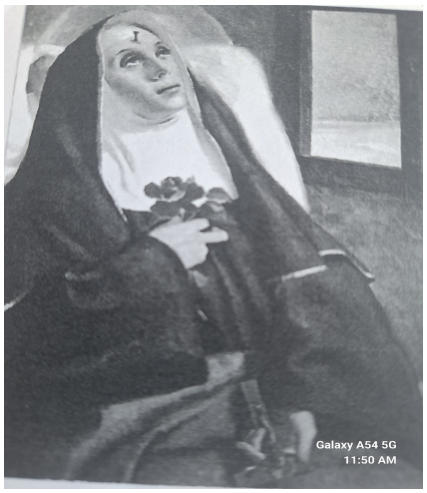




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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday at **5:00 PM**
Sunday at **7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**
Confessions: Saturday from 3:15 to 4:00 PM ***at the church*** or by appointment
Infant Baptism: Contact Parish Office
Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the Pastor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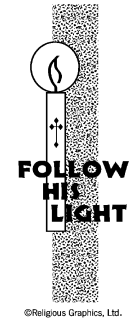
PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2026

Call upon the Lord and He will answer you!

Saturday, November 14	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 15	. . . . . .7:00 a.m.	Mass
	. . . . . 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, November 16	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, November 17	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 18	. . . . . 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.	**Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trl.**
Thursday, November 19	. . . . . 8:00 a.m	Communion Service
Friday, November 20	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, November 21	. . . . .3:15-4:00 p.m	**Confession - Church**
	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass



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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ez:34:11-12, 15-17: *The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock. . . I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.*

1 Cor:15:20-26, 28: *Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."*

Mt:25:31-46: *As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least. . . you did for me."*

November 16: Saint Gertrude the Great, Virgin—Optional Memorial

Saint Gertrude the Great is the only female saint titled "the Great," bestowed by Pope Benedict XIV in the mid-eighteenth century for her extraordinary contribution to mystical theology. Nothing is known of Gertrude's early childhood or family, other than her birth in Eisleben, Thuringia, in the Holy Roman Empire, today's Germany. For unknown reasons, at age five she was entrusted to the Monastery of Saint Mary in Helfta, later moved to Hackeborn where (Blessed) Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn was creating "the crown of German convents." The sisters contemplated Christ's love, resolved to journey toward divine union, loved Jesus' Sacred Heart, and exhibited deep devotion to the Eucharist. In daily life, they sang, prayed the Divine Office, celebrated Mass, studied Scripture and the Church Fathers, performed manual labor, and lived in community.

Exposed to mystics, what could Gertrude do but become a mystic herself? While she excelled in her studies, prayed, and was determined in all she did, she had not fully given herself to Christ. As she aged, she saw the futility of material things, grieving over her lukewarmness. In January 1281, twenty-five-year-old Sister Gertrude had her first mystical vision in which she saw a thorny hedge that represented her many sins, dividing her from Jesus. Jesus stretched out His hand, which bore the marks of the nails, but communicated to her His promise to draw her to Himself.

For the next twenty-one years, Sister Gertrude lived a life of mystical prayer, especially during the Divine Office and the Mass, recording her visions and the spiritual knowledge she received. She contemplated and entered into deep union with God, aided by her study of Scripture and the Fathers of the Church. She shared her experiences in numerous writings, some of which have been lost. The Herald of Divine Love, records her life, spiritual experiences, and insights. Spiritual Exercises—a compilation of prayers, meditations, and spiritual practices—helps the reader grow in virtue, a love for the Eucharist, and devotion to the Sacred Heart. Jesus also taught Gertrude the importance of praying for the poor souls in Purgatory, giving her the prayer printed below.

In the 1600's, the Church honored Gertrude with an "equivalent" canonization. When she was later placed on the Universal Roman Calendar, her prayers and revelations became more widely known.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen. Saint Gertrude the Great and Saint Matilda, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You *.(MyCatholicLife)*

May the Lord say to us all
WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - CCHD NATIONAL COLLECTION: Please be generous in the collections for the Catholic Campaign for human Development (CCHD). In the US, more than 45 million people live in poverty. With this collection your support vulnerable people across our country struggling to address and overcome the causes of persistent poverty. CCHD funds donated from our parishes have contributed to a variety of effective community efforts, including helping survivors of natural disasters rebuild their lives; assisting formerly incarcerated women with transitional housing and job traing: and supporting non-profit organizations helping low-income families build and own affordable housing. *Please remember that **25% of the CCHD collection stays in our diocese** to support the efforts of persons struggling to overcome poverty on our islands. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the CCHD collection.* Mahalo.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time(Mt: 25:14-30): In this weekend's Gospel, a master entrusts his servants with gifts and expects them to be used well. Marriage, too, is a gift that grows when tended. Worldwide Marriage helps couples enrich their sacrament through time together and stronger communication skills. 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: *"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrews. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well. . . .Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."* ***USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story" (www.respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)"***

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 15 Sun: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv:31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps:128; 1 Thes:5:1-6: Mt:25:14-30
Nov 16 :Mon: Ordinary Weekday
Rv:1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps:1:1-2 3, 4 & 6; Lk:18:35-43
Nov 17 : Tue: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv:3:1-6, 14-22; Ps:15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk:19:1-10
Nov 18: Wed: Ordinary Weekday
Rv:4:1-11; Ps:150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:19:11-28
Nov 19 Thur: Ordinary Weekday
Rv:5:1-10; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk:19:41-44
Nov 20 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Rev:10: 8-11; Ps:119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk:19:45-48
Nov 21 Sat: Ordinary Weekday
3 Jn:5-8; Ps:112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:18:1-8

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to used these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns? Are we ready? ***(International Catholic Stewardship Council)***

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

OPERATION FUNDS COLLECTION:

Sunday Collection	**$ 3, 037.15**
All Souls	**112.00**
Candles	**20.00**
Mass Intention	**130.00**
Outreach	**45.00**
Total	***$ 3, 344.15***

RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	**$ 545.00**
Repairs & Maintenance	**90.00**
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Ka Leo O Ka Kahuhipa – Aloha 'Ohana Nu'i

St. Rita Faith Formation: Our Teachers met last Sunday to continually plan the Year 2026-2027. Mahalo Nui Loa to our dedicated Faith Formation Teachers and Staff: Karen Victor – Coordinator, **Rosa Lefu'a** Assisting, **Brenda Levy-** Sacrament Class, **Deacon Hal Levy** – Post Sacrament Class, **Amy & Tom Izzi** – Older Post Sacrament Class, **Ivan Okuda** – Older Post Sacrament Class **& Don Gerry** - OCIA Class.

Mahalo Nui Loa: to Sabastian Lopez, Ivan Okuda and Christopher Awa for accomplishing the task of placing the **St. Rita Catholic Church - Parish** sign up on the wall facing Farrington Hwy. This big new sign will aide parishioners and visitors not only find the location of **St. Rita Catholic Church** but also be informed about Sunday, weekdays, Aloha Sunday and Eucharistic Adoration schedules. Mahalo and God bless you all!

Looking ahead, the **old St. Rita Parish Church sign** is presently being refurbish. The old paints and rusts are being removed. It will hopefully be up by end of the year at the same old location in front of the church by the fence.

Scripture Reflections

Old Testament: Proverbs 31: 10 – 13. 19 – 20, 30 – 31 **Background Context:** Our reading from Book of Proverbs is taken from the final chapter. This chapter of Proverbs presents a portrait of a woman of exceptional worth. Hebrew expression often translated as **"woman of worth"** or **"capable wife"** is **"eshet chayil",** which can also mean **"woman of great valor"**. The Hebrew word **"chayil"** conveys strength, capacity, courage and excellence.

Application to Life: This is not a picture of a passive woman but someone who actively shapes the well-being of the household-ohana and community. The reading began by stating; **"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls" (Proverb 31: 10).** Her value is far greater, beyond that of precious pearls which were considered most valuable in ancient world. We are informed too that she is hard working, resourceful and trustworthy.

She uses her ability to care for her household, but her generosity extends beyond her ohana - family; she reaches out to the poor and extends out her hands to the needy.

Most importantly **"she brings her husband good and not evil all the days of her life."** We know that ohana - families have been broken - crushed because of the evil brought into

the household by the husband or the wife. Here it is the good that is brought into the household by such a woman of great worth!

Calling her a woman of valor gives this passage a deeper meaning. **Valor is not merely physical courage or the ability to overcome great obstacles.** It is also **the inner strength to persevere in daily responsibilities, make difficult choices, stand for what is right and remain generous even when life is demanding.**

Her courage is reveled not though dramatic achievements but **through the faithful way she lives every day,** such is the good she brings – **a Godly life into the household – into the ohana that affects every child.**

The author beautifully described **her hands as both working and giving**. They produce things of value, yet they also reach out to those who are suffering. Her strength is not to use merely for personal advancement but becomes a blessing to others.

This passage concludes with the statement of timeless wisdom; **"Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."** What great warning to today's young men, for the world mesmerizes the eyes of many young men even as the world captivates their hearts to value of external beauty and charm in a woman, and many young men fall into it. Yet time will reveal the truth the wisdom foretold.

Unless a young man roots himself in God, he cannot have the wisdom to see clearly and possess a heart to truly recognize a woman with integrity and with deeper strength that comes from her life rooted in God.

Pearl of great price – great worth indeed is a Godly woman, and men should seek her and treasure her. Indeed, true valor is the strength to live with integrity, the courage to stand for what is right and the generosity to use our gifts for the good of others. Truly finding such a wife who leads her household – ohana securely to heaven is indeed blessed!

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 6 **Background Context:** In the 2nd reading taken from **Paul' letter to the Thessalonians**, Paul compares the coming of the Lord to a thief arriving in the night. A thief does not announce his arrival beforehand.

Similarly, the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly. People may feel secure, saying; **"Peace and security"** but Paul warns us not to become careless – complaisant about our spiritual lives. However, Paul does not want us to live in fear. He reminds us that we are not the people of darkness but children of light.

Application to Life: As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live with faith, hope and love. Being prepared for the Lord's coming does not mean constantly worrying about the end of the world. It means living each day in a way that reflects our relationship with God.

Paul concludes with practical instruction; **"Let us not sleep as the rest do but let us stay alert and sober."** We often postpone important things, telling ourselves that we will pray more tomorrow, forgive someone later or help a person in need when we have more time. We behave as though we have unlimited time to put things right. But spiritual sleep can gradually make us insensitive to God's presence and need of others.

To remain awake means to examine our lives, recognize our mistakes, repent and in conversion of the heart, to respond to God's call today. **The best preparation for Jesus Christ coming is not predicting when He will come but living each day with such faith, love and responsibility that we are ready whenever He does.**

Gospel: Matthew 25:14 - 30 **Background Context:** A teacher once asked her students, **"Who is the most intelligent person in class?"** One student was excellent at mathematics, another could draw beautifully, a third was good at sports and another was always the first to comfort a friend who was upset. The teacher smiled and said, **"You are all intelligent in different ways. The problem begins when you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree!"**

Application to Life: The problem is that we sometimes spend so much time admiring or envying other people's gifts that we fail to recognize and use our own gifts. This is precisely the challenge Jesus presents in today's Gospel. Jesus tells us about the master who trust his wealth to 3 servants before leaving before a journey.

The master gave 5 talents to one servant, 2 to another servant and 1 to the third servant. **"To each according to his ability."** This statement is important, because it is not about how much amount of talent a servant received as much as what that servant did with whatever amount received. For the master gave to each servant's ability accordingly.

A talent was a large sum of money, although Jesus is speaking money in this parable, we can also apply this message to the abilities, opportunities, resources and responsibilities - kuleana God has entrusted to us.

We all begin life differently, we have different abilities, opportunities and limitations. Some are gifted speakers; others are good listeners, some lead, while others quietly support others around them. God knows us and understands what he has entrusted to each one of us. He does not expect everyone to produce identical results, but he calls everyone to

be faithful. The master's journey reminds us of the time between Jesus' departure and his return. Our earthly life is period of responsibility - kuleana.

This parable clearly teaches us the very important lesson, that we are not the owners of our lives, abilities wealth of opportunities; **we are their stewards**, God entrusted them all to us. Our education, wealth, influence and abilities are not only meant for our personal benefits. They are also opportunities to serve God, others and make the world a better place.

The **first two servants** put their talents to work and received praise for their resourcefulness - faithfulness. The **third servant**, however, buries his one talent because he is afraid. It is interesting to know though that he did not waste it through careless spending; rather he wasted the opportunities to use it.

His fear becomes the excuse to for inaction - laziness. How often we do the same? We remain silent when we should speak, refuse to help because we fear making mistakes or avoid responsibility because someone else might do it better or we may be criticized.

We may think that doing nothing is the safest option, but when fear prevent us from doing the good that we are capable of doing, we fail to fulfil our responsibility - kuleana. **We note that the master gave the same words of praise to the servants who earned five or ten additional talents.**

The important thing is not how much we own in comparison to each other, but both were faithful with what they have received and did something about it and not hidden them away. Let us ask ourselves, what gifts has God entrusted to me? Am I using them to serve my family - ohana, my parish, and those in need or am I burying them in fear, in excuses and endless comparisons? God does not ask us to be the most talented people in the world. God asks us to be faithful with what God has placed in our hands – in our lives.

LOOKING AHEAD: St. Rita Parish THANKSGIVING DAY MASS at 8:00AM. We encourage parishioners to bring any desert that you may serve at your ohana Thanksgiving meal gathering. We will bless them at the Thanksgiving Day mass!

You may take back the blessed food to be share at your dinner table. A large table will be set up at the front area near the sanctuary for you to place your food to be blessed and be shared at your home-ohana. **Don't forget to print your name on each item you put on the table for blessing. LEEWARD VICARIATE MEETING: Wednesday, November 18th at Immaculate Conception Church, Ewa, 10:00am – 1pm.**

ST. RITA FIANCE MEETING: Wednesday, November 18th at Kamiano Trailor, 7:pm.

Have a Blessed Week in the Lord! @Paulolmeda