

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

We are one bread, one body!

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, October 4	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, October 5	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (<i>Live Stream</i>) Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, October 6	..... 7:30 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday, October 7	..... 7:30 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, October 8	..... 7:30 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, October 9	..... 7:30 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, October 10	..... 7:30 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, October 11 8:00 a.m.	Mass
 12:00 p.m.	Rosary Rally - Prayers
 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
 5:00 p.m.	Mass



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Accrual Basis

St. Rita Church - Nanakuli Profit & Loss April through June 2025

	Apr - Jun 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 - OFFERTORY COLLECTION	76,891.41
42000 - OTHER REGULAR INCOME	10,166.15
45000 - REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	870.00
47000 - UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME	5,379.67
Total Income	93,107.23
Gross Profit	93,107.23
Expense	
50000 - EMPLOYMENT COSTS	42,059.68
51000 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	213.10
52000 - SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	9,089.96
53000 - REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	2,348.11
54000 - UTILITIES	4,491.78
55000 - CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	15,459.01
56000 - INTEREST EXPENSE	2,336.17
57000 - TAXES	177.17
58000 - DEPRECIATION	27,116.83
Total Expense	103,291.81
Net Ordinary Income	-10,184.58
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
70000 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS	27,067.50
Total Other Income	27,067.50
Net Other Income	27,067.50
Net Income	16,882.92

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Engage with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement and invest in your marriage, a cornerstone of our Catholic faith. Whether you've previously attended a weekend or are exploring the idea for the first time, we invite you to join us for a powerful weekend experience to enrich your relationship. 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. Our website can be found at www.hawaiiwwme.org. Space is limited. Get your spot reserved now.

WORD OF LIFE: "We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. . . We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection. "Life: Our Sign of Hope"*

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

2 Kgs:5:14-17: Through the word of Elisha, the prophet, God cured Naaman the leper. Naaman's gratitude changed his life, and he refused to offer worship to any other god except the Lord.

2 Tm:2:8-13: Paul told Timothy that the resurrection of Christ makes preaching the gospel worthwhile: "If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him."

Lk:17:11-19: Jesus cured ten people, and one, a Samaritan, returned to give God thanks and praise. Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 05 Sun: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb:1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps:95; 2 Tm:1:6-8, 13-14; Lk:17:5-10

Oct 06 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jon:1:1-2:2, 11; Jon:2: 3, 4, 5, 8; Lk:10:25-37

Oct 07 Tue: Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon:3:1-10; Ps:130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk:10:38-42

Oct 08 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Jon:4:1-11; Ps:86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk:11:1-4

Oct 09 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Mal:3:13-20b; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:11:5-13

Oct 10 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Jl:1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps:9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9; Lk:11:15-26

Oct 11 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Jl:11:27-28; Ps:97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk:11:27-28



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Outreach	145.00

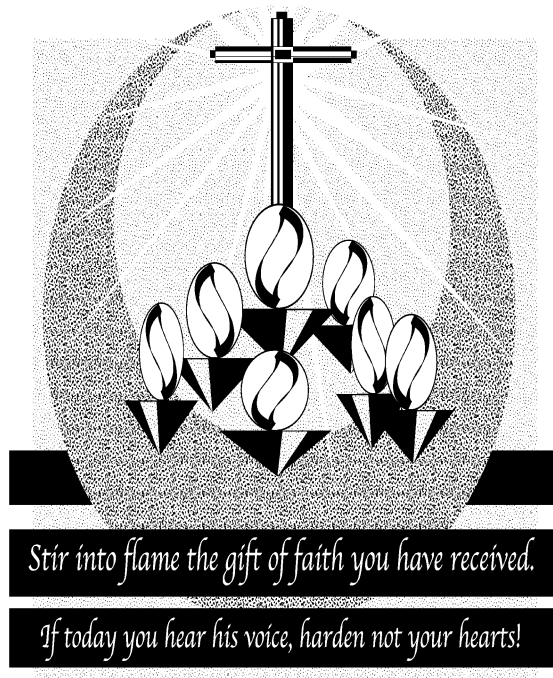
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Building Fund **\$ 76,150.00**

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27th Sunday Ordinary Time C October 5, 2025

Ka Leo O Ke Kahuipa Aloha 'Ohana Nui'ia

E Komo Ma'i! We celebrate Aloha Sunday! We worship in our mother tongue – Oleo Hawai'i at all our Masses!

October is the Month of Holy Rosary. Our Feast of Holy Rosary is on October 7th:

Background History: On 7th of October 1571, a fierce naval battle took place on the Gulf of Patras (Greece) near the coast of the city of Lepanto. A huge armada of Ottoman Navy led by **Ali Pasha** fought the fleet of Holy League, a coalition of Catholic states commanded by **Don Juan de Austria**. The larger Ottoman armada was decisively defeated by the smaller Christian forces. The Christian fleet had been arranged by **Pope Pius V**, and on the day of **October 7th** the pope open all church doors in Rome and encouraged the faithful throughout Europe to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary for victory.

The decisive Christian victory halted the onslaught of the Ottoman naval expansion and possibility of the Islamic conquest and force imposition by the sword the religion of Islam. Originally the feast was named **Our Lady of Victory** and later came to be called **Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on 7th of October**. Why pray the Rosary in year 2025 as Catholic Christians? First of all, in praying the Rosary we enter and reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary which are bible-based story of the life of Jesus Christ and His saving works. Secondly the Rosary unites us to Mary the Mother of Jesus and she leads us ever closer to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a parish, as families and as individuals we all face formidable battles that we must win to attain eternal life Jesus Christ has won for us. St. Paul reminds us all in **Ephesians 6:12**, the spiritual battles we must fight. Battles against not just flesh and blood but against the rulers, the authorities and the powers of this world's darkness and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms – Satan. We cannot hope without God's help to be victorious in our daily battle to be a faithful disciple. How fortunate that Our Lord through our Blessed Mother gave us the tool, the powerful prayer of the Rosary through St. Dominic to be prayed by all Christians. Let us lift the Rosary as our spiritual weapon to overcome trials that we find in our path as disciples and as a parish on our faith journey. **Throughout the Month of October, we will have the Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each mass.** Make a little sacrifice to come early and pray with the St. Rita Parish Ohana the Rosary, seeking Our Blessed Mother's maternal blessings upon all our parish ohana and its endeavors, especially our parish building project.

St. Rita Parish Rosary Rally – Prayers, headed by our **Respect Life Ministry** will take place **Saturday, October 11th at 12:00noon** at the front of our parish Marian Grotto. Come and join us! **Cami Adam's Respect Life Ministry Chair.**

Scripture Reflections

Old Testament: Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2:2-4 Background Context: Prophet Habakkuk is one of the twelve minor prophets, who lived at about the same time as Prophet Jeremiah (**605 – 587 BC**). **Prophet Habbakuk's** brief book contains just about 3 Chapters, yet upon reflection, we soon discover that it contains profound message in moments of crisis in our lives. Habakkuk cries for help amid suffering and injustice his people of Isreal experienced. Things in Jerusalem could not be worse than they were; the powerful kingdom of **Assyrians 722 BC**, which for years have caused immense harm to Israel, had disappeared but only to be replaced by another that of the **Babylonians**. The Babylonian army ravaged the country of Judah, destroyed towns and Jerusalem too would be soon conquered and totally be destroyed and be taken into captivity (**Babylonian Captivity 598 BC**). For prophet Habakkuk who loved his country and his people dearly, that was a trial beyond his understanding. **Application to Life.** Today's first reading contains a portion of Habakkuk's complaints to God. We hear the prophet's deep lament - cry for help amid suffering and injustice. The prophet laments the silence of God in the face of such injustice - evil. The cry **"how long?"** echoed the psalms of lament **Psalms 31:1; and Psalm 22:1**, expressed both faith and frustration. Violence is repeated and chaos abounds, underlining a society marked by injustice, oppression and bloodshed. **Prophet Habakkuk is scandalized – shocked by God's apparent tolerance** of this disorder, asking why God lets him witness so many sufferings. This captures the eternal human question, **"Why God allows evil and injustice to continue?"**

"How long O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen?" Habakkuk 1:2. Prophet Habakkuk's cry resonates with all of us in one way or another. We know well that peoples in North Korea, Ukraine, Middle East and many parts of Africa and throughout the world suffer so much injustice and violence. Yet we too though small in any comparison to so many of them, we too all faced many struggles in striving to be a faithful Christian disciple in a world where we live, that is often hostile if not overtly, then in so many other ways that celebrate life of sin. Somehow prophet Habbuk's cry seems to resonate with us here in St. Rita parish, in such long, long journey of our parish building project and the many struggles and disappointments that our parish already had to face. The words spoken by the prophet Habakkuk is truly timeless. We all have heard the phrase, **"strike while the iron is hot,"** which means **to act decisively and take advantage of an opportunity when**

it rises. St. Rita parish must **“rebuild the parish both spiritually and physically”** the journey to physically rebuild has been for over 25 years, and now we are I believe are at the crossroad which would make the difference by what timely steps we take this remaining year and the next year, the window of opportunity. For ever so quickly the cost of building the parish meeting center is going up and thus while we still have some control of the process, we need to act.

But it is equally important that during this difficult journey we need also **“to rebuild our spiritual life.”** If not, then inevitable hurdles to overcome will overwhelm us all. For without the strength of renewed faith in God our human feelings of despair, frustrations and uncertainty will cast dark clouds of helplessness over us all. How timely are the words of prophet Habakkuk spoken that in our time resonates in our hearts? God ordered prophet Habakkuk to write down His message on one of the tablets. God commanded Habakkuk to record the message clearly, ensuring it will guide future generations.

True, God’s justice has its own time; injustice (evil) will not triumph forever; judgement will come. The Lord responded to Habakkuk that the righteous shall live by faith. But this call to faith is not simply a passive waiting, it is an active trust in God’s timing and purpose. That is our part in God’s divine plan. We all have a role in bringing about success in our parish endeavors. Let us be steadfast in faith in doing what is right and serve the Lord.

Let us examine our priority we place for our part in living a faithful Christian life in the parish. We must strive to be more than simply 1 hour Sunday parishioner. Let us strive to participate in the spiritual life of the parish where we can participate. Let us overcome complacency and seek deeper relationship with God. Of course, all these takes courage, but courage does not mean without fear of failure and shortcomings, rather it means overcoming fear by trusting in God’s love and divine plan.

New Testament: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8,13-14 Background Context. In the second reading from 2 Timothy, Paul encouraged Timothy to **“stir into flame the gifts of God that you have received...”** the gift of God that is already within him. More importantly Paul encouraged Timothy, **“but you bear the share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.”** Paul reminded Timothy that God’s spirit empowered him not to be timid but to embrace the call given in baptism with courage and love. In the First Letter to Timothy, Paul had written to him to guide him in his work; now Paul writes a **Second Letter** to boost his courage. Paul started by reminding Timothy of the double gifts he had received from God. The **gift of faith in Jesus Christ** and **the gift of spirit** when he had been baptized and later having been ordained a priest and bishop, entrusted with the

task of governing the church and preaching the gospel. **Application to Life.** It is interesting to note that Paul reminded Timothy that faith in Jesus Christ is a gift. Therefore, it was given to him and thus to all of us not because of anything he did or we ourselves have done but for God's own purpose and by his own grace **2 Timothy 1:19**. In other words, we were brought to believe in Jesus Christ, not because we deserve it but out of God's sheer love for us. Just reflect for a moment on this truth! That God gave us the promise of eternal life and the means to attain it through Jesus Christ, not for anything we have done to deserve it!

We are reminded that our Christian vocation does not produce timidity- to be afraid to bear witness to Jesus Christ. God gave us the power and the courage to witness, the love of God expressed in lived self-discipline, sound judgment and prudence. We are reminded that true honor comes from faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Timothy was encouraged to endure hardships that came his way to be faithful to Jesus Christ, so we must. We all need to strive to keep our faith in Jesus Christ promised in our Baptism. We too are exhorted to remain faithful to what was handed down, not bending to false teachings or cultural pressures, we are not to follow simply what is popular but rather what is true to our precious Faith. But never forget that our faithfulness to the Gospel is not achieved by our human efforts alone but through the Spirit dwelling in us, so we must always remember that we need to live faithfully the teachings of Jesus Christ in our lives. Soon after this letter, Paul laid down his life for Jesus Christ; beheaded about the same time Peter was crucified, around the year **67 AD in Rome**.

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-11 Background Context. In the gospel of Luke, the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. But Jesus surprised them with a radical response, "**if you have faith the size of mustard seed...**" Truly amazing to be told that faith just the size of the smallest seed can accomplish great things. It is not the quantity of our faith that truly matters but it is the quality and our faith rooted in Jesus Christ. Jesus then taught the disciples in the second part of the gospel of the nature of service, illustrating that our faith must be coupled with action. We are called not just to be receivers of God's grace but channels of it, to serve as humble servants. **Application to Life.** We are invited to consider where do we need to enkindle our faith. How can we strengthen our trust in God amidst our individual challenges? The passage of the Gospel formed part of a series of teachings Jesus imparted on the way to Jerusalem shortly before His passion. Earlier Peter, spoke for all the disciples, and confessed Jesus as Messiah **Luke 9: 18-21**. Peter and the disciples probably assumed that, hence forth, nothing and no one could ever cause their faith in Jesus to waver. But soon after, Jesus started to refer to his being

handed over into the hands of the enemies, to suffering and die on the cross, something he had twice told them in the clearest terms **Luke 9:22; 9, 44** and would soon foretell for the third time, the apostles were shocked. Added to this, Jesus' recent teaching in forgiveness of offences without end immediately preceded today's passage **Luke 17:4**. To the disciples all that seemed to them too demanding and difficult to accept. It is in this discouragement they turned to Jesus with a wonderful prayer; "**Lord increase our faith**". They were quickly reassured that their faith in Him, however small, even the size of a mustard seed would do wonders.

The meaning of the second part of the gospel is deeper than it appears at first. Jesus speaks of a servant who has spent the day working in his master's field. On coming home in the evening, he quickly prepares supper for his master and waits on him while he takes his food only when everything is over, then the servant takes his own meal and rest. This is perfectly normal; Jesus is informing us for no servant can claim to be doing anything extraordinary by merely fulfilling his expected duty. How comforting to be told by Jesus that our faith in Him does not need to be large in quantity; but what matters is that it is true (authentic) and with trust in God. Jesus knows that our human power is limited but putting our trust in God – in Him we are told that God will more than make up for our tiny faith who turns even such small faith into a pillar of strength. In our day to day striving to live the gospel in the world we all may have felt that we are not adequate to obey God's 10 Commandments. Most of all to hold on to faith in Jesus that what we do in living righteous before God counts. The truth is that It does count no matter how small our acts of living our Gospel, day to day, for even like the tiny size like mustard seed. Yes, let us hold onto our faith even if it is just the size of the mustard seed, that we will accomplish our parish goal to build the parish meeting center! In the second part of the gospel what is told by Jesus of relationship between masters and servants on earth becomes all the truer when speaking of our relations with God. This explanation of the master and servant was aimed first and foremost at the Pharisees who were who were of the opinion that God was bound to them on account of their "**perfect observances of Law of Moses**". Jesus debunked them all by the story of the master and the servant that nothing a servant can do can earn any more than simply to be grateful to serve the master. This lesson applies equally well to everyone, and we as Christians should take note of it that what we do in obedience to God' Commandments is not about what God may owe us as much as it is simply the expectation and duty of a Christian to do so.

Have a blessed week in the Lord! Fr. Paulo ofm cap.

