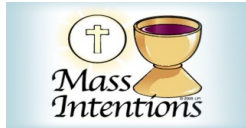


MARCH 2024



Lolita Loucks—3/01

Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—3/5

Joseph Silva—3/8

Abel & Irene Gouveia—3/9

Brian Silva—3/15

Nathan Perreira—3/16

Isaac James Honokaupu—3/23

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.



If you still need to register, Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2024 CLASSES (Subject to Change)

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.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY



Can goods food collection for the hungry in our community 4th weekend of each month. FLIP TOP CAN GOODS PREFERRED

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

Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

“Jesus, I trust in you”



ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH 655 HAIKU RD., HAIKU, HAWAII 96708 ST. GABRIEL MISSION WAILUANUI, KEANAE



MARCH 3, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT A message from our pastor Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF



Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our Lenten journey, today's readings remind us of the importance of cleansing our hearts and minds of any impurity and self-centeredness, and instead, filling ourselves with the love and grace of God.

The first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are not limitations on our freedom, but rather a guide for living a life of love and respect for God and our neighbors.

The Responsorial Psalm highlights the life-giving attributes of the Mosaic Law, and the second reading reminds us to appreciate the "foolishness" of Christ's sacrifice and to obey his commandment of love.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, a powerful reminder that our relationship with God must be one of mutual love and respect, not a calculated exchange of sacrifices and good deeds. We are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and we must strive to keep our hearts and lives pure and holy.

As we prepare for Holy Week, let us remember to love our parish Church as our "Heavenly Father's house" and to make it a holier place through our reverent worship and active participation in the liturgy, our care for it, and our financial support. May we be cleansed by the regular Sacrament of Reconciliation, repentance and strive to live a life of obedience to God's commandments.

May God cleanse our hearts and minds and help us to live a life of obedience to His commandments. May our parish Church be a holy and vibrant place of worship, and may we be filled with God's love and grace.

May God bless you and your loved ones.



~OFFICE~

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Bookkeeper/Admin Esther Yap eyap@rcchawaii.org

RE Director: Rita Bauldry ritabauldry@yahoo.com

~MASS SCHEDULE~

~ST. RITA~

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

7:00 a.m. ~ Monday ~ 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

## 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 Mission (**March 18th 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.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024**

**4:30PM**

**Divine Mercy  
followed by**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12th 6PM**



**LENTEN MISSION  
MONDAY, MARCH 18TH  
6-7:30PM  
FR. ACE TUI**



### MONDAY

March 4  
Lenten Weekday  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
Lk 4:24-30

### TUESDAY

March 5  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

### WEDNESDAY

March 6  
Lenten Weekday  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

### THURSDAY

March 7  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

### FRIDAY

March 8  
Lenten Weekday  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

### SATURDAY

March 9  
Lenten Weekday  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

### SUNDAY

March 10  
Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
2 Chr 36:14-16,  
19-23  
Eph 2:4-10  
Jn 3:14-21

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Stewardship Virtues



“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - EXODUS 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue in Stewardship.

St. Rita	INCOME February 25, 2024	St. Gabriel
\$1,464.00	Collections	\$
\$650.00	‘Ohana In Christ	\$
\$22.00	Candles	
\$126.00	Shepherd’s Care	\$
\$70.00	Mass Intention	
\$3,001.00	Repairs & Maint	
\$133.25	Thrift Store	
\$50.00	Easter flowers	\$
<b>\$5,516.25</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>



This week’s second collection is for **Repairs & Maintenance**

Next week’s second collection is for: **Catholic Relief Services**

### St. Rita’s Thrift Store

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

**NEEDED:**  
**Cashiers Sunday & Tuesday**  
**MAHALO FOR YOU SUPPORT!**



Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Envelopes are available. Please fill out, list names and drop it in the collection basket.



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