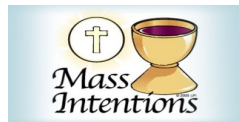


December 2023



Eleanor Silva—12/02  
Phillip Muthoottil—12/4  
Pualani Kimokeo—12/5

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  
JoAnn Potter

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

OUR  
LADY  
OF  
GUADALUPE



ST. RITA CHURCH

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 12TH  
7:00AM

*"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women."*



Christmas flower donations in memory of a loved one.

Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church.

Names will be listed in the weekly bulletin.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:**



*Mike & Violet Pszyk*

*Christine Riecke-Gonzales*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**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.

**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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~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 10, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
*A message from our pastor*  
*Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF*

*The Prophet Isaiah's Message*

Isaiah, in the first reading, compares a good road to our spiritual journey, proclaiming the coming of the Messiah and bringing comfort to the people. To welcome the Messiah, we must straighten our paths, flatten hills, raise valleys, and lower mountains.

*Preparing Hearts for Christ's Blessings*

Likewise, we must create a clear path for Christ to enter our hearts, allowing God's glory to be revealed. By straightening our internal paths, our hearts become receptive to the blessings of Christ's coming at Christmas.

*Embracing Repentance and Preparation*

Advent is a time for repentance. John the Baptist boldly called people to repentance, baptizing them into a new life of holiness. He urged them to prepare the way for the Lord, envisioning a world with less crime, materialism, immorality, and selfishness, and more honesty, chastity, compassion, and generosity.

*Removing the Obstacles of Sinful Souls*

While Jesus' arrival at Christmas is for everyone, only hearts that are ready can truly receive Him. Just as poor roads hinder progress, a sinful soul obstructs the grace and salvation Jesus offers. Many people in Jesus' time failed to recognize Him, and today, many still resist welcoming Him in the Word and sacraments.

*Embrace the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Will your heart be prepared to receive Him? The Sacrament of Reconciliation clears the road, allowing us to become road builders in our spiritual lives. As we pave the way for Christ's arrival, Christmas will be an even more blessed event for all.



**December 2023 Calendar**

December 4-22, Monday thru Friday morning Mass 7am.  
 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—8:30am Mass**  
**Saturday, Dec. 30th, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—5:00pm**  
**Sunday, Dec.31st, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:30am.**  
**Monday, January 1st, Mary, The Holy Mother of God—8:30am**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE  
 ST. RITA CHURCH  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH  
 6:00PM**



LIGHTING THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CANDLE  
 Lucky Cabral and daughters;  
 Stephanie Balloso and ShirleyAnn Hoopai

**Monday**  
 December 11  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Is 35:1-10  
 Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**  
 December 12  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
 Zec 2:14-17 or  
 Rv 11:19a;  
 12:1-6a, 10ab  
 Lk 1:26-38 or  
 Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday**  
 December 13  
*St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*  
 Is 40:25-31  
 Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**  
 December 14  
*St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
 Is 41:13-20  
 Mt 11:11-15

**Friday**  
 December 15  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Is 48:17-19  
 Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**  
 December 16  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday**  
 December 17  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
 1 Thes 5:16-24  
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Stewardship Lifestyle**



“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:1-8

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a Stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

| St. Rita          | INCOME<br>December 3, 2023   | St. Gabriel     |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| \$1,068.00        | Collections                  | \$250.00        |
| \$950.00          | Repairs & Maintenance        | \$140.00        |
| \$46.00           | Candles                      |                 |
| \$                | Shepherd's Care              | \$20.00         |
| \$40.00           | Mass Intentions              | \$35.00         |
| \$50.00           | Christmas Flowers            |                 |
| \$                | Retirement for the Religious | \$30.00         |
| <b>\$2,154.00</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$475.00</b> |



This week's second collection is for:  
**Retirement for the Religious**

Next week's second collection is for:  
**Shepherd's Care**

**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!**

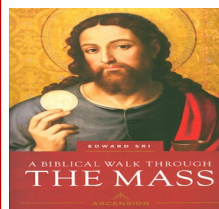


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ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE  
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**PLEASE JOIN IN OUR 3RD ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS**



Following classes will be:

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

STARTS AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL  
 All are welcome!

(CLASSES WILL BE APPROX. 6-8 PM)



**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 9TH PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY**

**FR. ROBERT NINI**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023  
 PARISH POTLUCK AFTER 8:30 MASS**

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



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.

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