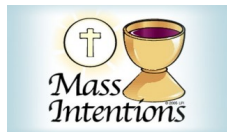


**November  
Mass Intentions**

*All Souls—11/2*  
*Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—11/4*  
*Walter Ben Teixeira—11/8*  
*All Souls in Purgatory—11/10*  
*Abel & Irene Gouveia—11/11*  
*Walter & Ethel Teixeira—11/14*  
*Joan Opitz—11/15*  
*Family Members—11/17*  
*Paul Kaina, Sr.—11/18*  
*William Hano Jr.—11/21*  
*Ben & Mary Teixeira - 11/24*  
*Nathan Perreira—11/28*  
*Mark Potter—11/29*  
*William & Clara Hano—11/30*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK  
BROTHERS & SISTERS**

James Gonzalez-Wesley  
 Rosemary Robbins  
 Debbie Faborito  
 Rachel Cravalho  
 Robert Robello  
 Melissa Prince  
 Stanley Lee  
 Fr. Chacko Muthoottil  
 Winona Martinez  
 Clarita Pimentel  
 Helen Estrella  
 Stephen Groff  
 Jeremy Konohia  
 Felicia Gonzales

Join Us to Pray the Rosary.  
 Tuesday thru Friday  
 after morning mass  
*Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm*  
*Sunday at 8:00am*



*We will pray for All Souls  
in the month of November*  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls  
and all the souls of the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**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](mailto: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**



**For Delivery Service**



or call 808-354-0971



**ADORATION  
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
AFTER MORNING MASS  
7:30am-8:30am  
and 5:30pm-6:30pm Adoration**

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

*“Jesus, I trust in you”*



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



**November 19, 2023**  
**33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
*A message from our pastor*  
**Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF**



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Online Giving on Website

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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  
 COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful Parable of the Talents. This parable teaches us a valuable lesson that we can apply to our daily lives. First, we must remember that we are stewards of God's blessings. Everything we have is a gift from God. God entrusts us with talents, resources, and possessions. Second, on life's journey, we are called to use these blessings wisely and responsibly, according to God's plan.

**Honoring God**

God asks us to spend our resources to benefit others and bear fruit for God's kingdom. Our actions should reflect our desire to honor God and selflessly serve our neighbors. By doing so, we avoid being selfish and fearful like the servant who buried his talent. This servant was paralyzed by fear, so he failed to use his talent to bring about growth. In contrast, the two faithful servants embraced their responsibilities, multiplied their talents, and brought joy to their master.

**Gifts and Abilities**

God gave each of us unique gifts and abilities. We are not all created equal in terms of capacities, but we are equal in dignity and worth. Therefore, it is important to focus on the ways to use the gifts we received, rather than comparing ourselves to others. God does not keep a tally on our talents. Instead, He rewards us for our willingness to share our talents, serve others, and remain faithful.

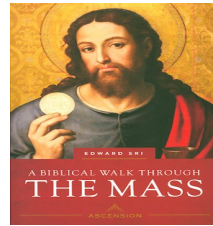
**Faithful Stewards**

During this season of gratitude, let us be grateful for God's generosity. Count your blessings, and generously share your talents with those in need. By doing so, we become living witnesses of God's love, reflecting His care for all creation as His faithful stewards.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace.



**Faith Formation**  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING



PLEASE JOIN IN OUR NEW  
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Following classes will be:

- Wed. Nov. 29, 2023
- Wed. Dec. 13, 2023
- Wed. Dec. 27, 2023
- Wed. Jan. 10, 2024

STARTS AT 6PM WITH A POTLUCK IN THE PARISH HALL

**PLEASE REGISTER**

FEE: \$15 (for BOOK NEEDED FOR CLASS)

All are welcome!

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING  
NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR  
CHILDREN 3 YEARS OF AGE AND  
OLDER.** Starting date for these classes  
will be announced after we have a  
definite number of participants.

**CLASSES WILL RESUME FOR THOSE  
NEWLY CONFIRMED.** Our Youth  
Group will meet on Sunday, December 3  
following 8:30AM Mass.

**This first class will be a reunion social for  
our teens. YOUTH PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Any questions pertaining to classes  
call the Parish Office 575-2601 and  
leave for Rita.**

# Dear Padre

November 19, 2023

**My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received  
Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?**

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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- Monday**  
November 20  
*Weekday*  
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63  
Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday**  
November 21  
*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Mc 6:18-31  
Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday**  
November 22  
*St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*  
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31  
Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday**  
November 23  
*Weekday*  
1 Mc 2:15-29  
Lk 19:41-44  
*Thanksgiving Day*  
Sir 50:22-24  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Lk 17:11-19
- Friday**  
November 24  
*St. Andrew Dŭng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*  
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59  
Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday**  
November 25  
*Weekday*  
1 Mc 6:1-13  
Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday**  
November 26  
*Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28  
Mt 25:31-46

Stewardship Servants

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." -



God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously through Stewardship, return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

St. Rita	INCOME November 12 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,743.00	Collections	
\$1,077.00	Shepherd's Care	
\$87.00	Candles	
\$100.00	Baptism	
\$45.00	Mass Intentions	
\$274.60	Thrift Shop	
\$15.00	Faith Formation book	
<b>\$3,341.60</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

This week's second collection is for:  
**Catholic Camp. for Human Development**



Next week's second collection is for:  
**'Ohana In Christ**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**  
More than 11% of the populations lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins

**~HAPPY THANKSGIVING~**  
**Thursday, November 23, 2023**  
**Mass 8:30am.**



**SCAN QR CODE**



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

### St. Rita's Thrift Store

Hours of operation:  
Tuesday's from 8am-12pm  
Sunday from 9:45 to 12pm.

**We are not accepting any donations at this time.**  
**We will be closed from Nov. 22 thru Jan. 6th**  
**and reopen on January 7th, 2024.**

**MAHALO FOR YOU 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..

**USHERS NEEDED**  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASS**



**SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED ON**  
**THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD.**

Duties for Church Usher:  
Greet and welcome people to church services, assist people with seating in the congregation, manage the collection of church offerings at times determined by pastor, find parishioners to take up the bread, wine, and offerings to presider at the offertory. Maintain a safe environment for all church goers, and assist the presider as requested.