

PARISH CALENDAR

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection
of the Lord

April 4, 2021

Christ will come again!

Saturday, April 3	..... 8:00 p.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
Sunday, April 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAY
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, April 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, April 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
Saturday, April 10	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:4:32-32: The early Christian community witnessed and shared.

1 John:5:1-6: Faith in Christ and love are required of believers.

John:20:19-31: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Mask)

Saturday Evening Mass @ 5 pm

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

Weekday Masses will be at 8 am & 7 pm (Mon)

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. If you do not have a computer you may call the parish office between 10 am - 12 pm (Mon-Tue- Wed-Fri) for tickets

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/

Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed."

Bishop Larry Silva - March 5, 2021

Reflecting on God's Word

The conviction and enthusiasm of eyewitness accounts gives them a certain ring of truth. Yet the more eyewitnesses there are the more variance there may be in the details reported. Different witnesses may have seen different things—or seen things differently—but they usually agree on the fundamental truth about what happened.

The Easter scriptures record the eyewitness accounts of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter. Their credibility rests not on the precise details, but on the conviction and enthusiasm of the eyewitnesses. It is their belief in the Resurrection that convinces others to believe.

Like these scriptural eyewitnesses, today's believers are also "witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:41). We are called to "testify that he is the one appointed by God" (10:42) by giving eyewitness accounts of how the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive today. Our accounts may not agree in every detail, but the core truth will be the same, that Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

—Virginia Stillwell

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Congratulations to Josh Villiarimo who was confirmed and received his First Eucharistic at the Easter Vigil!

Alleluia, Alleluia  *The Lord is risen!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PANDA EXPRESS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUND-

RAISER: Next Saturday, April 10th is St. Rita's Virtual Fund-raiser with Panda Express, flyers are attached to this weekend's bulletin. Help support St. Rita! Mahalo!

OPERATION RICE BOWL: HAPPY EASTER!: We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowls. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

WORD OF LIFE: "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 4 Sun: Easter Sunday

Acts: 10:34a-43; Ps:118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor: 5:6b-8; Jn:20:1-9

Apr 5 Mon: Octave of Easter

Act:2:14, 22-33; Ps:16: 1-2a, & 5, 7-8, 910, 11; Mt:28:8-15

Apr 6 Tue: Octave of Easter

Acts:2:36-41; Ps:33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn:20:21-18

Apr 7 Wed: Octave of Easter

Acts:3:1-10; Ps:105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:24:13-35

Apr 8 Thur: Octave of Easter

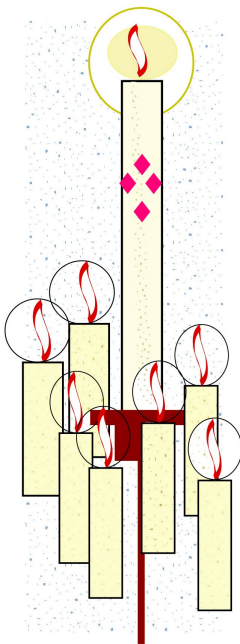
Acts:3:11-26; Ps:8:2ab, & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:24:35-48

Apr 9 Fri: Octave of Easter

Acts:4:1-12; Ps:118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn:21:1-14

Apr 3 Sat: Octave of Easter

Acts:4:13-21; Ps:118: 1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk:16:9-15



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Out with the Old

If you made a good Lent, you sacrificed some things you probably needed to do without. Now Easter is here. Do you go back to your old habits? Or have you made some changes for the good?

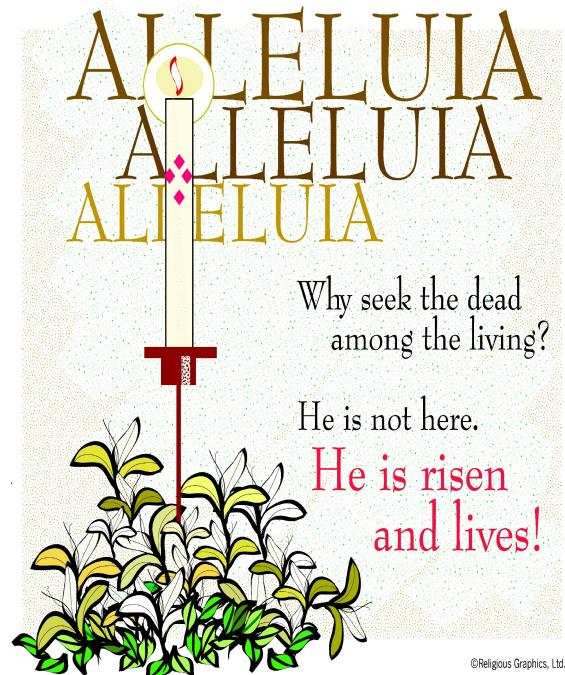
If you eliminated some bad habits, let them go. You will be tempted to bring them back or to replace them with some others! It is better to replace bad habits with habits of charity—or with nothing at all.

Paul uses the image of yeast to make this point when he writes to the Corinthians. We often think of yeast as something good that helps make a good loaf of bread rise. But he imagines it as something else—an impurity that gets in the way of a good, hearty unyeasted loaf.

If yeast has gone bad, we replace it with yeast that is good. But to Paul, yeast was never good to begin with. So if it is bad, get rid of it and bake without it. He writes, "Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened." He continues, "Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

So put away those bad pre-Lenten habits of malice and wickedness. And celebrate Easter the way God made it—in sincerity and truth! Happy Easter!

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Alleluia! He Is Risen!

Alleluia! He is risen!
Father, you make all things new,
beginning with your work in creation,
making us in your image and likeness,
giving us all good gifts.
And now, you give more.

Jesus is risen. You have raised him!
We receive this life!
Help us to respond.
Help us to offer our lives as pure gift
in imitation of the one who first loved us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 4, 2021

He Is Not Here! He Is Risen!



Today's readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1–9 or Mark 16:1–7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13–35. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. We can picture them, walking, carrying their spices, wondering about how they would move the stone. Perhaps these grieving women were thinking about Jesus' life and telling stories about him. They were probably raw with the emotions of the past few days.

In an instant, everything has changed. The stone is rolled back. The man in white tells them Jesus is not there, that he is risen. They are the first witnesses, the first ones to

see the completely new thing God was doing. What must it have been like to see this? The Gospel of Mark says that they were amazed. They did not understand that this was good news. News that would change all of history.

Imagine that you are with the women. What do you see, smell, and hear? Write a first-person account, recording your reaction as the meaning of what you have seen comes over you, as your mind comes to the realization that Jesus is risen. Does it seem like a light has been turned on? Reread the Gospel account aloud, and invite those you are with to illustrate the story. Discuss how it feels to have this good news proclaimed. How will your life reflect the joy of this good news to all you encounter?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 5

God Raised This Jesus

“God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.” Peter’s speech summarizes the whole of the paschal mystery: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. During the Octave of Easter, the first eight days of our season of celebration, the Church celebrates as fully as she does on Easter Sunday. Each day is a solemnity. How can you continue your celebration? *Today’s readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 6

Secret Eggs

A fun activity to carry the celebration forward makes use of watercolor paints, a white crayon, and paper to make Easter eggs with hidden messages or pictures. Cut out an egg shape from paper. Use a white crayon to draw designs, and write messages such as “Alleluia!” “Jesus is Lord!” or “He is risen!” You might draw a cross, lilies, or other traditional Christian symbols. Paint over the designs with watercolors to reveal the words and pictures. *Today’s readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 7

On the Road

The road to Emmaus is an image frequently depicted in Christian art and literature as an image of discipleship. People have long reflected on the Eucharistic image, recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and of their hearts burning as they opened the Scriptures. Engage the text for yourself. Copy the Scripture, in its entirety or just a phrase that stands out, such as “their eyes were opened” or “were not our hearts burning within us?” You might also choose to illustrate your image or to decorate the Scripture you copied with a beautiful border. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 8

Witnesses

In these resurrection appearances, Jesus helps the disciples to understand what has happened with both words and actions. When he eats and invites human touch, he is showing them that he is not a ghost. He is sharing his resurrected body. When he opens the Scriptures, he is explaining how God has been working in the world throughout salvation history, culminating in this moment. Jesus is forming them as witnesses. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 9

All of the World

Peter proclaims, “There is no salvation through anyone else.” In the vastness of the catch at the sea of Tiberias, we also see illustrated the universal nature of the Gospel imperative. They really are to go out to all of the world and spread the good news. We are too. What can you do today to share in this mission of bringing all to Christ? *Today’s readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 10

What We Have Seen and Heard

In the Gospel, Jesus says, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” We know that God is calling all people into relationship, creating a new heavens and new earth, bringing about a kingdom of peace and justice. Set a timer for five to ten minutes, and silently reflect on what this kingdom will be like. Ponder what God may have planned for you in this kingdom. *Today’s readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*



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FUNDRAISERS



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Saturday, April 10, 2021

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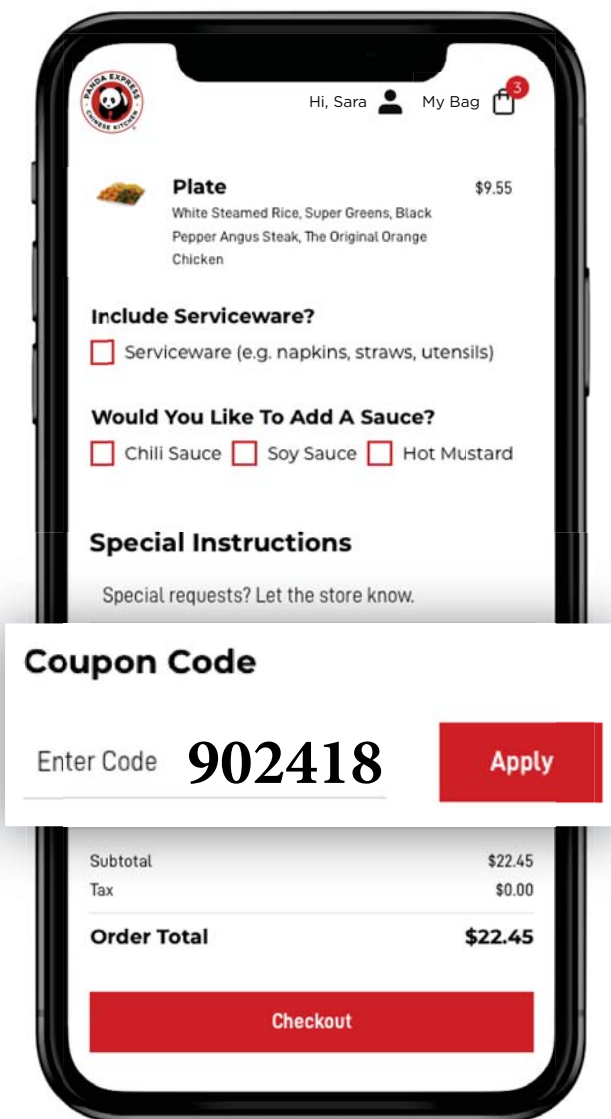
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Ordering Online for St Rita's Fundraiser



We're excited to feed your supporters and give back to your organization with your upcoming Panda fundraiser! Here are some helpful steps on how your community can order online through **PandaExpress.com** or our **Panda Express App**.



1 Go to **PandaExpress.com** to “Order Now” or open our **Panda Express App** to “Order”.

2 Choose **“Pickup”** and select a pickup restaurant, or choose **“Delivery”** and input your address for options.

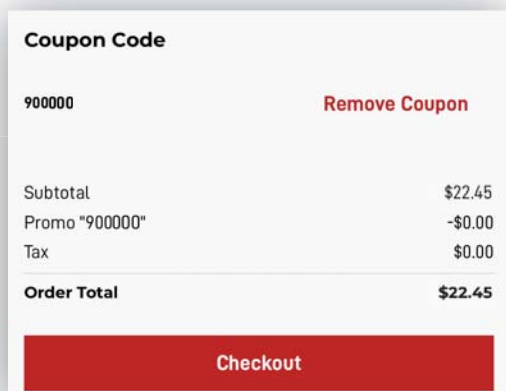
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3 Add all your Panda favorites to your order, like our Original Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, and Chow Mein!

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5 Confirm that your code has been applied by checking that your cart shows a **“Promo [code]”** with **-\$0.00**. Click **“Checkout”** and provide payment information.



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Happy Fundraising!