

**July Mass Intentions**

*Nathan Perreira—07/01*  
*Fr Chacko Muthoottil—07/08*  
*Paul Kaina Sr—07/15*  
*Abel & Irene Gouveia—7/22*  
*Manual Lopes III—7/28*  
*Nathan Perreira—07/29*



Come pray the Rosary.  
 Tuesday thru Friday  
 after morning Mass

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

**JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY**  
**AT 3:00 PM FOR**  
**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER**

*"Jesus, I trust in you"*


**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  
 Fr. Chacko Muthoottil  
 Winona Martinez  
 Clarita Pimentel  
 Helen Estrella  
 Stephen Groff  
 Jeremy Konohia  
 Felicia Gonzales

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist. Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me. Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me. Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me. Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me. Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me. Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

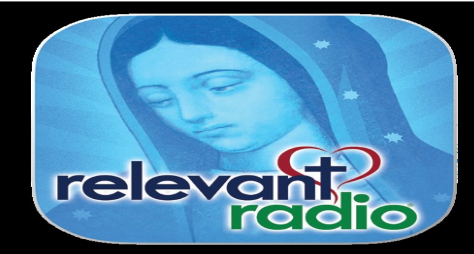
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

 **NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

"America you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life."- Pope 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, Tues and Thursday

**Collection Counters**— Sun 1 hour after mass

**Liturgical Tech**—Saturday or Sunday Mass

**Church Cleaners**—Weekly



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**ST. GABRIEL MISSION**  
 WAILUANUI, KEANAE



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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**

**Our Parish COMMUNITY** July 16, 2023  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
 Isaiah 55:10-11 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

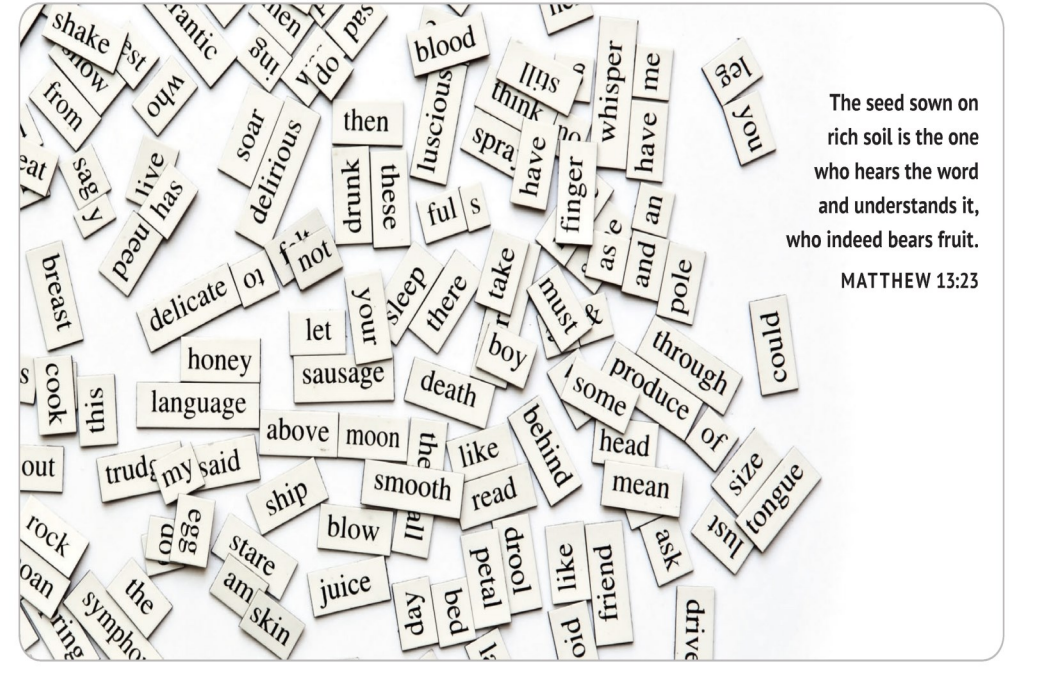
**Words, Words, and THE WORD**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ur lives seem to be plagued by an abundance of words, all seeking to influence us. Television ads try to convince us to buy; teachers seek to pass on knowledge; parents cajole, discipline, and beg; society warns against drinking and driving, smoking and drugs; preachers hope to convert and change. They all do so with limited and varying success, and at times seeming failure. Too often there is the presumption that more words will achieve greater results.

In the face of such questionable success, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's word "shall not return to me empty, / but shall do what pleases me, / achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Yet the Gospel also suggests that the seed of God's word sown in our lives may wither and be choked off and fail to take root, though also promising that what does produce fruit will surpass anything hoped for. Because war is news and the media is obliged to report on it, it may appear that war is prominent worldwide. Not so. Statistically there is less war today than ever before, less violence, less conflict. We are more likely to die in our beds than at any other time in history. While there is yet much hunger in the world, there is less than at any other time. Nations are more inclined to try to negotiate peace. Great generosity abounds amid natural disasters, and while injustice prevails, we still fight to overcome it. All of it the fruitfulness of God's word. Creation is groaning in labor pains, says St. Paul, and we also groan. Yet the groaning attests to the pains of growing fruitfulness. ●

**Reflect**  
 Which passage of Scripture would you choose as a motto for your life?





**New Assignments by  
Bishop Silva  
Effective July 7, 2023**



**Welcome**  
Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF  
Pastor of St. Rita



**Mahalo**  
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil, MF  
Parochial Vicar of  
Maria Lanakila

There will be an  
installation Mass for  
Fr. Robert and a  
celebration Mass for  
Fr. Chacko.  
We will let you know on  
the dates of these events.



**Fr. Raju**  
Thank you for  
celebrating Mass with  
us July 8th and 9th.  
God Bless You!

# Dear Padre

**July 16, 2023**

***I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!***

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First, there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread. ●

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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](mailto:stanfranco9114@gmail.com). Thank you for volunteering to help others.

**Monday**  
July 17  
Weekday  
Ex 1:8-14, 22  
Mt 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday**  
July 18  
Weekday  
Ex 2:1-15a  
Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday**  
July 19  
Weekday  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12  
Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday**  
July 20  
Weekday  
Ex 3:13-20  
Mt 11:28-30

**Friday**  
July 21  
Weekday  
Ex 11:10-12:14  
Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday**  
July 22  
St. Mary  
Magdalene  
Sg 3:1-4b or  
2 Cor 5:14-17  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday**  
July 23  
Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 12:13, 16-19  
Rom 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43 or  
Mt 13:24-30

## St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues of **Stewardship** that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



St. Rita	INCOME July 9, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1461.00	Collections	
\$100.00	On-line Giving	
\$45.00	Mass Intention	
\$404.31	Thrift Store	
\$70.00	Missionaries of Faith	
\$202.00	Shepherd's Care	
\$41.00	Candles	
\$404.00	Repairs & Maintenance	
\$21.70	Recycling	
<b>\$2,749.01</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>



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

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. Please do not leave donations when store or gates are closed.

Mahalo for your support!



**SUNDAY, JULY 30TH  
11AM GIGGLE HILL**

**FUN, FOOD  
AND FELLOWSHIP**

**BRING A FAVORITE  
DISH TO SHARE**

**Games & Activities**

## I THIRST EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE MAUI / LANAI VICARIATE EVENT TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2023 ST. ANTHONY CHURCH 6PM

"Jesus thirsts for America", a 21-city, 3-year National Evangelization tour that began in November 2022 is coming to Maui July 19, 2023. Its purpose is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in such a compelling way that participants will be encouraged and strengthened to become more excited to express their faith. Guest speakers: Deacon Larry Oney and wife Andi Oney



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