

Come pray the Rosary.  
Weekdays Monday thru Friday  
Morning Mass at 7:00am,  
Rosary following.  
Saturdays before Mass at 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am



February 22, 2023  
7am and 6pm Mass



JOIN US EVERY  
FRIDAY AT 5:40PM FOR  
DIVINE MERCY  
PRAYER



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



**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

February 19, 2023  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK  
BROTHERS & SISTERS

- James Gonzalez-Wesley
- Rosemary Robbins
- Debbie Faborito
- Joan Opitz
- Rachel Cravalho
- Mark Potter
- Robert Robello
- Melissa Prince
- Stanley Lee
- Monica Revells
- Winona Martinez
- Clarita Pimentel
- Helen Estrella
- Stephen Groff



February Mass  
Intentions

- Alex Family—2/04
- Sheela Alex—2/10
- Alvin Estrella—2/11
- Walter B Teixeira—2/14
- Joseph Silva—2/18
- Repose Soul of Vivian Lee—2/22
- Nathan Perreira—2/25
- Walter & Ethel Teixeira—2/27



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our Parish App

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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  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND  
COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL



Love your enemies, and pray for those  
who persecute you...for God makes his  
sun rise on the bad and the good.  
MATTHEW 5:44-45A

Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**o turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to love one's enemy, all of that is to absorb and thus stop the evil that can saturate life. When we do that, then evil ends with us, lest it keep escalating like a tsunami that overwhelms life.

Is anyone really willing to absorb the evils of life? Many are. Parents do who walk the floor at night with a crying infant or care for a child sick with a cold and then find themselves suffering the same illness. They absorb the evil in order to bring some comfort and so ease the child's pain. Someone does as well who listens endlessly to a lonely person on the phone or over a cup of coffee. They absorb the loneliness even as it tests their own patience. Those who protest injustice by participating in nonviolent demonstrations and then find themselves mistreated or even dealt with violently, they absorb the hate of others.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2), says the Lord to Moses. Absorbing the evils of life is a different sort of holiness, different than saying more prayers or giving up enjoyments during Lent. Part of our tradition is to do penance during the season of Lent. Perhaps this year a penance might be to become conscious of each day's opportunities to simply absorb someone's suffering, another's pain, a bit of the evil that so often ricochets through our days, always doing so in the image of Jesus. ●

Reflect

When have you ever suffered as you absorbed someone else's pain?

PRO LIFE CORNER

"Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime...The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth. The dignity, as recognized by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is bestowed by the Creator, and no one has the right to destroy innocent unborn life."

Archbishop Samuel Aquila

Do you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number:888-456-HOPE (4673) [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)



KCIK 740 AM or online  
@ RELEVANTRADIO.COM

*Stewardship of Time*  
Needed in various Ministries:  
Thrift Store—Sunday, Tuesday and  
Thursday  
Collection Counters - Sunday 1 hour  
after mass  
Liturgical Tech—Saturday or Sunday  
Mass (1 Hour)  
Church Cleaners—Weekly





# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION, RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday at 6:00 p.m. Using various formats/versions of this popular Lenten devotion, we revisit the “heart-journey” of Jesus and ultimately that of the Christian – the one who follows in his steps and with his heart. Divine Mercy Prayer will begin at 5:40 p.m.

**DAILY LENTEN MASS:** The daily scripture of the Lenten weekday Masses has its own inner rhythm and power to move us to “newness of heart.” A RETREAT spread over the 40 days of Lent. For retirees, and all a possibility! Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday @ 7:00 a.m.

**CHRISM MASS:** Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph. The Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass.

**LENTEN RETREAT:** Tuesday, March 28 & Wednesday, March 29 at 6-7 p.m. with Fr. Ace Tui.

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION:** The Parish Lenten Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is scheduled for Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. Priests serving in the neighboring parishes join us and will be available as confessors.

# Dear Padre

February 19, 2023

***I am wondering why Ash Wednesday is sometimes in February and sometimes in March. Who decides when Lent begins, and why is it always different?***

The beginning of Lent is determined by the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The first Sunday of Lent is six weeks before, and the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

This subject has caused division in the Church since the second century, because the Eastern Church and the Western Church had different calendars. So, the calculations of the first full moon of spring differed and therefore the date of Easter and Ash Wednesday were different. Sometimes on a calendar you will see both Easter and Orthodox Easter listed on different Sundays. It is hard for most of us to appreciate why the differences between East and West are so important. Remember the prayer of Jesus, that we all may be one. We can honor our Lord’s desire for unity and pray during this Lent for the unity of Christians everywhere. ●

—The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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## St. Rita’s Church Stewardship Corner



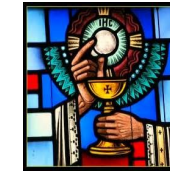
Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy.” When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

St. Rita	INCOME February 12, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1467.00	Collections	
\$125.00	On-line Giving	
\$25.00	Repairs & Maintenance	
\$0	Mass Intentions	
\$410.00	Thrift Store	
\$350.00	Mardi Gras	
\$372.00	Augustine Education Foundation	
\$64.00	Shepherd’s Care	
\$111.00	Candles	
<b>\$2924.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

### St. Rita’s Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is now accepting donations during store hours only.  
Tuesday’s from 8am-12pm or on Sunday from 9:45 to 12pm.

Mahalo for your support!



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

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

### JOB OPENING FOR PART-TIME SECRETARY

Supports administrative operations of the parish. Apply on-line at:  
<https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/careers/RCCH>

## FAITH FORMATION

### CORNER



### FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023 CLASSES (Subject to Change)

- Feb 19—Special Class
- Feb 22—Ash Wednesday
- Feb 26—Special Class
- Mar 5—Class
- Mar 12—Class
- Mar 19—Class
- Mar 26—Class

We are required by the Diocese to have 26 classes throughout the school year. Students are allowed to miss only 3 classes during the year. Some of our classes will include service projects.

**If you have any questions pertaining to classes call the Parish Office @ (808)-575-2601 and leave a message. Rita will get back with you.**



## SAVE THE DATE March 4, 2023

**MAUI STEWARDSHIP DAY**  
**“IT IS RIGHT AND JUST”**  
**St. Anthony Church, Wailuku**  
**8am – 12pm**  
**All are invited!**

Deacon Stan Franco invites you to participate in the new Listening and Acting Committee. Jesus calls us to love one another which requires us to be a kokua (helper) when someone is needed. If you have a skill in legal, financial, construction, health, governmental matters, he asks you to join him in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

He can be reached at:  
808-214-3575 or [stanfranco9114@gmail.com](mailto:stanfranco9114@gmail.com).

Thank you for volunteering to help others.



On Ash Wednesday, Christians worldwide will gather to begin a 40-day Lenten journey to come closer to God through encountering Christ in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services-CRS, which is the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The CRS Rice Bowl program is an opportunity to experience and understand how the journey and encounter with Christ through the traditional Lenten practices can connect with and impact our sisters and brothers in need here and around the world



Safety Awareness Sessions continues:  
Tuesday Feb 21, 2023  
6:30-7:30pm  
More information:  
Lot Kaluau  
808-281-8996 or  
[lkaluau@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lkaluau@hawaii.rr.com)



We are seeking monthly church cleaners for 2023. You may sign up as a family or a team. Cleaning is weekly to make ready for the weekend celebrations. It’s a beautiful ministry taking care of God’s House, where we all come worship Him. Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in back of church.