



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH
MASS 7AM AND 6PM**

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

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

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER
EVERY FRIDAY
AT 3:00 PM**

"Jesus, I trust in you"



**ADORATION
EVERY FIRST
FRIDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

AFTER MORNING MASS

**August
Mass Intentions**

Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—8/05

Terry Dvorak—8/12

Paul Kaina Sr.—8/19

Nathan Perreira—8/26

Jim Visalli—8/29



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ST. GABRIEL MISSION

WAILUANUI, KEANAE



August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



*A message from our pastor
Fr. Robert Nini, MF*

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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

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain where he was transfigured before their eyes. Jesus' clothes became dazzlingly white, and His face became radiant. God's voice from the clouds said, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." Jesus gave the three disciples a brief glimpse of the glory of God on that mountaintop.

On this Feast of the Transfiguration, I would like to share four important points. First, Jesus knew he was heading to Jerusalem where He would suffer and die on the cross. He knew this would be a time of great sorrow and fear for the apostles. So, the transfiguration was a way to give them hope and strength to face the upcoming days.

Second, we hear the voice of God calling Jesus His beloved Son. This powerful proclamation is a reminder for us to listen to Jesus. Life is filled with many distractions and busyness. Yet we still need to make time to listen to God's Word by reading Scripture and spending time with God in prayer. Jesus offers His comforting presence if we take the time to listen to Him. I encourage you to make prayer a priority in your life.

Third, the apostles who saw the glorified Jesus on the mountaintop also saw Jesus in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus sweated blood as he faced suffering and death. While on the mountaintop with Jesus, the apostles could not look away. The exact opposite happened in the garden. They could not stay awake! When Jesus was arrested, they all fled. We all have mountaintop moments of great joy and closeness to God, but we also face sadness and challenges, too. Jesus is with us in both triumph and suffering. He tells us, "Come to me, all you who are tired and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Lastly, at the Transfiguration, Jesus showed His glory, a sign of our own glory as His followers. We are not just ordinary people; we are God's children. As God's children, we are called to live according to our divine dignity. Then, we can hope to hear God say, "These are my beloved children, and I am pleased with them!"

May the grace of the Transfiguration be with you today and every day.

**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.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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

**Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of
ROSE FREITAS**

Services will be held at St. Rita Church
Saturday, August 19th
Visitation 9:30—10:45am.
Mass 11:00am



*Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.*





WE ARE ALL CALLED
TO SERVE IN OUR CHURCH
MINISTRIES OF ST. RITA

- LECTORS
 - MUSIC / CHOIR
 - ENVIROMENT
 - ALTAR SERVICE
 - STEWARDSHIP
 - HOMEBOUND
 - HOSPITAL
 - BEREAVEMENT
 - FAITH FORMATION
 - FOOD MINISTRY
 - COOLECTION COUNTERS
 - PLANNING & BUILDING
 - SACRISTAN
 - LITURGICAL TECH
 - USHERS / GREETERS
 - CHURCH CLEANERS
 - THRIFT STORE
 - FAITH FORMATION
- You are created by God
to love and serve.*

Dear Padre

August 6, 2023

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 5PM

HOLY COMMUNION
CONFIRMATION
AND
FR. ROBERT'S INSTALLATION



PRESIDER BISHOP SILVA



**FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES WILL RESUME
AUGUST 6th 9:45-11:00am.
PARISH HALL**

**NEW STUDENTS
PARENTS PLEASE REGISTER
YOUR CHILDREN**

- Monday**
August 7
Weekday
Nm 11:4b-15
Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday**
August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Nm 12:1-13
Mt 14:22-36 or
15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday**
August 9
Weekday
Nm 13:1-2,
25-14:1,
26-29a, 34-35
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday**
August 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26
- Friday**
August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 4:32-40
Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday**
August 12
Weekday
Dt 6:4-13
Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday**
August 13
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a,
11-13a
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell, prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We Stewards may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.



St. Rita	INCOME July 23, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,466.00	Collections	
\$100.00	On-line Giving	
\$429.00	Ohana In Christ 23-24	
\$.00	Thrift Store	
\$100.00	Catholic Charities Hi	
\$53.00	Candles	
\$2,148.00	TOTAL	\$

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
<http://stritchhaiku.com/>




This week's second collection is for:
Catholic Charities Hawaii
Next week's second collection is for:
Repairs & Maintenance

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!



Safety Awareness meeting
Tuesday, August 8th 6:30-7:30pm
Parish Hall
Any questions, please see Lot Kaluau
All are welcome!



**A beautiful celebration in welcoming
Fr. Robert Ni Ni to St. Rita Church!
July 30, 2023
We thank God for all the wonderful blessings.**

