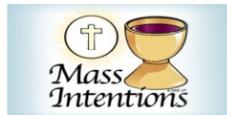


December 2023



Eleanor Silva—12/02
Phillip Muthoottil—12/4

Fr. Robert, Fr. Chacko,
Fr. K, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Joy
12/08

Karl Soliman—12/9
Mark Potter—12/13
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil 12/15
Paul Kaina—12/16
Marge Vacek—12/20
Fr. Patrick Freitas—12/21
Nathan Pereira—12/23
Pereira Family—12/30

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

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.

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



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”



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ST. GABRIEL MISSION
WAILUANUI, KEANAE



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our Parish App

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Esther Yap
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RE Director: Rita Bauldry
ritabauldry@yahoo.com

~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



December 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A message from our pastor
Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF

Today, the church starts a new liturgical year, and we begin the season of Advent. The word "Adventus" is the Latin word for "coming." Advent is a time of hopeful expectation for the coming of Jesus.

Vigilance & Watchfulness

Think about a time when you knew that someone you loved was coming to visit and your heart was filled with excitement. This is far different than a feeling of fear-driven anticipation. Certainly, our attitude during Advent should be one of vigilance and watchfulness, for the day of the Lord's coming can catch us by surprise. But equally important is a feeling of joyful expectation.

We are preparing for two events - the Incarnation of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem and the second coming of Jesus in the end times.

Inspiration from Luke, Paul & Jeremiah

In Luke's Gospel, we are told not to let our hearts become drowsy with worldly distractions, anxieties, or excesses. Unlike the earliest Gospel of Mark, which portrayed the coming of the Lord as imminent, Luke wrote his Gospel later. He encouraged early Christians to live patiently and follow Jesus closely while waiting for His return.

Similarly, the apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian community to live blamelessly and in holiness, awaiting the coming of the Lord.

The prophet Jeremiah was writing to the exiled people in Babylon after the fall of Jerusalem. He proclaimed that a just shoot would be raised up from the line of David. God would fulfill His promise to the house of Israel, bringing justice to the land.

Luke, Paul, and Jeremiah wrote to their communities to inspire patient and hopeful waiting and to turn them to the Lord. The day of judgment would come.

Prepare Your Heart this Advent

As we begin our Advent journey, we eagerly await the day when Jesus comes. Let us prepare our hearts for this joyous occasion.

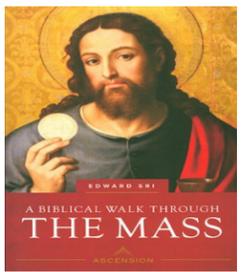


1st Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!"
Mark 13:33

December 2023 Calendar

December 4-22, Monday thru Friday morning Mass 7am.
Friday, December 8th- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7am. and 5:30pm—Holy Day of obligation.
Sunday, December 10th- Fr. Robert's Priesthood Anniversary potluck gathering after 8:30 Mass —parish hall. All are welcome!
Wednesday, December 13th- St. Rita Penance Service 6pm.
Saturday, December 16th— Church cleaning 8am
Saturday, December 23rd—5:00pm Mass
Sunday, December 24th , 8:30am Mass
Sunday, Dec 24th, Nativity Of The Lord —5:30pm Christmas Carol/6pm Mass
Monday, Dec 25th Nativity Of The Lord—8:30pm Mass



PLEASE JOIN IN OUR 3RD
ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Following classes will be:

- Wed. Dec. 27, 2023
- Wed. Jan. 10, 2024
- Wed. Jan. 17, 2024

STARTS AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Monday
December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday
December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday
December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday
December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday
December 10
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33 We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today living Stewardship by thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Living Stewardship



St. Rita	INCOME November 26, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,35800	Collections	
\$44600	'Ohana In Christ	
\$37.00	Candles	
\$50.00	Repairs & Maint	
\$50..00	Shepherd's Care	
\$45.00	Mass Intentions	
\$50.00	Christmas Flowers	
\$70.00	Maria Lanakila	
\$867.00	Thanksgiving	
\$40.00	Faith Formation book	
\$3,013.00	TOTAL	



This week's second collection is for:
Repairs & Maintenance

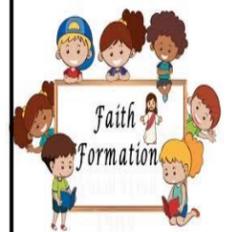
Next week's second collection is for:
Retirement for the Religious



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

retiredreligious.org



WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR 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.

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

Any questions pertaining to classes call the Parish Office 808-575-2601 and leave a message for Rita.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 9TH PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY
FR. ROBERT NI NI
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
PARISH POTLUCK AFTER 8:30 MASS

May God bless you abundantly everyday and especially on your Anniversary!

St. Rita's Thrift Store

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!