



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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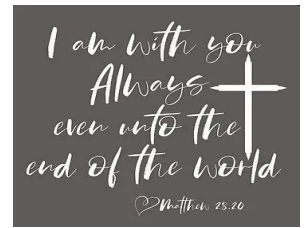
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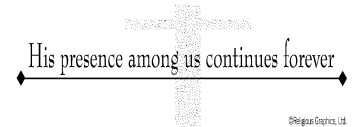
**The Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord**

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, May 16 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 18	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday, May 19	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, May 20	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, May 22	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 6:30 p.m.	Novena St. Rita Feast Day
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass - Saint Rita Feast Day
Saturday, May 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



May 17, 2026

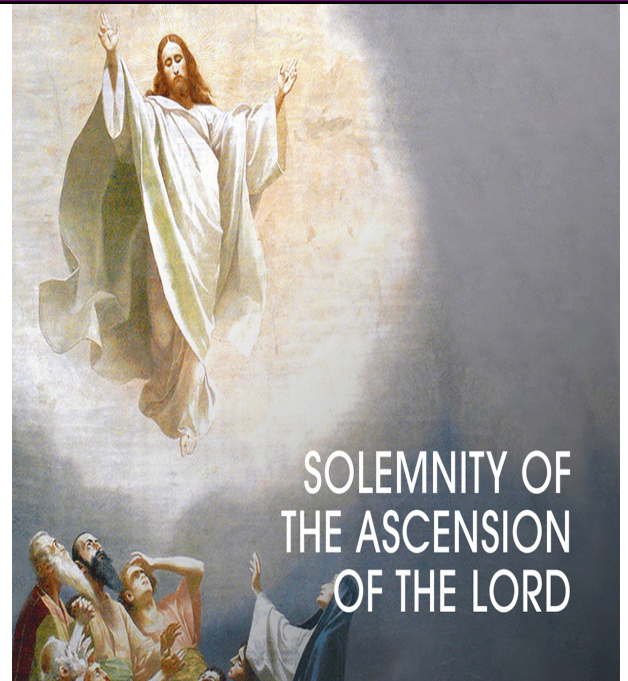


NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:2:1-11 (63a): On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues, “as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

1 Cor: 12:3b-7, 12-13: The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.

Jn:20:19-23: Jesus appeared and told the disciples, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. . . Receive the Holy Spirit.”



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GO AND TEACH ALL PEOPLE
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD OF LIFE: “The Lord says to us, “Do not fear: I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifest his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

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WEEKLY READINGS

May 17 Sun: Ascension Sunday

Acts:1:1-11; Ps:47; Eph:1:17-23; Mt:28:16-20

May 18 : Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:19:1-8; Ps:68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn:16:29-33

May 19 : Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:20:17-27; Ps:68: 10-11, 20-21; Jn:17:11b

May 20: Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:20:28-38; Ps:68; 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn:17:11b-19

May 21 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:22:30; 23:6-11; Ps:16: 1-2a, & 5, 7-8-9-10, 11; Jn:17:20-26

May 22 Fri: Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts:25:13b-21; Ps:103:1-2,11-12,19-21ab; Jn:21:15-19

May 23 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:28:16-20, 30-31; Ps:11: 4, 5, & 7; Jn:21:20-25

The Ascension: Jesus Ascends to Heaven !

Etymologically, the term Ascension comes from the Latin ascendere, which means to ascend or rise. Therefore, the feast of the Lord’s Ascension celebrates Christ’s ascent into the glory of Heaven and marks the end of his visible presence on Earth shortly after his death and resurrection.

The apostles, witnesses of this last encounter with Jesus, are however not “Left alone”: Christ’s departure marks a new mode of presence, not visible but universal and timeless. Jesus indeed declares to them: “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew:28:20), signifying his presence in the sacraments, particularly in the Eucharist.

The feast of the Ascension is also for Christians and announcement of the coming of the Holy Spirit ten days later at Pentecost. Indeed, Jesus announces twice to his disciples the coming of the advocate, the Spirit of truth, as he sends them on a mission: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts: 1:8)

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

In today’s Gospel Jesus charges his followers to “Make disciples of all nations.’ What exactly is going on here” What is this Great Commission anyway ? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn’t direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to out into the neighborhood workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ’s Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don’t know about Jesus Christ. Do we realize we are supposed to do something?

International Catholic Stewardship Council

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection :	\$3,022.00
Mass Intentions :	\$40.00
Candles :	\$10.00
Total :	\$3,072.00

Restricted Collection:

Building Fund :	\$805.00
Repairs / Maintenance :	\$50.00
Outreach :	\$2,625.00
Religious Retirement :	\$245.00
Air Conditioning :	\$6,163.00

Total : **\$12,960.00**

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