

# PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

May 22, 2022

The Lord has freed His people,  
Alleluia!

Saturday, May 21	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 22	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, May 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Finance Council Meeting (Virtual)</b>
Wednesday, May 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, May 26	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, May 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, May 28	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts:1:1-11:** Jesus promised they would soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

**Eph: 1:17-23:** God has put all things under Christ's feet.

**Luke:24:46-53:** Jesus was taken up to heaven. "They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem"

**(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

Forming a community is never easy. This is true whether the community is made up of family members, citizens, or believers. Diversity can both enrich and divide. Jewish Christians were soon joined by Gentile believers. The church in Jerusalem was joined by the church in Antioch. While the Gentile Christians questioned whether they had to accept all the Jewish traditions and customs, Jewish Christians feared they would lose what had given them their identity.

Today's reading from Acts witnesses to the role of the Holy Spirit in helping to navigate a way through these sensitive issues. The leaders of the church in Jerusalem send a letter to the church in Antioch, proclaiming that the decision they reached came not just from human wisdom, but from working with the Holy Spirit.

Such testimony to the role of the Holy Spirit is also found in the Gospel of John. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit will come from the Father and "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). Because of this promise, we can have confidence that God will not abandon us. Indeed, the Trinity comes to dwell with those faithful to Jesus' word.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we call on the Holy Spirit both to open our minds to Jesus' word and to transform bread and wine so that we become more fully the body of Christ and the living temple of the Holy Spirit in the world.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS 2022

We congratulate the following youths from our parish who have graduated from high school:

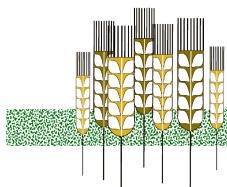
**La'akea Kaalouhi**

**Kahi Young**

**Branzlyn Reyes**

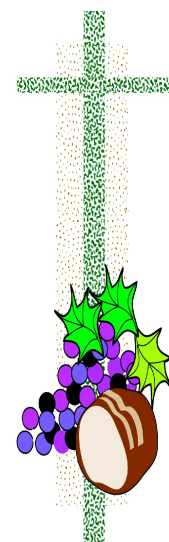
**Lando Pomai Werner-Celes**

*Congratulations to all those who have graduated from College*



The LORD makes all things new!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. "Bring peace into your marriage by attending an upcoming 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:** Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Honolulu to find local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc). Envelopes are the back of church and your parish envelope packets.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "The tragic U. S. Supreme Court decision of *Roe V. Wade* has allowed for the destruction of millions of innocent lives through legalized abortion. The Supreme Court is now in the process of deciding a case that has the potential to weaken, or even overturn, *Roe v. Wade*. As the Court prepares to release its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Christians across the country are uniting in prayer for this important case. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. May we commit ourselves to urgent prayer and fasting, that the Court may act to uphold the dignity of unborn human life." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Prayer Guide.**

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

### **May 22 Sun: Sixth Sunday Of Easter**

Act:15:1-2, 22-29; Ps:67: Rev:21:10-14, 22-23; Jn:14:23-29

### **May 23 Mon: Easter Weekday**

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

### **May 24 Tue: Easter Weekday**

Acts:16:22-234 Ps:138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn:16:5-11

### **May 25 Wed: Easter Weekday**

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

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

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

### **May 27 Fri: Easter Weekday**

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

### **May 28 Sat: Easter Weekday**

Acts:18:23-25; Ps:47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn:16:23b-28

## **NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP**

*In today's Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with his disciples before his death. He has already made it clear that his followers will show their love for him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells his disciples that he and his Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God's presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?(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**

## **LIGHTS OUT**

A power outage eliminates the usefulness of many appliances. Computers and mobile phones have batteries, but they have to be charged. Kitchens rely on electricity for food preparation. The garage door opener fails. And, of course, the lights go out. In fact, people sometimes describe a power outage in those terms: "Our lights went out." Much more went out, but the lights mean more to us than anything else. In the days before electricity, the sun and the moon provided much-needed light. Without them, life would be unthinkable. The night brought terrors and insecurities long forgotten by more civilized societies. So when the Book of Revelation envisions living in a world without sun and moon, the image is inconceivable. But here was a city gleaming like a jewel, fortified with walls, and penetrated by twelve magnificently harmonious gates, named for the tribes of Israel. Revelation says the heavenly bodies served no luminous purpose for this new Jerusalem. "The glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." No other light was needed. Each of us has known a time when the glory of God was our only light. Our lives were dimmed by loss of income, friends, authority — or electrical power. When the light of our eyes finally closes, when the gathering darkness of death envelopes us, one light shall shine to dispel our fear and bring us home: the light of Christ.

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Hope Renewed

Gracious God,  
we stand before you with grateful hearts.  
This season of Easter renews our hope  
and inspires the faith we seek to live.  
May we be mindful in every moment  
that your face shines on us,  
and your mercy and compassion

are gifts that you freely offer us.  
Inspire us to look for you  
in all those who share our journey,  
and open our eyes to see  
the beauty and grace that surround us.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Behold God



*Today's readings: Acts 15:1–2, 22–29; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23; John 14:23–29.* “O God, let all the nations praise you!” we sing in the refrain of the responsorial psalm. Praising God is one of the ways we pray. As the Easter season wanes, perhaps it is time to reflect on ways to integrate words of praise in our prayer life. In the verses sung from Psalm 67 today, the psalmist acclaims the way God rules his people and guides the nations. Where in your life can you see and acclaim the work of God?

During the fifty days of this Easter season, when we contemplate the joy we receive from God's love, seek to deepen your prayer life. Spending time praying the psalms

of the season is one way to do that. Those psalms will help you rest in the knowledge that we are never alone.

Another way to increase your prayer life is to spend time with a phrase from Scripture. For example, bring to prayer the words from the Gospel: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” Repeat the words and then quietly sit with them, allowing them to penetrate you. Taking time to pray personally and with a community opens up a world where grace, beauty, and love are ever present and, as the late spiritual writer Anthony de Mello, SJ, said, you will find “God beholding you . . . and smiling.”



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 23

#### Spirit of Life and Truth

When Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit of truth is coming, he offers hope in the face of rejection and persecution. As disciples living in the present age when respect for life and living with integrity are a challenge, we can find hope in the Holy Spirit breathing in and among us in every moment. *Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

### Tuesday, May 24

#### Be Kind

The word *kindness* is used in reference to God twice in the psalm today. God's kindness is abundant and never-ending. What about the kindness you exhibit? Is it contingent on your mood? Kindness has the ability to heal and strengthen a wounded soul. We need to be willing to search our hearts and find and share the kindness that has been shown to us. *Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

### Wednesday, May 25

#### A Guide to Truth

The Spirit reveals the truth that God is all knowing, loving, and merciful. Accepting this truth may mean that we need to change how we live with ourselves and others. The Holy Spirit is available to assist with this challenge. As today's Gospel states, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth." Pray for the grace to allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through you so that others come to know the truth. *Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

### Thursday, May 26

#### The Ascension of the Lord

Before Jesus ascends, he tells the apostles that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. But

what is that power? St. Paul might answer that query when he speaks to the Ephesians about a Spirit of wisdom and revelation that results in knowledge of Christ. *Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 (6); Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23 or Ephesians 1:17–23; Luke 24:46–53.*

### Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

#### Patience

"A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me." These words left the disciples in a quandary. We too may be confused by how God is working in the world. Our questions are not always answered, but when we allow God to be involved in our lives, we live into the answers. Prayer and patience will lead to peace. *Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

### Friday, May 27

#### Joy Unending

In today's Gospel, we hear that joy is birthed from pain. Jesus tells his disciples that the pain that they experience as followers will give way to joy when they see Christ again. We too can rest in the reassurance that our hearts will rejoice when we are with God. *Today's readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

### Saturday, May 28

#### A Father's Love

Jesus encourages the disciples when he says, "whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you." Our relationship with God through Jesus gives us confidence that our prayers will be heard. When you pray this week, do so with the awareness of the Father's love and care, the same love and care Jesus relied on in his ministry. *Today's readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



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# THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

HOLY  
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10:30 AM  
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BISHOP LARRY  
CELEBRANT

EUCCHARISTIC  
PROCESSION

11:45 AM  
PROCESSION TO  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
OUR LADY OF PEACE

BRING YOUR OWN WATER AND  
SUN PROTECTION FOR THIS  
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LADY OF PEACE

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