

# PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday  
of Easter

May 1, 2022

Sing the glory  
of the Lord's name!

Saturday, April 30	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 1	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 2	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 3	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, May 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 5	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, May 6	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, May 7	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts:13:14, 43-52:** Paul and Barnabas traveled to Antioch where they entered the synagogue to teach  
**Rev: 7:9, 14b-17:** the author of Revelation had a vision of a large crowd of people from every nation and race, dressed in white robes.

**John:10:27-30:** "My Father. . . is greater than all. . . The Father and I are one."

**(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

When you compare the apostles before and after Jesus' death, you can see that not only did something special happen to Jesus at his resurrection, but a wonderful change took place in the apostles as well. Up until the death of Jesus, the apostles did not come off very well. When the chips were down, they ran.

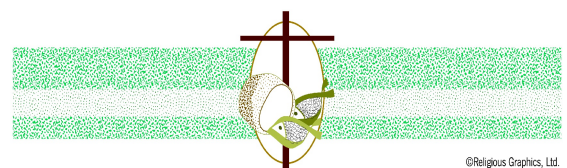
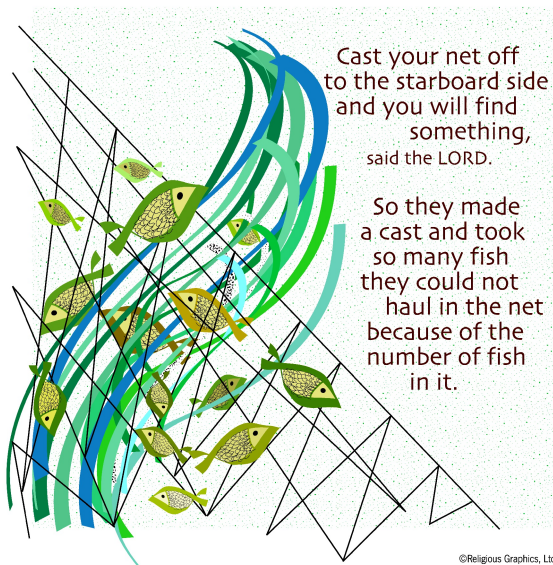
But after the Lord has risen and appeared to them, we get a very different picture. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke gives us the most detailed description of what went on after the Holy Spirit descended upon this little community praying in the upper room. The most obvious gift was courage, a word that has the same root as "heart." They were given a new heart. The Holy Spirit breathed new life into them and gave them a heart passionately in love with Christ, on fire to preach the gospel. And so they went to the heart of their city, the temple, and there they preached and taught about Jesus, witnessing to him as the Messiah, the Holy and Righteous One, the Author of Life.

They performed "many signs and wonders" (Acts 5:12), healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. There they were arrested and taken to prison and beaten, only to return to the temple and do it all again, and be arrested again. Through all this they were joyful.

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche is remembered for saying that perhaps he would believe in our redeemer if we Christians looked a little more redeemed. Do you?

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND (MAY 7-8):**

Next weekend our Special collection for our "Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund." "Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their elder years. They were there for us. Let's be there for them now." Envelopes are at the back of church and in your envelope packets. You can also give on online at [www.catholichawaii.org/dprf](http://www.catholichawaii.org/dprf). Please be generous.

## **SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS AT REGINA PACIS**

**CONVENT:** The parishioners of St. Rita will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred hearts at Regina Pacis Convent during the week of **May 15 to 21, 2022**. You may send your prayer intentions to the Sisters by phone (808)737-5822, via e-mail; [reginasscc@cs.com](mailto:reginasscc@cs.com) or by mail to Regina Pacis Community 1120 Fifth Avenue - Honolulu, HI 96816. The Sacred Hearts sisters are Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, their chapel is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer. The sister's invite you to join in the Perpetual Adoration at home by uniting yourself with the Sister at adoration in their chapel.

## **FAREWELL TO THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL: From the Office of the Bishop:**

On April 19, it was publicly announced that the Daughters of St. Paul are reorganizing their ministries in the United States, and unfortunately, they will be leaving Hawaii. For almost 48 years they have run the Pauline Books and Media Store on Bishop Street, across the street from the Cathedral, selling a large assortment of books, rituals, cards, and religious gifts. More than that, they have been a great presence in their religious witness to Jesus. We will miss them very much. All are invited to a Farewell Mass and Reception for the Daughters of St. Paul on **Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 N. School Street, Honolulu.

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

### **May 1 Sun: Third Sunday Of Easter**

Act:5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps:30: Rev:5:11-14; Jn:21 :1-19

### **May 2 Mon: Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Acts:6:8-15; Ps:119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn:6:22-29

### **May 3 Tue: Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

1 Cor:15:1-8; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5; Jn:14:6-14

### **May 4 Wed: Easter Weekday**

Acts:8:1b-8; Ps:66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn:6:35-40

### **May 5 Thur: Easter Weekday**

Acts:8:26-40; Ps:66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn:6:44-51

### **May 6 Fri: Easter Weekday**

Acts 9:1-20; Ps:117:1bc, 2; Jn:6:52-59

### **May 7 Sat: Easter Weekday**

Acts:9:31-42; Ps:116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn:6:60-69

## **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**

## **Slain and Victorious Lamb**

Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus, and it also proclaims the church's faith in the resurrection of Christians. Death looms as the fearful fate of every human life, but Easter removes the finality of death and opens a broader vision. It is hard to imagine that one single event could have such an effect on human history, but that was the meaning of Jesus' Resurrection.

An image from the Book of Revelation illustrates the point. John saw a huge crowd of angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. There they sang praise to a Lamb — a dead lamb. In the history of animals, no dead lamb has ever left much of a mark on the world. But this one did. The Lamb is Jesus — slain, but standing, and receiving the praise of all living things.

A lamb first entered our religious tradition as a symbol of Passover. On the night before Israel's exodus from Egypt, faithful Jewish families slaughtered a lamb and rubbed its blood on their doorposts. They were spared the worst of the plagues, the death of the firstborn. That plague finally forced Pharaoh's hand and set the people free.

Jesus Christ appears in Revelation as a slain Lamb. His blood protects us from the harm of death and sets us free from sin. Through his death and Resurrection, he has brought us forgiveness and opened a way for us through death to life.

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I will  
give you  
thanks  
always



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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## To Be Faithful Witnesses

Almighty God,  
you reveal yourself  
in the ordinary moments of our day.  
Help us to open our eyes and our hearts  
to your presence  
that we may lead others to you.

May we boldly and joyfully proclaim our  
love for you,  
in our words and actions.  
Grant us the grace and the wisdom  
to be your faithful witnesses,  
unafraid to be called disciples.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**Do You Love Me?**



*Today's readings; Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 1; Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19.* In the post-resurrection stories, Jesus shows up in ordinary places. Encountering his disciples and friends at routine tasks, he draws them into an extraordinary event and often breaks bread with them, opening their eyes to God in their midst. Today, in John's account of the Gospel, Jesus watches from the shore while the disciples fish. When he directs them where to cast their net, their catch is overwhelming. Immediately, the beloved disciple recognized Jesus, responding to the abundance by saying, "It is the Lord."

Jesus invites the disciples to breakfast and afterward quizzes Peter. Three times Jesus asks, "Simon, son of John,

do you love me more than these?" And to Peter's reply, Jesus says, "Feed my sheep." Peter was unsure why Jesus asked the same query thrice. Jesus, however, wanted to be sure that this apostle who had denied him three times was sure of his love.

Christ comes to us in the Scriptures and the Eucharist; he also shows up in the routines of our lives. He is found in kind words and actions of others, in prayer, and during unguarded moments of the day. He asks us the same question, "Do you love me?" Our response is found in the way we treat members of our family, neighbors, coworkers, and the marginalized.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 2 The Gift of Time

“Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.” Jesus’ words invite us to consider whether our efforts are spent on what is lasting or whether time is devoted only to earthly pursuits. Where do you devote your time? How might you use it to serve and lift someone else up? *Today’s readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

### Tuesday, May 3 Become What You Receive

When the crowd seeks a sign, Jesus replies, “I am the bread of life.” The gift of the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, sustains and nourishes, while joining us to Christ and each other. St. Augustine directed Christians that, in receiving the Eucharist, “become what you are: the Body of Christ.” This week when you receive the Eucharist, consider how you are joined with other members of the Body of Christ. *Today’s readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.*

### Wednesday, May 4 Slow Down

Jesus tells the crowds, “I will not reject anyone who comes to me.” Can you say the same thing? Consider the people who seek your attention during the day. Do you take time for them or are you in a hurry to get on to the next thing in your life? In our need to accomplish tasks, it can be easy to miss the opportunity to take in the gifts another offers. This week slow down to appreciate the people that God sends on your path. Be open to the chance to allow another to enrich your life. Say a prayer of gratitude for the people who have accepted and made time for you. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

### Thursday, May 5 The Gift of Baptism

In today’s reading from Acts, first an angel of the Lord speaks to Philip, and then the Spirit directs him. With these prompts, Philip explains the Scriptures to an individual and then baptizes him. Have you ever felt nudged to do something? That may have occurred when you had an urge to contact a person. God continues to prompt his followers. In baptism, we are claimed by God and called to serve. Pray for the grace to be open to the opportunity that may come your way today. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

### Friday, May 6 Real Presence

Faith is mysterious. The gift of faith is apparent in Ananias, who knows that Saul has persecuted Christians. This gift is apparent too in Saul, who regained his sight after Ananias laid hands on him. And this gift of faith allows us to believe that the real presence of Christ is in the Eucharist. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, as the priest says the Eucharistic Prayer, the substance of the bread and wine changes and becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. While participating at Mass, listen carefully to the words of consecration. *Today’s readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

### Saturday, May 7 What Would You Do?

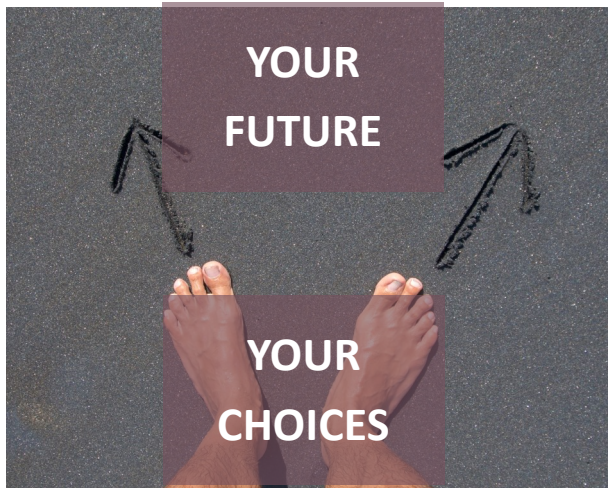
When Jesus asks, “Do you also want to leave,” Simon Peter responds, “Master, to whom shall we go?” Many of the disciples had found Jesus’ teachings hard to accept and did not believe. Today also people struggle with belief. What is your response to Jesus’ query, “Do you also want to go?” Do you acknowledge the Spirit and life in Jesus’ words? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–1, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*





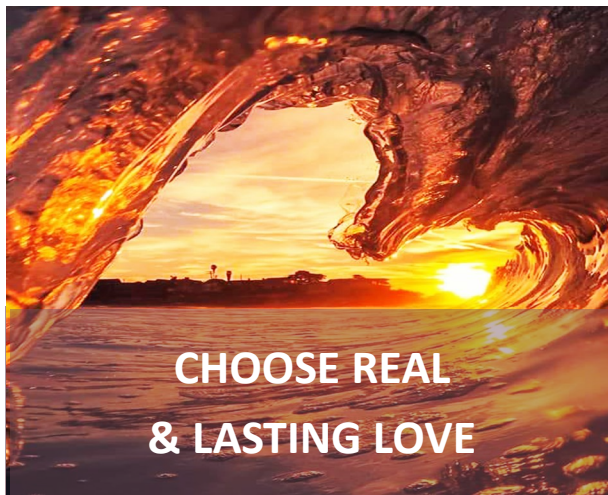


SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE:  
THIS WAVE MO BETTA



YOUR  
FUTURE

YOUR  
CHOICES



CHOOSE REAL  
& LASTING LOVE

VISION: RESTORE THE DIGNITY &  
BEAUTY OF THE GIFT OF SEX WITHIN  
LIFELONG MARRIAGE

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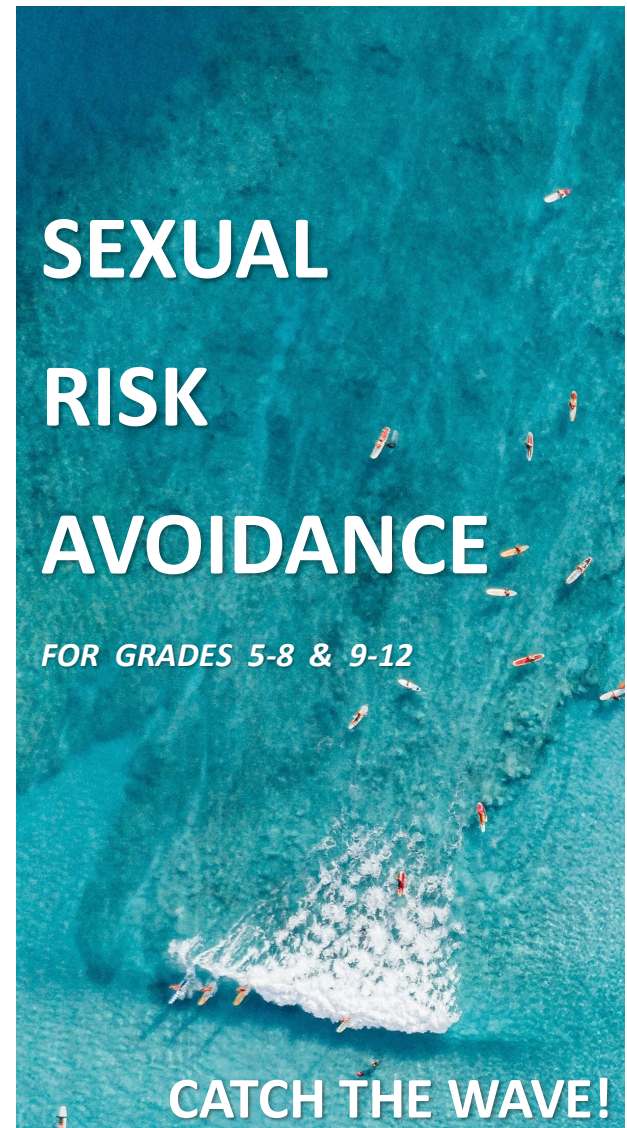
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FOR GRADES 5-8 & 9-12

CATCH THE WAVE!

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Why should I catch the  
**SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE**  
wave?



## ACHIEVE FUTURE GOALS

- freedom and clear-minded focus on your goals, relationships, and studies

## INCREASED WEALTH

- those who follow the success sequence (graduate high school, get a full time job, wait to have sex/babies within marriage) have only a 3% chance of living in poverty

## BETTER SEX

- research shows that married couples are the most emotionally satisfied and have the best sex

## CONFIDENCE IN STATING AND MAINTAINING BOUNDARIES

- youth gain knowledge, reasoning skills, and refusal skills necessary to save sex for marriage



## AVOID REGRET

- 80% of sexually active teens say they wish they had waited

## HOPE FOR TODAY

- no matter what your past has been, you can choose sexual abstinence outside of marriage today to receive the positive benefits listed below (you deserve the best!)

## OPTIMAL HEALTH

- no need worry about STI's, pregnancy, broken heart, drama



## SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE CONTENT

- **SEXUAL ABSTINENCE OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE: THE NEW SEXUAL REVOLUTION**
- **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**
- **APOLOGETICS OF MARRIAGE & KEEPING SEX WITHIN MARRIAGE**
- **MY FUTURE: VALUES & GOALS**
- **FAMILY FORMATION**
  - Why marriage matters
  - Reproductive system
  - Conception, fetal dev., birth
- **STD FACTS**
- **LOVE, LUST, & INFATUATION**
- **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**
- **THE S.A.F.E. PLAN**



# SEXUAL FREEDOM . INTEGRITY

*take back what has been stolen*

equip youth with the knowledge & skills  
to save & keep all sexual activity  
within lifelong marriage

Sexual Risk Avoidance  
Parent Info Nights:

7:00-8:00PM \* Q&A after

May 5 \* May 19 \* June 1 \* (contact for Zoom ID)

Contact Hamau I Loko (Maile) @ 808.222.0644 or Ho'omalulu (Dave) @ 808.358.2945

Register @ [hamauloko.org](http://hamauloko.org) SRAE classes May 12-14 or June 8, 15, 22, 29

Vision: Restore the  
beauty & dignity  
of the gift of sex  
within lifelong marriage

\*hope & grace for youth who have  
already been sexually active

\*emphasis on optimal health

