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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.

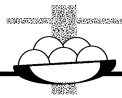
As a fast growing rural parish with a large Hawaiian population we feel a special calling to stand together in truth and justice for indigenous people of this land. As part of the universal Church, our outreach extends beyond our boundaries to the global community and we affirm the human dignity of all 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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They knew him
in the Breaking of the Bread

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth!

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, April 18	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 19	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass (<i>Live Stream</i>)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 20	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, April 21	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 22	..... 11:00 a. m	Funeral Mass - Deacon Jerome Vito-Lefu'a - Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, April 23	..... 8:00 a.m	<i>Communion Service</i>
Friday, April 24	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a. m	Mass
Saturday, April 25	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

4:19 PM
04/11/26
Accrual Basis

St. Rita Church - Nanakuli Profit & Loss July through September 2025

	Jul - Sep 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · OFFERTORY COLLECTION	69,642.97
42000 · OTHER REGULAR INCOME	6,084.57
47000 · UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME	5,434.91
Total Income	81,162.45
Gross Profit	81,162.45
Expense	
50000 · EMPLOYMENT COSTS	40,846.15
51000 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	113.10
51700 · LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	275.00
52000 · SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	6,286.00
53000 · REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	2,133.07
54000 · UTILITIES	4,761.30
55000 · CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	16,033.03
56000 · INTEREST EXPENSE	2,316.53
57000 · TAXES	300.00
Total Expense	73,064.18
Net Ordinary Income	8,098.27
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
70000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS	114,135.50
Total Other Income	114,135.50
Net Other Income	114,135.50
Net Income	122,233.77



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL:

Progress Report as March 31, 2026., St. Rita Collected \$4,832.00 of our \$13, 843 which is 35% of our goal. Mahalo for all those who have contributed!

WORD OF LIFE: “Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. . . . Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”*

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 19 Sun: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts:2:42-47; Ps:118; 1 Pt:1:3-9; Jn:20:19-31

Apr 20 : Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:6:8-15; Ps:119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn:6:22-29

Apr 21 : Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:7:51-8:1a; Ps:31: 3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab; Jn:6:30-35

Apr 22: Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:8:1b-8; Ps:66; 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn:6:35-40

Apr 23 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:8:26-40; Ps:66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn:6:44-51

Apr 24 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:9:1-20; Ps:117: 1bc, 2; Jn:6:52-59

Apr 25 Sat: Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps:89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk:16:15-20

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:2:14a,36-41: Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit.

1 Pt:2:20b-25: Jesus suffered for the sins of all people, and by his death on the cross, all can live in accord with God’s will. People who strayed like sheep “have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

Jn:10:1-10: Jesus said, “I am the gate for the sheep.” He declared that whoever enters through him will be saved because he came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.



HAWAII
Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal



Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us and opened the Scriptures to us?

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

As today’s gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ’s presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others. *International Catholic Stewardship Council*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

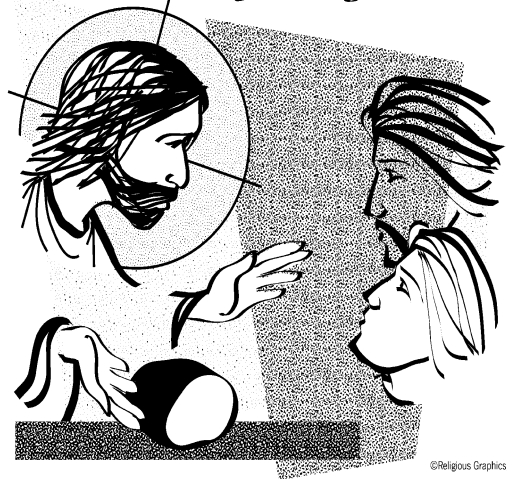
Sunday Collection	\$ 3, 291.00
Candles	60.00
Easter	200.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
Outreach	200.00
Total	\$ 3, 741.00

RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	\$ 450.00
Catholic Ministries	250.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	75.00
Operation Rice Bowl	277.77
Total	\$ 1, 052.77

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when he BROKE the BREAD
and said the BLESSING,
their eyes were opened and
they recognized him.



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Scripture Reflections

First Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Background Context: The 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts) today contains part of Peter’s discourse to the Jews on **Pentecost day**. In a few lines, Peter summed up all that the Gospel say about Jesus Christ; Jesus was man, this is the point that the Apostles took great care to stress in their preaching.

The Jesus whom they announced and rose from the dead was the **Jesus of Nazareth**, a carpenter by trade, a man like us in all things, except for sin.

But Peter also clearly stated that **Jesus is God**; the many miracles He worked proved beyond doubt that He possessed divine powers. Sincere people had little difficulty in accepting Him for what He was; **the Son of God and the Messiah** sent to save the world.

“This man ...you killed using lawless men to crucify him.” (Acts 2: 23), showed the **tension between human responsibility and God’s divine plan**. The people freely rejected and crucified Jesus Christ, yet this happened according to God’s saving design.

Application to Life: Thus, **the human sin** became the means through which God brought salvation, forming the foundation of the Christian understanding of the Cross. God raised Jesus up, this is **the main proclamation, the Resurrection!** Death could not hold Him; Resurrection is God’s decisive action. Resurrection is the center of Apostolic preaching; the Resurrection is the foundation of our faith as Christians.

Peter quoted King David from **psalm 16**, **“I saw the Lord ever before me...because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption...”** Here King David spoke prophetically. The text referred not to David himself since he died but to the Messiah, thus **the Scripture fulfilled in Jesus Christ**.

This Jesus God raised up, **“of that we are witness.”** Here it emphasized that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not a philosophical idea, but historical **event grounded in testimony**. The Apostles present themselves as eyewitnesses claiming direct authority for their proclamation.

This proclamation is not just history; it is a living reality that calls us to recognize the significance of the Resurrection in our own lives. Just as Peter’s word inflamed the hearts

of the first believers, so too should the truth of Jesus Christ's victory over death inflame our hearts today!

Peter further explained that Jesus Christ exalted at God's right hand, sends the Holy Spirit therefore, **Pentecost** became the proof that Jesus Christ reigns, and the Holy Spirit is the sign of Jesus Christ's glorification. At each Holy Mass - Eucharist we attend and participate the Holy Spirit confronts us with our sinfulness and yet the at the same time with God's enduring love, our salvation.

Let our responses be to strive to live a genuine Christian life day to day, to bear our witness that Jesus is Risen. That we seek genuine sorrow for our sins and at the same time deep gratitude for God's forgiveness, mercy and love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21

Background Context: In today's 2nd reading from **the Letter of Peter**, Peter continues to offer his fatherly advice to all Christians converts urging them and us to be the loving children of God that Baptism made us, lest we relapse into sin, which is slavery.

According to Roman Law a slave could obtain his or her freedom in various ways. **One such way** was to pay a large sum to the State by the slave himself, something very few slaves could afford or **two** someone generous enough to do it for the slave's sake.

Application to Life: We are called by Peter to conduct ourselves with reverence on our earthly journey, for we realize we could never do, that is to pay the price of our freedom from sin – our futile conduct, Jesus paid that ransom-cost for us.

Peter emphasized that no sum of earthly money could ever obtain release for our slavery to sin and to the devil. The price was beyond us, and it is Jesus who paid that high cost indeed, that of **precious blood of Jesus Christ** as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

So often we go about life forgetting who we are, that we are the sons and daughters of God and inheritors of God's Kingdom. But this truth was not earned by anyone of us. Jesus who was destined before the foundation of the world in the plan of God to purchase our freedom from sin.

Yet Peter made it clear that Jesus Christ's sacrifice is not accidental, it belonged to God's eternal plan revealed in the last times in fulfillment in salvation history. Jesus not only set us free says Peter but brought us into God's own family by truly making us God's children by God's very life at Baptism. Each Eucharist- Holy Mass is a lesson to us at what cost we were ransomed. May we live in witness to that truth.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Background Context: We encounter two disciples on the road to Emmaus, a village about 7 miles out of Jerusalem. They are leaving Jerusalem and returning to Emmaus where they lived. The Passover, one of 3 great Jewish festival had ended and most of all they had firsthand witnessed the horrible things happened to Jesus whom they had placed their hope that He would save Israel.

Though we have the two disciples mentioned, only one is known to us, Cleopas the other whose name is not known. They still loved Jesus but were about to lose their faith in Jesus out of discouragement and deep sorrow. In fact, they were going back to their village and to their former life, giving up all hope regarding Jesus Christ.

“We had hoped that He was the one who will redeem Israel”. Tragically like many others, they had hoped for a political Messiah, so the crucifixion of Jesus and His cruel death shattered all their expectations. Simply the empty tomb only deepened their confusion. Their faith wavered at what God would do and what had happened before their eyes in Jerusalem.

Then we have Jesus who joined them on their journey and asked what they were discussing. Cleopas one of the disciples is surprised that He did not know what had happened in Jerusalem.

After listening to all that they shared Jesus gently rebukes their slowness to believe **“Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke...the Messiah must suffer and glory comes through suffering and enter His glory?”**

Then Jesus explained to them the **Scriptures** starting from **Moses** and the **prophets** and **what referred to Him** in a way no one had ever explained them before. The 2 disciples listened eagerly; and something within their hearts told them that this was no ordinary man but at the same time they were prevented from recognizing Him.

Next come the act of kindness in part of the two disciples towards that stranger, perhaps concerned with His safety stated, **“stay with us for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over,”** they invited Jesus to spend the night with them. Finally came the discovery of Jesus, **“it took place at the table to share the meal, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them”.**

Though they had provided Jesus with food, material food, **but it was Jesus who now fed them with faith in Himself.**

For with those words and gestures of Jesus their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus' present in their midst. In a way, Jesus became the object of their nourishment.

“We’re not our hearts burning within us?”

Application to Life: In this Gospel story, I am reminded of how important that we are well informed of any costly product by beforehand reading and to understand the manual that comes with them. How often do we get confused or frustrated with a particular item, especially when it does not function as we expected and we need to refer to the manual that came with it. We often need to carefully read over the important information in it.

Though the example may be simplistic we can reflect on our Liturgy – our worship in such a way. We are taught that our proper worship of God which the Holy Mass the Eucharist is the summit of our Worship the Liturgy and it has **two integral parts. First the Word of God** (Scripture) and **Second the Liturgy of the Eucharist** the actual ritual and prayers of worship in receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The **Catholic Church** in Her wisdom recognizes in this Gospel of the Story of Emmaus that truth of what the proper Eucharistic Worship is like. That it is **first necessary** to be prepared by the **Word of God - Scripture (manual of instruction)**, and then the **Eucharistic Sacrifice** of bread and wine consecrated as **Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**.

There is a need to be attentive to the **Word of God** proclaimed at the Eucharistic Mass, so that those sacred words from the **Scriptures** helps us all to be ready our hearts and minds to enter the next part of the worship, the **Eucharistic Sacrifice**.

If we are not attentive or are distracted through the **Word of God** being proclaimed, then we will lack the necessary preparations to enter the **second** half of our Worship. Of course, it is **incumbent** that **our Lectors all prepare well and proclaim as they read and not simply read to themselves or mumble through**.

In not being prepared or not making efforts to proclaim (read) **clearly and loudly enough** the **Scripture** readings (**Word of God**) the **Lectors** can do great harm to the People of God (parishioners) gathered on the **Lord’s Day**. The **People of God** have the need and the right to hear loud and clear the **Word of God (Scripture)** to enter in the **Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass. Lectors must renew their hearts and minds to what they had promised God and the people and have been called to minister at the Altar- podium**.

It is interesting to note that the **Gospel story** gave us the name of only one of the two disciples journeying to **Emmaus**. In doing so, Luke invites us to take the place of the

second unnamed disciple, since often, our situation in life closely resembles that of the two disciples.

As in their case trials and temptations might not extinguish our faith in Jesus Christ altogether but seriously threaten it. When that happens, we feel tempted to go back **“to our former way of life...”** We can gradually lose joy that Christian Faith brings into our hearts and either abandon it or choose to remain Christian only in name.

It is then that moved by love and concern for us, Jesus comes to our rescue; he does it best at our **Sunday Worship**. To start with, if we listen attentively to the **Word of God**, Jesus explains to us the true meaning of the Sunday Scriptures. For the Word of God can enter the depth of our hearts.

The explanation of the **Word of God** at our Sunday gathering is meant to help us recognize the Lord and to discover His plans of love then enter the second part the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, to partake of His Body and Blood as nourishment of our souls already prepared by the **Word of God**.

Happy shall we be if, on going to Church on Sunday, we can count on some act of service rendered to Him in the person of our brothers and sisters during the week; nothing will help us more to discover Jesus' love in the Scriptures being read.

St. Jerome stated, **“the ignorance of the Scripture is the ignorance of Christ.”**

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Wednesday, April 22nd Funeral for: +Deacon Jerome Le'fua Vito. Co-Cathedral of St. Therese of Lisieux (Little Flower) Kalihi. **10:00am Visitation, 11:00am Funeral Mass, 2:30pm Burial Mililani Cemetery.**

VACATION: Mele will be on vacation from **April 22nd to May 22nd**. Simply call the Church Office **(808) 668-7833** and leave your message with Sharon or for Fr, Paulo to follow through. Do have a safe and restful vacation Mele.

*Have a blessed week in the
fr. Paulo's ofn cop. Lord!*