

Mass Intentions October 2026

Stephen Cabral 10/3
Rose Visalli 10/10
Puaala Kekiwi 10/11
Nathan Perreira 10/17
Frank & Mary Estrella 10/24

Pray For Our Sick Brothers & Sisters

James Gonzalez-Wesley
Debbie Faborito
Rachel Carvalho
Robert Robello
Melissa Prince
Stanley Lee
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil
Winona Martinez
Clarita Pimentel
Felicia Gonzalez
Rosaline DeMello
Gosha Jasowicz
Annette Palamino
Bob Garza
Theresa Honokaupu
Sandy Silva
Cheryl Tabacco

Ministries

Pastoral & Finance Council
Faith Formation
Stewardship
Environment & Liturgical
Sacristans & Altar Servers
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministries
Music Choir
Bereavement
Ushers/Greeters
Repairs & Yard Maintenance / Safety
Planning and Building
Collection Counters
Thrift Store Volunteers
Church Cleaners
Hospital & Homebound
Community Outreach

**YOU ARE CREATED BY GOD TO
LOVE HIM, KNOW HIM, AND
SERVE HIM**

Join us to pray the Holy Rosary, Memorare,
and Guardian Angel Prayer
Tuesday - Friday after morning mass,
Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm,
and Sunday at 8:00am.

Divine Mercy
Prayer

Every Friday
after morning
mass.

Jesus, I trust in You

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
655 HAIKU ROAD, HAIKU, HAWAI'I 96708

ST. GABRIEL MISSION
WAILUANUI, KEANAE



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Philippians 4:6-9 | Matthew 21:33-43



The Gradual Road to Ruin

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

A wise old sage once observed, "When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid." The parable in today's gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It's time for them to accept the inevitable to pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son*, they think, *and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from "don't pay the rent" to "kill the son"? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you've embraced convinces you that you're making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again.



Am I aware of a sin that has become
easy to commit?



The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; It is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God . . . and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, Recite the family Rosary.”

Faith Formation Corner

Children/Youth Faith Formation Calendar

OCT 4 - Class for Children (4-12 in need of sacraments)
OCT 11 - Youth Group
OCT 18 - Youth Group
OCT 25 - Family Day - Class cancelled.
Fr. Paul's birthday celebration in parish hall.

NOV 1 - Class for Children (4-12)
NOV 8 - Youth Group
NOV 15 - Youth Group
NOV 22 - Family Day - Welcome - The heart of the family. Session One - Waiting for the Lord to Bless us.
NOV 29 - No Class (Thanksgiving Break)
Class will start after Mass (Approx: 9:45am and run until 11am)

OCIA/Adult Sacrament Preparation Calendar

Class Begins At 6:00PM (Saturday)
See syllabus posted below

OCT 3 - Class One - The Journey of Faith
OCT 17 - Class Two - Divine Revelation
OCT 31 - Class Three - The Bible (in church)

NOV 14 - Class Four - The Story of Salvation
NOV 28 - Class Five - Who is Jesus?

DEC 12 - Class Six - The Paschal Mystery
DEC 26 - No Class (Christmas Break)

Saint Rita and Divine Mercy Intentions and Favors

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Join us to pray Novena to Saint Rita Second Thursday of each month after morning mass.

Intentions and favors can be offered and dropped into the designated boxes.

St. Rita Healing Mass
Saturday, October 24, 2026
5:00 P.M.



Sign up sheet for Anointing of the Sick is on the church bulletin board.

ST. RITA CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE
655 HAIKU ROAD, HAIKU, HI 96708

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 8AM - 1PM & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 9:45AM - 12PM

KALUA PORK PLATES - \$15.00
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND DECOR, HOLIDAY CLOTHING, PLANTS, SILENT AUCTION, BAKED GOODS, SUSHI & MORE!



Bakers & Volunteers Needed!

If you are a baker, we are accepting baked items for the Christmas Sale, cookies, breads, jams & jellies, and pickled items. Also, fruits, vegetables, and plants.

Volunteers are needed to work the Christmas Sale on Saturday and Sunday. Sign up sheet is located at the back of the church or call Diane Nifong (808)-283-1574.

MONDAY
October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6-12
Lk 1-:25-37

TUESDAY
October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY
October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY
October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY
October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY
October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY
October 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14 or 22 1-10

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Stewardship Lifestyle

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a **stewardship** lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

Income - September 27, 2026
Mahalo for your generosity!

St. Rita		St. Gabriel
\$2,217.00	Collections	
\$280.00	Online	
\$46.00	Candles	
\$784.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$25.00
\$163.00	Thrift Store	
\$3,490.00	TOTAL	\$25.00



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This week's second collection
Shepherd's Care

Next week's second collection
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

FIRST ANNUAL ST. FAUSTINA Festival
Celebrating God's Mercy WITH ST. FAUSTINA
A day of faith, fellowship, and fun for the whole family!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH
9177 Kula Highway
Kula, HI 96790

Join us for our First Annual St. Faustina Festival on Saturday, October 10, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. This special one-day celebration promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our parish family and community to come together in faith, fellowship, and fun.

The day will begin with Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the church. Following Mass, everyone is invited to enjoy a full day of festivities, including delicious food, games for children, local entertainment, a silent auction, a classic car display, and we hope, a variety of local vendors. Parking will be available at Keokea Park, with accommodations in place to help make attendance convenient for everyone.

FESTIVITIES END AT 3:00 P.M.

FOLLOWING MASS, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ENJOY Faith, Fellowship & Fun!

DELICIOUS FOOD, GAMES FOR CHILDREN, LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT, SILENT AUCTION, A VARIETY OF LOCAL VENDORS, CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY

PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT KEOKEA PARK with accommodations in place to help make attendance convenient for everyone.

Come celebrate God's mercy and the joy of our community! ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Rita Thrift Store



Tuesday 8am - 12pm
Sunday 9:45am - 12pm
We are only accepting Christmas items new or in good condition at this time.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date:
Fr. Paul's 60th birthday celebration
Sunday, October 25, 2026
Following morning mass we will gather for a potluck in the parish hall. Bring a favorite dish. All are welcome!

HALE KAU KAU Feeding with Compassion and Aloha

Stamp Out Hunger

Join Hale Kau Kau for our 11th Annual Stamp Out Hunger 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk On Saturday October 31st at 8:00 a.m.

All proceeds go to Hale Kau Kau. Feeding the Hungry and Homebound with Compassion & Aloha since August of 1991. In 35 years Hale Kau Kau has served over 1.6 million meals.

Location: 25 W Lipoa Street in Kihei. Halloween Costume Contest, Free Breakfast, Door Prizes, and Awards Ceremony following the Run/Walk. To register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/HI/Kihei/halekaukau> or click here

You can also support Hale Kau Kau by becoming a sponsor. Sponsors that give \$500+ can have their name or logo added to the event T-Shirt & program. Hale Kau Kau is an equal opportunity provider.