



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

- James Gonzalez-Wesley
- Rosemary Robbins
- Debbie Faborito
- Joan Opitz
- Rachel Cravalho
- Mark Potter
- Robert Robello
- Melissa Prince
- Stanley Lee
- Monica Revells
- Winona Martinez
- Clarita Pimentel
- Helen Estrella
- Stephen Groff
- Jeremy Konohia

April Mass Intentions

Paul Kaina Sr.—4/01

Antone & Emily Moniz Tavares—4/08

Nathan Perreira—4/29

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:

Hans and Elvi Riecke
Grace and Howard Petith
Stan U & Betty Zbiciak
Benjamin Castillon Sr.
Nancy & Mark Scognamillo
Annette, Daria & Jan Young
Julian & Rose Namahoe
Dionicio & Adresina Olaitiman
Rose & James Visalli
Joseph & Leonora Silva
Stransky-Zelenik-Sever Families
Harold Yap, Sr.
Bill & Valerie Heckman
Dayna Mae Domingo
Stephen Cabral
Reverend Patrick Freitas
Alfred & Clara Kaluau
Hal Siva
Kanani Pichay
Nathan Perreira
Brian Silva
Roberto Faborito
Liz Shippen
Wes Redpath
Peter Munoz
Norma DelaPina

Eternal rest grant upon them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PRO LIFE CORNER

“The deepest element of God’s commandment to protect human life is the requirement to show reverence and love for every person and the life of every person.” (#41) - March 25, 1995: Gospel of Life, by St. John Paul II

Do you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel’s national toll-free number:888-456-HOPE (4673) www.hopeafterabortion.com



KCIK 740 AM or online @ RELEVANTRADIO.COM

Stewardship of Time
Needed in various Ministries:

Thrift Store—Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday
Collection Counters - Sunday 1 hour after mass
Liturgical Tech—Saturday or Sunday Mass (1 Hour)
Church Cleaners—Weekly



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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
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
655 HAIKU RD., HAIKU, HAWAII 96708

ST. GABRIEL MISSION
WAILUANUI, KEANAE

Our Parish COMMUNITY April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9

Learning “Alleluia”
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:

Child: Mom, I wouldn’t have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.
Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.
Child: But won’t you miss me, Mom?
Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you’ll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.
Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.
Mom: What do you think you’ll be doing in school today? It’s getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.
Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.
Mom: Oh, I think it’ll get better once you’re busy in school.
Child: Mom, couldn’t I stay home with you today? I’ll miss you.
Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it’s only for a couple of hours. How’s your apple juice?
Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.



By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don’t want to; we have to go into what seems to be “the tomb of death” if we’re going to find life. Easter’s Gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn’t become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death’s home. It’s how faith happens, finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it. ●

Reflect
Have you ever had a Lazarus Experience—called out of a dark place into the light?

He is RISEN



Easter message from our Pastor: Fr. Chacko Muthoottil, mf

THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Most people would find it difficult to get through a day without reading or hearing about some violent or painful news. It can be about people being beaten or killed for protesting an unjust situation. There are stories about homes and lives being destroyed by natural disasters or a friend's only child is killed or our brother gets a brain tumor in his prime, etc. Often we wonder why there is so much suffering and we ask why a merciful God does not intervene?

Our faith in the Resurrection means that we believe God brings good out of suffering and evil that the way to conquer sin is by love.. This, of course, is not a popular stance in today's environment where there is so much hatred and violence in our world and, sadly, sometimes in our homes. As we wrap up this season of Lent and celebrate the Solemnity Of Easter, it may be good to reflect on our own attitudes. Do we feel justified in wanting to punish hatred with more violence? Do we ever pray for the conversion of our enemies? Sometimes it can be easier to forgive people "out there", rather than those who have hurt us personally.

We must be willing to go deeper and discover the roots of evil and then use love to conquer it. Today we celebrate and proclaim that we believe, as in the case of Jesus, God can and does bring good out of suffering and that his life conquered sin and evil

Just imagine what our lives would be like if every Christian in the world would live the commandment of love. There would be much less war, hatred and violence. The only news to report would be good news.

As Christians who believe in the resurrection, we must strive to be models of love and hope. We have a mission to make Christ known by our love. We express our belief that, even in the gloomy, dark time, God will not abandon us. Just like he did not abandon his son Jesus. Each of us are precious to Him and are called to proclaim this good news to all.

HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Padre

April 9, 2023

Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me" (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah "Peter," meaning "rock." Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus' work until the end of time. The whole Church, the "Body of Christ," as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13-16). ●

— Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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- Monday**
April 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-32
Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday**
April 11
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday**
April 12
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday**
April 13
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48
- Friday**
April 14
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday**
April 15
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday**
April 16
Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 2:42-47
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

St. Rita	INCOME April 2, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,611.00	Collections	
\$275.00	On-line Giving	
\$448.00	Thrift Store	
\$20.00	Mass Intention	
\$120.00	Repairs & Maintenance	
\$941.00	Shepherd's Care	
\$75.00	Operation Rice Bowl	
\$50.00	Easter Flowers	
\$106.00	Candles	
\$3,646.00	TOTAL	\$

HAPPY EASTER! Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

Fr. Chacko will be on vacation from April 11 thru May 11th.. There will be no morning mass Monday thru Friday until Fr. Chacko returns.
Next weekend we welcome:
Fr. Arnel Soriano, Saturday 5:00pm Mass
Fr. Ornelo Cherrez Sunday 8:30am Mass.



Please turn in your Operation Rice bowls
Next week's second collection is for:
Maui Catholic Schools

St. Rita's Thrift Store
The Thrift Store is now accepting donations during store hours only. Tuesday's from 8am-12pm or on Sunday from 9:45 to 12pm.
Do not leave any donations when store or gates are closed.
Mahalo for your support!

SAFETY IN THE CHURCH
Safety Awareness Sessions continues: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:30 – 7:30pm
More information: Lot Kaluau 808-281-8996 or lkaluau@hawaii.rr.com

FAITH FORMATION CORNER
April CLASSES
(Subject to Change)

April 9—Easter Sunday—Attend
April 16—Class All
April 23—Class (Group 2 only)
April 30—Class All
We are required by the Diocese have 26 classes throughout the school year. Students are allowed to miss only 3 classes during the year. Some of our classes will include service projects.

If you have any questions pertaining to classes call the Parish Office @ (808)-575-2601 and leave a message. Rita will get back with you.