

**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
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.



To the Potter 'Ohana

We offer our Deepest Condolences for your loss.

MARK POTTER

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and

let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

**EMERGENCY
KŌKUA**



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- * Baby: formula, wipes, diapers, clothes:

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Let us know your contact **NAME, PHONE, How Many People/items**

WHAT you NEED

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ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

655 HAIKU RD., HAIKU, HAWAII 96708

ST. GABRIEL MISSION

WAILUANUI, KEANAE



September 24, 2023

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

A message from our pastor Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF



Today's readings focus on the God's outrageous generosity. The first reading tells us that God's ways are not our ways, especially when we consider God's generosity on display in the Gospel.

The Parable of the Vineyard Workers describes a landowner's decision to hire workers at different times of the day, some as early as 6 a.m. and others as late as 5 p.m. At the end of the day, each received the regular daily wage. The landowner paid them equally. Of course, the laborers who worked the longest complained about the unfairness of the situation. The landowner replied, "Why be envious because I am generous?"

This parable shocks us and challenges us. The workers who arrived late in the day were probably joyfully surprised by the landowner's generosity. Instead of complaining, what if the laborers who worked the longest had celebrated their co-workers' good fortune?

When we face an unfair situation and feel dissatisfied, maybe we should change our perspective. Instead of grumbling, be grateful for what we receive and not compare our gifts to others'.

Let's look at another example of God's outrageous generosity. On Calvary, Jesus forgave the repentant thief. The thief had a change of heart in the eleventh hour: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus promised, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Think about it. You can be angry or you can rejoice over the thief making his way into heaven. God overturns our sense of justice with outrageous generosity, because God's ways are not our ways. The thief was first in paradise because he was badly in need of salvation.

Today's parable is good news, not just for those who are desperate like the thief on the cross, but for all of us who seek salvation. Our God is a generous God who gives us more than we deserve.

Jesus surprises us with this parable, and we are asked to do the same – surprise others with our outrageous generosity. This week, look for ways to act as God acts. Go beyond your comfort zone and be outrageously compassionate and loving like God.

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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



**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



23-24 Faith Formation Teachers
Donna, Christine, Rita, & Gloria



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

September 24, 2023

When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. ●

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

- MONDAY**
September 25
Weekday
Ezr 1:1-6
Lk 8:16-18
- TUESDAY**
September 26
Weekday
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Lk 8:19-21
- WEDNESDAY**
September 27
St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest
Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6
- THURSDAY**
September 28
Weekday
Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9
- FRIDAY**
September 29
Sts. Michael,
Gabriel, and
Raphael,
Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
or Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51
- SATURDAY**
September 30
St. Jerome,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45
- SUNDAY**
October 1
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Mt 21:28-32

St. Rita's Church Stewardship Corner—Stewards Share
 "Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - MATTHEW 20:16
 You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called in Stewardship to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

St. Rita	INCOME September 17, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,442.00	Collections	\$315.00
\$35.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$102.12
\$53.00	Candles	
\$771.00	Shepherd's Care	\$16.00
\$85.00	Mass Intentions	
\$413.60	Thrift Store	
\$230.00	Maria Lanakila	
\$3,029.60	TOTAL	\$433.12

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

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

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.

Thrift Store will be closed Sunday, October 1st.

MAHALO FOR YOU SUPPORT!

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OR

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Inserted in today's bulletin is the Financial Reports for:
FY 22-23 Comparison to Prior Year
If there are any questions please see any of the finance council members listed.

Mahalo for your generous support!

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..

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 8:30AM

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
CONFIRMATION
AND
FR. ROBERT'S INSTALLATION**

PRESIDER BISHOP SILVA

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.