



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

**September
 Mass Intentions**

Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—9/2
 Christine Riecke-Gonzales—9/5 & 9/6
 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



**ADORATION
 EVERY FIRST FRIDAY
 OF EACH MONTH**

AFTER MORNING MASS

**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
 KŌKUA**
**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 :

Kula Catholic Community - Donna Ventura
 St. Rita's Church - Esther Yap
 Holy Rosary Church - John Costales
 St. Joseph Church - Moani email: sjckokua@gmail.com

**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



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



September 3, 2023
22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
A message from our pastor
Fr. Robert Nini, MF



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St. Rita's Website:
<http://stritahaiku.com/>

Online Giving on Website

Text App to 88202 to download
 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
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL

Today's Gospel reading describes an encounter between Jesus and Peter that teaches us an important lesson. Jesus tells his disciples about the journey He will face – a journey to Jerusalem that involves suffering, death, and rising to new life on the third day. Peter shows his love and concern for Jesus by trying to dissuade Him from embarking on this journey. But Jesus rebukes him, saying, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are not thinking as God does, but as human beings do."

Through this encounter between Jesus and Peter, we learn that following God is not always an easy journey. God's ways are not our ways. To be a disciple of Jesus, we must be willing to take up our cross and follow Him.

How can we be ready to take up our cross and make sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel? By putting aside the ambitions and desires of this world and instead, fashioning our lives to the will of God.

At times, we may be asked to endure hardships and face challenges for the sake of our faith. We may be asked to care for a loved one, even when it is difficult, inconvenient, or tiresome. We may be asked to respond generously in love, even when someone asks for help over and over again. In short, we need to let go of our selfishness and embrace selflessness - change our own plans and surrender to God's plan in our lives.

If we try to save our lives by clinging to worldly pleasures, we will lose our lives. But if we are willing to lose our lives for Jesus' sake, we will find true life and gain eternal reward.

This week, think about the ways that God is calling you to take up your cross and follow Him. What sacrifices are you being asked to make? How do these add value to your life? Ask God for the grace and strength to embrace the challenges and difficulties that come with following Him. Find hope in these words of Jesus: "For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then He will repay everyone according to his conduct."

Our loving and just God notices and rewards us for our sacrifices and faithfulness. May God abundantly bless you as you take up your cross and follow Jesus this week.



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

September 3, 2023

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, "I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. "Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion," wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion." Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means "thanksgiving," and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, "Jesus, I love you." ●

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

MONDAY
September 4
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY
September 5
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY
September 6
Weekday
Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY
September 7
Weekday
Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY
September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

SATURDAY
September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY
September 10
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner

Stewardship Wisdom

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26
St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this Stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.



St. Rita	INCOME August 27, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,197.00	Collections	
370.00	Online Giving	
210.00	Repairs & Maintenance	
\$51.00	Candles	
\$20.00	Mass Intentions	
\$452.35	Thrift Store	
654.00	Maria Lanakila	
\$431.00	'Ohana In Christ	
\$3,385.35	TOTAL	\$

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

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 IN THE CHURCH

**Safety Awareness meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023**
Any questions, please see Lot Kaluau
All are welcome!

SCAN QR CODE

OR

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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
PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY**

Supports administrative operations of the parish. Apply on-line at:
<https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/careers/RCCH>

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE FR. CHACKO

MAHALO FOR SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH US.

GOD BLESS YOU!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
MASS 8:30 AM
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK
PARISH HALL**