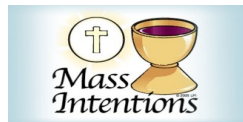


**December 2023**



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 Perreira—12/23  
Perreira 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

**December 2023 Calendar**

December 18-22, Monday thru Friday morning Mass 7am.

Saturday, December 23rd—5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 24th , 8:30am Mass

**Sunday, Dec 24th, Nativity Of The Lord —  
5:30 Christmas Carols/6:00pm Mass**

**Monday, Dec 25th Nativity Of The Lord—8:30am  
Mass. St. Gabriel, Keanae—11:00am**

**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**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:**



*Mike & Violet Pszyk*

*Christine Riecke-Gonzales*

*Stephen Cabral*

*Pualani Kimokeo*

*Jasowicz & Sarna 'Ohana*

*Visalli & Perreira Families*

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

**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 17, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*A message from our pastor*  
**Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF**

Rejoice always! Today is Gaudete Sunday, and we light the rose candle. As we prepare for the joyful birth of Jesus, the theme of today's Scripture readings is joy and encouragement.

**3 Messages of Joy**

In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah reminds us to rejoice because God is our strong guide, provider, and protector.

In the second reading, St. Paul advises us to lead blameless, holy, and thankful lives, as Christ's second coming is near.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the light of the world, bringing hope and removing sin's darkness. We rejoice in John's humility and dedication in preparing for the Messiah.

Like John the Baptist, we are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the light of the world. Our mission is to reflect Christ's light to others, just as the moon reflects the sun's light.

**The Light of Christ**

Especially during Advent, let us show Christ's love and forgiveness to those living the darkness of poverty, addiction, and loneliness. Through our generosity, love, mercy, and humble service, we can bring the true light of Christ to their lives.

**Prayer, Sacraments & Scripture**

To accomplish this mission, we need to focus on our prayer life by praying and meditating on the Scriptures daily. We also need to participate in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Advent is a time of repentance, and by seeking God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming at Christmas.

**Rejoice Always!**

This week, spend some time radiating Christ's light. Light up the lives of others by performing acts of mercy and charity. Rejoice always and shine the light of Christ to the world this Advent season!



**LIGHTING THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE**  
**SATURDAY—DAVE & CHRISTINE MATHEIS**  
**SUNDAY—KALUAU & GARCES 'OHANA**  
*Below pics from Fr. Robert's Priesthood Anniversary*



**Monday**  
 December 18  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Jer 23:5-8  
 Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday**  
 December 19  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Jgs 13:2-7,  
 24-25a  
 Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday**  
 December 20  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Is 7:10-14  
 Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday**  
 December 21  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Sg 2:8-14 or  
 Zep 3:14-18a  
 Lk 1:39-45

**Friday**  
 December 22  
*Advent Weekday*  
 1 Sm 1:24-28  
 Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday**  
 December 23  
*Advent Weekday*  
 Mal 3:1-4,  
 23-24  
 Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday**  
 December 24  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
 2 Sm 7:1-5,  
 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Rom 16:25-27  
 Lk 1:26-38

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**                      **STEWARDS PRAY**

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God



St. Rita	INCOME December 10 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,539.00	Collections	\$
\$700.00	Donations	\$
\$40.00	Candles	
\$135.00	Christmas Flowers	\$
\$20.00	Mass Intentions	\$
75.00	Maria Lanakila	
\$638.00	Retirement for the Religious	\$
<b>\$3,147.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

Next week's second collection is for:  
**Maria Lanakila**

**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.

**SCAN QR CODE**

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

**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!**

**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)

INSERTED IN TODAY'S BULLETIN IS THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR: 1ST QTR JULY 1ST—SEPTEMBER 30TH 2023

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND STEWARDSHIP!**

**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.