



# 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**

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*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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**Income**

<b>40000 . OFFERTORY COLLECTION</b>	64,687.56
<b>42000 . OTHER REGULAR INCOME</b>	5,922.29
<b>47000 . UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME</b>	<u>5,708.61</u>

**Total Income**

76,318.46

**Gross Profit**

76,318.46

**Expense**

<b>50000 . EMPLOYMENT COSTS</b>	41,138.92
<b>51000 . PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	113.10
<b>51500 . INSURANCE</b>	15,120.00
<b>51700 . LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	613.09
<b>52000 . SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES</b>	8,437.38
<b>53000 . REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b>	4,022.47
<b>54000 . UTILITIES</b>	4,430.74
<b>55000 . CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS</b>	13,536.34
<b>56000 . INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	2,227.66
<b>57000 . TAXES</b>	<u>300.00</u>

**Total Expense**

89,939.70

**Net Ordinary Income**

-13,621.24

**Other Income/Expense**

**Other Income**

<b>70000 . TEM 70000 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>	25,970.50
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**Total Other Income**

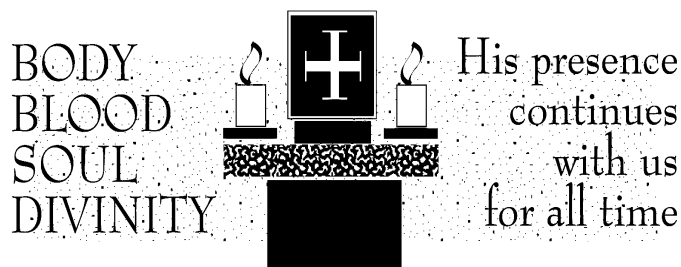
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**Net Other Income**

25,970.50

**Net Income**

**12,349.26**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sat, June 6	5:00 p.m.	Mass, <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
Sun, June 7	7:00 a.m.	Mass, <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream), <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Mass, <b>Aloha Sunday</b>
Mon, June 8	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/ Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tues, June 9	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed, June 10	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30am -11:30 am	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
Thu June 11	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY HOLIDAY</b>
Fri, June 12	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Sat, June 13	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	3:15-4:00 p.m.	<b>Confession - Church</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Ex:19:2-6a:** On the Mountain God told Moses that because of the covenant, Israel would be God's special possession.

**Rm:5:6-11:** We were saved by the Blood of Christ, even when we were sinners. Now we have salvation and reconciliation in Christ.

**Mt:9:36-10:8:** Jesus sent the apostles out to proclaim the Kingdom of God: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Jun 7 Sun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

*Dt:8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps:147; 1 Cor:10:16-17; Jn:6:51-58*

**Jun 8 : Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

*1 Kgs:17:1-6; Ps:121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt:5:1-12*

**Jun 9 : Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

*1 Kgs:17:7-16; Ps:4: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt:5:13-16*

**Jun 10: Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

*1 Kgs:18:20-39; Ps:16; 1b-2ab, 4, 5ab & 8, 11; Mt:5:17-19*

**Jun 11 Thur: Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

*Act:11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps:98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;*

*Mt:5:20-26*

**Jun 12 Fri: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

*Dt:7:6-11; Ps:103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt:11:25-30*

**Jun 13 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

*1 Kgs:19:19-21; Ps:16: 1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt:15:33-37*

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Among the compelling Eucharistic, themes proclaimed in today's readings is the notion of "participation" as found in Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Good stewards are part of a Eucharistic family: loving, welcoming, serving. An important part of living as a steward comes about in the many ways we can participate in the life of the Church. No matter how much time we have to give, no matter what our skills or interests, no matter what our level of commitment, there is a way to participate as a good steward to enrich our lives and the lives of others to build up the Body of Christ. How do you participate in the life of your parish? **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,328.50</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,613.50</b>

### RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 10,369.00</b>
<b>Building Fund - T-Shirt</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Catholic Communication Campaign</b>	<b>90.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,479.00</b>

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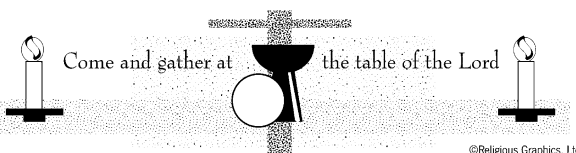
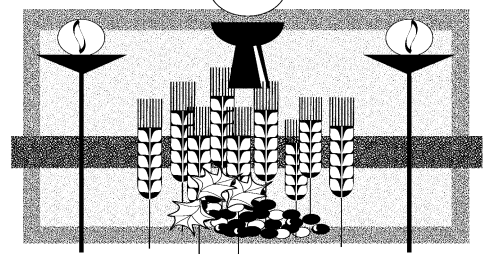
<b>General Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,645.00</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>1,605.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,250.00</b>

#### Restricted Collection:

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,165.00</b>
<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>970.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,135.00</b>

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# **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi**

**June 7, 2026**

Today we celebrate the **Solemn Feast that binds and distinguish Catholics Christians** from all Protestant Christian faiths. There are over 5,000 different Christian denominations-congregations in the world as of 2026!

**Christians are Monotheistic Faith – believe in One God but are distinguished** from other **Monotheistic Faith, the Jews and the Moslems** by the Christian believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Second Person of the Holy Trinity).

But **Catholic Christians** are further distinguished from all Protestant Christians (non-Catholic Christians) by our firm believe in **the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist**. One cannot be a genuine Catholic Christian who do not believe in **the truth of the Holy Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**.

**The significance of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi** we celebrate today, is thus **at the heart of who we are as Catholic Christians**. We know that at one point in history all Christians profess their believe in **the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the first 1,500 years of Christian existence**. Christianity was universally united until the great schism (1053 AD), **the division of Catholic Christians and Orthodox Christians, (Orthodox Christians believe in the Real Presence but are not united to Rome-papacy)**. The Protestant Reformation (1517 AD) which arose 1,500 years later came to deny the Real Presence and many of 7 Sacraments. **We have many Protestants Christian churches – denominations but Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses are not considered Christian faith because they do not believe in the Holy Trinity**.

Catholic Christians believe that **“The Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Christian life...” (CCC #1324)**. It is the **Source** because the **Body and Blood of Christ** sanctify and unites all who partake of it and in proportioned to one’s desire and worthy reception, one grows more and more in the likeness of Jesus Christ. It is the **Summit** because all Christian apostolate-activities are bound up in Jesus Christ and oriented to it.

**“The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being...culmination both of God’s action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ through him to the father in the Holy Spirit.” (CCC#1325)**.

It is in **the Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** that we offer most fitting – worthy worship to God the Father for it is Jesus Christ the Son who makes the sacrifice on our behalf in whom we are most intimately united by taking **the Body and Blood of Christ**.

On this **Solemn Feast of Body of Christ – Corpus Christi**, let us spend a little time to reflect; what it is to believe in **the Real Presence** and what efforts do I make to strengthen that believe? We know well that people who are in love cannot bear to be apart from their beloved. Jesus Christ loved us and desire to be with us His beloved, for all time, in the most intimate union even in this brief separation on our earthly journey to heaven.

In human life we also realize that no matter how intimate the human relationship can be, as in the marriage union of a husband and a wife **who become one in Christ in the Sacrament of Marriage**, a lover can never be fully be one with the other, the beloved, yet in the worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist Jesus Christ's very life enters our being...the Beloved is one with us, what an amazing Gift God has bestowed upon us His beloved!

In the Scriptures especially in John chapter 6 "**the Bread of Life Discourse**", John informs us that many Jews – the crowds rejected Jesus because they "**only saw a man...**" **The Jews quarreled among themselves saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52).**

If we only can see a **man**, then we too would not be able to accept the difficult and challenging words – teachings of Jesus Christ "**I am the bread of life**". Most of all as **Catholic Christians** who claim to believe in the Real Presence, we must always eat **the Body of Christ freed from all grave-mortal sin**, for doing so we become guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord...for without discerning we eat and drink unto judgement upon oneself. **1 Corinthians 11:27-29. "Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the Sacrament of Confessions - Reconciliation before coming to Communion". CCC #1386).**

The word "**Catholic**" was first used by **St. Ignatius of Antioch (106 AD)**. He was arrested by Roman Emperor Trojan and was in route bound in chains to Rome to be put to death by lions for refusing to denounce his Christian faith.

**St. Ignatius** was the bishop of Antioch (Turkey) and he met many Christians on his long journey to Rome traveling in chains. He stopped at different cities and found faithful Christians (churches); Christians were for the first time called "**catholicos**" by **St. Ignatius "Catholics"** for they were found everywhere worshiping in **one Faith, one Lord and one Baptism**.

The word **catholic** means **universal**. Therefore, **Catholics are Christians who has been such for over 1,500 years even before any other Christian – protestant denominations arose**. Catholic Christians include the largest the **Roman Catholics (Latin Rite)** but also include the **Maronite Catholics & 23 other Eastern & Western Catholics Rites: Ukrainian, Ruthenian, Melkite, Greek Catholics, Alexandrian Rite, Ethiopian Catholics, Syriac, Chaldean Rite, Syro-Malabar Catholics, & East Syrian Rites, Armenian Rite**. All these rites are in full communion with the pope in Rome and are Catholic Christians. Do not be confused when non-Catholics state that Catholics are not Christians, we were 1,500 years before their denominations came about!

When you enter **the Catholic Church**...look for a light burning in the sanctuary...for there you will find a tabernacle where Jesus Christ place in it and **He is truly present**. Give honor to Jesus Christ...bow deeply or genuflect in deep reverence! May our willingness to spend an hour in the **Eucharistic Adoration where Jesus Christ hidden in the Host** speak loudly of our living testimony that we truly believe and that we eat the Body of Christ unto eternal life!

## Scripture Reflections

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16b** Background Context: The **Book of Deuteronomy is the 5<sup>th</sup> Book of the Pentateuch** and the word “**Deuteronomy**” means “**second law.**” We see this as we read into it that the laws prescribed in the Books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers are restated and brought to greater clarity.

Here Moses is reminding the Israelites who now are mostly remnants of those Israelites who had left Egypt but wandered 40 years in the Sinai Desert. This was the punishment inflicted on Israelites for the grave sinned against God in the Sinai Desert when they rebelled and erected a golden calf (idol) and worshiped it, even to blasphemed by proclaiming that molten golden cow, the idol had delivered them from the bondage of Egypt.

Now coming to the end of the wandering in the desert the Israelites are soon to enter the Promised Land. The original Israelites who left Egypt 40 years before who were over 20 years of age, all died in the desert, but for Moses, Joshua and Caleb (**Numbers 14:38**). (Moses was forbidden to enter the Promise Land only to look at it from afar because of his sin at the waters of Meribah (**Numbers 20:1-12**).

Now so close to entering the Promise Land, Moses is entreating the “**new Israelites**” raised from youth or born during the sojourn of 40 years in the dessert to never forget what God has done for them. “**Do not forget the Lord, your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its seraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground...**”

**Application to Life:** Why is it important to remember what God has done for them? Why is it important for us to always recall God’s hand in our lives? Because when we forget we easily fall into the temptation and sin, deceiving ourselves and acting as though everything was our own doing. Therefore, being deceived by the devil we fall into putting all things and person in the place of the true God and the worship of idols - money, careers, prestige, our flesh becoming the master of our lives by sloth, greed, lust - sexual promiscuity all living life in disobedience to God’s Commandments.

Many may not realize but by doing so we are worshipping idols just like the Israelites in the desert did with the golden calf, for we like them have replaced the true God.

In the Promise Land Israelites would find certain ease and comfort which is afforded to them, for no longer do they have to content with the dangers of the desert...serpents and the scorpions. The land is lush with plants and water is easily found. Tragically they will continue to fall even in the Promise Land because they will drift away from God who brought them there.

There is nothing bad about comfort and ease, but we too easily can fall into the temptations of holding onto what gives us most contentment in the present and forget that our earthly lives are so brief. That we are on a journey, just as foreshadowed by the Israelites in Sinai Desert where God had to be their sole guide and provider.

Are we following the right path God is setting before us? We will know the answer by honestly asking...where am I heading?

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Background Context:** St. Paul informs the Christian Church in the City of Corinth that what they are doing, the liturgy – worship is a participation (here it denotes an active sense) in the blood and body of Christ...to partake of them.

**Application to Life:** We of present time, Year 2026 are of many different peoples - backgrounds, as the Christians in Corinth were but just like them, we become one in Christ through partaking actively of **Body and Blood of Jesus Christ** worthily, for it is in the context of liturgy – worship we are one in Jesus Christ!

**Gospel John 6:51-58 Background Context:** Many disciples followed Jesus and we see this in the opening sentence “**the Jewish crowd**”. But why did so many follow him? Because many heard and many too had witnessed at firsthand some of the wonderful miracles; the multiplication of fish and loaves that fed thousands of peoples, the blind see, the cripple walk, and the demonic evils cast out. They, the Jewish crowds had been following Jesus all along basking in the glow of all those miracles. Who would not want to follow such attractive path...Many of us would too, would we not?

But precisely that is the grave error they made and that we too can make. Miracles and wonders...blessings and good times, we would all eagerly accept and often seek! If all these are granted who would not want to follow Jesus?

But now the many – crowds have come to an important juncture in following Jesus, to a very important state of their life’s road...to fully accept Jesus at his word, teachings and seek him in faith or only by Jesus’ miracles and ease where demands are light? That choice of life with the cross of Jesus Christ or life without the cross which is a life absent of Jesus Christ.

**Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”** What happened? The Jews quarreled among themselves, they got into a fight.

The main contention? **“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”** Jesus’ statements are too hard! Of course, if you find Jesus as a mere man alone as the Jewish crowds did.

**Application to Life:** Many good people do not follow Jesus in the world today, not that they do not like him. It is that Jesus to them is simply a man, perhaps a great prophet, a great teacher or even an amazing miracle worker...but just that. Because to truly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is God, we must admit that by disobedience to God’s 10 Commandments we are heading to eternal condemnation.

Jesus at the complains of the Jews-crowd, did not appease them but rather reaffirm what He had earlier stated; **“Amen, amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”** Jesus goes on to say, **“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”**

The Jews were strictly forbidden to drink any blood (**Leviticus 7:26-27**) and cannibalism was not only forbidden but truly loathsome to them, like all societies forbid. Truth is that Jesus’ words cannot be comprehended in human terms but in faith alone in him, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, thus by initially questioning “how can this man...?” showed that they refused to place their faith in Him.

We know that even the 12 apostles were slow and struggled with faith to accept Jesus at his word, even as Peter gave the assent for himself and for the rest, **“Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68).**

Only by faith would they come to understand that Jesus Christ who gave His flesh and His blood to consume – sacramentally- in the form of bread and wine, for on the Last Supper, the apostles would hear and come to understand the truth of what now Jesus is speaking to them and the Jewish crowd. We can only see, only feel, only taste and only smell bread and wine. Faith alone can we assent to such a wonderous truth taught by Jesus Christ.

**St. Augustine** captured the beautiful spiritual paradox on **the Eucharist** when he explained that while physical food is digested and becomes part of our physical bodies, when we worthily receive Jesus in **the Eucharist**, the opposite happens: we are transformed into Him and become the Body of Christ in the world!

**HAWAIIAN – OLELO HAWAIIAN MASS PRAYER FOLDERS:** Mahalo Nui Loa to Karen Victor for printing out our **Olelo Hawai’i Mass Prayers**. The folder contains our basic prayers such as Mass Greetings & Responses & other important Mass prayers in both Hawaiian and English. Now can participate actively in the prayers during the Hawaiian Mass. **Please leave them in the pews here in St. Rita Church** as we will use the Hawaiian Mass Prayer Folders and add on more Catholic Christian Prayers in Hawaiian. **Mahalo to Ivan Okuda** who assisted in putting the folders together with **Karen** and to **Tom Izzi** for providing the folders and sheet protectors!

*Have a blessed week in the <sup>5</sup> Lord! A Paulo of m cap*