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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 or at the Rectory 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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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Treat us with your love, O Lord!

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 6	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, September 7	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream) Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, September 8	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, September 9	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 10	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 11	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, September 12	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, September 13	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Confession - Church
 5:00 p.m.	Mass



May the
gracious
care
of the
Lord
our God
be ours

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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Nm:21:4b-9: During their journey from Egypt, the Israelites complain against God and Moses and the travelers are plagued by deadly serpents. Realizing the sin of their complaints, they plead with Moses to pray for their deliverance.

Phil:2:6-11: Paul uses a hymn of praise to tell the Christian community of Philippi about Christ's concealing his divinity and assuming the role of servant during his life. Christ humbled himself completely, "becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Jn:14:25-33: Jesus taught his followers the hard lesson of the cross: good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making, and finishing the job.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, just as Christmas is celebrated nine months after the Church remembers the Son of God's Incarnation on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Only the three most consequential figures in the Bible receive the honor of a liturgical celebration to commemorate their births: Jesus, Saint John the Baptist, and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The feast we celebrate today is believed to have been first celebrated in the fifth or sixth century in the East and was tied to the dedication of a Byzantine church near the Pools of Bethesda in the Old City of Jerusalem. The church was built over what was believed to be Mary's birthplace and the home of Joachim and Anne, a short distance from the Temple. In the twelfth century, the current Basilica of Saint Anne was built on the same site. Beneath the basilica lie what are believed to be the caves in which the Mother of God was born and lived.

Regardless of whether the apocryphal Gospel of James presents accurate historical truths regarding the Blessed Virgin's conception, birth, and early life, it is not difficult to prayerfully ponder the importance of her birth and childhood. Saint Andrew of Crete beautifully relates that on this day, the "Creator of the world constructed His temple..." Mary is that temple, that Arc of the New Covenant, the tabernacle and first dwelling place of God Incarnate. Her soul was born pure, spotless, and holy. As she grew, she manifested every virtue perfectly. All who knew her as a child would have been deeply impressed by her sanctity.

Dearest Mother Mary, your conception was immaculate and your birth glorious. You were conceived without sin, born without sin, and remained sinless throughout your life. In Heaven, you radiate God's beauty and splendor and will do so for all eternity. Please pray that I will more fully imitate your many virtues, so that I can be a fitting instrument of your divine Son in the world. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: This weekend's Special Collection is for the "Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university in the heart of Washington, D. C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional faith-rotted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the university serves the Church and nation include. The Catholic Project, an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U. S. By contributing education, formation, research, events, and media; a master's program In Ecclesial administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please be generous! Envelopes are at front of church and in your envelope package.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Jesus challenges us this weekend to put him before everything else, even our own family. This may sound difficult, but it's the key to a strong marriage. When Christ is the center, our love for one another is strengthened and deepened in ways we can't image. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is **November 14-16, 2025**, at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, Oahu. For more information, contact Ed and Betty Coda at (808) 258-6688 or email codawwme@gmail.com. Our website can be found at www.hawaiiwwme.org. Space is limited. Get your spot reserved now.

WORD OF LIFE: "Suicidal individuals— with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die. . . . The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking. "Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?" **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Every Suicide is Tragic** www.usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 7 Sun: 23ND Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis:9:13-18b; Ps:90; Phlm:9-10, 12-17; Lk:14:25-33
Sep 8 Mon: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mi:5:1-4a; Ps:13:6ab, 6c; Mt:1:1-16, 18-23
Sep 9 Tue: Saint Peter Claver, Priest
 Col:2:6-15; Ps:145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk:6:12-19
Sep 10 Wed: Ordinary Weekday
 Col:3:1-11; Ps:119:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk:6:20-26
Sep 11 Thur: Ordinary Weekday
 Col:3:12-17; Ps:150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:6:27-38
Sep 12 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
 1 Tm:1:1-2, 12-14; Ps:16:1b-2a, & 5, 7-8, 11; Lk:6:39-42
Sep 13 Sat: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 1 Tm:1:15-17; Ps:113:1b-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7; Lk:6:43-49

NOTES OF STEWARDSHIP

At the conclusion of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that ". . . anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate? (*International catholic Stewardship Council*)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection	\$ 2, 343.00
Candles	55.00
Mass Intention	10.00
Outreach	35.00
Total	\$ 2, 443.00

RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Building Fund	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 250.00

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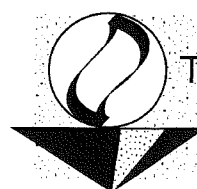
Operation Funds Collection:

General Collection	\$ 8, 310.00
Outreach	1, 000.00
Total	\$ 9, 310.00

Restricted Collection:

Building Fund	\$ 3, 400.00
Repair & Maintenance	495.00
Total	\$ 3, 895.00

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the Lord will have
the light of life

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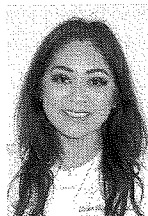
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