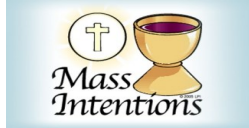


FEBRUARY 2024



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
Vi 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



Palms needed (200) for Palm Sunday. Please drop off by 4pm Thursday, March 21st.



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. 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.
Monday 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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~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~

Please contact the Office

~MINISTRIES~

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

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND



FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
A message from our pastor
Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and this 40-day liturgical season is a big deal. After all of the fun of Mardi Gras, we started Lent with fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday. We abstain from meat every Friday during Lent, and we await a big celebration on Easter Sunday. This liturgical season follows the rhythm of Jesus' life - living, dying, and coming back to life.

Lent Is a Time for Fresh Starts

Like the way the world changed after Noah's flood, Lent is a time for fresh starts and second chances. God gives us lots of opportunities to say sorry, to change, and to believe in the Good News. Lent is a time to reflect upon how we live out our spiritual journey and what changes we want to make.

Seek the Strength to Repent

During Lent, we think about the wrong things we do in our lives. We see where we mess up in our relationships, where we let others down, and where we don't do right by God. Sin isn't just a word; it's real. We see it in the pain and injustice all around us - in wars, in people being treated unfairly, and in hunger. We might think our sinfulness is small compared to others' sins, but every little wrong adds to the bigger problem of sin in the world. This Lent, spend some time reflecting on the wrongs you commit. Ask God for the strength to resist these temptations, repent, and avoid these sins in the future.

Sincerely Ask for Forgiveness

Lent isn't just about admitting our sinfulness. It's also about asking for forgiveness with a sincere heart, apologizing to those we offend and apologizing to God. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we express our sorrow, repent, and ask God for forgiveness. God forgives us through sacramental absolution, just like Jesus forgave everyone, even from the cross.

Grow Stronger in Faith for 40 Days

This Lenten season, grab hold of the idea of forgiveness and starting fresh, knowing how much God loves us, shown through Jesus' sacrifice. Let's use this time to pray, repent, and ask forgiveness. May all of us come out stronger in our faith after 40 days, to more joyfully celebrate Easter.

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.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 5PM**

**Due to the fumigation of the church
Mon. 2/19 thru Wed 2/21, morning
Mass at 7am will be in the parish hall.**

**We will need help cleaning the church
Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 8:30am.**



MONDAY

February 19
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY

February 20
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY

February 21
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY

February 22
Chair of St. Peter
the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

FRIDAY

February 23
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY

February 24
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY

February 25
Second Sunday
of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

First Sunday of Lent

Stewardship Lifestyle



“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...” - MARK 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a Stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

St. Rita	INCOME February 11, 2024	St. Gabriel
\$1,804.00	Collections	\$
\$269.00	Augustine Educational Foundation	\$
\$73.00	Candles	
\$20.00	Mass Intention	
\$30.00	Shepherd's Care	\$
\$30.00	Repairs & Maint	
\$368.10	Thrift Store	
\$384.00	Mardi Gras	
23.00	Recycling	
\$3001.10	TOTAL	\$



This week's second
collection is for
Shepherd's Care

Next week's second
collection is for:
'Ohana In Christ 23-24

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

MAUI/LANAI VICARIATE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENTS



**FEB
24**

LENTEN MISSION

WITH JESSE MANIBUSAN
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
ST. THERESA, KIHEI

FACE TO FACE
YOUTH OVERNIGHT RETREAT
ST. THERESA, KIHEI

**APR
23-24**



**JUNE
2**

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

ST. ANTHONY - CHRIST THE KING

**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS**

WITH FR. RAFAEL CAPO
ST. ANTHONY CHURCH, WAILUKU

**JUNE
8**



**JULY
11-13**

40 HOURS DEVOTION

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH, WAILUKU

For more info email Fr. Ace at atui@rcchawaii.org



Lenten Adoration, Benediction, & Reflection

JOURNEY TO HOLINESS THIS LENTEN SEASON IN
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY OF LENT
6:00 PM
STARTING FEBRUARY 21**

JOIN US THIS LENT FOR ADORATION,
BENEDICTION, HOLY ROSARY &
REFLECTION ON THE
7 LAST WORDS OF CHRIST!

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

PRESIDER: FR. ACE