



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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PARISH CALENDAR

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Lord, do not delay
in your coming!

Saturday, August 1	 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, August 2	 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream), Aloha Sunday
	 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, August 3	 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, August 4	 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, August 5	 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 Trl.
Thursday, August 6	 8:00 a.m	Communion Service
Friday, August 7	 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, August 8	 8:00-12:20 pm	Funeral Service - Doreen Vea (+)
	 3:15-4:00 p.m	Confession - Church
	 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

1 Kgs:19:11-13a: *Elijah the prophet heard the Lord's voice not in wind, not in an earthquake nor in fire, but in a tiny whisper. When he heard the Lord, Elijah hid his face in his cloak, overcome with awe.*

Rm:9:1-5: *Paul wrote that he would willingly accept being separated from the Christ for the sake of his fellow Israilites, from whom came the Messiah.*

Mt:14:22-33: *Jesus walked on the water, he called to Pete in the boat with the other disciples. Peter stepped out on the water until his faith faltered and he began to sink The Jesus stretched out his hand to save Peter.*

GOSPEL REELECTION: GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE

Because Jesus' love was perfect, His sorrow was genuine and deep. The depth of His sorrow is evident from His deliberate choice to withdraw by boat to be alone, to fully embrace His grief. It is beautiful to note that Jesus' divinity does not overshadow or diminish His humanity. Rather, with divine love, He fully accepts John's death, and with a genuinely human heart, He properly mourns. In Jesus, humanity and divinity intertwine perfectly. Upon disembarking, Jesus finds that a large crowd has followed Him on foot, anticipating His arrival, hungry for His teachings and miracles. Here we encounter a second revelation of Jesus' divinity shining through His humanity. Seeing the crowd and perceiving their brokenness, sinfulness, and suffering, "his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." The Greek word translated here as "pity" indicates a deeply felt, visceral compassion. This compassion, divine in origin, flows perfectly through Jesus' sacred humanity. His compassionate gaze vividly reveals God's merciful love: Jesus does not merely sympathize; He acts decisively, healing the sick and alleviating their suffering. His divine love compels Him to act for the good of His people.

The miracle itself recalls God's providential care for the Israelites during their forty years in the desert, when manna appeared each morning, providing sufficient food for each day. That miracle, coupled with today's Gospel, teaches us a consistent truth: God always provides for us when we turn to Him, seeking Him earnestly as the crowd did.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish also foreshadows the Eucharist, likely the reason it is recorded in all four Gospels. In the Eucharist, God provides abundantly for our spiritual nourishment. When received with faith and trust in God's providence, Jesus' Body and Blood nourishes every virtue within us, empowering us to flourish spiritually. The Eucharist prepares us for eternal life, where we anticipate sharing in the eternal Wedding Banquet of Heaven—a perfect, everlasting celebration free from all sin, sickness, and suffering.

Reflect today on Jesus' tender care. *He looks upon your needs with the same compassion He showed to the crowds in the wilderness. Consider especially how He desires to feed you daily through the Most Holy Eucharist, the true Bread from Heaven. Bring to Him whatever you have, even if it seems small or insufficient—your struggles, weariness, prayers, and hopes—and trust that in His hands, they will be multiplied for the good of your soul and the souls of others. Let this miraculous feeding stir within you a deeper faith in God's providence and a more fervent desire for the Eucharist, where Christ Himself is our sustenance, our healing, and our foretaste of eternal joy. (My Catholic Life)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:(former known as R. C. I. A)

"Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, & Confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (or OCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) St. Rita's OCIA program will begin **Sept 13, 2026**.
- 2) OCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 6:30 pm in the church.
- 3) OCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.
- 4) OCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass:
 - a. Rite of Acceptance (**beginning of Advent**)
 - b. Rite of Election (**beginning of Lent**)
 - c. OCIA Scrutinies (**during Lent**)

If you or someone you know is interested, please call the parish office at 808-6687833 or our OCIA Director (Don Gerry, 860-908-5954)"

WORD OF LIFE: "We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86) Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

WEEKLY READINGS

Aug 2 Sun: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:55:1-3; Ps:145; Rms:8:35, 37-39; Mt:14:13-21

Aug 3 : Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:28:1-17; Ps:119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt:14:22-36

Aug 4 : Tue: Saint John Vianney, Priest

Jer:30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps:102: 16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt:14:22-36

Aug 5: Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Jer:31:1-7; Ps:31; 10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt:15:21-28

Aug 6 Thur: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn:7:9-10, 13-14; Ps:97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt: 1: 16-19; Mt:17:1-9

Aug 7 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Na:2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt:32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt:16:24-28

Aug 8 Sat: Saint Dominic, Priest

Hb:1:12-2:4; Ps:9: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt:17:12-2:4

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT (Ten Random Stewardship Ideas)

1. Invite a Single friend over a for a Meal
2. Turn of the TV, phone, and computer, and spend an hour devoted to someone you love
3. Attend an extra Mass on a weekday this month.
4. Take your rosary with you for an early morning walk.
5. Think of a charity which is amply blessed at Christmas. Remember it with a gift mid-year.
6. Each day, say a prayer for one of the world's trouble spots.
7. Buy or pick a flower for someone without a "reason".
8. Take your family to a farmer's market.
9. Stop for a moment during your day and enjoy an ice cream cone or other favorite treat.
10. Splurge on some produce and buy enough to share with someone in need. **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection	\$ 3, 884.29
Candles	35.00
Mass Intention	30.00
Outreach	45.00

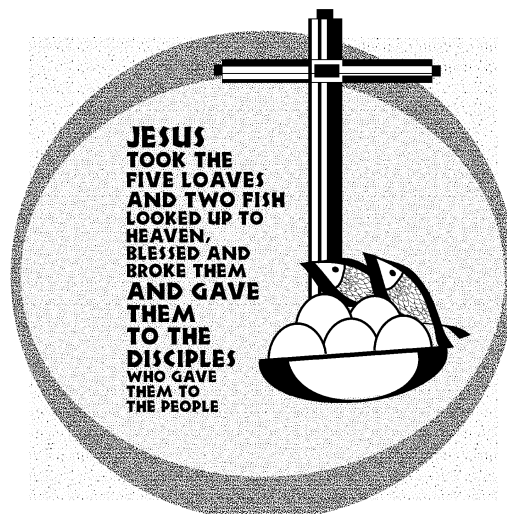
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RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	\$ 1, 035.00
Repair & Maintenance	100.00

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