



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH**  
**7:00 AM**

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

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

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER**  
**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**AFTER MORNING MASS**

*“Jesus, I trust in you”*



**ADORATION**  
**EVERY FIRST**  
**FRIDAY OF**  
**EACH MONTH**

**AFTER MORNING MASS**

**August**  
**Mass Intentions**

- Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—8/05
- Mike & Violet Pszyk—8/10
- Wa;ter & Ethel Texiera—8/11
- Terry Dvorak—8/12
- Peter B. Munoz Sr.—8/16
- Paul Kaina Sr.—8/19
- Nathan Perreira—8/26
- Jim Visalli—8/29



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



**August 13, 2023**  
*Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*  
*A message from our pastor*  
**Fr. Robert Nini, MF**

This Sunday, as we gather for Mass, let us keep in our deepest hearts, prayers, concerns, and support those who have lost their lives in the fire, as well as the individuals and families in Maui who have been impacted by the recent unexpected wildfire. Let us extend our sympathy and assistance to them in whatever ways we can. During such immense devastation, it is a powerful sign for us all to see our Catholic Maria Lanakila Church in Lahaina still standing untouched. This is a testament to God's Divine miracle, reminding us that He is the only solid hope for all of us in a world where everything is passing.

Now, I want to emphasize the importance of staying in church until the end of Mass. The Mass, as we know, is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324). It is a re-presentation of the one holy sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ and holds immense significance for us as believers.

During Mass, we engage in continuous prayer. It is not a series of disconnected segments, but a unified whole. When we attend Mass, it is essential that we participate fully, embracing every part of the liturgy. Our intention should not be solely focused on receiving communion and leaving; rather, we are called to experience the entirety of Mass.

Taking the time to thank Jesus after receiving communion, participating in the final prayers, and embracing the dismissal are all crucial aspects of the Mass. These moments allow us to express our gratitude, unite as a community, and leave with renewed inspiration for the week ahead. They complete the Mass experience and should not be overlooked or rushed through.

Additionally, staying until the end of Mass provides an opportunity for "Catholic socializing." It allows us to connect with our faith community, to catch up with family and friends, and to foster a sense of togetherness that strengthens our bond as believers.

It is important to note that, unless there is a valid reason for leaving early, such as an emergency or urgent commitment, we should strive to remain until the end of Mass. As practicing Catholics, we have a responsibility to fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days. By staying until the final blessing, we honor this commitment and demonstrate our dedication to our faith.

If you find yourself in the habit of leaving after communion, I encourage you to break that habit. Dedicate an additional ten minutes to God, staying until the end of Mass. In doing so, you open yourself up to receiving abundant blessings that will enrich your spiritual journey.

Let us remember that the Mass is not a mere obligation to fulfill, but a sacred encounter with our Lord. When we participate fully and remain until the end, we allow ourselves to be transformed by His grace, and our faith is strengthened.

May we all commit to attending Mass in its entirety, embracing every aspect, and cherishing the blessings that flow from this profound encounter with Christ.

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 our Parish App

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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  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
 COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND  
 COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL  
 ECUMENICAL

*Prayer Service*  
 for Maui

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
 faithful in prayer"  
 ROMANS 12:12

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023  
 6:00 PM  
 ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 1627 MILL STREET, WAILUKU

*We invite all our Faith 'ohana, first responders,  
 and anyone to join us for an evening of prayer  
 and fellowship.*

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

"Look at the mothers who truly love their children — how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy and strong." St. Gianna Molla, wife and mother, b.1922 – d.1962

**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](http://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.

SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 5PM

HOLY COMMUNION  
CONFIRMATION  
AND  
FR. ROBERT'S INSTALLATION



PRESIDER BISHOP SILVA

# Dear Padre

August 13, 2023

## At what precise point in the Mass does the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, "This is my body." Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn't the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375-81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn't seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we're changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share. ●

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**FAITH FORMATION**  
**CLASSES EVERY SUNDAY**  
**9:45-11:00am.**  
**PARISH HALL**

**Monday**  
August 14  
St Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr  
Dt 10:12-22  
Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday**  
August 15  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rev 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20-27  
Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday**  
August 16  
Weekday  
Dt 34:1-12  
Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday**  
August 17  
Weekday  
Jos 3:7-10a,  
11, 13-17  
Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday**  
August 18  
Weekday  
Jos 24:1-13  
Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday**  
August 19  
Weekday  
Jos 24:14-29  
Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday**  
August 20  
Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 56:1, 6-7  
Rom 11:13-15,  
29-32  
Mt 15:21-28

## St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29  
When we hear Jesus calling, do we respond as **Stewards** and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, we are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.



St. Rita	INCOME July 23, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,961.00	Collections	670.00
\$100.00	On-line Giving	
\$25.00	Ohana In Christ 23-24	
\$471.50	Thrift Store	
\$674.00	Catholic Charities Hi	
\$75.00	Candles	27.00
185.00	Mass Intentions	
220.00	Repairs * Maintenance	90.00
25.00	Maui Catholic Schools	
105.00	Shepherd's Care	68.00
<b>\$3,841.50</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$855.00</b>

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

**MARIA LANAKILA COLLECTION**  
FOR THE NEEDS OF PARISHIONERS WHO LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE DEVASTATING FIRE IN LAHAINA..  
**HELPING OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST.**  
DESIGNATED ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



**WELCOME**  
**EMALIA NAKANELUA-SAKAI**  
**TO THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CAMERON & LU'UKIA**  
**NAKANELUA-SAKAI**

*Baptized in the name of the  
Father, and of the Son and  
Holy Spirit*



This week's second collection is for:  
**Repairs & Maintenance**  
Next week's second collection is for:  
**Shepherd's Care**

### 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**  
**AUGUST MEETING POSTPONED**  
**DATE TBA**  
Any questions, please see Lot Kaluau  
All are welcome!



August 6th, 11:00am Mass at St. Gabriel Shrine, Keanae.  
Followed by food and fellowship. Pictured are: Lisa, Sissy, Aunty Pualani, Aunty Naomi, Aunty Shelly, Fr. Robert, Aunty Awapuhi, and Lot.

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Supports administrative operations of the parish. Apply on-line at:  
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