

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



Come pray the Rosary with us
Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS


April Mass Intentions

Paul Kaina Sr—4/01

Antone & Emily Moniz Tavares —4/08

Walter & Ethel Teixeira—4/22

Nathan Perreira—4/27



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

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
Peter Moniz
Wes Redpath
Norma DelaPina

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

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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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)
 Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31



The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

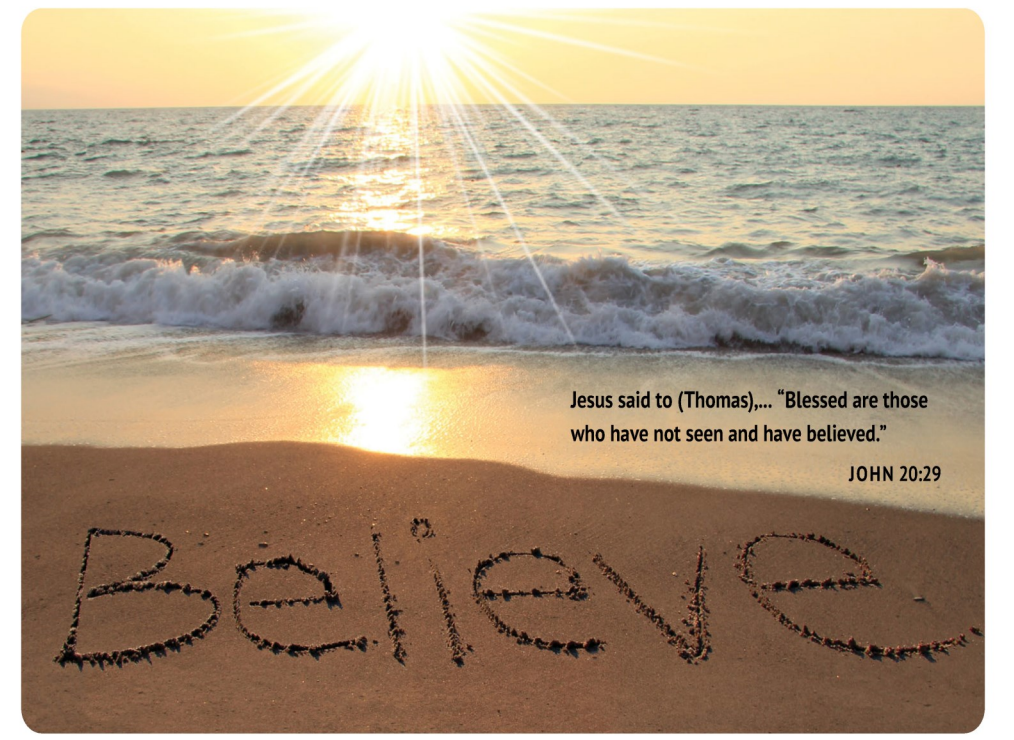
When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. "Reflect on your doubts," I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they're not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don't believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who "allows" children to die of cancer and "permits" wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we

may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don't understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week's Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

Reflect
How has your understanding of God changed over the years?



Jesus said to (Thomas),... "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

PRO LIFE CORNER

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of un-born babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." – 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



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



KCIK 740 AM or online @ RELEVANTRADIO.COM


DIVINE MERCY
Sunday



Dear Padre

April 16, 2023

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot cling to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●

— The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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- Monday**
April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday**
April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday**
April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday**
April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday**
April 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday**
April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday**
April 23
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-28
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Mahalo to all the ministers and parishioners who helped with preparations for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. God bless you all!



St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.



St. Rita	INCOME April 9, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$3096.00	Collections	560.00
\$175.00	On-line Giving	
\$252.00	Thrift Store	
\$10.00	Mass Intention	
\$1014.45	Rice Bowl	227.19
\$45.00	Shepherd's Care	
\$565.00	Holy Land	
\$68.00	Candles	
\$5,225.45	TOTAL	\$787.19



This week's second collection is for:
Maui Catholic Schools

Next week's second collection is for:
Repairs and Maintenance

St. Rita's Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is now accepting donations during store hours only. Tuesday's from 8am-12pm and Sunday from 9:45 -12pm.
Please do not leave any donations when store or gates are closed.


Mahalo for your support!


Deacon Stan Franco invites you to participate in the new Listening and Acting Committee. Jesus calls us to love one another which requires us to be a kokua (helper) when someone is needed. If you have a skill in legal, financial, construction, health, governmental matters, he asks you to join him in helping our brothers and sisters in need.
He can be reached at 808-214-3575 or stanfranco9114@gmail.com.
Thank you for volunteering to help others.


Fr. Chacko will be on vacation from April 11 thru May 11th. There will be no morning mass Monday thru Friday until his return.

Next weekend we welcome:
Fr. Sylvester Kerketta, Saturday 5:00pm Mass
Fr. Ornelo Cherrez Sunday 8:30am Mass

Please keep Fr. Chacko in your prayers.


THANK YOU!
Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU!
Your Lenten sacrifices has raised **\$1,316.65.**
Mahalo for your support!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER
April CLASSES
(Subject to Change)



April 16—Class All
April 23—Class (Group 2 only)
April 30—Class All

We are required by the Diocese to 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.



We want thank Fr. Arnel Soriano and Fr. Ornelo Cherrez from St Theresa Church for celebrating Mass with us.

God bless you!

JOB OPENING FOR PART-TIME SECRETARY
Supports administrative operations of the parish. Apply on-line at:
<https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/careers/RCCH>