

**ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
JANUARY 1ST 8:30AM**



**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.

***DIVINE MERCY PRAYER***  
***EVERY FRIDAY***  
***AFTER MORNING MASS***  
  
***“Jesus, I trust in you”***

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



**FIRST FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 5TH  
AFTER MORNING MASS  
7:30am-8:30am  
and  
5:30pm-6:30pm Adoration**

**JANUARY 2024**



**Fr. Chacko Muthoottil—  
1/06**

**Paul Kaina Sr.—1/20**

**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



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



**~OFFICE~**  
655 Haiku Road  
Phone: 575-2601  
Haiku, HI 96708

St. Rita's Website:  
<http://stritahaiku.com/>

Online Giving on Website

Text App to 88202 to download  
our Parish App

**~STAFF~**

**Pastor**  
Rev. Robert Ni Ni  
Email:  
[stritahaiku@gmail.com](mailto:stritahaiku@gmail.com)

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday thru Friday 8:00am~12pm

**Bookkeeper/Admin**  
Esther Yap  
[eyap@rcchawaii.org](mailto:eyap@rcchawaii.org)

**RE Director: Rita Bauldry**  
[ritabauldry@yahoo.com](mailto: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 31, 2023  
THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
*A message from our pastor  
Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF*



Happy Feast Day to all families!

Today, we honor the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - and offer a special prayer for all families.

Families play an important role in our society. Children have the opportunity to grow and learn about their faith in the family setting. Faith is “caught” more than it is “taught,” so the example of faith that we set in the home serves as the first place where children learn morals, values, and faith practices.

As we reflect on the example set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the readings today, we are reminded of the importance and value of family life. These passages teach us about the loving relationship between the family and God, between husbands and wives, and between parents and children. Each relationship differs, but all family relationships should be built on love, respect, support, and faithfulness.

Families are a gift from God, and God showers our families with abundant blessings. In the new year, strive to strengthen the bonds of your family and deepen your relationship with God. Continue to make your home a place of love, understanding, and unity. May God bless and protect you and your family on today's Feast of the Holy Family.

May God shower you and your families with His abundant blessings in the coming year. Happy New Year!



# Good News! December 31, 2023 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)*

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any “have-tos” whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one’s home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father’s gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents’ acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love” (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

© 2023 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in U.S.A. Imprimatur: "In accordance with c. 827, permission to publish has been granted on February 13, 2023, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521.

**Monday**  
January 1  
*Mary, Holy Mother of God*  
Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday**  
January 2  
*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*  
1 Jn 2:22-28  
Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday**  
January 3  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 2:29-3:6  
Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday**  
January 4  
*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
1 Jn 3:7-10  
Jn 1:35-42

**Friday**  
January 5  
*St. John Neumann, Bishop*  
1 Jn 3:11-21  
Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday**  
January 6  
*Christmas Weekday*  
1 Jn 5:5-13  
Mk 1:7-11 or  
Lk 3:23-38 or  
3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Sunday**  
January 7  
*Epiphany of the Lord*  
Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## Stewards Forgive



“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. Then in Stewardship, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

St. Rita	INCOME December 17, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,672.00	Collections	\$
\$1,009.15	Donations	\$
\$124.00	Candles	
\$100.00	Christmas Flowers	\$
\$40.00	Mass Intentions	\$
\$795.00	Shepherd’s Care	
\$120.00	Repairs & Maint	\$
<b>\$3,860.15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

St. Rita	INCOME December 24,25, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1,332.00	Collections	\$
\$60.00	Donations	\$
\$126.00	Candles	
\$2,292.00	Christmas	\$361.00
\$620.00	Maria Lanakila	\$
\$140.00	Shepherd’s Care	\$26.00
\$155.00	Repairs & Maint.	\$40.00
<b>\$4,725.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$427.00</b>



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



This week’s second collection is for:  
**Ohana In Christ**

Next week’s second collection is for:  
**Repairs & Maintenance**



### ST. RITA MINISTRIES

- PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS
- REPAIRS & YARD MAINTENANCE / SAFETY
- LECTORS & MUSIC CHOIR
- FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
- ENVIRONMENT & LITURGICAL TECH
- PLANNING & BUILDING MINISTRY
- THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS
- SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY
- USHERS / GREETERS & CHURCH CLEANERS
- COLLECTION COUNTERS & FUNDRAISING
- HOSPITAL / BEREAVEMENT & HOMEBOUND
- GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS STEWARSHIP TO ST. RITA CHURCH!**