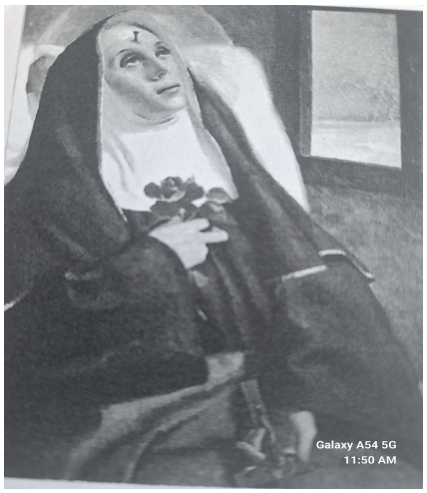




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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday at **5:00 PM**
Sunday at **7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**
Confessions: Saturday from 3:15 to 4:00 PM ***at the church*** or by appointment
Infant Baptism: Contact Parish Office
Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the Pastor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

November 22, 2026

Hail Christ the King of salvation!

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, November 21	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 22	. . . . . .7:00 a.m.	Mass
	. . . . . 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, November 23	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, November 24	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 25	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . .8:00 a. m	Mass
	. . .9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 26	. . . . . 8:00 a.m	Thanksgiving Mass
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Friday, November 27	. . . . . 7:30 a.m	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	. . . . . 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday, November 28	. . . . .3:15-4:00 p.m	**Confession - Church**
	. . . . . 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Is:2:1-5: *To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted, let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

Rm:13:11-14: *Paul urged the Romans: "it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Let us put on the "armor of light. . . . Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."*

Mt:24:37-44: *Matthew's Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at an hour on one can expect. Therefore, all people must stay awake, keep a watchful eye, and be prepared.*

Thanksgiving Day—Optional Memorial

In 1789 (the first year of Constitutional government), President Washington asked Congress to set a national thanksgiving observance on Thursday, November 26, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God." The Congressional exhortation urged people to "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

Prior to this national institution of Thanksgiving, an earlier Catholic history of a thanksgiving took place in today's Saint Augustine, Florida, with its seeds planted by the earliest Catholic explorers. Ponce de León and his crew became the first recorded Catholics to step foot on what is today mainland United States when they landed near today's Saint Augustine and then sailed by the Florida Keys before returning to Puerto Rico. In 1540, Francisco Vázquez de Coronado explored much of today's southwestern United States in an unsuccessful search for a fabled city of gold.

In 1565, Spanish explorer Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés gratefully named his Florida landing spot, "Saint Augustine." On September 8, 1565, the settlers disembarked and erected a cross, claiming the territory for Spain and the Catholic Church. After, Father Francisco celebrated the first documented Mass on what is now U. S. soil on the Memorial of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The congregation expressed gratitude to God for their safe journey and prayed for divine guidance for their future endeavors. This Mass stood out because it attracted the indigenous people. A celebratory meal followed, featuring salted pork, red wine, garbanzo beans, bread, and Caribbean yucca. The native Timucua tribe joined the explorers for this inaugural Thanksgiving feast, the first known shared meal between Europeans and native people, more than fifty years before the Plymouth feast.

This story presents Catholics with the ideal way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The first Catholics not only celebrated together, they also invited the natives whom they encountered. The Mass must unite us and be the source of all we do and all we are, individually and collectively.

Most Holy Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are One God in Three Persons, perfectly united by divine love. Thank You for the gift of Your grace, especially as that gift is communicated to me through the Mass. In gratitude, I pray that I will become an instrument of Your loving mercy. Most Holy Trinity, I love Thee, adore Thee, and Thank Thee. I wholeheartedly trust in You..*(MyCatholicLife)*



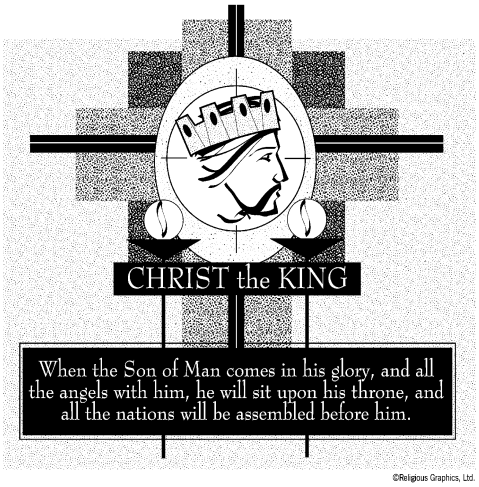
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Mat:25:31-46):
On this Solemnity of Christ the King, the Gospel calls us to serve Christ in others. Bring that loving service to your marriage this: Thanksgiving by giving your spouse your full attention. Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers couples a weekend free of outside distractions to do just that. 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: *"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."."* ***USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"***

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 22 Sun: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ezk:34:11-12, 15-17; Ps:23; 1 Cor:15:20-26, 28: Mt:25:31-46
Nov 23 :Mon: Ordinary Weekday
Rv:14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps:24:1bc-2 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk:21:1-4
Nov 24 : Tue: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Rv:14:14-19; Ps:96: 10, 11-12, 13; Lk:21:5-11
Nov 25: Wed: Ordinary Weekday
Rv:15:12-19; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk:21:12-19
Nov 26 Thur: Thanksgiving
Sir:50:22-24; Ps:111; 1 Cor: 1:3-9; Lk:17:11-19
Nov 27 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Rv:20: 1-4, 11–21:2; Ps:84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a; Lk:21:29-33
Nov 21 Sat: Ordinary Weekday
Rv:22:1-7; Ps:95: 1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk:21:34-36



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good Stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care? ***(International Catholic Stewardship Council)***

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

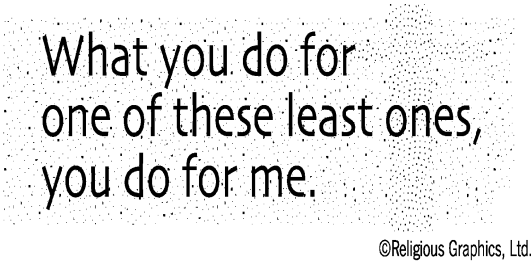
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Candles	**80.00**
Funeral	**300.00**
Outreach	**25.00**
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