

**September
Mass Intentions**

Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—9/2
Christine Riecke-Gonzales—
9/5 & 9/6
Paul Kaina Sr.—9/9
Pimentel/Dongog—9/12
Daryl & Robin—9/13
Rose Visalli—9/15
Alvin Estrella—9/16
Garza Family—9/19
Walter B. Texeira—9/20
Lili—Stratsky—9/21
A. Bersenas—9/22
Luis R. Belloso—9/23
Mark Lamb—9/26
Nathan Perreira—9/27
Justin Pikunas—9/28
Jesse ChongKee—9/29
Isaac James Honokaupu—
9/30

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



TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
Eucharistic Rosary Congress
St. Rita Church
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
7:30am to 1:30pm
Please sign up for an hour
Sign up sheet in church with more information posted.

**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.
Volunteers needed to help with distribution and accepting supplies.

**EMERGENCY
KŌKUA**

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL 1294 MAKAWAO AVENUE
DRIVE TO THE TOP OF THE ROAD**
PROVIDED BY MAUI CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

OPEN
Tues & Thurs 5pm - 7pm
Saturday 9am - 2pm

DONATIONS:

- * NEW School supplies
- * NEW Rubber slippers
- * NEW Clothing Infant - 4X
- * NEW Non perishable FOOD
- * NEW towels, pillows, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, hygiene
- * Paper towels, toilet paper
- * Baby: formula, wipes, diapers, clothes:

**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!

For Monetary Donations

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ST. GABRIEL MISSION
WAILUANUI, KEANAE



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<http://stritchhaiku.com/>

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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
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL

September 17, 2023
24rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
A message from our pastor
Fr. Robert Nini, MF



The readings today focus on something everyone can relate to forgiving others and mending broken relationships. All three readings challenge us to walk on a path of mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

In the Gospel, Peter asks how many times he should forgive others. He even suggests what he considers a generous number, seven times. But Jesus tells Peter to forgive an unlimited number of times "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Essentially forgiveness has no limit.

Many of us think this is an unrealistic and even an undesirable goal. Should we permit people to continually offend us or hurt us? That would not be a fun way to live! However, Jesus is not telling us to be masochists. Instead, Jesus encourages us to bring healing, peace, and unity into our lives by repeatedly forgiving others.

Jesus bases his teaching on the way that God deals with us as sinners: "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."

As difficult as it may be, the best way to love our enemies is by forgiving them.

In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Jesus insists that the only way to earn God's forgiveness is by forgiving others. Why would we expect God to forgive our sinfulness if we are not willing to grant forgiveness ourselves?

If you are having a difficult time forgiving someone, consider this: Forgiveness benefits the forgiver more than the forgiven. The forgiver can let go of resentment and hard feelings and move on. By forgiving others, we become healthier in mind and body.

When we act as instruments of peace and reconciliation, we channel the love of God. We rejoice in the forgiveness we receive from our loving Heavenly Father and pray for the strength and grace to forgive others.

**ADORATION
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AFTER MORNING MASS**
and 5:30pm Adoration

**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



A WAY OF LIVING
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 8:30am

HOLY COMMUNION
CONFIRMATION
AND
FR. ROBERT'S INSTALLATION



PRESIDER BISHOP SILVA

Dear Padre

September 17, 2023

Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that "small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel." Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, "with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word 'chapel' more appropriately describes this space." If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. "The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship" (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are "on holy ground" (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God's mercy and unconditional love. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

- MONDAY**
September 18
Weekday
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10
- TUESDAY**
September 19
Weekday
1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17
- WEDNESDAY**
September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim
Tae-gön, Priest,
and Paul Chông
Ha-sang, and
Companions,
Martyrs
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35
- THURSDAY**
September 21
St. Matthew,
Apostle and
Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13
- FRIDAY**
September 22
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3
- SATURDAY**
September 23
St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15
- SUNDAY**
September 24
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner—Life of Stewardship

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – ROMANS 14:8 This is the essence of Stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

St. Rita	INCOME September 10, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,960.00	Collections	
\$898.00	Repairs & Maintenance	
\$144.00	Candles	
\$40.00	Shepherd's Care'	
\$20.00	Mass Intentions	
\$268.35	Thrift Store	
\$225.00	Maria Lanakila	
37.60	Recycling	
\$3,592.95	TOTAL	

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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>

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

Next week's second collection is for:
Sacred Hearts School—Maria Lanakila

St. Rita's Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is 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 YOU SUPPORT!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
"Come to me all who are burdened"
23-24 Faith Formation teachers
Rita Bauldry, DRE
Christine Mathies, Donna Hart,
& Gloria Barsinas

Mahalo and God bless you for your commitment!

Birthday prayers for Fr. Robert
Wednesday, September 20th on his
40th birthday!

Wishing you a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
filled with many blessings and graces.

God bless you today and always!

PASTELES FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
Pick up 9am—1pm Parish Hall
Plate lunch **\$13.00**
(Gandule rice, pasteles, salad & dessert)
or
3 pasteles for \$20.00
Fill out designated envelope for pre-orders.