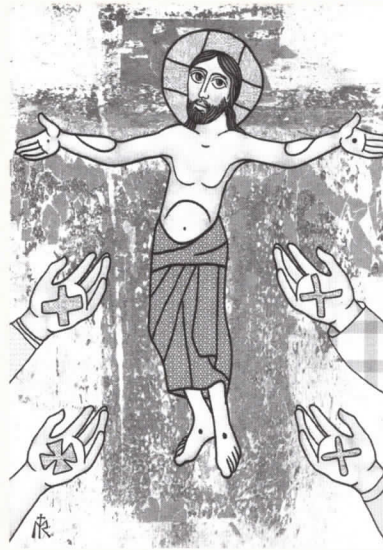


Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,
and he turned and addressed them,
“If anyone comes to me without hating
his father and mother,
wife and children, brothers and sisters,
and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me
cannot be my disciple.
Which of you wishing to construct a tower
does not first sit down and calculate the
cost
to see if there is enough for its
completion?
Otherwise, after laying the foundation
and finding himself unable to finish the
work
the onlookers should laugh at him and
say,
‘This one began to build but did not
have the resources to finish.’
Or what king marching into battle would
not first sit down
and decide whether with ten thousand
troops



he can successfully oppose another king
advancing upon him with twenty
thousand troops?
But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for
peace terms.
In the same way,
anyone of you who does not renounce
all his possessions
cannot be my disciple.”

Readings for the week:

23rd Sunday

in Ord. Time

Wis 9:13-18b
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 14, 17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8
Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4,
5-6a and 9b
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31
Ps 45:11-12,
14-15, 16-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday

**Nativity of
Virgin Mary**

Mic 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Ps 136ab, 6c
Matt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19,
22b-27
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
Luke 6:39-42

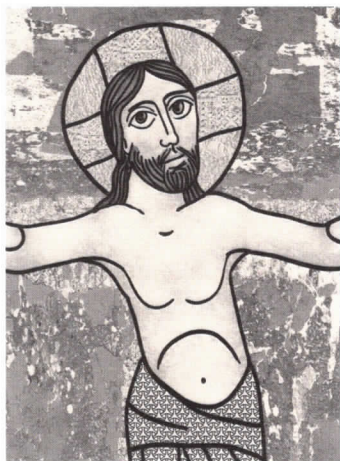
Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22
Ps 116:12-13,
17-18
Luke 6:43-49

24th Sunday

in Ord. Time

Exod 32:7-11, 13-14
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
17, 19
1 Tim 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32 or
Luke 15:1-10



Opening Prayer

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

We know we can get into trouble by neglecting to read the small print on documents! Jesus wants us to be quite sure that we understand the “small print” of the gospel. There are three conditions that disciples must be clear about. The first is to prefer intimacy with Jesus to all other intimacies; the second is to accept the cross—not only that of the ordinary, painful suffering that is part of being human, but also of the persecution, ridicule, and conflict that may come with discipleship; and the third is to surrender possessions and possessiveness. The two parables in today’s gospel impress on Jesus’s hearers the importance of these demands.

In *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer compared “costly grace” and “cheap grace.” The latter is grace without the cross, and so without Jesus Christ. As leader of the German Confessing Church, which confessed Jesus in opposition to the Nazis, Bonhoeffer “hated” (to use Jesus’s word in today’s gospel) his own life to the extent of being executed on April 9, 1945. In comparing these two “graces,” Bonhoeffer writes of “the person who hears the call to discipleship and wants to follow but feels obliged to insist on his own terms to the level of human understanding. The disciple places himself at the Master’s disposal, but at the same time retains the right to dictate his own terms. But then discipleship is no longer discipleship, but a program of our own to be arranged to suit ourselves, and to be judged in accordance with the standards of rational ethic.”

How ready are we to pay the cost of Christian discipleship in our own times by doing works of justice, by sacrificing reputation and advancement because we confess the needs of the disadvantaged? Today’s gospel is a source of both encouragement and challenge.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. As we pick up our cross to follow you, we know that we do not do so alone, for you are ever with us. Keep us keenly aware of your presence, that we might remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- What do you find is the most difficult part about following Christ? Why?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

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Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2141.00 Short 259.00	
In Church	\$	1641.00
Online Giving	\$	500.00
Mail In	\$.00

Mahalo Nui to everyone who supported our Rummage Sale. The Youth was also able to raise \$296.00 for upcoming activities. Total proceeds for Rummage, \$7,131.45.

Save the Date for our Family Faith Formation Kick-Off, next week Sunday, September 11, 10 am – 12:00 pm on the parish grounds. Lau Lau lunch and hot dogs for keiki will be provided. Meet other St. Ann families, pray together, pick up your family learning materials, and tour Ka Mana Loa ‘Ohana garden together. During our stewardship retreat this past spring, our youth planted kalo. The lau lau for this event will be prepared by our youth using the lau kalo from the retreat.

Message from Bishop Silva:

St. John Paul II Catholic Radio, which already has several stations in the Western United States would like to partner with our Diocese to establish a Catholic radio station on Oahu, in order to reach the largest number of people with the Good News of Jesus. Your support of this initiative will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be sent to: www.oahucatholicradio.com. Your donations are tax-deductible. Mahalo for your kokua.