



Friday, September 8, 2023
 St. Rita 7am Mass
 St. Gabriel 3pm Mass

September Mass Intentions

Jim Visalli—8/29
 Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—9/2
 Paul Kaina Sr.—9/9
 Rose Visalli—9/14
 Alvin Estrella—9/16
 Luis R. Belloso—9/23
 Nathan Perreira—9/27

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

**EMERGENCY KOKUA
 ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
 1294 Makawao Avenue**

Assisting Upcountry families impacted by the fires in Olinda Kula area, in addition, those who have been displaced by the Lahaina fire and is staying with family/friends Upcountry.

Pick up and drop off times:
WEEKDAYS 5-7pm
SATURDAY 9am—2pm
SUNDAY 1pm—4pm

Volunteers needed to help with distribution and accepting supplies and traffic control during pick up and drop off times. You can show up and we will put you to work. Any questions, please see Esther or Christine.

EMERGENCY KOKUA
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
1294 MAKAWAO AVENUE
DRIVE TO THE TOP OF THE ROAD
 PROVIDED BY UPCOUNTRY CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES



Serving Upcountry Maui
 Weekdays 5pm - 7pm
 Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm
 Sunday 1pm-4pm

DONATIONS:
 Rubber slippers
 School supplies
 Clothing Infant - 4X
 Baby; wipes, clothes, diapers, formula
 Household; pillows, blankets, sheets, pillow cases,
 Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
 Non perishable canned goods, water, etc.

COME AND PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED

or Email us at: sjckokua@gmail.com
 Subject: **NEEDS**
 Let us know your contact **NAME, PHONE, How Many People/items** **WHAT** you NEED
 Someone will contact you to make arrangements to get you what you NEED. Please be specific, we have it all!

More Information :

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



August 27, 2023
21st Sunday In Ordinary Time
A message from our pastor
Fr. Robert Nini, MF

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In the midst of the recent wildfires that have brought devastation and sorrow to our island, let us turn to Sunday's Gospel reading from Matthew 16:13-20 for solace and encouragement. This passage holds a message of hope that is especially relevant to us in these difficult times.

In this Gospel passage Jesus asked His friends, "Who do people say I am?" They shared what others thought. But then Jesus asked, "But who do you say I am?"

As we continue to recover from the tragedy caused by the wildfires, let us remember who Jesus is to us. He is not distant or uncaring. He is God's Son, who loves us deeply and walks with us through our pain.

Like Peter, let us say with conviction, "You are Jesus, the Son of God!" Our faith in Him is like a strong foundation that can bring us comfort and strength even in the face of great loss.

In times of challenge, we need our faith more than ever. Let us turn to Jesus in heartfelt prayer, seeking His guidance, comfort, and peace. Let us find solace in His words of love and hope found in the Bible.

As a Catholic community, we can be a source of support and encouragement to one another. Just as Jesus said, "I will build my church," we are part of His Church.

Let us come together, offering a helping hand and a listening ear to those affected by the wildfire. Let us demonstrate our faith through acts of love and compassion. Let us extend our hands to those who have lost their homes and loved ones, offering them our support and assistance. By our charitable actions, we can bring hope to those in need.

Together, let us hold onto our faith, even in this time of loss and grief. Let us remember that Jesus is truly our rock, our refuge, and our source of strength. Let us live out our faith in a way that reflects the love and mercy of Jesus.

May the words of Jesus give us hope and remind us that we are not alone in our pain. May our faith in Him be a guiding light as we look for the path of recovery and healing.

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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



ADORATION EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

AFTER MORNING MASS

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

"Jesus, I trust in you"

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

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



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 27, 2023

Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, "numerous elements of sanctification and truth" are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and "the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation" (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●

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

Monday
August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY
August 29
Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8
Mk 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY
August 30
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY
August 31
Weekday
1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY
September 1
Weekday
1 Thes 4:1-8
Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY
September 2
Weekday
1 Thes 4:9-11
Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY
September 3
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of **Stewardship**. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.



St. Rita	INCOME August 20, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,169.00	Collections	325.00
\$1,411.00	Shepherd's Care	16.00
\$717.00	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
\$2,077.00	Maria Lanakila	
\$71.00	Candles / R & M Shrine	102.69
\$30.00	Mass Intentions	
\$400.00	Funeral	
\$368.20	Thrift Store	
\$100.00	Online Giving	
\$6,343.20	TOTAL	\$443.69



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OR

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..

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



This week's second collection is for:
Ohana In Christ 23-24

Next week's second collection is for:
The Catholic University of America

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!



Upcountry Catholic Church volunteers come together to provide essential needs to families that lost everything in the devastating fires. St. Joseph, St Rita, Kula Catholic Comm. and Holy Rosary.



St. Gabriel Shrine Keanae

August 20, 2023

Parishioners and Fr. Robert



Bishop Silva, Fr. Robert, and Island Clergy provide Spiritual Assistance to families of Lahaina at Napili Park.