

May 31, 2020

The Spirit of God dwells within us!

PEACE
be with you
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Saturday, May 30 4:00 p.m.	Mass
 6:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, May 31 7:00 a.m.	Mass
 8:30 a.m.	Mass
 10:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, June 1	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass
Tuesday, June 2	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass
Wednesday, June 3	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass
Thursday, June 4	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, June 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Saturday, June 6	..... 4:00 6 p.m.	Mass
	..... 6:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Exodus:34:4b-6, 8-9: Moses worshiped God as merciful and gracious

2 Cor:13:11-13: Paul greets the church in the name of the Trinity.

Jn:3:16-18: God sent the Son to save the world.

(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Masks)

There will be two Saturday Masses @ 4 pm & 6 pm

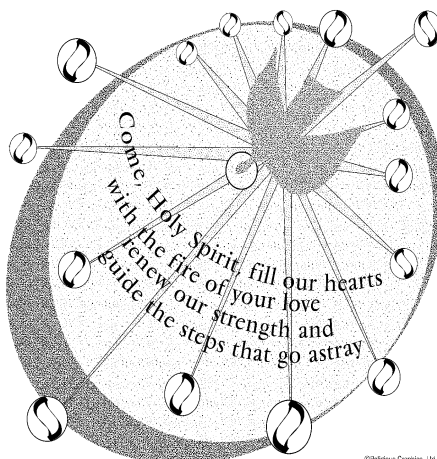
Four Sunday Masses @ 7 am , 8:30 am, 10 am & 5 pm

Weekday Masses will be at 8 am & 7 pm (Mon-Tue-Wed {only})

To get tickets. You can go to www.stritananakuli.org on the Banner line look "Mass Tickets" click it. You will see screen "Mass Tickets" click on **Obtain Mass Ticket through Event Brite.com here you will then have a screen which has a picture of the front of the church "St. Rita Catholic Mass Tickets" click; on the next page will be in orange box which says **"Select a date"** select date and time you wish to get tickets. Please remember there a limited amount of seats due to social distancing.**

We will continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 10 a. m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/ For those who are sick, particularly vulnerable to infection, or is in a high-risk group. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is extended through June 30, 2020. This allows those who are not comfortable attending Mass at this time to stay away with a clear conscience.

We ask for everyone's patience and cooperation as we all return to Mass! Mahalo



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Our Knights of Columbus Council, Ka Aha Kuka o na Sana Kamiano a Meleana, would like to help out our Parish in a small gesture by giving **\$500** to the upkeep of the Church and \$100 to Outreach. We are here for St. Rita Parish and our Pastor. We know these are trying times and are pleased to be able to help out. Mahalo to all those that support us and we are hoping that others would like to become part of this Council. Please consider joining us.

WORD OF LIFE: "God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life."**

WEEKLY READINGS

May 31 Sun: Pentecost Sunday

Acts:2:1-11; Ps:104; 1 Cor:12-3b-7, 12-13; Jn:20:19-23

June 1 Mon: The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church

Acts:1:12-14; Ps:87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jn:19:25-34

June 2 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

2 Peter:3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps:90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 & 16; Mk:12:13-17

June 3 Wed: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Tim:1:1-3, 6-12; Ps:123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk:12:18-27

June 4 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

2 Tim:2:8-15; Ps:25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Mk:12:28-34

June 5 Fri: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

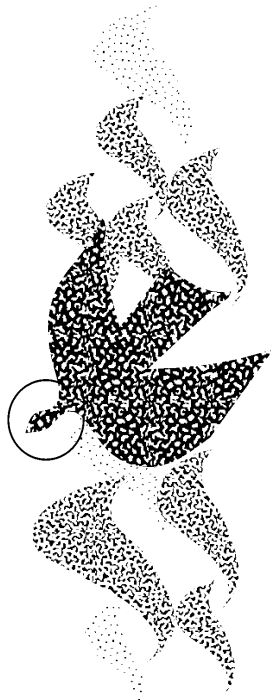
2 Tim:3:10-17; Ps:119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk:12:35-37

June 6 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

2 Tim:4:1-8; Ps:71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk:12:38-44

Horizons

We pray on this day that the Holy Spirit open the horizons of our minds. If we recall the widest, broadest horizon we have ever seen, we have some small idea about the horizons toward which the Holy Spirit summons us. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the fearful believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us to give us confidence and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." How do we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us to give us strength, confidence and hope? **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Operating Funds Collections: (Received by Mail 5/18-22/20)

Sunday Collection	\$ 725.24
Funeral	100.00
Total	\$ 825.24

Restricted Collections:

Building Fund	50.00
Building Fund - Pledge	100.00
Repair & Maintenance	70.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	65.00
Total	\$ 285.00

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

You can still continue contribute to St. Rita during this time of Social - distancing by going to our web-site www.stritananakuli.org And click "On-line Giving" on the banner line. You can also send your Tithe/Donation via mail: St. Rita Catholic Church/ 89-318 Farrington Hwy. / Nanakuli, HI 96792

Reflection

On this Pentecost day, we hear these two stories of the Holy Spirit. One is loud and spectacular; the other, quiet and resolute. The second reading comes up from life close to the ground. The fragment we read today is excerpted from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. He addresses the dissension and division that crop up, the very opposite of long-dreamed-of unity and harmony. Apparently, some of the members of the community are quite taken by the occasional occurrence of the more dazzling gifts of the Spirit, such as speaking in tongues. Paul does not disparage these manifestations of the Holy Spirit, but he reminds us that they are gifts and services for the benefit of everyone. In this brief reading, Paul is just getting up a full head of steam. He rolls onward and upward to his masterful hymn of love, which comprises all of chapter 13. We know it well: "If I speak in human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1). We know the rest of this chapter, but we would do well to read it once again, just to remind ourselves of the highest, richest, deepest manifestation of the life of the Holy Spirit among us today. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



We, though many,
are one body, for in one
Spirit, we were
baptized

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



Come upon Us

Lord of life,
The world awaits your liberating Spirit.
Come, mighty wind, breathe new life
into us.
Come, Spirit of Truth,
reveal the evil that lingers in our midst.
Come, Wisdom of God,
teach us the way of righteousness.
Come, Fire of Love,
impassion us to act justly in all we do.
Come, Helper and Guide,
draw us together in fellowship
and peace.
Come, O Sanctifier, and make us holy.
Keep us forever united
with our loving and creating God,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Today's Apostles

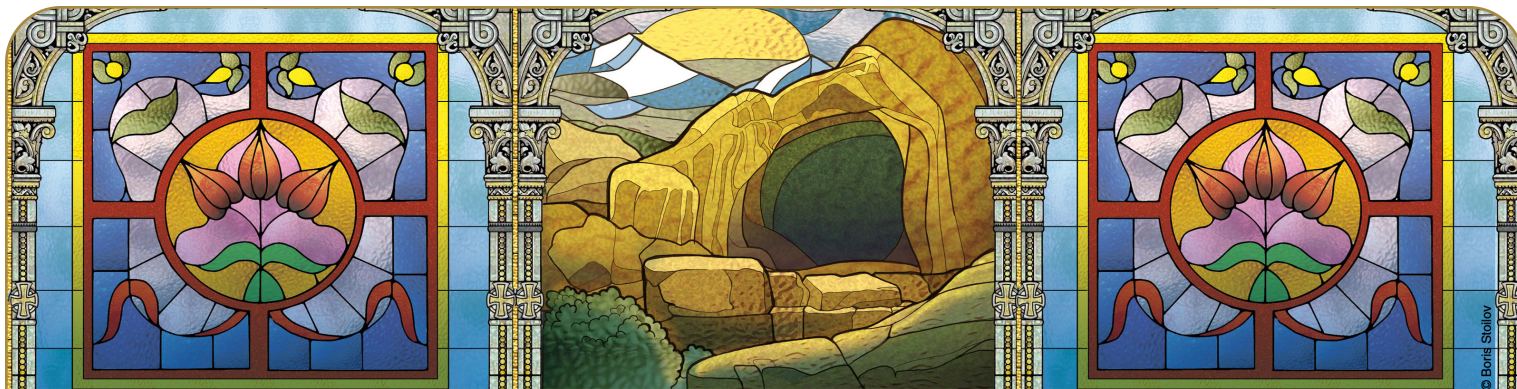


Today's Readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; John 20:19–23. For the past seven weeks, we have heard what the Apostles did after Jesus poured his Spirit out upon them. We have heard compelling speeches and listened to stories of healing and exorcism. We have witnessed the conversion of Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles. We have seen Paul, a fierce opponent of Jesus' followers, become an eloquent and passionate preacher of the Gospel. We have also heard stories of ridicule, expulsion, imprisonment, and martyrdom, yet in those moments, the Apostles rejoiced that they could glorify God by dying and rising with Jesus.

As our Easter season comes to an end and we conclude our reading of the Acts of the Apostles, we might think such

marvelous stories belong to the past. We might think we could never be such loving, courageous witnesses, we could never speak and act like those Apostles did. We would be wrong to think this. St. Paul tells us, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Pentecost marked the beginning of the apostolic era, the era of the Church. We are still in that era. People still need to hear the story of salvation, still need healing, still need evil expelled from their midst. God pours his Spirit out upon us to transform and empower us, and then he sends us forth. We each have something to contribute to the story of salvation, for we are the apostles of this age.



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, June 1

Mary, Mother of the Church

In the Gospel passage, Jesus ensures that his mother will be taken care of after his death. However, this passage also has a symbolic meaning. Throughout the Gospel, the Beloved Disciple has faithfully told us all that happened to Jesus so that we will believe in and worship Jesus as God's Son. Mary represents the Church, the community of believers who are continually strengthened by the witness of this disciple. As we strive to bear Christ in our world, we continue to draw strength and gain wisdom from the faithful witness of others. Pray the Rosary this week, and ask God to help you be a more faithful witness to God's love. *Today's Readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14; John 19:25–34.*

Sunday, June 7

The Most Holy Trinity

Because the first Christians worshipped the Risen Christ as Lord, it soon became necessary to explain how Jesus and God the Father, as well as the Holy Spirit, were one God and not three different gods. There were intense discussions about the nature of God in the fourth and fifth centuries. The fruit of this process is the Nicene Creed, particularly the use of the title "Father."

The term *father* implies relationship. If God is a father, then there must be a child. In God's case, the child is a Son, Jesus. The relationship does not end there; it flows outward, bringing the world into existence and giving life to countless creatures. The Holy Spirit draws the world toward God so that we may become part of the divine relationship, part of God's eternal love. *Today's Readings: Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Corinthians 13:11–13; John 3:16–18.*

Sunday, June 14

The Body and Blood of Christ

When Jesus' followers gathered after his death and Resurrection to break bread and drink from the cup, they were doing something dangerous. Their Lord had been executed, and by gathering in his name they risked the same fate. They gathered nonetheless. By communing with the Risen Christ, they declared themselves part of his body and showed their willingness to suffer for the sake of the Gospel.

When we come forward during Communion, we are doing the same thing. By partaking of the consecrated bread and wine, we become part of Christ's Body. We commit ourselves to acting as Christ in the world, even to the point of suffering, maybe even shedding our blood, so that others will know of Christ's love for them. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2–3, 14b–16a; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; John 6:51–58.*

Friday, June 19

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

In the First Reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that God bound himself to his people in a covenant, and they, in turn, must remain bound to God and God alone. St. John writes similarly in our Second Reading, urging us to remain bound to God by loving each other as God loves us, for God is love itself. Because we associate the human heart with love, it became natural to revere the heart of Jesus as the more particular embodiment of the Father's love.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to yoke or bind ourselves to him. He invites us to live in a way that is not burdensome because it is the way of love and because he accompanies us every step of this way. We can trust him because we know that he has already bound himself to us in love. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6–11; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 10; 1 John 4:7–16; Matthew 11:25–30.*

