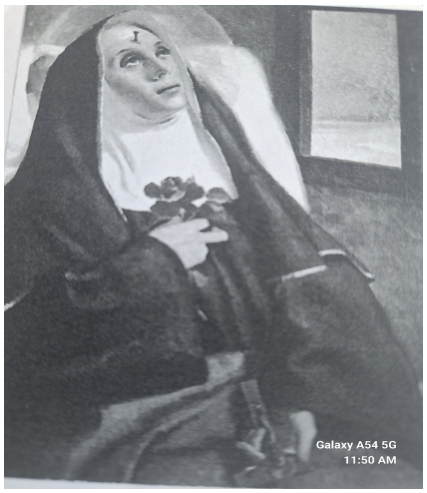




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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday at **5:00 PM**
Sunday at **7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**
Confessions: Saturday from 3:15 to 4:00 PM ***at the church*** or by appointment
Infant Baptism: Contact Parish Office
Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the Pastor 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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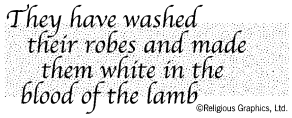
PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2026

Come to me all you who labor, and I will give you rest!

Saturday, October 31	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass, **Aloha Sunday**
Sunday, November 1	. . . . . .7:00 a.m.	Mass, **Aloha Sunday**
	. . . . . 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream) **Aloha Sunday**
	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass, **Aloha Sunday**
Monday, November 2	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, November 3	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 4	. . . . . 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, November 5	. . . . . 8:00 a.m	Communion Service
Friday, November 6	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	***Mass - First Friday***
	9:00 a. m.-7:00 p.m First Friday Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, November 7	**. . . . . .11:00 a.m.**	**Funeral Service Ethel Brown (+)**
	. . . . .3:15-4:00 p.m	**Confession - Church**
	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Wis:6:12-16: *Wisdom is there for those who love and seek her: resplendent, unfading, responsive, eager, patient, perfect, gracious, and caring.*

1 Thes:4:13-18: *Those who have died in Christ will rise first. Believers will be with Christ forever. Christians can comfort one another with this knowledge.*

Mt:25:1-13: *Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaids, emphasizing the urgency of keeping alert to the coming of God's reign: "Therefore, stay awake, for your know neither the day nor the hour."*

November 1: All Saints' Day—Solemnity

The Solemnity of All Saints honors all men and women who have entered Heaven, but we particularly focus on those who led extraordinarily holy lives and whom the Church has canonized as saints. They honored God in various ways: through deep prayer and mystical union, through martyrdom or persecution, or through service, such as caring for the needy. The saints include powerful preachers, miracle workers, and leaders, while others lived in obscurity or exile.

By honoring the saints, we honor and glorify God Who made them holy. Heaven will be the eternal glory of God through the lives of His saints. In Heaven, the saints' virtues, sacrifices, prayers, and service will eternally manifest God's mercy and goodness. Every saint in Heaven will join a continuous chorus of angelic praise and worship of God. With the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones, the saints will cry "Holy, Holy, Holy…" With the Dominions, Virtues, and Powers, the saints will participate in God's providential care of the New Heavens and Earth. With the Principalities, Archangels, and Guardian Angels, the saints will celebrate God's protection and continuous communication with His sons and daughters. Heaven today, and the New Heavens and Earth at the end of time, will be a continuous solemn celebration of God in His essence and of all that He has done in the lives of those who responded to His grace.

Honoring the saints is an invitation to each of us to strive for the holiness the saints attained. The saints' lives are a "how to" book in holiness. We study and ponder the lives of the "super saints"—such as the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saints Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Ávila, Thérèse of Lisieux, Augustine of Hippo, and Thomas Aquinas—to learn from their examples. From Heaven, the saints are our powerful intercessors. God uses the saints and angels to mediate His grace. We rely upon their intercession as an act of faith by which we profess our belief in God.

Today's solemnity has its roots in the earliest days of the Church. Even in New Testament times, the community of believers honored martyrs, beginning with the deacon Saint Stephen. More martyrs followed, as the Church suffered persecution under the Roman emperors from AD 64 through 311.

All saints in Heaven, I thank you for the holy witness you each have given to the Church and rejoice in the blessings you now enjoy in Heaven. Please pray that all people will become holy, bearing witness to Christ with our lives, and will one day enter Heaven. May God pour forth an abundance of grace upon the world through the example you set and the prayers you now pray before His throne. All saints of God, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.(MyCatholicLife)



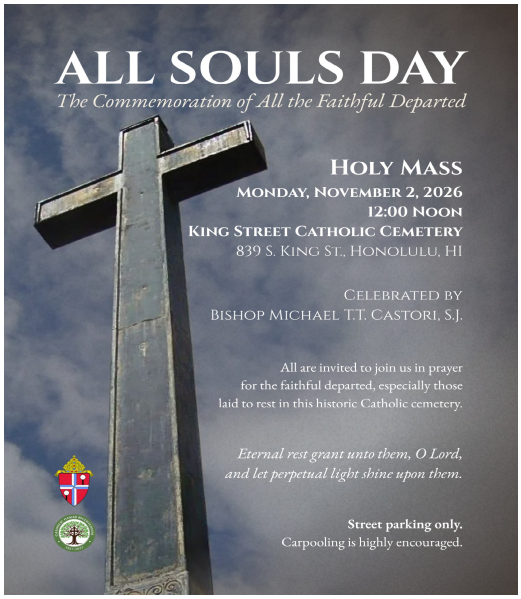
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (Mt: 5:1-12a): On All Saints Day, we remember that holiness is lived out in ordinary life, including marriage. Worldwide Marriage recognized by the Vatican, helps husbands and wives enrich their sacrament through time alone, free of outside distractions, and through better listening and communication, Join WWME Hawai'i for a residential weekend Feb. 19-21, 2027, at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, Oahu. Priest are also welcome to renew their vocation and strengthen parish relationships. Apply at www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808)276-5721 or brian.claudine.perry@wwme.org. Space is limited.

WORD OF LIFE: *"Sisters and brothers, the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognizing and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ."* ***Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, All Saints' Day 2025*** ***© 2026, Libreria Editrice Vaticana Used with permission. All rights reserved.***

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 01 Sun: All Saints
Rev:7:2-4, 9-14; Ps:24; 1 John:3:1-3: Mt:5:1-12a
Nov 02 :Mon: All Soul's
Ws:3:1-9; Ps:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rm:5:5-11; Jn:6:37-40
Nov 03 : Tue: Ordinary Weekday
Phil:2:5-11; Ps:22: 26ab-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk:13:18-21
Nov 04: Wed: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil:2:12-18; Ps:27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk:14:25-33
Nov 05 Thur: Ordinary Weekday
Pjil:3:3-8a; Ps:105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:15:1-10
Nov 06 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Phil:3:17–4:1; Ps:122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk:16:1-8
Nov 07 Sat: Ordinary Weekday
Phil:4:10-19; Ps:112: 1b-2, 5-6, 8a & 9; Lk:16:9-15



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

OPERATION FUNDS COLLECTION:

Sunday Collection	**$ 3, 333.00**
All Souls	**646.00**
Candles	**100.00**
Funeral	**100.00**
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Outreach	**25.00**
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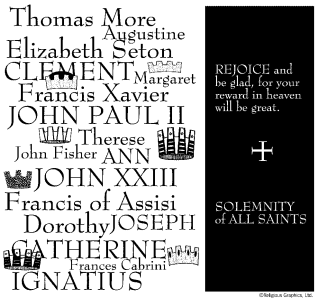
RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	**$ 387.00**
Total	***$ 387.00***

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

CALLED TO BECOME SAINTS! (Today Begins Vocation Awareness Week)

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Solemn Feast of All Saints November 1, 2026

Scripture Reflections

Ka Leo O Ka Kahuhipa – Aloha 'Ohana Nui'ia

Introduction: Today we celebrate **the Solemnity of All Saints Day**, remembering all those who have journey before us and now share in God's glory. But this feast is not just about honoring the saints, **but it is about discovering our call – vocation to holiness** and asking ourselves what it truly means to live a saintly life in today's world.

First Reading: Revelation: 7: 2-4, 9-14

Background Context: The Book of Revelation was written to strengthen Christians facing persecution and suffering. Through a symbolic vision St. John assures them that God has not abandoned His people and that those who remained faithful to Jesus Christ will share in His victory.

In today's first reading John sees a great multitude from every nation, race, people and tongue standing before God's throne. They wear white robes and hold palm branches, praising God and Jesus Christ, the Lamb.

The 144,000 who are sealed represent God's people under His protection, while the countless multitude revealed that salvation is offered to people of every nation and background.

The white robes symbolize purity and victory, while the palm branches represent triumph. Their robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb reminding us that salvation comes through Jesus Christ's sacrifice and God's grace.

Application to Life: On this **Solemnity of All Saints**, this reading reminds us that saints were not perfect people who never made mistakes, they were people who embraced God's grace to transform their lives daily and overcoming sin remained faithful through life's struggles.

The question is not whether we simply admire the saints, but whether we are willing to follow their examples and walk with Jesus Christ every day. Do you have a particular saint that you are named after? Or a saint that you admire and why?

Saints are role models for us in all times and seasons, they were men and women young and old, youth and even children who chose Jesus Christ above everything in life and model a life that was selfless. They became saints not overnight but **one step at a time** and **we are invited to take that same step one day at a time.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

Background Context: In the second reading taken from the **1st Letter of John, St. John** invites us to reflect on the great love God has for us. He says, **"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." (1 John 3: 1).**

Application to Life: We are not merely God's creatures; through Jesus Christ we are welcomed into relationship with God as His beloved children. This is a gift of grace, not something we have earned through our achievements or good deeds.

John also reminds us that our full identity and glory as God's children will be revealed when we see God, as truly as He is. We recall that at our Baptism we were sealed with the Holy Spirit in the indelible mark by the Sacred Oils and now belonged to God as member of God's living Temple. This hope encourages us to live pure and holy lives, becoming more like Jesus Christ each day.

We must not forget that **Being a child of God is both a privilege and a responsibility. A great privilege to call God our Father, "Abba," yet a great responsibility – kuleana to be "a light and the salt of the earth". (Matthew 5: 14-16),**

Just as children reflect the values they learn from their parents, our lives should reflect love and goodness **"like a light - lamp shining to reveal our heavenly Father".** In world where people often measure their worth through wealth, success or social status, this reading reminds us that our deepest identity- worth comes from being loved by God and we are God's children. Holiness begins when we allow God's love - grace to shape who we are each day.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1- 12a

Background Context: A man once asked, **"Why should I be honest when dishonest people get ahead? Why should I forgive others when they take advantage of me? Why should I be gentle when the aggressive people get what they want?"**

These are not foolish questions, they reflect the reality of the world where we live in and then we hear today's Gospel, **the Beatitudes** and we are left with a strange feeling and confusion and disbelief. Jesus called **the poor in spirit blessed, the mourners blessed and the meek blessed and those who are persecuted for doing what is right blessed.**

Application to Life: But is this how the world works? Jesus seems to be describing a world that does not exist. **But perhaps that is precisely the point.** Jesus is showing us the world as what God wants it to be. **The Beatitudes** are the **value of the Kingdom of Heaven.**

They are not simply promise about life after death; they are challenges to transform the way we live here and now. To strive to be genuine disciples in the world today.

Take the words **"Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the land."** Meekness does not mean being weak, remaining silent in the face of injustice, or allowing others to walk all over us. For example, **Mahatma Ghandi (1869-1948)** though not a Christian lived a Christ like life that showed how a person could challenge unjust system through a non-violent resistance. He stood firm without making hatred his weapon.

Even today we know of men and women; St. Damien of Moloka'i, St. Mother Teresa of Kokotta, and many who not only raise their voices against injustice but acted to make a difference for countless suffering humanity. When they stood firmly for what is right while refusing to respond with hatred or violence. They reminded us that **meekness is not weakness it is courage to resist injustice without allowing hatred to control us.**

Or consider the words, **"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"** Who will comfort them? God certainly can, but very often God does so through people like us. When we stand behind a grieving family, listen to someone who feel forgotten or accompany a person going through difficult times, illness or burden of old age. We become the instruments of God's comfort.

When we speak about **the Solemnity of All Saints**. We often imagine saints are extraordinary people who performed miracles or lived centuries ago. But saints were also ordinary people who allowed God's grace to transform them and made choices that reflected their love for God and neighbor.

They **chose mercy over revenge, honesty over dishonesty, peace over hatred** and **faithfulness over convenience**. Beatitudes are not a list of impossible ideals they are a **roadmap to sainthood**. They may seem utopian in a world driven by competition, power and personal success. Yet every saint is proof that another way of living is possible.

Today let us not simply admire the saints, let us ask ourselves; **which Beatitude do I need to practice more? Can I be merciful to someone who has hurt me? Can I stand up for someone who is being treated unfairly? Can I make peace where there is division?** The world may measure success by how much we possess, how powerful we become or how many people admire us. **Jesus offers a different measure**; the love we show, the justice we pursue, the mercy we extend, and the faithfulness which we live.

We do not become saints by escaping the world, but by bringing the values of heaven into the world; your home, workplace, school, vacations, wherever you may be found.

Beatitudes are not only promises to those who suffer, they are mission entrusted to those who follow Jesus daily. This **All-Saints Day,** let us not only ask the saints to pray for us. Let us ask God for the grace to become the people whose life reflect the Beatitudes, that we too one day enter the ranks of the Saints in heaven.

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1st. – TODAY BEGINS VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: CALLED TO BECOME SAINTS!

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LOOKING AHEAD: <u>ALL SOULS' DAY</u>: Tuesday, November 2nd. 7:30am Morning Prayers, Rosary & 8:00 am Morning Mass for all our deceased.

6:00pm Evening Candle Commemoration for 16 parishioners who died November 2025 – November 2026, Rosary and 6:30pm Mass for All Souls.

<u>Pastoral Council Meeting:</u> Wednesday, November 4th 7:00pm Kamiano Trailor

<u>Election Day: November 3rd</u>: Catholic Kuleana – Responsibility. Vote Faithfully. "In a time of deep political division, the temptation is to be discouraged and to not participate in the election process. But discouragement is not a Christian virtue. For citizens in a representative democracy such as our own, participation in public life-including voting-is both a right and a responsibility" **Archbishop Coakley, president of USCCB**

<u>First Friday Eucharistic Adoration</u>: November 6th – 8:00am Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am -7:00pm. Closing Benediction at 7:00pm. Come and spend an hour of your precious time in silent prayer and adoration before Our Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>Funeral: Saturday, November 7th</u> +Ethel Leilani Pia Samson Brown: Arrival of body at - 9:00am, 9:30am Public Viewing, 11:00 am – 11:30am Scripture Prayer Service, 11:30am Lunch and Leave church 2:00pm. Have a Blessed week in the Lord! Sparky ofmcap

Faith Formation Teachers' Meeting: Sunday, November 8th at 12:30pm Kamiano Trailor