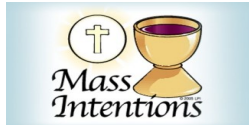


FEBRUARY 2024



Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—2/2
Paul Kaina Sr—2/3
Margaret Louis—2/6

Hans & Elvie Riecke 2/7 & 2/16

Terry Dvorek
Mike & Violet Pszyk—2/8

Alfredo Tabaco—2/9
Alvin Estrella—2/10

Christine Riecke-Gonzales
2/13 & 2/14 am

Mark Potter—2/14 pm
Ui Mac Cagno—2/15
Nathan Ferreira—2/17
Vicky Malaqui—2/23
Isaac James Honokaupu—2/24

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK
BROTHERS & SISTERS

James Gonzalez-Wesley
Rosemary Robbins
Debbie Faborito
Rachel Cravalho
Robert Robello
Melissa Prince
Stanley Lee
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil
Winona Martinez
Clarita Pimentel
Helen Estrella
Stephen Groff
Jeremy Konohia
Felicia Gonzalez
JoAnn Potter
Stella Medeiros

FIRST FRIDAY
EUCHARIST ADORTION
AFTER MORNING MASS
7:30am-8:30am



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

The 2024 Faith Formation HAS BEGUN! If you still need to register, Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024 CLASSES
(Subject to Change)

FEB. 11 – CLASS FOR THE YOUTH GROUP ONLY

FEB. 18 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11) and ADULTS (11:15 – 1:00)

FEB. 25 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11)

MAR. 03 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11) and ADULTS (11:15 – 1:00)

MAR. 10 – CLASS FOR THE YOUTH GROUP ONLY

MAR. 17 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11) and ADULTS (11:15 – 1:00)

MAR. 24 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11)

MAR. 31 – NO CLASS – EASTER SUNDAY

[YOUTH GROUP – For any Youth who have participated in Faith Formation in previous years. All are welcome.

Three- to 12-year-olds - For those who have registered for this current 2024 Faith Formation Year. We will meet after Mass on Sundays, approximately **9:45 until 10:30 for the entire group. At 10:30 the 3- and 4-year-olds can leave, and we will continue for a half hour with the older children until 11:00.**

(See calendar above for dates of classes.)

ADULTS – For any adults needing Sacramental prep. We will meet at 11:15 until 1:00 on the Sundays mentioned in calendar above.]

If there are any questions, please feel free to see Rita Bauldry after Mass or call the Parish Office @ (808) 575-2601 and leave a message. Rita will get back to you.

Join Us to Pray the Rosary.
Tuesday thru Friday
after morning mass

Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER
EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER MORNING MASS

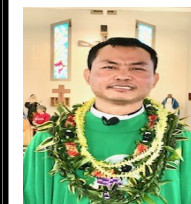
“Jesus, I trust in you”



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ST. GABRIEL MISSION
WAILUANUI, KEANAE



FEBRUARY 11, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A message from our pastor
Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF



Today’s readings remind us of our divine call to repentance, acceptance, and holiness. Our faith is so much more than traditions and rituals. Faith is meant to be lived out every day.

Freeing Us of Disease

The first reading describes the precautions against leprosy during the days of Moses and Aaron. These practical precautions separated the diseased people from the healthy. This reading from the Book of Leviticus leads us into the Gospel message. Jesus heals a leper, freeing him from both the disease and the social isolation that lepers faced.

Embracing Society’s Outcasts

St. Paul, in the second reading, urges us to be imitators of Christ and to live for God’s glory. He also encourages us to be sensitive to people who are different from us and not pass judgment. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus models to us His call to welcome and embrace the outcasts of society.

Healing Our Spiritual Life

Think about the walls you have built around your life. How can you open your heart to welcome people that society has cast aside? We may not interact with Jews or Greeks like St. Paul mentions, but we are likely to interact with people of different religious, economic, and social classes. Likewise, it is unlikely that we are ostracized from the community by a physical condition like leprosy. However, spiritual leprosy can separate us from the love of God and others.

Receiving Forgiveness

Whenever we receive Sacrament of Reconciliation with repentance, we are cleansed from spiritual leprosy. When we repent, God assures us of His forgiveness and spiritual cleansing. At the words of absolution, we hear God saying, “Your sins are forgiven, and you are clean.”

Reflecting God’s Mercy

In your life, strive to embody God’s love for everyone, no matter their circumstances. By doing so, you reflect His mercy and compassion and bring joy to others.

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~MASS SCHEDULE~

~ST. RITA~

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

7:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday ~ Friday

~ST. GABRIEL~

1st & 3rd Sundays: 11:00 a.m.

~RECONCILIATION~

ST. RITA~ Saturday: 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m.
ST. GABRIEL~ Before Sunday Mass

~ANOINTING OF THE SICK~

Please contact the Office

~BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,
FUNERALS~

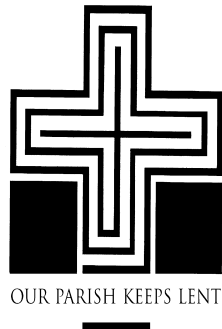
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~MINISTRIES~

MINISTRY OF SONG: CHOIR
Wayne Freitas & Rita Bauldry
Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND



LENT: IT'S MEANING

Lent begins on **ASH WEDNESDAY (February 14, 2024)** and ends on the twilight start of **Holy Thursday** evening Liturgy. **Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.** With **ASHES**—the solemn reminder of our **mortal limits** and the church's **call to conversion**, the **Lenten season begins**. Its **forty days are for remembering and becoming what our baptism meant us to be**. This season invites the whole parish community and every member to put aside so much of the busyness that occupies us, calling us to slow down to an **intentional** life. We can keep Lent fruitfully only if we give it a priority and a preference above all else.

AS A PARISH WE OBSERVE LENT

In practice, Lent calls us to the discipline of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**, providing us with **opportunities for conversion: our ongoing personal transformation/conversion**. In this way, we answer to the ceaseless claim of our baptism, **shaping our lives in keeping with the faithful heart we know and celebrate in Jesus**. This, then, is **the work of Lent...and the journey begins with ashes**: dying that we may rise with Christ as Easter's promise!

LENTEN REGULATIONS and DIOCESAN INSTRUCTIONS for the OSERVATION OF LENT:

FASTING: In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both **ASH Wednesday (February 14 and GOOD FRIDAY (March 29))**. To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (except water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on **ASH Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday**. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

EASTER DUTY: All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Sunday (**May 26**).

LENTEN PRACTICES: The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services (March 12th 6pm), and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety Lenten Retreat (March 19th 6:00-7:30pm), give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

MONDAY

February 12
Weekday
Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY

February 13
Weekday
Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY

February 14
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

February 15
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

February 16
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY

February 17
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY

February 18
First Sunday
of Lent
Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Priorities

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your Stewardship priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “If I'm doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”



St. Rita	INCOME February 4, 2024	St. Gabriel
\$1,181.00	Collections	\$305.00
\$499.00	Repairs & Maintenance & Roof replacements	\$335.00
\$105.00	Candles	
\$180.00	Mass Intention	
\$30.00	Shepherd's Care	\$20.00
\$551.75	Thrift Store	
\$240.00	Mardi Gras	
\$2,786.75	TOTAL	\$660.00



This week's second collection is for **Augustine Educational Foundation**

Next week's second collection is for: **Shepherd's Care**

St. Rita's Thrift Store

Hours of operation
Tuesday's from 8am—12pm
Sunday from 9:45—12pm

NEEDED:
Volunteers to process items
Cashiers Sunday & Tuesday

We will be closed Tuesday Feb. 27th

MAHALO FOR YOU SUPPORT!



Inserted in today's bulletin is the **Financial report for 2nd quarter 10/1-12/31/23**

God bless you for your generous contributions and stewardship. Mahalo!

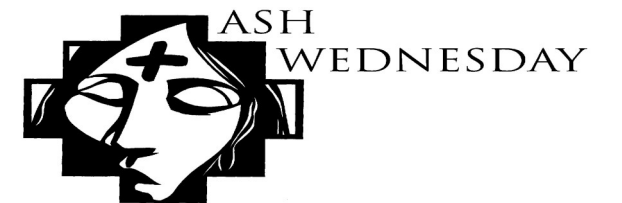
Due to the fumigation of the church Mon. 2/19-thru 21, we will have morning Mass at 7am in the parish hall.

We need help cleaning the church Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 8:30am. Many hands make light work.

Also, during the re-roofing, Mon. 2/26 thru Fri 3/1, we will have morning Mass at 7am in the



The Safety Committee will meet Monday, February 12th 6pm in the parish hall. **All are welcome!**



**FEBRUARY 14TH
MASS TIMES: 7AM and 5:30PM**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**EVERY FRIDAY STARTING
FEBRUARY 16, 2023, 5PM**