

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

You are Lord of all!

Saturday, October 3	 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, October 4	 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream), Aloha Sunday
	 10:30 a. m.	Faith Formation Classes
	 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, October 5	 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, October 6	 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, October 7	 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, October 8	 8:00 a.m	Communion Service
Friday, October 9	 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, October 10	 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	 3:15-4:00 p.m	Confession - Church
	 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Is:25:6-10a: Isaiah prophesied, “On this mountain the Lord of hosts/will provide/. . . A feast of rich food and choice wines/. . . . The Lord God will wipe away tears from every face:/ The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Phil:4:12-14, 19-20: Paul wrote, “I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry.” When people share each other’s hardships, God supplies their needs fully in Christ Jesus.

Mt:22:1-14: Jesus likened God’s reign to a great wedding banquet that a king gave for his son. Many were invited, some ignored the invitation. One guest was thrown out for disrespectful dress. In God’s reign, “many are invited, but few are chosen.”

October 4: Saint Francis of Assisi—Memorial

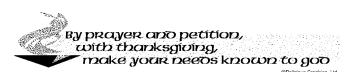
Francis dreamed of doing great things, chiefly to become a knight. In 1202—fitted with fine armor, a sword, and a horse—Francis was sent into battle against the town of Perugia. Success would prepare him to become a Crusader in the pope’s army, but the short battle ended with his capture and imprisonment. Francis suffered captivity for a year until his father paid the ransom for his release; when freed, he spent months battling a serious illness. Francis’ imprisonment and illness led him to reevaluate his life. Even so, outfitted for another battle in the Count of Brienne’s army in 1205, Francis had a vision that caused him to turn around, return to Assisi, and seek God’s will for his life. For a year, Francis prayed and sought God’s will, while his father insisted that he become a knight or work in the family business. During that time, Francis grew in his love for the poor and served the lepers at a nearby hospital. While praying one day in the dilapidated Church of San Damiano, Francis heard a voice from Heaven say to him, “Go, repair my house which, as you see, is falling completely to ruin.” With that, he began to physically repair that church, live in solitude, and pray continually.

In 1206, when Francis was twenty-five, he and his father formally parted ways in the presence of the Bishop of Assisi. Francis renounced his inheritance and began to live a life of poverty, prayer, and service of God. Most of the townspeople ridiculed Francis, believing he was out of his mind. But as time passed, Francis attracted followers. He and his followers spent much time praying, listening to the voice of God, serving the poor and lepers, and repairing abandoned churches.

In 1209, Francis and eleven followers wrote a Rule for their common life, secured papal approval, and returned to Assisi, taking up residence in a small church called the Portiuncula. From there, Brother Francis and his Friars Minor began their life of prayer and missionary preaching. Instead of rebuilding physical churches, they began to rebuild God’s Church, the spiritual Body of Christ.

On October 4, 1226, Francis died from his many illnesses, surrounded by his brothers in Assisi at the Portiuncula. Two years later, Pope Gregory IX canonized him a saint, and his legacy grew.

Saint Francis, you fell radically in love with God and His people. You embraced poverty, prayer, sacrifice, and suffering for the sake of Christ. Please pray that I will detach from everything in this life that keeps me from God’s love and service, so that I can imitate the life that you lived. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT:

Registrations are now being accepted for the **October 9-11, 2026 Retreat!** If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and supported to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, you've found the right place and are welcomed. Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. You are not alone. Pick up a Rachel's Vineyard brochure at the entrance of church for more information.

WORD OF LIFE: "When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life
Reflection: "Mary :Mother of Life"

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 04 Sun: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:5:1-7; Ps:80; Phil:4:6-9; Mt:21:33-43

Oct 05 : Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gal:1:6-12; Ps:111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 & 10c; Lk:10:25-37

Oct 06 : Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Gal:1:13-24; Ps:139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk:10:38-42

Oct 07: Wed: Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal:2:1-2, 7-14; Ps:117: 1bc, 2; Lk:11:1-4

Oct 08 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Gal:3:1-5; Lk:1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk:11:5-13

Oct 09 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Gal:3:7-14; Ps:111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:11:15-26

Oct 10 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Gal:3:22-29; Ps:105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:11:27-28

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God,

We ask you to open our hearts to your Son's life and ministry and to answer the call to be his disciples,/ May our response be rooted in the Gospel;/ may we be ever mindful of the needs of our communities;/ and may our stewardship flow from a profound sense of gratitude for Your many blessings. / By the gift of the Holy Spirit, empower and inspire us to respond in a way that brings hope to others and reveals the love that comes to us through Jesus Christ./. We ask this in His Name, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen
(International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Operation Funds Collection:

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,782.00
Candles	55.00
Funeral	250.00
Mass Intention	60.00
Outreach	20.00
Total	\$ 3,167.00

RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	\$ 46.00
HI Catholic Ministries Appeal	1,227.00
Total	\$ 1,273.00

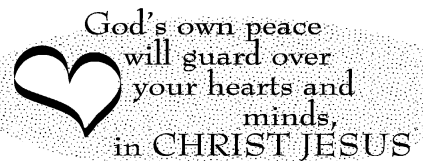
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A October 4, 2026

Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa – Aloha ‘Ohana Aloha Nui’ia

Today is **Aloha Sunday!** Coffee, juice and doughnuts are served after each mass. Come join us.

On **Aloha Sunday weekend**, we here in **St. Rita** celebrate all our Masses in **Olelo Hawai’i**. The Olelo Hawai’i Mass folder (maroon color) is made available for all to use. Most of the basic prayer parts of the mass will be prayed in Olelo Hawai’i except for the Prayer of Consecration, Collect, Offertory and after Communion Prayers.

The parts for the mass participants are highlighted to make it easier to follow throughout the masses by everyone. Many of us are in the process of learning to read and pronounce Olelo Hawai’i, please be patient and before long many of us will be proficient to the point to pray in Olelo Hawai’i in greater ease.

HO’OMAIKA’I – SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Ho’omaika’i to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher & Ophilia Lynn Awa on their Celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony this past Tuesday, September 29th at 10:00am here at St. Rita Catholic Church. Truly a blessing bestowed by God to all baptized Catholic couples – man and woman who make their Marriage Covenant-Vows in the presence of God. Witness of a faithful Christian bears much good fruit of the Holy Spirit and assist others in their journey to God as beacon of light!

ANNUAL MONTH of OCTOBER PARISH COUNT

Our ushers will be counting the number Sunday attendance at all the masses both children and adults during the Month of October.

Scripture Reflections

Introduction

Our scripture readings remind us that everything we have are gift and entrusted to us by God. The question is not only what we have received but what fruit we are producing with what God has placed in our hands.

Old Testament: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Background Context: In the 1st reading **prophet Isaiah** spoke to the people of Judah-Israelites in **8th century BC** in the time when God’s people had received much yet failed to live their covenant with God faithfully. Through the beautiful **image of vineyard**, **Isaiah** described God’s relationship with the Israelites.

The owner (**God**) carefully prepared the vineyard (**Israelites**) and planted **the best grape vine** and protected them and provided everything they needed yet at the harvest they produced only wild grapes-useless grapes. The **vineyard represents Israel and God is the owner**. God had given His people – the Israelites everything they needed to flourish, but they failed to produce the fruit He had expected.

And what fruit was God looking for? Prophet Isaiah gave the answer on behalf of God, **justice and righteousness - obedience to God’s Covenant**. Instead, God found bloodshed and heard the cries of

people who were suffering. “...**See bloodshed...for justice, but hark, the outcry!**” Isaiah 5:7. Their relationship with God had become disconnected from the way they treated others.

Application to Life: This passage makes us ask an uncomfortable question. **What kind of fruit is my life producing?** God has given each of us, gifts, opportunities, relationships and countless blessings – life itself! But what does God find when He looks at our lives? Does God find **justice, kindness, forgiveness, generosity and concern** for those who are struggling in our midst? Or God finds **indifference, selfishness, bitterness, complacency, laziness or resentment?**

God did not bless us so abundantly that we can simply enjoy His blessings, sit on our okole and take our salvation for granted. **God blessed us so that our lives can become a blessing for others and that we can bear witness to others of what God has done for us in our lives.** Most of all God looks at not only what we believe but most importantly what our lives – our believe produce...**good fruits or bad fruits?** **Each one of us knows the true answer!**

New Testament: Philippians 4: 6 – 9

Background Context: In the 2nd reading St. Paul writes to the **Christians in Philippi** while he himself faced difficulties and uncertainty. Yet instead of allowing fear to control him Paul encouraged the community – Christian faithful to trust God. To pray and live in peace and do not be anxious about anything. “**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.**” Philippians 4:6.

Paul is not saying that Christians will never have problems or worries, rather he tells us what to do when anxiety comes. **To bring everything to God in prayer.** We can speak to God honesty about our fears, needs, relationships, struggles and even our sinful failures. **Prayers** do not always change the situation immediately **but change** the way we face the situation. **Prayers are always heard!**

Application to Life: Paul then went further to promise that the peace of God which surpassed all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **We know that this peace is not the absence of problems.** It is the confidence that even in our difficult moments and trials **we are not alone.** Paul also reminded us to pay attention to what we allow into our hearts and minds.

“That peace of God surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:7.

Paul further reminded the Church in Philippi and to each one of us, that **whatever** is true, **whatever** is honorable, **whatever** is just, **whatever** is pure, **whatever** is lovely and **whatever** is gracious, if there is any excellence then it is worthy of praise. How Paul correctly instructed that what we repeatedly think and hold in our hearts and minds about, do shape the way we live. This passage therefore instructs a simple pattern, a good habit to instill in us in the place of bad habits.

We are to **replace worldly mindset by instilling in us God’s values-virtues**, then **in our prayers** instead of worrying, **in our trust** instead of fearing and **to focus on what is good** instead of what is negative in our lives we will recognize that we are so blessed by God. Perhaps today we can ask ourselves, what worry am I carrying that I need to place in God’s hands and to replace them with God’s value-virtues.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33 – 43

Background Context: A story about a man who once trusted his friend with his shop while he had to take a faraway trip for a few months. He told his friend, **“Look after it well. It is not yours, but I am trusting you with it.”** Then as soon as he was gone, the friend slowly began acting as if the shop belonged to him, making his own rules, ignoring the owner’s instructions and eventually refusing it to hand it back.

When the owner returned the friend said, **“Why should I give it back, I have been running it.”** Sometimes we make the same mistake with what God has entrusted to us. We begin to think that our possessions, our family, our talents or ministry or even the people we serve belong to us.

Application to Life: The gospel reminds us that **we are stewards not owners**. In today’s Gospel Jesus told the parable of **the vineyard and its tenants**. Jesus spoke directly to the chief priests and the elders, the religious leaders who had questioned his authority earlier.

The **vineyard** reminded them of **God’s people**, and the **tenants represented those who were entrusted** in caring for them. The owner sends the servants to collect the fruits, but the tenants beat, stone and killed them. These **servants can be understood in the light of Israel’s history as the prophets God repeatedly sent to call His people back to faithfulness**.

Finally, the owner sent his son, but the tenants reject and killed him. **Jesus is pointing toward his own rejection and death; He is the Son**. The important question is **what happened to the fruit?** The problem is not that God had failed to care for his vineyard. **“...landowner who planted a vineyard put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.” Matthew 21:33**. Everything was provided!

The problem was that those who were entrusted with it forgot that it did not belong to them. **They treated stewardship as ownership**. The Gospel reminds us that whatever the responsibility it is for God’s ultimate purposes, all belongs to God and therefore not for our personal power or prestige.

This Gospel therefore can speak not only to priests and religious leaders but to anyone who has been entrusted with others. Priests, parents, catechists, leaders, all who have responsibility - kuleana for others. Most especially parents are **“the first teachers of the faith. What amazing trust God gave to the parents, that parents greatly shape the direction where their children will go...”**

We too can ask ourselves, am I truly serving the people I am entrusted to me? My co-workers who depend on me, friends who are influenced by me and is my life a life of witness to good or a scandal? Most of all, am I listening when God corrects me? Or have I become like the tenants refusing to listen because I want to possess, remain complaisant or in control?

If God were to call me to accountability for **my vineyard – my life** today, **what fruit** would God find? Is there justice? Is there compassion? Is there forgiveness? Is there generosity? Is there humility? Is there love?

God has entrusted each one of us with the little part of His vineyard. **May we never forget that we are stewards not owners**. And then if God sends someone to challenge us or correct us or call us back to Him, may we have the humility to listen and discern. **The vineyard belongs to God; the gifts are from God and the responsibilities entrusted to us**. And one day God will ask us, **“What fruits did you**

produce?” May God find in our lives not just leaves and promises but good fruit. Fruit that brings justice, compassion, love and hope to others.

Mahalo: To Ivan & Jacqueline Okuda for assisting in putting the **Olelo Hawai'i Rosary prayers** folders!

OUR 2nd COLLECTIONS - MAHALO NUI LOA

Mahalo for Your Continuous and Generous Support: We collected **\$1,227.00** last weekend September 26-27. We now have turned in to the Diocese the total **\$9,808.00** to date, which is now **71 %** of the goal of **\$13,843.00**.

2nd Collections will be taken on weekly basis for St. Rita's **2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal**. We hope to reach or be near the goal of **\$13,843.00** the Diocese has set for us by December 2026. We hope to avoid having unpaid 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal to be added to coming **2027 - 2028 Diocesan Assessment**.

LOOKING AHEAD: St. Rita **YOUTH NIGHT** – Saturday, October 10th 6:30pm – 9:00pm

St. Rita **OCIA** – Saturday, October 10th 6:00pm – 7:30pm

St. Rita **FAITH FORMATION** – SUNDAY, October 11th 10:30am – 12noon.

*Have a blessed week!
Frank*



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7:00 AM Mass • 8:00 AM Check-in • Sessions begin at 9:00 AM

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- ✦ An Introduction to Marian Typology
- ✦ The "Markan Sandwich": Reading Two Stories as One
- ✦ Old Testament Basics
- ✦ Quid est Veritas: What is Truth?
- ✦ The Two Tables: Feeding on Christ in Word and Sacrament
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