

GRADUATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020:

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

Jevin Lopes Heipua Tautua'a Antonia Zizzi

Congratulations to all those who have graduated from College!



Sixth Sunday
of Easter

May 17, 2020

The Lord has freed His people,
alleluia!

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:1:1-11: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit and ascends into heaven

Eph:1:17-23: Christ is raised and sits at the right hand of God.

Mt:28:16-20: Jesus promises to be with us always

We will be live streaming this Sunday Mass at 10 a. m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

There are many opportunities to view Mass via live stream while public Masses are cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. Weekday and Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from various churches in our diocese.

OAHU

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu

Sundays at 9 AM, Bishop Larry Silva presiding

Mondays to Saturdays at 8 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica>
or www.hictv.com

Sacred Heart, Punahou

Sundays at 8 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartpunahou>

St. John Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani

Saturdays at 5 PM and Sunday at 11 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnmililani/live>

St. Joseph, Waipahu

Daily at 7 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephChurchWaipahu/>

St. John the Baptist, Kalihi

Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 8 AM

Para misa en Español, seguir este enlace. Estará disponible el domingo a las 8 AM.

<https://www.facebook.com/kalihicentral/>

MAUI

Christ the King, Kahului

Sundays at 9 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/ctkchurchmaui/>

or Maui radio station 105.5 FM

St. Anthony, Wailuku

Sundays at 9 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/stanthonymaui.org/live>

Rebroadcasts of Sunday Mass available at <https://stanthonymaui.org/>

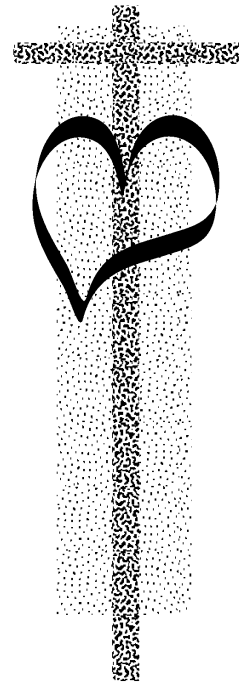
Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses: www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdsefjlg9gA5SGWA4FuGIA

Catholic TV Mass. . . www.watchthemass.com/

EWTN Daily Mass. . . <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. . . www.nationalshrine.org/mass/

Catholic Faith Network Masses. . . www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS AT REGINA PACIS

CONVENT: St Rita Parish Ohana 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 17 to 23, 2020**. If you have a special intention that you would like the Sisters to pray for please contact them by phone @ 737-5822, email @ reginasscc@cs.com Or Mail at Regina Pacis Community/1120 Firth Avenue/Honolulu, HI 96816-5828.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Our Knights of Columbus Council, Ka Aha Kuka o na Sana Kamiano a Meleana, would like to help out our Parish in a small gesture by giving **\$500** to the upkeep of the Church and \$100 to Outreach. We are here for St. Rita Parish and our Pastor. We know these are trying times and are pleased to be able to help out. Mahalo to all those that support us and we are hoping that others would like to become part of this Council. Please consider joining us.

ST. RITA'S PRAYER GROUP: *Aloha Mai Kakou St. Rita Ohana.* Join our virtual prayer group on Thursday evenings. Send Mele Ahuna your email address (via e-mail ahuna@hawaii.rr.com) and we can invite you to our Google Hangout! Hope to see you soon! A Hui Hou! St. Rita's Prayer Group.

WORD OF LIFE: "As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today **to call our fellow citizens back to our country's founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill.** Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God." *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB*

WEEKLY READINGS

May 17 Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

May 18 Mon: Easter Weekday

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

May 19 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:16:22-34; Ps:138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn:16:5-11

May 20 Wed: Easter Weekday

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

May 21 Thur: Easter Weekday

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

May 22 Fri: Saint Rita of Cascia

Phil:4:4-9; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:6:27-38

May 23 Sat: Easter Weekday

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

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is a wonderful word derived from a Greek word that refers to being inspired by God. Today, the word has come on hard times. Enthusiasm is often identified as an over-exuberant, unmoored emotion. Let us return to the original meaning of enthusiasm: the kind that is moored to and inspired by God, the kind that brings poise and buoyancy. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

NOTE 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 counting the cost. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord no matter where they are, and to serve Him by ministering to others even under the most adverse of circumstances. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, let us reflect this week on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship in Christ Jesus. *International Catholic Stewardship Council*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

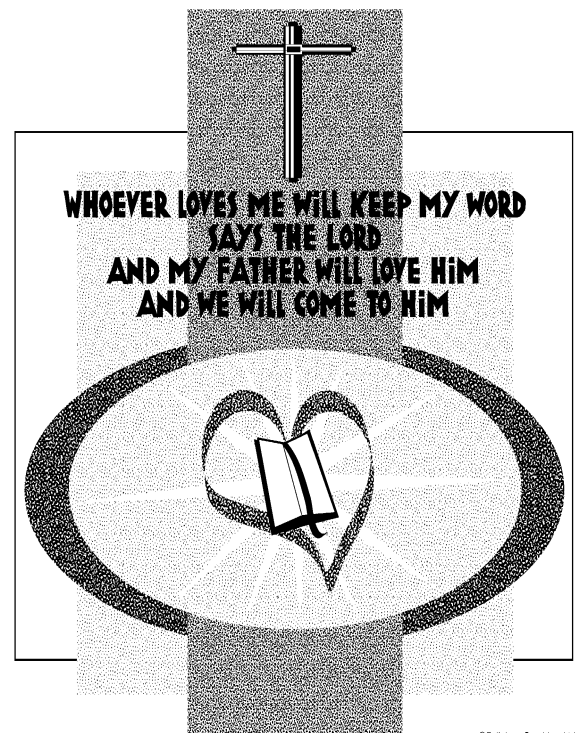
MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

You can still continue contribute to St. Rita during this time of Social - distancing by going to our web-site www.stritananakuli.org 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

Reflection

The promised Paraclete is as strongly among us as on the first day. The Church is as surely guided. It is incumbent upon us to deepen our awareness of the abiding Spirit. It falls to us during this Easter time to cultivate a deepening sense of that presence and then to act from that deep source. No other source will do for Christians. It is our vocation to follow.

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SANCTIFY
CHRIST AS LORD
IN YOUR HEARTS.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Advocate

Heavenly Father,
Sanctify our hearts with the gift of
your Spirit.
Empower us to continue the ministry
of Jesus—
to speak the truth with joy and gentleness,
to comfort others in their sorrow
and suffering,
to withstand evil in all its forms.

Reveal your Son's enduring presence within
and around us.
Help us reveal him to others in all that we do
so that your love may be known
and embraced by everyone
and the world brought to new life
in your Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 17, 2020

For the Family

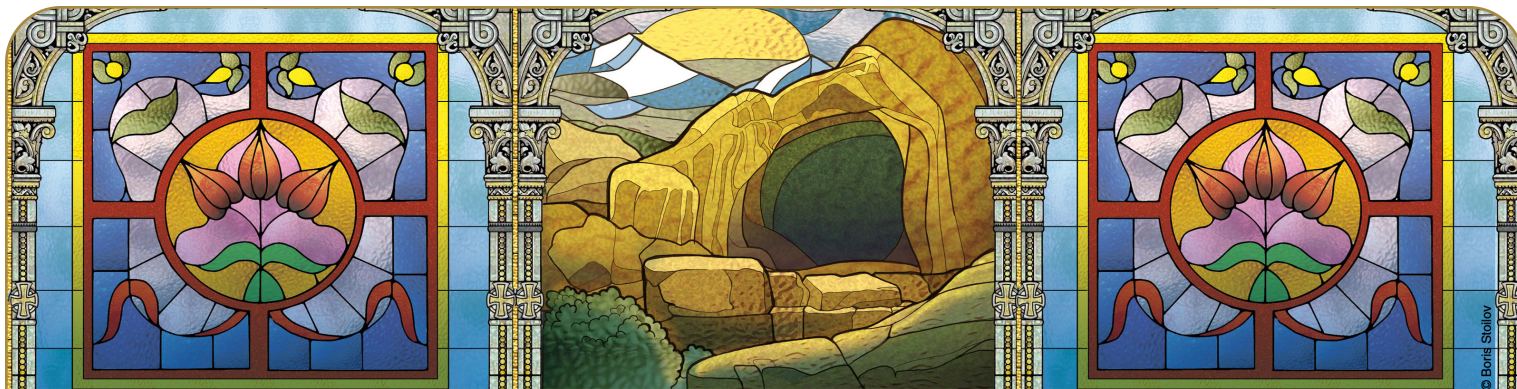


Today's Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21. In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus refers to multiple commandments, but he gives only one: love one another. To love people—and we would add, to cherish all of God's creation—is to love the Risen Lord and, through him, the Father. That love first flowed the other way, from the Father, through the Son, to the world. Love for and from God pulls the world back together. The Advocate, God's own Spirit, unites people and assures them that they are and always will be God's children.

The Advocate also empowers believers to act as Jesus did. Philip fulfills this commissioning perfectly: he pro-

claims Christ, expels demons, and heals people. Then, when the Samaritans accept the Gospel, centuries of enmity are overcome as Jews and Samaritans are bound together by Baptism and the Holy Spirit. They become sisters and brothers of Christ and part of the new family of God, the Father.

Our Second Reading urges us to act as Christ did, both for our sake and for the sake of others. People will not always be as receptive to us as the Samaritans were to Philip. Only by responding intelligently but peaceably will we persuade people of the enduring joy that comes from following Christ. By speaking and acting with gentle and patient persistence, we will be brought to life in the Spirit.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 18

Journeys

The Advocate that Jesus promised has unmistakably filled St. Paul. For the rest of the Easter season we will hear about Paul's extensive travels and missionary work. Paul takes every opportunity to tell others about Christ and to enter into fellowship with them. Make a map of your Christian journey. What significant moments are on that map? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 19

Revealing Righteousness

Jesus promises to send an Advocate who will reveal whether a person is ultimately righteous or sinful. In Acts, the jailer recognizes that Paul and Silas are righteous despite their imprisonment. The jailer is so impressed by their behavior that he listens to them and is baptized. Are there people you don't listen to because you are certain they are wrong? Do they have some words of truth to offer you? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 20

A Gospel for All

Jesus helps his disciples prepare for his death. He also promises that the "Spirit of truth" will give them insight into future events so that they can act in his name. This Spirit is active in Paul as he preaches in Athens, a city renowned for its diversity. Paul's ministry in that city anticipates the spread of the Gospel to the wider and still more diverse world. Today, the Gospel is lived and expressed in countless ways. What are some Catholic practices unique to your area or culture? *Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord

In ancient texts, revered people were sometimes shown being taken up into heaven. Their ascension was a metaphor for divine approval. Luke draws on this imagery to show that God approves of Jesus but also that Jesus shares God's power. Having ascended, Jesus is no longer physically constrained but is spiritually and sacramentally present in those who are baptized. *Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.*

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

In Acts, we're reminded that Paul did not work alone but counted on other people for material and emotional support. When the disciples learned of Jesus' forthcoming death, they also would have turned to one another for support. Who is a source of strength and comfort for you? *Today's Readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Friday, May 22

Everlasting Joy

Jesus insists that his disciples will soon be filled with a joy from God that no one can take away. This promise seems to clash with the passage from Acts where Paul is unjustly treated by a mob and those in authority don't care. Paul, however, compelled by love and gratitude for Christ, continues his ministry. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 23

Our Every Need

Jesus tells his disciples that soon God will give them whatever they ask. Often, however, we receive without asking. Apollos receives much needed instruction about the Christian faith. The Christian community then receives in Apollos a well-formed and compelling preacher. Surprise someone by doing something helpful but unexpected for them today. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*

