



St. Rita Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at **5:00 PM**

Sunday at **7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**

Confessions: Saturday from 3:15 to 4:00 PM *at the church* or by appointment

Infant Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the Pastor 6 months before the wedding date for an appointment.

Funerals: Contact the Pastor before going to the Mortuary

We, the people of God of St. Rita Parish in Nanakuli, are united in our belief and in our commitment to Jesus Christ. In the spirit of aloha we respond to Christ's mission of love and freedom with our care, concern and communal action. This is expressed in the stewardship of our treasure through tithing and in the gift of our time and talents through shared ministries.

As a fast growing rural parish with a large Hawaiian population we feel a special calling to stand together in truth and justice for indigenous people of this land. As part of the universal Church, our outreach extends beyond our boundaries to the global community and we affirm the human dignity of all peoples. As a parish family we enthusiastically participate in bringing about God's reign of peace. We continue to evangelize, welcome and invite all of God's people to St. Rita Parish.

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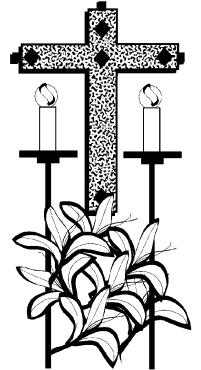
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PARISH CALENDAR

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection
of the Lord

April 5, 2026

I have risen,
and am with you still!



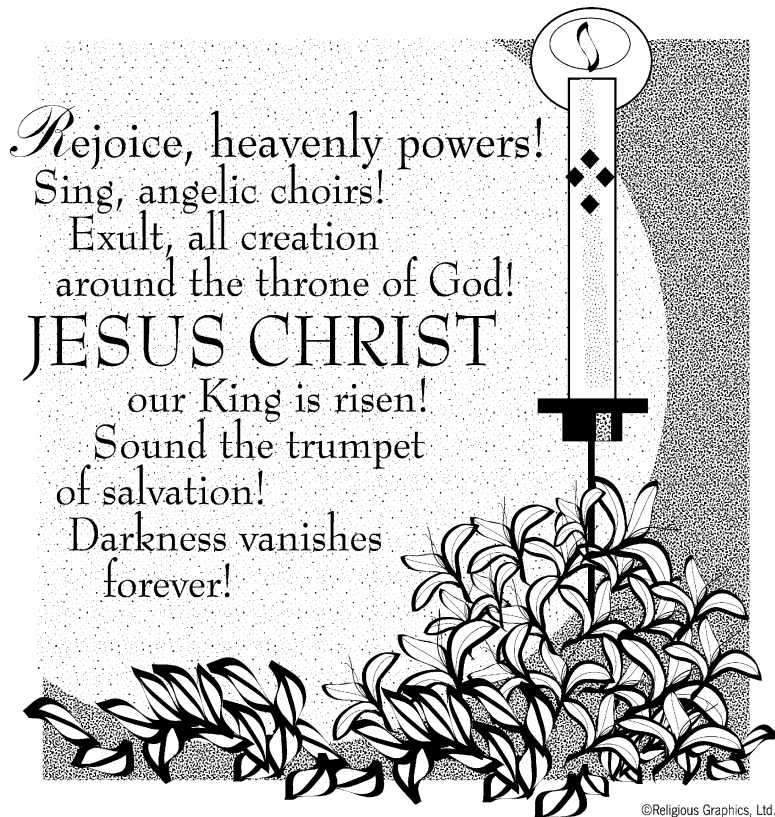
Saturday, April 4	..... 8:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a. m.	Mass (<i>Live Stream</i>)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	NO EVENING MASS
Monday, April 6	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, April 7	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, April 8	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a. m	Communion Service
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 9	..... 8:00 a.m	Communion Service
Friday, April 10	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a. m	Mass
Saturday, April 11	..... 8:00 a. m	Mass
	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:2:42-47: Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

1 Pt:1:3-9: Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

Jn:20:19-31: Through locked doors the risen Lord came, stood before the disciples, and said, "Peace be with you." Thomas was not present at first; when he saw Jesus, he could not believe. Jesus conquered his doubt.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRS RICE BOWL: HAPPY EASTER!: As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. You can continue to give by going on online at www.crsricebowl.org/give.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: Healing the Pain of Abortion...One Weekend at a time: If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further, and come join us? Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel Vineyard for peace and inner healing. You are not alone. Retreat are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. See flyer and brochure at the front of church for more information.

WORD OF LIFE: *"Like us, Christ entered the world the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end."* (Spe salvi 31) USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salve © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All right reserved.)

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 05 Sun: Easter Sunday

Acts:10:34a, 37-43; Ps:118; Col:3:1-4; Jn:20:1-9

Apr 06 : Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:2:14, 22-33; Ps:16:1-2a, & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt:28:8-15

Apr 07 : Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:2:36-41; Ps:33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn:20:11-18

Apr 08: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:3:1-10; Ps:105; 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:24:13-35

Apr 09 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:3:11-26; Ps:8: 2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:24:35-48

Apr 10 Friday within the Octave of Easter

Acts:4:1-12; Ps:118: 1-2, & 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn:21:1-14

Apr 11 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21; Ps:118: 1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk:16:9-15

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection	\$ 3, 566.00
Blessings	50.00
Candles	65.00
Mass Intentions	195.00
Outreach	45.00
 Total	 \$ 3, 921.60

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Operation Rice Bowl	50.00
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Hau 'Oli Pakoa – Happy Easter

April 5, 2026

Hau'Oli Pakoa – Happy Easter to All Our Parishioners, Friends of the Parish and Visitors!

Jesus Christ is Risen today, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The **Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ** is at the heart of our **Easter celebration** and gives the whole purpose and meaning of **who Jesus Christ is...Our Lord and Savior** and to all **our daily faithfulness to our Christian baptismal promises. Jesus Christ is Our Glorious Savior who conquered death and rose triumphantly!**

Easter is the most important Christian Feast as St. Paul stated to the Christian faithful in Corinth, **“if Christ has not risen, vain too your faith.” 1 Corinthians 15: 14**, but because Jesus rose from the dead our faith and all the faithful are vindicated of their faith in Jesus Christ!

May the glorious joy of **the Risen Lord**, open our hearts and minds to that amazing greatness we are called to, as adopted sons and daughters of God, to eternal life that even now on this earth we can begin to enter and experience. St. Paul described it as beholding it reflected as in a mirror, **“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13: 12.**

Most of all, **the Solemn Feast of Easter** is not just a one-day celebration but rather is liturgically celebrated in **eight-day solemn period called the Octave of Easter.**

Starting on **Easter Sunday and ending with the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).** It is celebrated as **one continuous feast of the Resurrection.** Everyday in this **Octave is considered a Solemnity – a “little Easter”,** highlighting the profound joy of **Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death.**

Also, **Easter is celebrated in a 50-day period of the Season of Easter or Eastertide.** Often called the **“great Lord's Day”** this season celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. and is marked by the lighting of the **Paschal candle**, the use of white vestments and the singing of alleluia. This begins on eve of **Easter** and ends on the **Solemn Feast of Pentecost;** the day we celebrate **the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.** Truly the importance of **Easter, victorious Risen Lord** cannot be over emphasized, for it is

Jesus' Resurrection that we Christians boldly live our discipleship and bravely carry our daily cross which led us to share in the glory of Easter.

The Blessings and the Fruits of the Parish Easter Celebrations!

Congratulations – Ho'omaika'i to the Elect who received the full Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist - Jay Micheal the Archangel Soto, Shanda Therese of Lisieux Rabacal, Ophelia Teresa of Kolkata Lynn, Peyton Peter Dean, Xiesten Joseph Dean, Zarek Micheal the Archangel Dean – Veradero, Angela Elizabeth Szablicki, Alexia Teresa of Kolkata Kahalekai. We welcome each one of them into full communion in the Catholic Church!

To the reception of Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion: Christopher Micheal the Archangel Awa, Philip John the Baptist Maugaotega and Sani Louis IX laea.

Congratulations – Ho'omaika'i also to their parents, godparents and sponsors who nurtured their faith. We also want to extend our mahalo nui loa to the coordinator and teachers; **Karen Victor, Ivan Okuda, Tom Izzi, Brenda Levy, Dcn. Hal Levy, Fr. Paulo** and all who were part of their faith formation!

Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. What is **Divine Mercy Sunday?** On this solemn day, we celebrated God's unfathomable love and it's constant yearning to forgive us for the ways we fail in our obligation of covenant life- our baptismal promises. More information to be printed in next week's bulletin insert. You may visit the site: <http://www.divinemercuryconference.com>

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets are available at the front of the church. You may begin your **novena starting Good Friday** at home and join the parish beginning Monday after Easter. On **Divine Mercy Sunday (Vigil and Sunday)** the **Divine Mercy Novena** will be prayed **30 minutes before mass.**

Mahalo Nui Loa to all our Easter Triduum Helpers

Lots of preparation went into celebrating our St. Rita Parish **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.** From rehearsals to celebrating the Solemn Feasts properly to cleaning and setting up the Liturgical decorations and church yard cleaning and care. **God bless you for all your assistances - kokua! Hau 'Oli Pakoa!**

The Stewardship of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE that bless us all!

*Have a blessed week in the Lord
Fr. Paulo of MCP*