

November 26, 2023

To the Lord belongs  
glory and power for ever and ever!

**Aloha e ku'u hoahānau/'ohana aloha nui 'ia,**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE**

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates **the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.**

Late Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in 1925 with his encyclical **Quas primas ("In the first")** to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "**thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law**" out of the public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

How timely that this **Feast of Christ the King** be celebrated at every close of one cycle of Liturgical Year - Worship and to enter a new. We as are given the grace opportunity to renew our loyalty and recommitment to Jesus Christ as our only Sovereign Lord and King in all aspects of our life.

Why would this be important and are terms like "**King**" even relevant to our modern times? Yes, it is and Jesus by his statement "**for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**" **Luke 12:34** further revealed that who or what truly reigns in our "**the throne - the heart,**" is the Ruler over us.

The "**heart**" represents the hidden, deepest, and most intimate part of ourselves and the very source of our lives. The "**treasure**" represents whatever has most value and gives us security, both today and in the future. (Focolare).

We are faced with daunting secularism that continuous to strip God out of every aspect of our lives and in such society and nation, God's Eternal Laws are trampled underfoot and what were once sin and evil are given acceptance and normalcy.

Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the visionary and witness to the Fatima apparitions, was forewarned by our Blessed Mother, told late Pope John Paul II, "**Father, a time will come when the decisive battle between the kingdom of Christ and Satan will be over marriage and family.**"

Do we not see those perilous signs with so many marriages and families assaulted and destroyed and Christian value of what marriage and family as God established and blessed them is now cast aside? Truly enthronement of Jesus Christ in our hearts is timely.

**The Background History:** During the early 20th century, in countries like Mexico, Russia and in some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself.

Late Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics the hope and while governments around them crumbled, the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever.

The encyclical stated, "**Jesus Christ is forever truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all humankind.**" (**Quas primas, 7**)

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Catholic Church's teaching on the Incarnation. That Jesus is truly God and truly human. He is both divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross.

One Person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. Jesus Christ is to be adored by angels, men, and women.

***Viva Cristo Rey! Long Live Christ the King!***

***Have a blessed week in the Lord!***

***Fr. Paulo, ofm, cap***

**St. RITA Parish Building & Planning Committee**

We extend our mahalo nui loa to the following **St. Rita Parish Building and Planning Committee Members;** Patrick Gomes (coordinator), Fr. Paulo, Deacon Harold Levy, Krissy Kalili, Judy Weigand, Mele Ahuna, Carlin Kaeo and Sonny Keawe who met last Monday at Kamiano Traylor.

Information on timeline and ongoing plans for the **St. Rita Parish Gathering Place** were discussed in detail. We extend our mahalo to Patrick Gomes for his continuous efforts in tireless pursuing of all the necessary permits with the City and County. As we all know this is a challenging but necessary part of pushing the New Building project forward.

Also, the plans to form separate **Parish Repair Building Maintenance Committee** were discussed so that ongoing repairs and maintenance to St. Rita Church can be accomplished without burdening the Parish Building and Planning Committee focused on the New St. Rita Gathering Building.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PILGRIMAGE:** This Year of Parish Revival is about falling deeper in love with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and following him more closely. Mirroring this internal journey with an external one is a beautiful way to connect body and soul in the pursuit of Christ. Most of us will not have the opportunity to join the Eucharistic Caravan on the mainland leading to the Eucharistic

Congress on **July 17, 2024 in Indianapolis.**

We can participate in the revival here at home. Make the Honolulu Diocese Pilgrimage a part of your experience of revival by planning a self-led personal pilgrimage in the next months leading up to the beginning of the Eucharistic Caravan in San Francisco.

The Diocese of Honolulu offers a Hawaii Eucharist Revival virtual pilgrimage called Hawaii Pilgrim HERE :

<https://www.polarsteps.com/HawaiiPilgrim/> or by getting the Polarsteps - Travel Tracker app for your digital device. Sign up for a free Polarsteps account. Enter "Hawaii Pilgrim" on the Explore (Search people & places) tab. Click on "Follow" and begin your journey. Use Hawaii Pilgrim to find church addresses, Mass, adoration and other regularly scheduled events when the church will be open.

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your generous help support those working on the margins. For more information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**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"*

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Is:63:16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7 :** Isaiah prophesied, "All our good deeds are like polluted rags; / we have all withered like leaves. . ./ We are the clay and you are the potter:

**1 Cor:1:3-9:** Paul wrote, "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. . .God is faithful

**Mk:13:33-37:** Jesus said, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. . .

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Nov 26 Sun: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*Ez:34:11-12, 15-17; Ps:23; 1 Cor:15:20-26, 28; Mt:25:31-46*

**Nov 27 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

*Dan:1:1-6, 8-20; Dan:3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk:21:1-4*

**Nov 28 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

*Dan:2:31-45; Dan:3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk:21:5-11*

**Nov 29 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

*Dan:5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dan:3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk:21:12-19*

**Nov 30 Thur: Saint Andrew, Apostle**

*Rom:10:9-18; Ps:19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Mt:4:18-22*

**Dec 1 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

*Dan:7:2-14; Dan:3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk:21:29-33*

**Dec 2 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

*Dan:7:15-27; Dan:3:85, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk:21:34-36*

## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

*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)*



## PARISH CALENDAR

Sat, Nov 25	5:00 p.m. ....	Mass
Sun, Nov 26	7:00 a.m. ....	Mass
	9:00 a.m. ....	Mass
	5:00 p.m. ....	Mass
Mon, Nov 27	7:30 a.m. ....	Liturgy of the Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m. ....	Communion Service
	9:30-11 am ....	Food Pantry Open
Tue, Nov 28	7:30 a.m. ....	Liturgy of the Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m. ....	Communion Service
Wed, Nov 29	7:30 a.m. ....	Liturgy of the Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m. ....	Communion Service
	9:30-11 am ....	Food Pantry Open
Thur, Nov 30	7:30 a.m. ....	Liturgy of the Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m. ....	Communion Service
Fri, Dec 1	7:30 a.m. ....	Liturgy of the Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m. ....	Communion Service
Sat, Dec 2	7:30 a.m. ....	Liturgy of the Hours/Rosary
	8:00 a.m. ....	Mass
	4:00-4:30 ....	Confession
	5:00 p.m. ....	Mass

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