

JANUARY 2024



Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—1/06

Mike & Violet Pszyk—1/09

Gayle Wentworth—1/11 & 1/12

Isaac Honokaupu—1/13

Stanislaw Niewola—1/16

Jeffrey Pszyk—1/17

Castillo/Dela Pena/Munoz- 1/18

Paul Kaina Sr.—1/20

Mary & Tony Silva—1/23

Abel & Irene Gouveia—1/27

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

Catechesis for adults and youth (12 & Older) Mon thru Thurs at 7pm beginning Jan. 15, 2024 Monday's & Thursday's thereafter St. Joseph's Church 1294 Makawao Ave., Makawao Fr. Edison Pamintuan, Pastor More info. See flyer on bulletin board.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

The 2024 Faith Formation HAS BEGUN! If you still need to register, Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY CLASSES (Subject to Change)

JAN. 21 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11) and ADULTS (11:15 – 1:00)

JAN. 28 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11)

FEB. 04 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11) and ADULTS (11:15 – 1:00)

FEB. 11 – CLASS FOR THE YOUTH GROUP ONLY

FEB. 18 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11) and ADULTS (11:15 – 1:00)

FEB. 25 – Class for 3- to 12-year-olds (9:45 – 11)

[YOUTH GROUP – For any Youth who have participated in Faith Formation in previous years. All are welcome.

Three- to 12-year-olds - For those who have registered for this current 2024 Faith Formation Year. We will meet after Mass on Sundays, approximately 9:45 until 10:30 for the entire group. At 10:30 the 3- and 4-year-olds can leave, and we will continue for a half hour with the older children until 11:00. (See calendar above for dates of classes.)

ADULTS – For any adults needing Sacramental prep. We will meet at 11:15 until 1:00 on the Sundays mentioned in calendar above.]

If there are any questions, please feel free to see Rita Bauldry after Mass or call the Parish Office @ (808) 575-2601 and leave a message. Rita will get back to you.

New Norm Regarding Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion taking Communion to the Homebound

Bishop Silva requests every parish to place the following announcement in its weekly bulletin for three consecutive weeks:



In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx in the Communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the priest after the Communion of the faithful, and never during the Communion procession.



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ST. GABRIEL MISSION  
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JANUARY 21, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME  
A message from our pastor  
Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF



In this week's Bible readings, we are reminded of how God's call can change our lives and how His grace can transform us. In the story of Jonah, we see how Jonah initially hesitated but eventually followed God's call to preach in Nineveh. As a result, the people of Nineveh turned away from their wickedness and found redemption through God's mercy.

Likewise, in the Gospel of Mark, we read about Jesus calling his disciples. They immediately responded by leaving their jobs and following Jesus, becoming his followers, and spreading his message.

These stories make us think about how we respond when God calls us. Are we willing to have faith and take a leap even when it is difficult or unfamiliar? Do we embrace opportunities to share God's love and grace with others?

Let us take this time to think about how God might be calling us and be willing to accept His transforming grace. Like Jonah and the disciples, may we respond to God's call wholeheartedly, trusting in His guidance and receiving the blessings that come from following His will.

Let us pray for the wisdom to discern His call in our lives and the courage to follow where He lead. May we trust in His guidance and find strength in His grace as we strive to be faithful disciples.



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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



# Good News!

January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Our lives are filled with calls of one kind or another.** Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, “Next!” And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that “the world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God’s call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday’s Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn’t live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God’s new world will be? ●

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## MONDAY

January 22  
Day of Prayer for  
the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10  
Mk 3:22-30

## TUESDAY

January 23  
Weekday  
2 Sm 6:12b-15,  
17-19

Mk 3:31-35

## WEDNESDAY

January 24  
St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17  
Mk 4:1-20

## THURSDAY

January 25  
Conversion of St.  
Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or  
Acts 9:1-22  
Mk 16:15-18

## FRIDAY

January 26  
Sts. Timothy and  
Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8  
or Ti 1:1-5  
Mk 4:26-34

## SATURDAY

January 27  
Weekday  
2 Sm 12:1-7a,  
10-17

Mk 4:35-41

## SUNDAY

January 28  
Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20  
1 Cor 7:32-35  
Mk 1:21-28

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Good Stewardship



“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - MARK 1:17

Jesus’ call to “follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good Stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

St. Rita	INCOME JANUARY 14, 2024	St. Gabriel
\$1,747.00	Collections	\$
\$824.00	Shepherd’s Care	\$
\$66.00	Candles	
\$130.00	Mass Intention	\$
\$381.05	Thrift Store	
\$120.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$
<b>\$3,303.05</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>



This week’s second collection is for ‘Ohana In Christ

Next week’s second collection is for: **Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Missions**

**2023 DONORS SUBSTANTIATION LETTERS** are ready for pick up from January 20 thru 28th. Please see Esther after mass. If not picked up letters will be mailed on January 29th. God bless you for your generous contributions throughout the year.



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



PLEASE JOIN IN OUR LAST CLASS

Wed. Jan. 24, 2024 6:00pm

STARTS AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
(CLASSES WILL BE APPROX. 6-8 PM)



CRITICAL INCIDENT VIDEO  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH  
& SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH,  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS

The Safety Ministry will be showing a “Critical Incident” Preparedness and Response video. All are invited to stay or you may choose to leave. This video is approved by the Diocese of Honolulu.



AED Institute donated an AED to our Church. The Safety Ministry invites you to a free AED training Thursday, January 25th 6pm. All are welcome!

## St. Rita’s Thrift Store

Hours of operation  
Tuesday’s from 8am—12pm  
Sunday from 9:45—12pm

**NEEDED:**  
**Volunteers to process items**  
**Cashiers Sunday & Tuesday**  
**Small and medium size clothes for men**

**MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**HELP FEED THE HUNGRY**  
Can goods food collection for the hungry in our community.  
Next Saturday & Sunday January 27-28th.  
**FLIP TOP CAN GOODS PREFERRED**