

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

May 14, 2023

The Lord has freed his  
people, alleluia!

Lord,  
Bless our Mothers!  
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Saturday, May 13	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 14	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass <b>(Live Stream)</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 15	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 16	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>Liturgy Meeting (Virtual)</b>
Wednesday, May 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 18	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, May 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, May 20	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts:1:1-11: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?**

**Eph:1:17-23: God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church the spirit.**

**Mt:28:16-20: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."**

**We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a. m. @ <https://www.sritananakuli.org/livestream>**

### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

We have many ways of saying goodbye. "So long." "See you later." "Take care."

Goodbyes are softened with the promise of another meeting. "Till we meet again." The time between the goodbye and the reunion is filled with joyful hope and anxious waiting.

Surely the disciples wondered if they had the tools they needed to survive that time. Jesus had been their leader, visionary, messiah, and friend. Without him, life would lose its center.

Jesus' goodbye came with two promises. He promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the disciples in his absence, and he promised that he would come again. That left them in an in-between kind of time. After the goodbye, they waited for his coming again.

In fact, that is where we are too. We are in between the visits of Jesus, a time of hope and anxiety. We often wonder if we have the tools we need to survive. We need vision and companionship on life's long road.

We have at our disposal the first promise of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit will guide us through times of loneliness, into good decisions, amid the sorrows of sad goodbyes. The Spirit is our center.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ISTERS 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 14 to 20, 2023**. 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.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties." "USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

### WEEKLY READINGS

**May 14 Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts:8:5-8, 14-17; Ps:66; 1 Pt:3:15-18; Jn:14:15-21

**May 15 Mon: Easter Weekday**

Acts:16:11-15; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, & 9b; Jn:15:26-16:4a

**May 16 Tue: Easter Weekday**

Acts:16:22-234 Ps:138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-9; Jn:16:5-11

**May 17 Wed: Easter Weekday**

Acts:17:15, 22-18:1; Ps:148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn:16:12-15

**May 18 Thur: Easter Weekday**

Acts:18:1-8; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn:16:16-20

**May 19 Fri: Easter Weekday**

Acts:18:9-18; Ps:47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn:16:20-23

**May 20 Sat: Easter Weekday**

Acts:18:23-28; Ps:47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn:16:23b-28

### POWER SOURCE

Nations build up their power through politics, weapons and wealth. Strong leaders can unite their people to promote a cause. Mighty arsenals can overcome enemies. Money can buy influence and technology. Nations feel secure when they hold power. As citizens, we sometimes take false hope in the security of our nation. It is nearly impossible to guard against every attack, to control every enemy, and to protect our national treasures. It is tempting to rely on the standards of national power: politics, weapons, and wealth.

The Letter to the Ephesians takes another view of power. It assumes that all power belongs to God, not to people, and that God has assigned authority to Christ, "raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens." God put all things beneath the feet of Christ "and gave him as head over all things." But Jesus is no politician. He owns no weapons. He possesses no earthly wealth. His dominion differs from that of temporal rulers. Believers of every nation put their trust in Christ. They follow his teachings. Most important, they believe he is the victor over death. Jesus has conquered death, the enemy of every human. With Jesus as our head, we enjoy unparalleled freedom and release from all our fears.

Those who follow Christ put their trust in other forms of power—perfect love of God and neighbor.

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The SPIRIT  
of TRUTH  
is always with us



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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

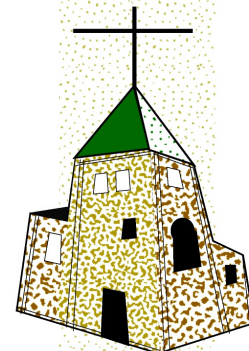
Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship. (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE



WE ARE  
TO BUILD  
THE  
KINGDOM  
OF  
GOD



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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Flow through Us

Generous God,  
you pour your infinite love  
upon the whole world.  
Thank you for infusing every cell  
of our bodies  
and every seed of creation with your  
Holy Spirit.

Open our eyes to recognize this gift  
of love

flowing through our lives.

May your unbreakable bond of love  
propel us to act with mercy,

kindness, and compassion  
toward all those in need of your  
unconditional grace.

Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Love Eternal



*Today's readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21.* The Gospel readings of the Easter season persistently invite us to remain close to the risen Christ in love. This love is born in trust that the Lord is with us for all time in the form of the Holy Spirit. He made that promise to the disciples in the upper room before he suffered and died. He repeated the promise before he ascended to heaven. And he makes that promise to us today.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit entwine us in an unbreakable bond of love. Binding us together, this love makes us one in faith. This love creates and sustains life and glorifies the earth with beauty. This love inspires us to clothe

the naked, feed the hungry, and bring others to faith. This love reveals itself through a mother's gift of life, protection, care, and devotion. This love welcomes us into the world at our birth and draws us to the Father when we take our last breath. This love is with us and in us for every breath we take during our earthly life, in every relationship, in every twist and turn of our journey.

The invitation to love is always present. It courses through every cell of our body and sustains every breath we take. Our response to this great gift is to receive love with open hearts, allow it to guide our walk through life, and share it with others.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 15

#### Lydia's Example

Trailblazer Lydia sells high-end purple fabric, listens to Paul's witness with an open heart, and undergoes a conversion. She responds to Paul with Christian hospitality, inviting his companions and him to stay at her home. Lydia paves the way for women business leaders across all generations to live faithful and generous lives. *Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

### Tuesday, May 16

#### John 16

Chapter 16 of John's Gospel is proclaimed passage by passage this week. During the Last Supper, Jesus speaks at length to his disciples just before he is arrested, urgently trying to convey the depth of his love for them. Jesus promises his disciples that they will never be alone, that he will send an Advocate (the Holy Spirit) as protector and guide, and that they will be equipped to fulfill their mission. *Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

### Wednesday, May 17

#### Hallelujah!

As Pentecost draws near some of the psalms we pray begin with "Hallelujah!" These psalms from the end of the psalter give praise and glory to God with full heart and voice. Psalm 148 leads our prayer imagination through all the wonders of creation. Bring your Bible outside and read from it aloud. Appreciate the wonder of God's creation all around you. *Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

### Thursday, May 18

#### Ascension of the Lord

Jesus' final words to his disciples before ascending to heaven are direct: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

Our mission is to draw others to a life of committed faith within the Church community. Jesus promises that he is with us in all that we do in service to his name. Take time in prayer to contemplate the truth that Jesus empowers us with as he accompanies us. *Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 (6); Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.*

### Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

#### Faith Works

The reading from Acts provides a small detail about St. Paul's life as a missionary disciple. In the midst of his efforts to grow the Christian community, St. Paul continued to work as a tentmaker. Like all of us, he needed to earn a living to provide the basic necessities. This apostle exemplified the balance of work and faith in the life of a committed disciple. *Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

### Friday, May 19

#### Take Heart

Jesus continues to prepare his disciples for the shock of loss that is to come. In our lives, too, we face loss as we keep vigil with a dying loved one and watch older generations decline in body and mind. We know the time is coming when people we love will pass from earthly life to heaven. But when anticipated death arrives, shock and grief are still felt. Jesus promised his disciples that grief will be transformed to joy. Take heart, grief is a process. Jesus walks with us. *Today's readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

### Saturday, May 20

#### Ask and You Will Receive

Jesus adamantly encourages us to ask God for what we need and assures us that God hears our prayers. When it seems that our prayers go unanswered, remember that God holds the long view of our lives, giving us what we truly need. Have faith in the big picture. Know that God desires to be close to us and wills the best for us. *Today's readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*

