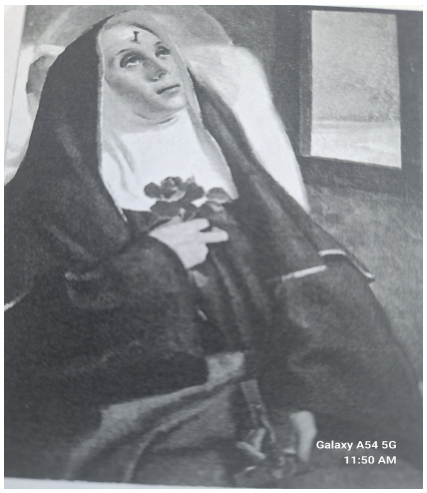





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Saturday at **5:00 PM**
Sunday at **7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**
**Confessions:** Saturday from 3:15 to 4:00 PM ***at the church*** or by appointment
**Infant Baptism:** Contact Parish Office
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Contact the Pastor 6 months 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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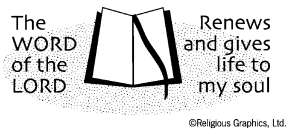
# PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God!

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| Saturday, November 7 | . . . . . 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sunday, November 8 | . . . . . .7:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | . . . . . 9:00 a. m. | Mass (Live Stream) |
| | . . . . . 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Monday, November 9 | . . . . . 7:30 a.m | Liturgy of Hours/Rosary |
| | . . . . . 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Tuesday, November 10 | . . . . . 7:30 a.m | Liturgy of Hours/Rosary |
| | . . . . . 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Wednesday, November 11 | . . . . . 7:30 a.m | Liturgy of Hours/Rosary |
| | . . . . . .8:00 a. m | Mass |
| | | **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY** |
| | . . .9:30am -11:30 am | **Food Pantry Closed** |
| Thursday, November 12 | . . . . . 8:00 a.m | Communion Service |
| Friday, November 13 | . . . . . 7:30 a.m | Liturgy of Hours/Rosary |
| | . . . . . 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Saturday, November 14 | . . . . .3:15-4:00 p.m | **Confession - Church** |
| | . . . . . 5:00 p.m. | Mass |



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## *NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:*

***Prv:31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31:*** *A worthy wife has value far beyond pearls. She deserves payment for her labor and praise for her work: "Let her works praise her at the city gates."*

***1 Thes:5:1-6:*** *According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark nor to night but, rather, to day and light. They should be awake, sober and alert.*

***Mt:25:14-30:*** *Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. On his return, he said to the one who made the greatest profit, "Well done. . . . I will give your great responsibilities."*

## *November 10: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor—Memorial*

*Leo was born in Tuscany, during the decline of the Western Roman Empire due to threats of barbarian invasions, internal administrative disputes, and a declining economy. He spent his early years in Rome and was ordained a deacon under Pope Celestine, serving him and his successor, Pope Sixtus III, from 430–439. Roman deacons were organizers of charitable works, liturgical services, and diplomatic missions; administrators; and papal advisors. Deacon Leo became highly respected for his unmatched theological learning and pastoral wisdom, prudence, and courage.*

*In 439, while Leo was on a mission to broker peace in a civil dispute in the northern part of the empire, Pope Sixtus III died. The Roman clergy quickly chose Deacon Leo as the new pontiff. He returned to Rome, was ordained a bishop on September 29, 440, and took charge of the keys of Saint Peter. He promoted unity in the true faith, under the Vicar of Christ. At that time, papal primacy was unclear. Not all recognized the pope as the universal pastor and teacher of the faith.*

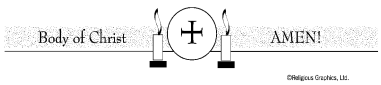
*While previously local bishops, councils and synods handled problems and heresies, Pope Leo emerged as "the" pope, not just one spiritual father among many others. He exercised discipline when heresies arose as the Vicar of Christ, helping to further solidify the teaching of papal primacy.*

*In 451, the Roman emperor called the Council of Chalcedon in response to the Monophysite heresy, which taught that Christ had a single nature that was either divine or a fusion of divine and human. Pope Leo refused to permit the council to move forward unless his papal legates presided over it. The emperor agreed. Centuries later, Pope Benedict XVI said that Chalcedon culminated and fulfilled the previous three ecumenical councils, providing the Church with a definitive understanding of the nature of Christ, the Trinity, and the Mother of God.*

*Pope Leo sent a lengthy letter with his legates to the Council of Chalcedon, articulating that Christ had two distinct natures coexisting in one person. Once the letter was read to the gathered bishops, they jointly cried, "Peter has spoken through Leo!" A decree was then formulated, based on Pope Leo's letter, that taught the orthodox position and declared the Monophysite position to be a heresy.*

*Pope Leo's final years were spent preaching and teaching. His surviving 100 sermons and 150 letters present clear teachings on Christ and the Church and have had a profound influence on Catholic thought. Pope Leo also fostered personal devotions, fasting, and almsgiving. He enlivened the liturgy, helped the sick, built churches, and preached the Gospel to his people. He is the first pope to receive the title, "the Great."*

*Saint Leo the Great, you exercised your papal ministry with humility and strength, wisdom and pastoral diplomacy, guiding the Church through a difficult period. Please pray that I will remain firm in my faith, doing all I can to lead others to God.(MyCatholicLife)*



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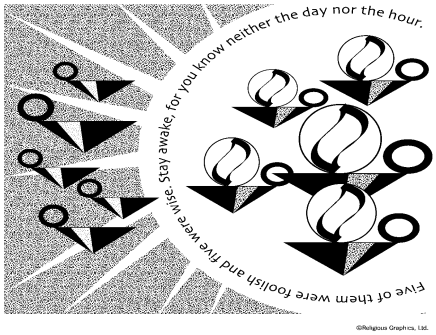
# *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time(Mt: 25:1-13):** In this weekend's Gospel, the wise bridesmaids are prepared for the bridegroom's arrival. Couples can set aside time for their marriage before daily demands crowd it out. Worldwide Marriage recognized by the Vatican, invites couples to step away from work, bills and chores and focus on each other. 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:** *"Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care — allowing us to "remain" at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross . . . The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient."* ***USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"***

## *WEEKLY READINGS*

***Nov 08 Sun: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
*Wis:6:12-16; Ps:63; 1 Thes:4:13-18: Mt:25:1-13*
***Nov 09 :Mon: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***
*Ez:47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps:46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor:3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn:2:13-22*
***Nov 10 : Tue: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church***
*Ti:2:1-8, 11-14; Ps:37: 3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29; Lk:17:7-10*
***Nov 11: Wed: Saint Martin of Tour, Bishop***
*Ti:3:1-7; Ps:23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk:17:11-19*
***Nov 12 Thur: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr***
*Phlm:7-20; Ps:146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk:17:20-25*
***Nov 13 Fri: Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin***
*2 Jn:4–9; Ps:119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk:17:26-37*
***Nov 14 Sat: Ordinary Weekday***
*3 Jn:5-8; Ps:112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:18:1-8*




## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, some prepared, others unprepared, is directed at those who profess to be believers in Christ and await his return. His teaching is not directed to unbelievers. The stewardship issue turns on spiritual preparedness for the Lord's return. Good stewards prepare for Christ's return daily, in their life of prayer worship, and acts of compassion and generosity. A stewardship reflection for the week:* ***Are we preparing ourselves for the Lord? Are we open to the Holy Spirit's work within us? Are we ready?***
***(International Catholic Stewardship Council)***

## *STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE*

### OPERATION FUNDS COLLECTION:

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| **Sunday Collection** | **$ 2, 963.00** |
| **All Souls** | **795.00** |
| **Candles** | **65.00** |
| **Mass Intention** | **35.00** |
| **Outreach** | **45.00** |
| ***Total*** | ***$ 3, 903.00*** |

### *RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS*

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| **Building Fund** | **$ 927.00** |
| **Repairs & Maintenance** | **147.00** |
| ***Total*** | ***$ 1, 074.00*** |

### ON-LINE GIVING (OCTOBER)

**Operation Funds Collection:**

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| **General Collection** | **$ 5, 210.00** |
| **Outreach** | **1, 220.00** |
| **Total** | **$ 6, 430.00** |

**Restricted Collection:**

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| **Building Fund** | **$ 3, 132.50** |
| **Repair & Maintenance** | **795.00** |
| **Total** | **$ 3, 927.50** |

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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A – November 8, 2026**

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

**Marble Tablet with O'ahu flower – Ilima, carved on it is being displayed at the front of the church this weekend, Saturday, November 7th at the 5:00pm mass and Sunday, November 8th at all masses, 7:00am, 9:00am and 5:00pm.**

This **Marble Panel with Ilima flower symbol** is one of the 8 marble panels representing the **8 Hawaiian Islands. Hawai'i** – Ohia Lehua, **Kahoolawe** – Hinahina, **Kau'i** - Kokihana, **Lana'i** – Kaunaoa, **Mau'i** – Lokelani, **Moloka'i** – Kukui, **Ni'ihau** – Pupu and **O'ahu** – Ilima.

The significance of each marble panel will be that each will adorn **the main altar** that is being built for the Cathedral Basilica – Our Lady of Peace. Opportunity is given to all parishes on O'ahu to view the tablet that represents our island and most of all that it will be placed with the other marble tablets from the other islands at the central altar in the **Basilica Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Honolulu. Our Faith unites us all together at the foot of the Altar where the sacred Holy Mass will be celebrated.**

After Communion there will be a short prayer to extend our blessings to this endeavor of unity of all our parishes especially on the Island of O'ahu.

**Baptism: Ho'omaika'i to MAILEIAGI MIKAELE SCANLAN** who was baptized today at the 9:00am Mass. We extend our prayers to the child and the parents **Malosi Scanlan and Mya Tamayen-Jackson. Also, to the godparents, Jenaiah Faavi and Tyger Faavi.**

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is an important Sacrament that bestows **Sanctifying Grace**, the life of God as the child is cleansed of Original Sin and given rebirth in the Holy Spirit as the child of God!

**Our Prayers and Condolences to Paula & Kozak Ohana** at the death of **+William "Bill" Kozak** who passed away, this past Wednesday, November 4th. +William our parishioner was the grand knight of the Knights of Columbus for our parish of St. Rita. Eternal Rest Grant Unto +Willian "Bill" O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. May +William "Bill" and all the Souls of the Faithful departed in the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace Amen.

**ALL SOULS NOVENA PRAYERS and MASSES**: Throughout the Month of November, Novena Masses and Prayers are being offered for the Poor Souls, our loved ones who have gone before us. The Novena Prayers for the Poor Souls are prayed 30 minutes before our masses.

**We extend Our Prayers and Condolences to the Brown Ohana:** **+Ethel Samson Brown's** funeral took place Saturday, November 7th here in St. Rita. Eternal Rest Grant unto **+Ethel** O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon her. May **+Ethel** and Souls of All the Faithful departed in the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace, Amen

## Scripture Reflections

**Introduction:** We are often good at preparing for examinations, careers, and important events. But how much time do we spend preparing for the most important encounter of our lives? Our encounter with the Lord? The readings today invite us to seek God's wisdom, lived with the hope of eternal life and remained prepared for the Lord's coming.

**Old Testament: Wisdom 6: 12 – 16 Background Context: The Book of Wisdom** was written **(50BC -100BC)** for Jews living in a Greek speaking world who needed encouragement to remain faithful to God. In today's passage **wisdom** is presented as a woman who guides those who sincerely seeks her.

The author tells them that **wisdom** is radiant and never fades away unlike worldly success, wealth, or popularity. True **wisdom** is **"resplendent and unfading"** and remains precious because it leads us closer to God. However, **wisdom** does not come automatically, we must desire it, search for it and make time to discover it.

The passage says that those rise early – **"watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed"** to seek wisdom and you shall find her.

**Application to Life:** This highlights the importance of daily prayer, reading the Word of God and reflecting on our decisions we make. Wisdom is not limited to books or intellectual knowledge, and wisdom helps us recognize what is right and live according to God's laws.

The important message of this passage is clear, we must seek **wisdom,** but we must also recognize that God is already seeking us. **Wisdom** meets us in our daily lives, in our relationships, our responsibilities, our struggles, our choices we make for God.

We need to remain open to God's presence rather than allow the pursuit of money, success and recognition to distract us from what truly matters. We need to ask ourselves; **"Am I making time each day to listen to God, or am I so occupied with the worldly concerns that I fail to recognize God's presence?"**

Let us seek God's wisdom through prayer and Scripture and put it into action in our daily choices and decisions we make.

**New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18 Background Context:** In the 2nd reading taken from Paul's **1st Letter to the Thessalonians** Paul reminds the Christians in Thessalonica that Christians do not grieve like those who have no hope. This does not mean that we should not feel sadness when someone we love dies. Jesus himself wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. However, our grief is accompanied by the hope that death is not the end of our story. Paul reminds us that Jesus died and rose again.

**Application to Life:** Through His resurrection Jesus Christ has opened the way to eternal life for all who belong to Him. Our Christian hope rest on this promise; one day we will be united with the Lord. Paul concludes by encouraging the believers to comfort one another with these words. Faith is not only about finding strength for us; it is also about offering hope to others who are suffering.

When we experience the death of a loved one or face the fear of our own death, we can find comfort in Jesus Christ's promise of eternal life. Let us live with faith, hope and love, trusting that nothing, not even death can separate us from God's love. Let us also become sources of comfort for those who grieve.

**Gospel: Matthew 25: 1 – 13 Background Context**: Do you still remember your school days when examinations were approaching, some of us would keep postponing – procrastinating in our studies, telling ourselves that there was plenty of time. Then when the examinations were just around the corner, we would panic and spend the entire night trying to cover everything. **We knew the examination was coming but knowing the date was not enough, we had to prepare.**

Something similar happens in our spiritual lives. We know that we must pray, forgive, love, and serve God, yet we often postpone these things, assuming we will have time tomorrow.

In Jesus' time, wedding celebrations often involve the bridegroom coming arriving at bride's home and proceeding with the wedding party to the celebration. The exact time of the arrival could be uncertain, especially at night.

Those waiting to welcome him needed lamps to light the way, Jesus used this familiar scene to teach his disciples – to teach us all, to be prepared for his coming.

**Application to life:** The interesting thing to note about the parable is that all 10 virgins-bridesmaids fall asleep. Jesus does not condemn the 5 foolish virgins simply because they fell sleep. **The difference is that five had prepared for the possibility of a long wait, while the other five had not.** Christian readiness does not mean living in constant fear or never becoming tired. It means being prepared even when God's promises seem delayed.

The time we spent waiting for God is not time wasted. It is a time which God prepares us to meet Him. **The lamp's oil can be understood as symbol of our inner spiritual life, expressed through prayer, faithfulness and good work.**

Every time we forgive rather than seek revenge, stand up for what is right, or help someone in need we allow God's commandments to shape our lives. We must also note that the five wise virgins – bridesmaids did not simply find out just before the bridegroom arrived that their oil was running out. They had already prepared themselves before they waited.

Similarly Christian wisdom -merit is not something we suddenly acquire when we face death, crisis, or final judgement. It develops through the choices we make every day. Perhaps the greatest danger in this parable is not openly rejecting God but continuing to postpone and procrastinate being never ready for the unexpected arrival of the groom.

We tell ourselves, **"Tomorrow I will pray more, tomorrow I will forgive that person, tomorrow I will help some one in need."** But tomorrow is never guaranteed, and tragically tomorrow may never come for many. The bridegroom's delay tests whether our faith is genuine and lasting or depends only on the moment of excitement and ease.

We can share our knowledge, our money, our possessions but we cannot simply transfer our relationship with God to another person. Parents can teach the children to pray, the priest can preach the Gospel, and friends can encourage one another, but each person must personally seek God's wisdom and respond to his call.

The question, therefore, is not whether our lamps are burning today, but if we have enough oil to keep them burning when life becomes difficult and God seem distant. We may not know how long we must wait for the Lord, but we can decide how we live while we wait. Let us seek wisdom every day so that when the bridegroom comes, we may not be found unprepared.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans' Day.** Let us remember in our prayers all our men and women who served in our Military both living and deceased. Church Office will be closed for the holiday.

**St. Rita Parish Youth Night: Saturday, November 21st at 6:30pm - 8:00pm.**

**200th Anniversary of Catholic Faith in Hawai'i:1827 – 2027**. St. Rita Pastoral Council with Parish Stewardship Ministry will spearhead the celebration of this Bicentennial Occasion for our parish. **100th Anniversary of St. Rita Parish – 2028**: Plans are being initiated to celebrate this occasion for our parish in May 2028. More information will be coming regarding this beautiful centennial of our Parish. Have a blessed week in the Lord!
Fr Paulo, ofm cap