

June 5, 2022

Come Holy Ghost,  
creator blest!

Saturday, June 4	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, June 5	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, June 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, June 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, June 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, June 9	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, June 10	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY HOLIDAY</b>
Saturday, June 11	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Prv:8:22-31: Wisdom stood with God before the world was made.**

**Rom:5:1-5: We have been justified by faith and have been given hope in trials and hardships.**

**John:16:12-15: Jesus told his disciples that he had much more to teach them."**

**(Masks are optional but encouraged)**

**We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 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

In the Middle Ages, when science seemed to be stepsister to the arts, people thought that phlogiston was what made something burnable. The more phlogiston, the more readily flammable was the way they understood physics' inner workings. It explained why rocks did not burn and why straw readily did.

Though phlogiston has long been shelved, its theory is not so far removed from how the Spirit of God burns in our lives, nor is it far from the gifts that God's Spirit sets aflame in us. If some effort of ours glows with light and heat, it may be a sign of much Spirit, sort of like phlogiston. On the other hand, if in our effort to shine there's not even a spark, it's quite likely that that is not where the Spirit has settled into us. It might be better to pay attention then to some other aspect of life.

The struggle is to make sure that our imagined passion and where the Spirit of God wants us to be are one and the same so that the former does not cause us to stray from the latter. How does anyone know if they are where they should be? St. Paul says that the Spirit gives each of us our own dose of divine giftedness, our own spark with which to shine, but it's not given to us for our own glory or fun or feel-good self-image but for the good of others, for the community, for building up life. John's Gospel suggests one other such test—whether or not we're at peace. That, too, is the Spirit's gift.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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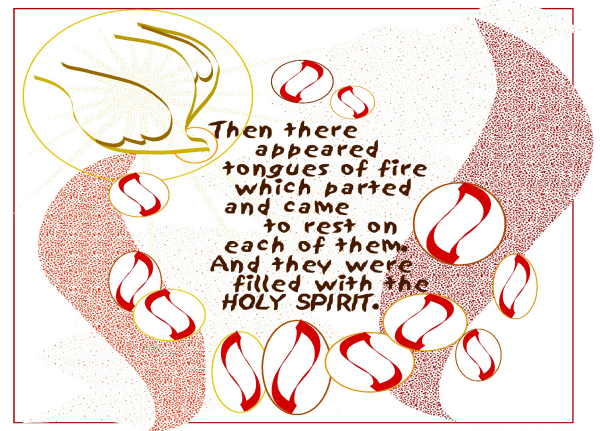


We welcomed **Preslie & Peygelyn Ledward** into our Christian Family, Preslie & Peygelyn was baptized last Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

PEACE  
be with you



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Let Christ bring peace to your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on: **June 24-26 East Hawaii/July 8-10 - Maui/ August 12-14 - Molokai/November 18-20 - Oahu:** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at [www.hawaiiwwme.org](http://www.hawaiiwwme.org)

## SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION

**CAMPAIGN:** Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic community for millions, 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 Catholic Church has long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. From religious communities to pregnancy care centers, from refugee resettlement services to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life—including both mother and child." **USCCB Committee Chairmen, "Standing with Moms in Need"**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Jun 05 Sun: Pentecost Sunday

Act:2:1-11; Ps:104: 1 Cor:12:3b-7 12-13 or Rom:8:8-17;  
Jn:20:19-23

### Jun 06 Mon: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis: 3:9-15, 20 or Acts:1:12-14; Ps:87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7;  
Jn:19:25-34

### Jun 07 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:17:7-16; Ps:4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt:5:13-16

### Jun 08 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:18:20-39; Ps:16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, & 8, 11; Mt:5:17-19

### Jun 09 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:18:41-46; Ps:65:10, 11, 12-13; Mt:5:20-26

### Jun 10 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs:19:9a, 11-16; Ps:27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt:5:27-32

### Jun 11 Sat: Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts:11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt:5:33-37

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship Reflection: We are Easter People!

No matter what we have endured the past few weeks, let us remember that we are an Easter people. The joy of Easter is celebrated not only during the liturgical season we call Easter. It is celebrated every day of the year. The Mass is the Paschal Mystery, and every time it is celebrated, we participate in the sacrifice, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul teaches, we die with Christ and rise with Him in the Holy Spirit. We are transformed into new creations. We are renewed. **(International Catholic Stewardship Council)**

## 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](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**

## THE REASONS 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?

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# SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST



## Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Come, Holy Spirit!

Shine the light of your presence into  
our hearts.

Fill us with the goodness of your love  
and mercy.

Free us from the darkness of doubt  
and fear,

and open us to your healing love.

Soften our hearts that are hardened  
by anger and distrust,

and guide us to know your power  
present in every human heart.

May the witness of our lives be  
a source of hope

to all seeking your comforting presence.

We seek to honor you all our days.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer adapted from the Sequence  
for Pentecost)

## Sunday, June 5, 2022 The Power of the Spirit



*Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; John:19–23.* Imagine the energy that must have been in the room where the disciples had gathered to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Anticipation may have been mixed with fear as the disciples pondered the words about the Advocate. And then the driving wind and tongues of fire settle over them all.

Compelled to leave the locked room, the disciples find themselves in the midst of a crowd from all ends of the known world. Inspired to proclaim the “mighty acts of God,” they are understood in the native languages of the gathered. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples are

bolstered by the gift of courage. Never again will they live in fear.

This Pentecost day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism and affirmed in confirmation. This Spirit is our life force as disciples. As followers of Christ, we simply need to be open and ready for all that this Spirit will do in and through us. It is the power of the Spirit that will give us the courage and wisdom to be the people God has called us to be. Through that Spirit, we bear witness that we are adopted children of God and, as St. Paul says, we can cry, “Abba, Father.” As joint heirs with Christ, we live to glorify God.





## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

**Thursday, June 23**

### Called to be Prophetic

John the Baptist can be seen as a bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Gospel for today proclaims that “He (John) will be filled with the Holy Spirit . . . and he will go before him (Jesus) in spirit and power . . . to prepare a people fit for the Lord.” We too are called to prepare a way for Jesus by our words and our actions. We are called to be a prophetic voice calling for a just and peaceful world. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139:1b–3, 13–14ab, 14c–15; Acts 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80.*

**Wednesday, June 29**

### Sts. Peter and Paul

Two men could not have been more different in their approach to ministry than Sts. Peter and Paul. They disagreed upon how to spread the good news, but both possessed passion and commitment to the Gospel. Each of us has been called in our baptism to take the message of God’s love, mercy, and compassion to the world. How we accomplish our common mission will be as individual as our gifts and talents. *Today’s readings: Acts 12:1–11; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18; Matthew 16:13–19.*

**Friday, July 22**

### St. Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene is referred to as the apostle to the apostles. While she is the first person to see Jesus after the resurrection, she only recognizes him after he says her name. With her faith awakened in the encounter, she sees Christ. At his request, she goes to the disciples and announces, “I have seen the Lord!” If we slow down, we too will hear Jesus call our name and our eyes will be opened to see him in those around us. *Today’s readings: Song of Songs 3:1–4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14–17; Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; John 20:1–2, 11–18.*

**Saturday, August 6**

### Transfiguration of the Lord

The account of the transfiguration is proclaimed twice during the liturgical year, on the Second Sunday of Lent and on August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Atop a mountain, Peter, John, and James witnessed an event that left them in stunned silence. First, they saw a transfigured Jesus speaking with Elijah and Moses. Then they heard a voice from the cloud say, “This is my chosen Son, listen to him.” Take some time today to reflect on how you see Jesus as your king in the fullness of his majestic glory. How do you share your belief that Jesus the Lord is king, and most high over all the earth? *Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; Psalm 97:1–2, 5, 6, 9; 2 Peter 1:16–19; Luke 9:28b–36.*

**Monday, August 15**

### Solemnity of the Assumption

As Catholics we believe that Mary was full of grace. This is the angel Gabriel’s greeting in the account of the Annunciation. The doctrine of the Assumption of Mary that we celebrate today proclaims that at the end of her life, full of grace, Mary was taken into heaven body and soul. Today we ask Mary to show us the way to live full of grace. *Today’s readings: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1–6a, 10ab; Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20–27; Luke 1:39–56.*

**Saturday, August 27**

### St. Monica

St. Monica is known for her perseverance in praying for her son, Augustine. Her deepest desire was for Augustine to turn to God. Today’s first reading proclaims: “This is the will of God, your holiness.” Monica believed this with her whole heart, and through an answer to her prayer, her son found God and holiness. Will God do any less for us when we pray? *Today’s readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31; Psalm 33:12–13, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 25:14–30.*

