

# PARISH CALENDAR

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

Send forth Your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth!



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Saturday, May 22	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 23	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, May 26	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, May 28	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, May 29	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Deuteronomy:4:32-34, 39-40: Moses proclaims one God to the Israelites.**

**Roman:8:14-17: All are heirs of God through the Spirit.**

**Matthew:28:16-20: Christ commissions the Eleven to make disciples of all nations.**

**(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Masks)**

**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](http://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/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)**

## Reflecting on God's Word

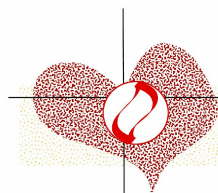
Sighs allow us to sit there for a moment or two without breathing—just being there at peace and without whatever it is that we just exhaled, without our worry or our confusion or maybe even our inner pain. It's almost as if a sigh is a prayer for new spirit. On the other hand, hiccups are almost like breathing with potholes and speed bumps, like gulps of roughage to keep the good air flowing—or maybe they're gulps of spirit to get the body into balance when it's quite content to stay out of balance, a kind of forced prayer.

Lately I've been thinking about sighing and hiccupping. Maybe it's because I've grown older and sigh more often. Now when I sigh, I find myself deciding to live with life the way it is and saying to myself that it's got to be okay, because like it or not, it's all I've got. I've begun to realize that after fighting with some of my sins for sixty-some years without much ever seeming to change, maybe I just need to let God do whatever God is going to do. And so the Spirit sighs, which is another way of saying, "Jesus is Lord."

On the other hand, after sixty-plus years of living I also keep discovering new sinfulness in my life, little corners that I've allowed to get dusty by staying out of them. Like greed that I had labeled "being practical." Like protecting myself from being used, which turns out to be no more than selfishness. And every once in a while, in a moment of honesty, I'll come across one of those dusty corners, and it's a bit like trying to swallow a peanut butter sandwich without any milk. It's hard to get down, and then you start to hiccup.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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LORD, enkindle the fire  
of your love in our hearts

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **HAWAII'S MASK MANDATE STILL IN PLACE:**

In reference yesterday's announcement on the new guidance from the CDC about the use of face mask [outdoor/indoor] for those that are fully vaccinated, Governor David Ige announced that he is keeping the mandate in place for now. He is reviewing the guidelines and will be announcing appropriate adjustments in the near future. The governor also acknowledged that while it "may be OK and safe" for vaccinated individuals to forgo the use of a mask in public, keeping the mandate in place benefits the broader community.

**SO**, at this time we will also continue requiring the use of face masks on all our churches, work places and schools. Mahalo!

**Deacon Modesto R. Cordero**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN:** Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connects millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**WORD OF LIFE:** "The Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Be Not Afraid" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

### **May 23 Sun: Pentecost Sunday**

Acts: 2:1-11; Ps:104; 1 Cor: 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn:15:26-27; 16:12-15

### **May 24 Mon: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Gen:3:9-15, 20; Ps:87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jn:19:25-33

### **May 25 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Sir:3:1-12; Ps:50: 5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23; Mk:10:28-31

### **May 26 Wed: Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

Sir:36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps:79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mk:10:32-45

### **May 27 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Sir:42:15-25; Ps:33:2-3, 4-5, 7, 8-9; Mk:10:46-52

### **May 28 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Sir:44:1, 9-13; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mk:11:11-26

### **May 29 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Sir:51:12cd-20; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk:11:27-33

## **NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP**

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission in the world.

Pentecost Sunday reminds us that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit and that God has accomplished creative things in us through this gift. We have been entrusted with this great gift of the Holy Spirit. This great gift empowers us to be bold proclaimers of the Gospel in word and deed. It urges us to speak truth to power. It encourages us to use words and exhortations and even arguments that are meant to heal, show care and compassion and to reconcile. Now is a good time to ask: Are we being good stewards of this gift of the Holy Spirit? What creative things have we done to glorify God's accomplishments in us? *International Catholic Stewardship Council*

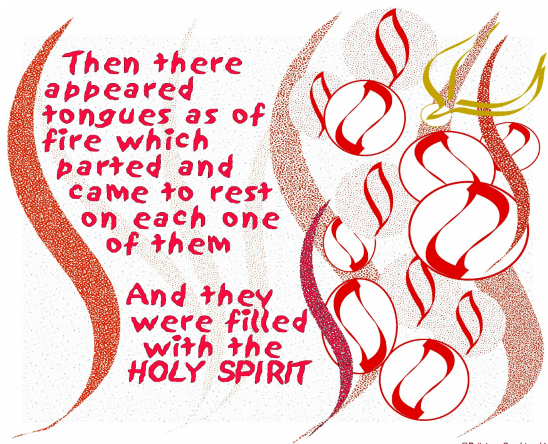
## **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**You can still continue contribute to St. Rita during this time of Social - distancing by going to our web-site [www.stritananakuli.org](http://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**

## **MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE**

### **The Reason for Gifts**

Look around your church and you will see many gifts. You will see those who sing and those who read, those who preach and those who greet. You will see some who feed the hungry and others who serve on committees. You will see some who decorate and others who converse. Some have a gift for leading prayer, for parenting children, or for making people feel at home. Everybody has some gift. Still, not all gifts are equal. Some people excel at their gifts. Others exercise them less capably. The quality of the gift is not that important. It is important to exercise the gift, whatever its extent may be. The use of our gifts releases the power of the Spirit. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." God gives gifts for a reason. They are meant to be nurtured and used. The gifts manifest the Spirit. When used properly, they draw attention to God who gives, not to the person who has received. The manifold gifts within one community show the marvels of the Holy Spirit. When people share their gifts, they create a spirit of selflessness and inspire others to service. They help everyone appreciate the goodness of God, who gives even before we ask. When people look at you, they also see gifts. For which gifts are you most grateful? How do you share them? *Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year B © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass © 2001, CCD.*



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### **Living God's Word**



We pay much more attention to hiccups because they are disruptive. Sighing comes easily. It settles us and heals. There's good in both of them: hiccups direct our thoughts to what may need attention, sighing provides a moment of peace.

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# PENTECOST SUNDAY



## Send Us Your Spirit

O God,  
throughout the ages you are mighty,  
and when your Spirit came upon  
the apostles,  
they ceased to be afraid.  
Out they went, into the world, filled  
with your love.  
Send us your Spirit,  
renew the earth,

make all fear cease.  
The world hungers for wisdom  
and knowledge,  
for understanding,  
for fear of the Lord, for counsel,  
for piety, for fortitude.  
Send these gifts in abundance,  
that we might do your work in the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## The Mighty Acts of God



*Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Galatians 5:16–25; Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19–23 or John 15:26–27; 16:12–15.* Imagine yourself gathered in the locked upper room with your friends, all who share your fear. And then in an instant, a driving wind comes through the room and tongues of fire descend on each one of you. Suddenly, you are no longer afraid. Leaving the room, you speak of the mighty acts of God, and all who hear you understand the language you speak.

Today's reading from Acts depicts the change that comes over the apostles when the Holy Spirit entered their lives. They now have what they need to preach the Gospel to all nations, as Jesus had commanded them.

Each one of us received the gifts of the Spirit in our baptism and later, in their fullness, when confirmed. Throughout our lives, we are able to ask the Spirit to strengthen these gifts in us, so that we might have what we need to do the work God has called us to in the world. Take some time to consider how you see people use the gifts of the Spirit: fortitude, knowledge, counsel, understanding, wisdom, piety, and fear of the Lord. The lives of the saints may be looked to for an embodiment of these gifts, but saints also dwell around you.

For Pentecost, pray to the Holy Spirit for a strengthening of your gifts. Celebrate, too, this solemnity of the Church. The event in the upper room affected the whole world for all time.



## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### Monday, May 24

#### Experience Pentecost

Read Acts 2:1–11 aloud, either to yourself or with your family. What do you notice in the Scripture? Which words or phrases stand out for you? What emotions would the disciples feel? Meditate by writing about or drawing the events of Pentecost. If you have children, act out the reading as a family activity. Consider using special effects, such as fans for the “driving wind.”

### Tuesday, May 25

#### Piety and Fear of the Lord

Reflect on the Spirit’s gifts of piety and fear of the Lord. Piety involves respect for what is holy, but also delight. What would it mean to delight in God? Fear of the Lord is harder to grasp. This gift allows us to regard God with reverence because of his place in our lives. Practice these gifts by seeking to spend the day in a spirit of humility.

### Wednesday, May 26

#### Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding

The gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding may seem to be similar gifts, but they are not identical. Wisdom helps us to see rightly with our hearts. Wisdom also helps us to see ourselves and others accurately, recognizing our limitations and our dependence on God. Knowledge is knowledge of God. Understanding is about perspective. Choose a saint to read about and consider how that person used these gifts. Read Matthew 22:37–39. Do you think this passage tells us what it might mean to have these gifts?

### Thursday, May 27

#### Counsel and Fortitude

Counsel helps us to judge things rightly and to discern, while fortitude helps us to do what is right even when it is difficult. We can all think of times when we have needed these gifts. Sometimes it can be so hard to know what the right thing is. Practice becoming quiet and sitting in a posture of listening. As you consider a problem or decision, invite God into it. Then envision all the possibilities. Where do you feel the most peace and consolation? This is counsel. As for fortitude, even St. Paul had trouble following through with what he knew to be right sometimes, doing instead, he tells us, “what I hate.” Virtue is a habit of acting rightly. Research the virtues and see which ones you might practice to help you build strength in your spiritual life so that you might be more capable of accepting the gift of fortitude.

### Friday, May 28

#### Come, Holy Spirit!

Copy the prayer, “Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Hang the prayer in your home throughout Ordinary Time, and allow it to remind you of the Spirit’s presence in your life and the nudgings from God in your heart.

### Saturday, May 29

#### Celebrating Ordinary Time

Ready yourself and your home for Ordinary Time by changing your prayer area to green. Throughout this season, we are able to contemplate the mysteries we have celebrated as we are invited into deeper engagement with the entire life of Jesus. Ordinary Time is so named because we count the weeks, using ordinal numbers (first, second, third). In the secular world, we are entering summer, when many people’s lives settle into a calmer routine. During this season, take time to be present in the moment, whether in prayer, with your family, or during the course of your day.

