

Jul '25 - Jun 26

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

40000 . OFFERTORY COLLECTION	276,073.27
42000 . OTHER REGULAR INCOME	29,197.70
45000 . REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	1,077.00
47000 . UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME	<u>26,690.29</u>

Total Income

336,038.25

Gross Profit

336.038.25

Expense

50000 . EMPLOYMENT COSTS	170,295.73
51000 . PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	452.40
51500 . INSURANCE	15,120.00
51700 . LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	5,162.03
52000 . SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	30,013.82
53000 . REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	13,665.22
54000 . UTILITIES	18,984.60
55000 . CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	67,554.57
56000 . INTEREST EXPENSE	9,072.33
57000 . TAXES	883.59
58000 . DEPRECIATION	<u>27,116.83</u>

Total Expense

358,321.12

Net Ordinary Income

-22,282.86

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

70000 . TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS	<u>234,214.00</u>
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Total Other Income

234,214.00

Net Other Income

234,214.00

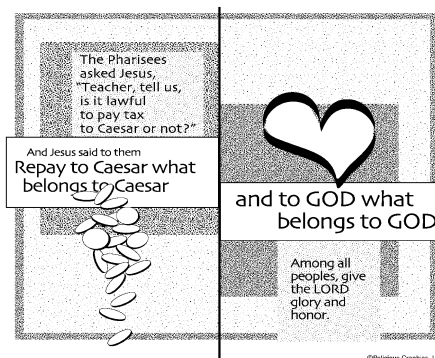
Net Income

211,931.14

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026

Turn your ear to me, Lord,
and hear me!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat, Oct 17	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sun, Oct 18	7:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	10:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Class
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Mon, Oct 19	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tues, Oct 20	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed, Oct 21	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thu Oct 22	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri, Oct 23	7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat, Oct 24	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
	5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ex:22:20-26: The faithful and gracious Lord said, "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. . . . If you take your neighbor's cloak. . . . return it to him before sunset. . . . If he cries out to me, I will hear him, for I am compassionate."

1 Thes:1:5c-10: Paul commended the Christians of Thessalonica: "You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all believers. . . the word of the Lord has sounded forth."

Mt:22:34-40: In response to a question from some Pharisees who wanted to trip him up, Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart. . . soul. . . and [mind] . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself." These are the two great commandments.

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 18 Sun: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:45:1, 4-6; Ps:96; 1 Thes:1:1-5b; Mt:22:15-21

Oct 19 : Mon: St. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph:2:1-10; Ps:100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk:12:13-21

Oct 20 : Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:2:12-22; Ps:85: 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk:12:35-38

Oct 21: Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:3:2-12; Ps:12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk:12:39-48

Oct 22 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:3:14-21; Ps:33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk:12:49-53

Oct 23 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:4:1-6; Ps:24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk:12:49-53

Oct 24 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:4:1-6; Ps:24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk:12:54-59

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Operation Funds Collection:

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,980.08
All Souls	100.00
Candles	40.00
Mass Intention	45.00
Outreach	145.00
Total	\$ 3,315.08

RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	\$ 430.00
HI Catholic Ministries Appeal	1,490.00
World Mission	5.00
Total	\$ 1,925.00

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus offers us a profound teaching on stewardship in this weekend's reading: What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christians stewards recognized that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belong to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel.

International Catholic Stewardship Council

WORD OF LIFE: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. . . . But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. . . The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no.99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana Used with permission. All rights reserved.



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A – October 18, 2026

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

Ho’omaika’i Mr. & Mrs. Hunter and Jacqueline Delima:

On Saturday, October 17th Hunter and Jacqueline celebrated the Sacrament of the Holy Matrimony! May the Lord bless and keep you both united in this wonderful **Sacrament of Matrimony** and fill you both with the abundance of Sanctifying Grace bestowed on this beautiful Sacrament!

Scripture Reflections

Old Testament: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Background Context: Today’s 1st reading is taken from the Book of Isaiah, **less than 600 years before** Jesus was born. **Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon**, destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple and took most of the populations into exile. But later in **539 BC king Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian kingdom was conquered by Cyrus, king of Persia!**

Under the rule of **king Cyrus**, all the kingdoms the Babylonians once had subjugated were now under the Persian empire and **king Cyrus** granted the exiled Israelites in Babylon to return to Jerusalem. Surprisingly **God called the Persian king Cyrus “the anointed one,”** even though **king Cyrus** did not know Israel’s God!

Little could **king Cyrus** imagined that the victories gain in quick succession were due not so much to the power of his armies, as to one of whom he was not aware: **the Lord God.**

King Cyrus himself was not an Israelite and did not worship the God of Israel, therefore it is truly amazing that God through His prophet Isaiah called him God’s **“anointed.” “Thus says the Lord to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp...”** Isaiah 45:1.

Indeed, this is truly remarkable because the word **“anointed”** normally referred to a king chosen by God from within Israel. Here God demonstrated that **He could use even a foreign ruler to accomplish His purpose.** Prophet Isaiah correctly interpreted this political event not merely as a change of empire but, **God acting through history for salvation of his people.**

It was Lord God who had chosen **king Cyrus**, and through a pagan to free the Israelites in exile letting them go back to their own country and it was **king Cyrus** who helped them rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple.

God’s purpose in using **king Cyrus** is ultimately connected with Israel as God says in effect, **“For the sake of Jacob, my servant of Israel, my chosen one, I have call you by your name giving you a title though you know me not.”** Isaiah 45: 4.

Application to Life: This is truly an important statement pronounced by prophet Isaiah on behalf of God because Israel’s exile could have appeared to be end of God’s relationship with them. Yet prophet Isaiah stated the opposite, **God has not forgotten His covenant with the Israelites despite their past rebellion and sin.** How amazing is the love, mercy and grace of God for even when His people cannot see

what God is doing, God is still working for their salvation! Indeed, this is true for all of us, despite our rebellion and fallen state of sin, God never abandoned us and God remembered our Covenant – our Baptism. The very reason we are in the presence of God though not deserving is because God never abandoned us even though we may have done so many times by our sin!

“I am the Lord and there is no other” God declared this not once but twice indicating that there is no other God besides Him, that God alone saves one else. We must reflect daily what this powerful declaration means to us in the choices we make, daily.

Even though Israel was surrounded by many powerful nations and many competing gods, God alone is the true God and if Israel had remained faithful to the Covenant, many tragedies and sorrows would have been avoided. Many of our sorrows, especially we encounter in our life, are often of our making, caused by the sinful choices we have made.

True Babylon was politically and militarily stronger than Israel, but prophet Isaiah clearly teaches us that earthly powers do not determine the final course of history. **The important point is not that king Cyrus is powerful, the important point is God is greater than king Cyrus.**

Through the mouth of prophet Isaiah our 1st reading concludes with the truth that **“I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me.” Isaiah 45:5 & 45:6**, emphasizing indeed the truth of God’s uniqueness and universal sovereignty. God is not merely a God of Israel in a limited territorial sense. He is the Lord of the whole world, even the rise and the fall of great empires remain within His providence.

In the final note there is a precious lesson to be learned from **king Cyrus story**: for all the tragedies we may bring to the world through our sins, the history of the salvation of the world does not escape God’s hands, ultimate it is God who guides the course of the history of humankind. **Let us cooperate in that grace of God daily through gifts of the Sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ and to strive to be always faithful in living out our Baptismal promise – our covenant we had made!**

New Testament: Thessalonians 1: 1 – 5

Background Context: The church in Thessalonica responded wonderfully well to Paul’s preaching, many Jews and still larger pagans join the Christian church. Paul’s first response is gratitude; he sees God’s work in the lives of those Christians and gives thanks for them.

Paul did not forget their work of faith, love and endurance in hope in Jesus Christ. **“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers...calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and enduring hope of our Lord Jesus Christ...” 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3.**

Application to Life: This encouraging statement by Paul to the Thessalonian Christian church is significant, as Paul encouraged the Christian communities that they should learn to recognize not only what is lacking but, but grace that God is already producing in the church and in one another.

Paul reminded them that they are loved and chosen by God. This does not mean that God rejected others, **in biblical language, being chosen is also being called to belong to God and live a particular**

vocation. That is discerning to live a Christian life of witness before others so that God who had called us may see that we bear fruits of virtue - righteousness.

In whatever vocation we live, do we live a Christian vocation? That is one that bears fruit as faithful husband & father, a faithful wife and mother in context of a Christian family life? Whatever ways in which we labor to make a living, does it bear witness to the glory of God?

Our Christian life is therefore not something we achieve by ourselves. It begins with God's grace and calling, at our baptism. So that even if faced with difficulties which comes our way as it does to all peoples, our faith can remain genuine, and our lives show the power of the Gospel.

Paul reminded us of as he did to the Thessalonian Church, **"For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in the power and in the Holy Spirit with much conviction."** 1 Thessalonians 1: 5

That accepting the Gospel means not in word or hear say only but in the power of the Holy Spirit and with full conviction, lived daily in our lives. For it cannot remain only in words the **Word of God** must enter our lives and produce transformation-conversion. **"By their fruit you will recognize them"** Matthew 7:16. The **Thessalonian Church heard the Gospel, accepted it and began to live differently, are we doing the same?**

Their faith, hope and love became evidence that the Gospel had truly taken root in them may it also be the same with each one of us.

Paul's stay in Thessalonica was cut short because of those Jews who had rejected the Gospel and had provoke an uproar in Thessalonica accusing Paul to the authorities of preaching royalty to an emperor called Jesus, rather than to Ceasar (**Acts 17:7**). Paul had to leave Thessalonica in hurry at night in a huge basket that was lowered on the walls of the city. He had to leave the Church in Thessalonica insufficiently instructed and without proper leaders.

People may not read the Scriptures, but they can read our lives. Like the Christians of Thessalonica may we become witnesses of Jesus Christ through our actions, our love and perseverance. **Let us ask ourselves today, if someone were to observe my life would they recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in me?**

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 – 21

Background Context: Imagine a person who is honest and regular at church but cheats on taxes, breaks traffic laws, curses on the road and treats his employees unfairly. When someone questions him, he states, **"my relationship with God is personal. It has nothing to do with these things."**

Can we really separate our faith from our daily responsibilities? Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on this question.

Historically the Jews were under Roman rule and had to pay census taxes to Caesar. May resented this tax because it reminded them of their loss of freedom and the heavy yoke of the Roman rule. The **Pharisees and Herodians** tried to trap Jesus with a difficult question. **"Was it lawful to pay taxes to Ceasar?"** If Jesus said **"yes"** he could anger the people. If he said **"no"**, he could be accused of opposing Roman authority.

Jesus answered wisely, by asking for a coin that paid the census tax and ask, **“whose image is this and whose inscription? They answer Caesar’s and he told them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God”. Matthew 22:21.**

Jesus teaches us of balancing the **civic responsibilities** with our **religious responsibilities**. As citizens we must obey just laws, pay taxes honestly, respect other’s rights and contribute to the common good.

Application to Life: Being Christians do not excuse us from being responsible citizens, in fact our faith should make us better citizens. However, Jesus’ answer goes much deeper than paying taxes. **Jesus asks us to consider what truly belongs to God.** The coin carried Caesar’s image so it could be returned to Caesar.

The **Book of Genesis 1:27** tells us that every human being is created in the image and the likeness of God. The coin belongs to Caesar because it carried his image, we belong to God because we carry God’s image.

We may give money to the government, but we must give our very selves to God. We often ask, **“what must I give God?”** rather than **“how much of myself have I given to God?”** We may give an hour on Sunday, contribute to the church, and say our daily prayers yet keep our anger, pride, selfishness and many decisions without God’s influence to guide us.

God does not seek only our prayers or our offerings, but much more. God wants our whole lives, our work, relationships, talents, time, treasure and choices we make daily must reflect God’s mercy and love.

This week let us choose one area of our life that we may have kept separate from God. Perhaps it is your temper, the way we speak to about others, our honesty at work, or a relationship that needs healing. Make **one concrete change** that reflects our belonging to God, that **we are made in the image of God!** Remember Caesar may have claim on our coins, but God has a claim on our hearts, mind and strength, our whole being!

Diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal – Our 2nd Collections

Hooray! We – St. Rita parish have met our Goal! We have collected the total amount of **\$13,940.00!** With the past weekend’s 2nd collection of **\$1,490.00 (October 9-10) we have met our goal! Mahalo Nui Loa for Your Generous Support, whatever amount you have given has helped all of us here in St. Rita Parish!** With the total collected, **\$13,940.00 we not only met 100% of the goal but went a little over it. Mahalo nui loa to all who assisted the parish of St. Rita to complete our part in the Diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal for Year 2025-2026. God bless you all!**

OCTOBER is THE MONTH of HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary prayers are recited **30 minutes** before all masses, come and join us for the beautiful prayers seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and at the same time to spiritually journey with the Mysteries of the Rosary that reflects on the Life of Jesus and Mary.

ST. RITA LIVING ROSARY: Our parish Living Rosary will take place **Saturday, October 31st at 12:00 noon in front of our MARIAN GROTTTO.** All parishioners are invited to this Annual Living Rosary Prayer. **Bring your rosary and let us pray for conversion of sinners and peace!**

NOVEMBER is the MONTH of POOR SOULS:

After the **ALL SAINTS DAY** November 1st, **Our Daily Novena Prayers for POOR SOULS** will be prayed before all masses and the intentions for **ALL SOULS**. The Novena Prayers for Poor Souls will be prayed 30 minutes before the Mass. All our Masses are being offered for **the Intentions of the POOR SOULS** during the Month of November.

The **POOR SOULS** envelopes are **available at the front of the church**, please pick one and fill it in with the names of your deceased loved ones. **PLEASE PRINT THEIR NAMES** clearly. **ALL SOULS MASS BOX** will be placed at the front of the church starting November 2nd. **Do not drop your ALL SOULS envelopes** in the box, only drop them into the collection baskets at mass. Please turn them in by end of October in preparation for Month of Poor Souls.

Let us pray for all our **deceased Loved Ones** who have gone before us. Why are they called **Poor Souls**? **Because upon our earthly death we no longer** can gain any virtuous acts, just as we **no longer** can commit evil. Many souls who died in the friendship of God but not fully prepared for Heaven enter into the state of **Purgation – Purgatory** to be cleansed of all stains of sin. Poor Souls who enter Heaven after purgation – Purgatory are forever grateful to all those who prayed on their behalf and in Heaven will continuously intercede on our behalf.

ANNUAL MONTH of OCTOBER PARISH COUNT

Please note that our ushers will be counting the number Sunday attendance at all the masses, both children and adults, during the Month of October.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wedding Rehearsal, Wednesday, October 21st. 10:00am – St. Rita Church

Funeral - Off site: Nu'uuanu Cemetery; Friday, October 23rd 10:00am +Dennis Maliby

Wedding: Saturday, October 24th at 2:00pm St. Rita Church – Austin Allen & Casey Canales

Next week we will publish all the Names of our Faith Formation Teachers and the Students currently enrolled.

First of all, **Mahalo nui loa** to all our Faith Formation Teachers and to the parents and guardians of our St. Rita Students! And to all who support our religious programs in the parish.

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