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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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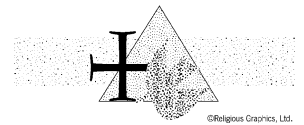
The Solemnity of the
Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

Praise the Trinity;
undivided unity!

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, May 30	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 31	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, June 1	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, June 2	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, June 3	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:00 p.m.	PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - KAMIANO TRAILER
Thursday, June 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, June 5	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	First Friday Mass
	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m	First Friday Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, June 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	First Saturday Mass
	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

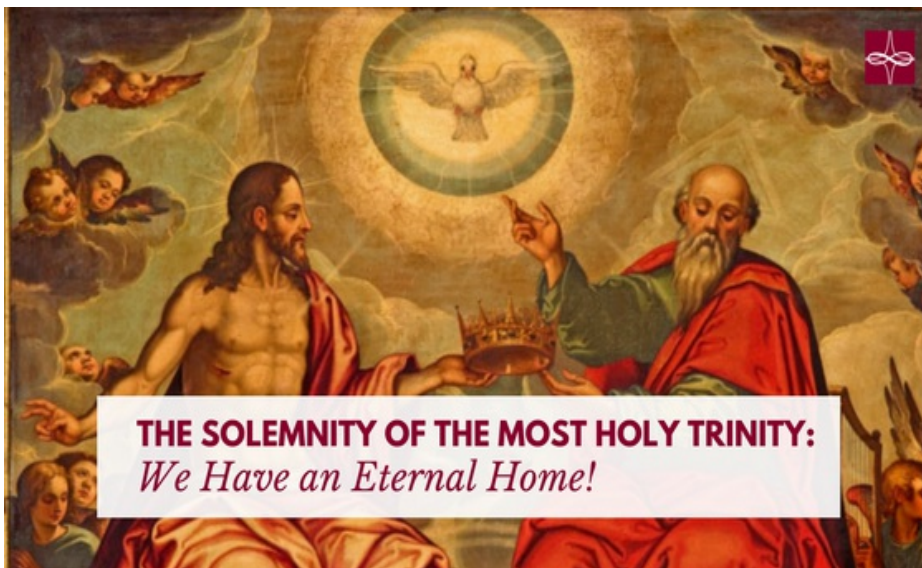


NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Dt:8:2-3, 14b-16a: Moses reminded the people that for forty years God tested them in the desert. The Lord let them be hungry fed them manna, showing that God's people do not live by bread alone.

1 Cor:10:16-17: By sharing in the eucharistic bread, Christians, though many, are one body in Christ.

Jn:6:51-58: Jesus told the crowds that he is the living bread come down from heaven. All who want eternal life must "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been formally recognized by the Vatican as an International Private Association of the Faithfully. This historic recognition affirms the ministry's longtime service to married couples and priests, and invites couples to renew their commitment to one another, Join WWME Hawai'i for a residential weekend July 10-12, 2026, at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, Oahu. Application are available at www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808)276-571 or email brian.claudine.perry@wwme.org Space is limited.

WORD OF LIFE: "Dignity is a gift from god, who created the human being in his own image and semblance (cf. Gen 1:26). It is not something that is obtained by merit or effort; nor does it depend on what we possess or achieve. It is a gift that goes before us: it is born of the look of love with which God wanted us, one by one, and continues to want us." *Pope Leo XIV Message to Participants in Building Communities that Safeguard Dignity* © 2025 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

WEEKLY READINGS

May 31 Sun: The Most Holy Trinity

Ex:34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn:3; 2 Cor:13:11-13; Jn:3:16-18

Jun 1 : Mon: Saint Justin, Martyr

2 Pt:1:2-7; Ps:91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mk:1:1-12

Jun 2 : Tue: Ordinary Weekday

2 Pt:3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps:90: 2, 3-4, 10, 14 & 16; Mk:12:13-17

Jun 3: Wed: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions Martyrs

2 Tm:1:1-3, 6-12; Ps:123; 1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk:12:18-27

Jun 4 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

2 Tm:2:8-15; Ps:25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Mk:12:28-34

Jun 5 Fri: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Tm:3:10-17; Ps:119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk:12:35-37

Jun 6 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

2 Tm:4:1-8; Ps:71: 8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk:12:38-44

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*In today's second reading Saint Paul's final appeal is a call for unity. God created that unity. Good stewards who share Christ's life in the Eucharist belong to each other, just as god in the three persons of Father, son and Holy Spirit enjoy unity. We are in intimate part of God's divine bond, God's "family." Saint Paul maintains that we ought to act that way. In the Church there is a bond of family, yet plenty of room for variety. Christian stewards use their uniquely varied gifts to live a Trinitarian faith, in unity, promoting Christ's peace and justice. How do we promote unity in our parish? **International Catholic Stewardship Council***

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection	\$ 3, 441.00
Candles	105.00
Mass Intentions	70.00
Outreach	45.00
Total	\$ 3, 661.00

RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	\$ 315.00
Repair & Maintenance	100.00
Campaign for Human Development	2.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	25.00
Total	\$ 442.00

ON-LINE GIVING (APRIL)

Operation Funds Collection:

General Collection	\$ 6, 670.00
Outreach	1, 665.00
Total	\$ 8, 425.00

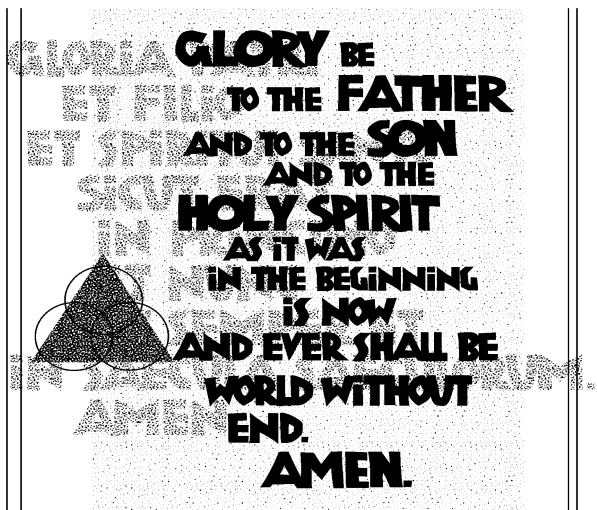
Restricted Collection:

Building Fund	\$ 4, 185.00
Repair & Maintenance	795.00
Total	\$ 4, 980.00

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to JESUS the REDEEMER
and to the HOLY SPIRIT the SANCTIFIER

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The Most Holy Trinity (A) May 31, 2026

Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa – Aloha ‘Ohana Aloha Nuia!

Today as we celebrate **the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**, we are invited not just to understand God but to experience God in the communion of the divine love of **the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!**

The **Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity** is the **central mystery of Christian faith and life**. It is the mystery of God Himself; therefore, the **Source** of all the other mysteries of faith and the Light that illuminates them.

Through today’s readings we discover a **God** who is merciful, relational and self-giving – **the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit** inviting us into life of **Divine love**.

Scripture Reflections

Old Testament: Exodus 34: 4B-6,8-9

Background Context: Today’s 1st Reading taken from the **Book of Exodus, the 2nd** of so called, “**Five Books of Moses.**” The **Book of Exodus** inform us of the 40 years desert journey of the Israelites on the way from Egypt to the Promise Land.

Our reading from **Book of Exodus** comes after one of Israel’s greatest failures in their faithfulness by their worship of the idol, the golden calf.

The Covenant Moses first received on Mount Sinai had been broken, and the first tablets were literally destroyed as Moses flung them at the idol, the golden calf the Israelites were found worshipping in his absence. Yet, what is astounding is that **God** called Moses to Mount. Sinai again after this great tragedy of idolatry and renewed the Covenant with them thus God invited them to begin anew again.

The Lord Himself came down in a cloud and stood with Moses and “**revealed Himself-His heart**” proclaimed His name; “**the Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.**” Exodus 34: 6.

Application to Life: This is one of the clearest descriptions of who **God** is. Before anything else **God** wanted His people to know that He is merciful and compassionate. We can glimpse here that the Most Holy **Trinity** is not first a doctrine to understand, but mystery of love to experience. Moses encouraged by this revelation of God hasten to ask three favors: 1). “**O Lord, do come along in our company**” that is not to abandon His people but to live with them in their midst, 2) Though admitting “**the people as indeed stiffed neck people,**

yet to pardon their wickedness and sin,” that God would forgive them whenever having sinned they would repent, 3). **“To receive us as your own,”** that God would adopt the Israelites as God’s heritage as a person takes possession of an inheritance bequeath to them.

The amazing mercy and compassion by God for the Israelites must have given Moses the courage to seek such favors from God! The Lord did agree to all three requests made by Moses and fulfilled them, **(Levitus 26, 12: Numbers 9, 19).**

The **Old Testament** revealed God as **One God**, but here we glimpse something deeper: that **God** is relational, loving and self-giving. Truly as the **Old Testament** prepared and gave insights to understanding the **New Testament**, these qualities of God helped us to better understand the **Most Trinity** revealed in the **New Testament**.

In the fullness of time the same **God** is revealed as **Father, Son and the Holy Spirit**: The **Father** is the source of love and mercy, the **Son (Jesus)** showed that mercy in human way - through forgiveness, compassion and sacrifice. The **Holy Spirit** filled hearts with the same love and helped us to live it.

So, what Moses experienced on Mount Sinai is an early glimpse of the **Most Holy Trinity**: **God** is not distant or cold; **God** is close to us, yet at the same time **God** is not indifferent to sin. God’s justice remains, but **God’s** justice does not cancel His mercy; rather His mercy calls us to change. **God** forgives but He also invites us to repentance and live better lives.

Truly Moses understood what the Israelites needed the most, it was not success or security but **God’s** presence. It is exactly what we all need first before all else, God’s presence in our daily life.

This passage invites us to trust in **God’s** mercy and compassion and most of all that **God** is present in our daily life. Like the Israelites we too fail; we too fall but **God** would not easily give up on us. When we return with humility **God** meets us with compassion. When we fail, **God** is not focus on our past mistakes but on our repentant heart.

This beautiful passage from the **Book of Exodus** is a reminder that **God’s** mercy and compassion are stronger than human sin and God’s love is steady even when we are not!

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 13:16-18

Background Context: In the 2nd Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth **“to rejoice, mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace...” 2 Corinthians 13: 11.** These are not complicated teachings

but very practical ones for daily life. The Corinthian Christians had faced divisions, misunderstandings, and struggles. So, Paul's words come like a gentle reminder, to grow, to correct what is wrong and to be faithful.

Also, this reading contained the conclusion of the 2nd Letter of Paul to the Christians of Corinth. Paul ended his final letter with a final blessing full of meaning; **“the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you,” 2 Corinthians 13: 18.**

This prayer of Paul for the Christians in the City of Corinth **sums up the love of Three Divine Persons for Christians of all times.** We are reminded that this love of God is not something of the past; it has been bestowed on Christians of all generations, and it is daily poured into our hearts.

The truth is that **God the Father** never ceased to send His Son into the world to lead us to fullness of life. **God the Son** never ceased to cleanse us of sin and communicates to us the Holy Spirit. **God the Holy Spirit** never ceased to bestow the **Seven-Fold Gifts** into our lives, so that as Christians our life maybe formed more and more **into the image of the Son whom the Father loves.** That is to allow **Jesus' character to shape our daily thoughts, words, and actions.**

Application to Life: Paul's words to **“encourage one another”** meant that Christians live their lives that lift-up one another instead of pulling other down. How often do we fall into this bad habit even though not with evil intent. People often end up cutting one another down more, instead of lifting-up one another and encouraging the good.

Paul gave a beautiful promise, **“the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Corinthians 13: 12).** This showed that when we choose unity and peace, we make space for **God's** presence in our lives.

The final blessing Paul gave is the glimpse of the Holy Trinity, **“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Corinthians 13: 13).** For us today this passage is timeless as it truly applies to all of us.

In families - ohana, communities and even churches, conflict happens but Paul reminds us that we are called more to heal, not just to divide, more to encourage, not just to criticize; more to build peace not just to tension. If we live this way we do not just talk about God, but rather we reflect God in our day-to-day Christian life.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Background Context: The Gospel of John taken from chapter 3 records the nighttime dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee and the leader of the Jews.

Nicodemus represents sincere religious searching, but incomplete understanding and one who is the movement from darkness toward faith.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life” (John 3:16). This opening passage in today’s Gospel of John is one of the most important summaries of the Christian Gospel.

Application to Life: When John stated that **“God so loved the world,”** we are reminded that the initiative began with God, it was God who first chose and called us, it had nothing to do with our meriting God’s love.

Now the word, **“world” - “Kosmos” in Greek** in John often refers to humanity in its fallen condition – Original Sin, and to those opposed to God, yet we are astounded that God loved the world. Further, the expression **“only Son”, (monogenes – in Greek meaning “only or kind”)** emphasized the unique relationship between the **Father** and the **Son**.

We are reminded that Jesus is not merely a prophet but **a unique revelation of God**. Therefore, **“Everyone who believes”** faith is central in Johannine theology. Now we must remember too that **Belief** is not simply our intellectual acceptance but: a personal trust, a relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ.

Thus, **Salvation** is accessible through Faith in Jesus Christ. Our daily choices we make decisively steers us in direction of Life or Death. Let us choose Life - Jesus Christ, **“The Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:16).**

John further stated, **“May not perish but have eternal life,”** Here **“Eternal life”** in John is not only our future life after our earthly death. John is informing us that eternal life begins already in our communion with God through Jesus Christ here on earth. Thus, **perishing equals eternal separation from God and eternal life equals participation in fullness of divine life**. We can therefore humbly and in gratitude embrace God’s love for **“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”** We look upon Jesus as one who is **“sent”** and this idea of being **“sent”** is central to John. Jesus acts as envoy of the Father, the revealer of Divine truth and the Savior of humanity.

The baptized as truly His disciples we are to share in carrying out daily Jesus into the world by our actions. **“Not condemnation but salvation,”** the primary purpose of Jesus Christ’s coming is Salvation.

Jesus reminds us that He came not to condemn but to save. **God** is not waiting for us to be perfect; **God** is reaching out to transform us. But love cannot be forced, it must be accepted. Judgment is not God's first intention, **"those who believe in Him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already..."**

Here John presents **belief** as decisive response to revelation made by Jesus Christ. We human beings stand before a choice: The **acceptance of the Son** or the **rejection of the Son**.

Therefore, John rightly stated in the Gospel, **"Condemned already"**, the judgement in John is not only future; **it begins in the present**. Condemnation results not from arbitrary divine punishment but from our own refusal of **the light - truth revealed in Jesus Christ**.

Seen in the light of **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity** God revealed not just what He does, but Who **God** is: **The Father** is the **Source**, the One Who creates and gives. **The Son is the Gift- Word made flesh**, given for our salvation, **the Holy Spirit** is the One who opens our hearts to receive, the Advocate to defend us to live this divine love poured into our hearts.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our St. Rita Parish Faith Formation 2025 - 2026 classes including OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) have concluded and New Classes 2026 - 2027 will start in September 2026. Mahalo to all our Faith Formation Teachers and Aides!

MONTH of JUNE - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

All parishioners are invited to the **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration for the Month of June on Friday, 5th**. Eucharistic Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am morning, the Adoration hours are from 9:00am - 7:00pm.

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a grace opportunity to **Adore, Give Thanks and Petition the Sacred Heart in the Holy Eucharist**. Let us take refuge and rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus for an hour and find comfort and peace from all the hectic demands life puts upon us.

We have parishioners who are sick, homebound or in hospital and in this Month of the Sacred Heart, we will lift them up in prayers. We have few names already in prayer list: *Letita Lefua, Winona Gomes, Georgianna Padayhag, Joseph Gomes, Jovita Bolilan, Nancy Viernes, MaryJane Kaholokula*. If you wish to add your loved ones, please call the **church office 808 668-7833** and simply leave the names for Fr. Paulo to include them in the daily masses and in the coming Eucharistic Adoration. Let us lift them up in our prayers!

Have a blessed week in the Lord! Paulo ofn cap