



## 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 or at the Rectory 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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IF YOU \_\_\_\_\_ ARE NEW TO THE PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER  
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# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

O Lord, you are good  
and forgiving!

## PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 30	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 31	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 1	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday, September 2	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 3	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 4	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, September 5	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - First Friday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>First Friday Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Saturday, September 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass - First Saturday</b>
	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	<b>Confession - Church</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

  
Those who  
exalt  
themselves  
will be  
humbled  
and those who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted

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### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Wis:9:13-18b:** No one understands heaven or earth completely, but God sends wisdom and the Holy Spirit to light up the paths of those who search for the way.

**Phlm:9-10. 12-17:** While Paul was in prison, he begged Philemon to receive back the runaway slave, Onesimus, as a beloved brother and partner in Christ.

**Lk:14:25-33:** Jesus taught his followers the hard lesson of the cross: good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making, and finishing the job.

### Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

On September 10, 1946, Mother Teresa was traveling by train from Calcutta to Darjeeling for an annual retreat and time of rest. During the trip, she heard Jesus' "call within a call," to quench His thirst by following Him into the slums to serve the poorest of the poor. She observed September 10 as "Inspiration Day," the day she believed God founded the future Missionaries of Charity.

Jesus' thirst on the Cross was the purpose of Mother Teresa's life and the reason God called her to found the Missionaries of Charity. With no end to the depth of Jesus' thirst, there was no end to the depth of love she was called to give to Him by loving the poorest of the poor. Mother Teresa would quench Christ's thirst in those she served and encounter Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor.

For eighteen months, Mother Teresa heard the "Voice" speak to her, calling her to trust, surrender, and love while her spiritual director and the archbishop tested her. Finally, with the permission of the Loreto Superior and the Holy See, Mother Teresa began her new mission on August 17, 1948.

After completing medical training, Mother Teresa began her life as a Missionary of Charity in the Calcutta slums where countless were homeless, poor, and uneducated. She dressed their wounds, showed compassion for the suffering, listened to their stories, and gave them food, treating them as if they were Jesus. This was a novel approach in India where poverty was viewed as a result of bad karma. In March 1949, one of her former students joined her in the work. A year later, she had twelve companions. Receiving formal papal approval on October 7, 1950, the Missionaries of Charity made the usual three vows and a fourth vow to care for the poor and needy.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **O. C. I. A: (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):**

Classes will begin, Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p. m. in the church. "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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the importance of humility, reminding us that those who humble themselves will be exalted. In marriage, it is our pride that often creates distance. Discover the freedom that comes from a humble heart and learn to serve your spouse with a new spirit. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is **November 14-16, 2025**, at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, Oahu. For more information, contact Ed and Betty Coda at (808) 258-6688 or email [codawwme@gmail.com](mailto:codawwme@gmail.com). Our website can be found at [www.hawaiiwwme.org](http://www.hawaiiwwme.org). Space is limited. Get your spot reserved now.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "If you or someone your know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"** [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy).

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

**Aug 31 Sun: 22<sup>ND</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sir:3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps:68; Hb:12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk:14:1, 7-14

**Sep 1 Mon: Ordinary Time**  
1 Thes:4:13-18; Ps:96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk:4:16-30

**Sep 2 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**  
1 Thes:5:1-6, 9-11; Ps:27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk:4:1-37

**Sep 3 Wed: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Col:1:1-8; Ps:52:10, 11; Lk:4:38-44

**Sep 4 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**  
Col:1:9-14; Ps: 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk:5:1-11

**Sep 5 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**  
Col:1:15-20; Ps:100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk:5:33-39

**Sep 6 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**  
Col:1:21-23; Ps:54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk:6:1-5

Learn from the Lord  
who is meek and  
humble of heart

## **NOTES OF STEWARDSHIP**

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guest some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered "holy and "unholy," rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn't invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn't reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate. Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship. This week let's reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us? **(International catholic Stewardship Council)**

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2, 872.27</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>Mass Intention</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3, 007.27</b>

## **RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS**

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 10, 530.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10, 530.00</b>

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