with those in most need of love and compassion; the hungry, the sick, the naked, the prisoners. He is also to be loved in the leper, the AIDS victim, the drug addict, the homeless, the outcast and even in the enemy who threatens us. Love identifies who a disciple is. Love is a way of life for every steward.

Giving Thanks to God

Offerings for October 22, 2023

Sunday Offertory—\$3236
All Saints & All Souls Day—\$130
Marylou Scholarship Fund—\$50
Mass Intentions—\$30
Ohana in Christ—\$20
Outreach—\$80
Repair & Maintenance—\$3233
Total—\$6829

I love to read
the Scriptures



Readings for next Sunday, November 5, 2023

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

A Stewardship Moment

There is one command that summarizes this weekend’s Gospel: to love. For Jesus there is no distinction between these two commands of loving God and neighbor. One naturally flows from the other. In fact, for Jesus, these commands constitute a way of life for Christian stewards; a unique approach to life and to their relationship with others. Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come into contact: family members, friends, people we don’t like, strangers and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. Love calls us to open our hearts and do more to help others grow closer to the Lord. How might we follow Christ’s love command more fervently?



Question of the Week

What neighbor do I know who is in need? What can I do for them, even if it’s just something simple?



Rest in Peace Oma Jean Reis-Moniz



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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL | June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

Why pray for the dead?

In the month of November, with Catholics throughout the world, we commemorate all the faithful departed—the beloved deceased members of our families, the victims of war, those who have died of hunger, disease and neglect, the infants who have died in miscarriages or killed through exposure or abortion, the Christians who have died for the faith in persecution, the anonymous who rest in common graves, those forgotten by the world and whose names are known only to God. We especially entrust to the Lord those who have died in our parish over the past year as well as the past century of our existence.

We begin the month of November by celebrating saints—those who are definitively in heaven, the canonized and un-canonized saints—and by invoking their intercession as we continue on our pilgrimage of faith in this world. But then we immediately turn in suffrage for all those who have died who long to share in the communion of the saints but who are not yet experiencing their joy.

We pray for the dead because we know in faith three truths: first, contrary to the popular heresy that presumes that everyone who dies goes to a “better place,” the Catholic faith does not believe everyone who dies goes to heaven, especially immediately. First, the Church teaches that to enter heaven, one must be completely attached to God and radically detached from all sin and everything that is not of God. “Nothing unclean shall enter heaven,” the book of Revelation tells us (Rev. 21:27). There are many who do not live and die with that type of purity of life and hence they need to be purified to enter into the kingdom in which God is all in all; second, the dead may need our help; and third, our prayers and sacrifices can in fact help them. For these reasons it is a duty for the living to pray for the dead.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.”

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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 29

2:30 p.m. Filipino Catholic Ministry meeting in Fr. Bill Gathering Place

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

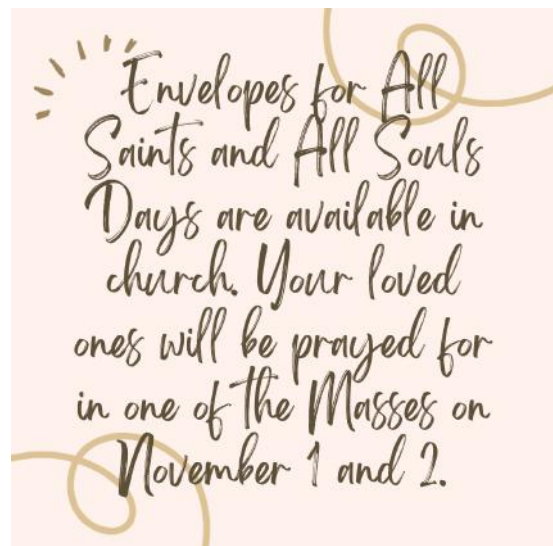
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Friday, November 3

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



Please turn in All Saints and All Souls Day envelopes to the offertory.

radical solidarity

to be courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children



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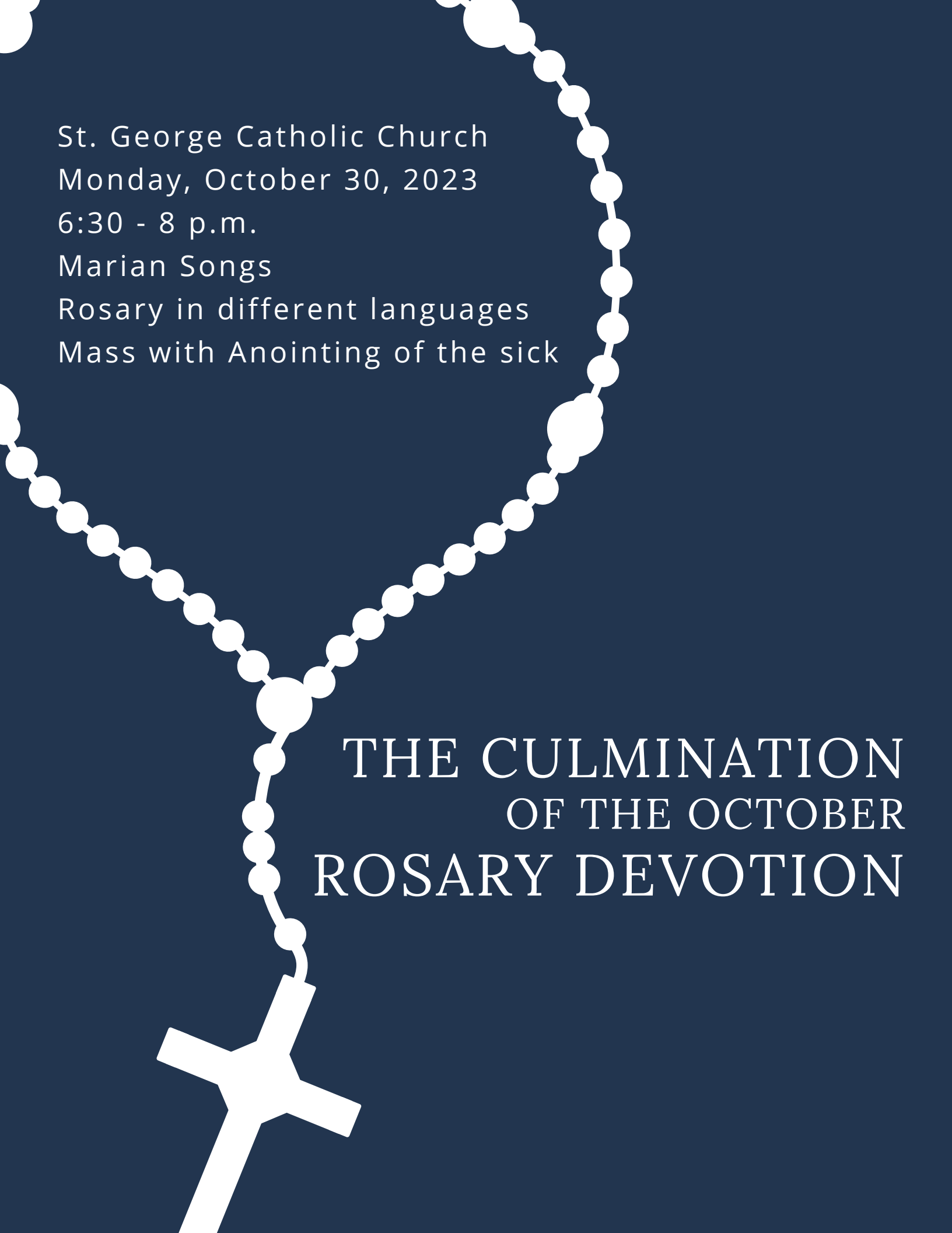
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St. George Catholic Church
Monday, October 30, 2023
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Marian Songs
Rosary in different languages
Mass with Anointing of the sick

THE CULMINATION
OF THE OCTOBER
ROSARY DEVOTION

March For Life Visual Art Contest

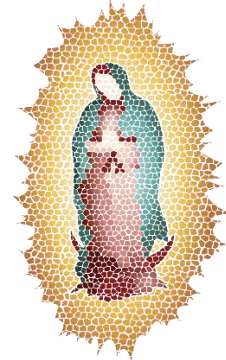
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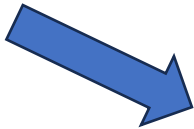


Theme: **Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi** (Love One Another)

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.

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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/>.