

March Mass Intentions

Mariamma Muthoottil—3/09
Abel & Irene Gouveia—3/11
Brian Silva—3/14
Nathan Perreira—3/25



JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY AT 5:35PM FOR DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

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



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

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:

Hans and Elvis Riecke *Harold Yap, Sr.*
Grace and Howard Petith *Valerie Heckman*
Stan & Betty Zbiciak *Dayna Mae Domingo*
Benjamin Castillon Sr. *Reverend Patrick Freitas*

Eternal rest grant upon them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



PRO LIFE CORNER

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”
Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

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



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



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ST. GABRIEL MISSION

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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

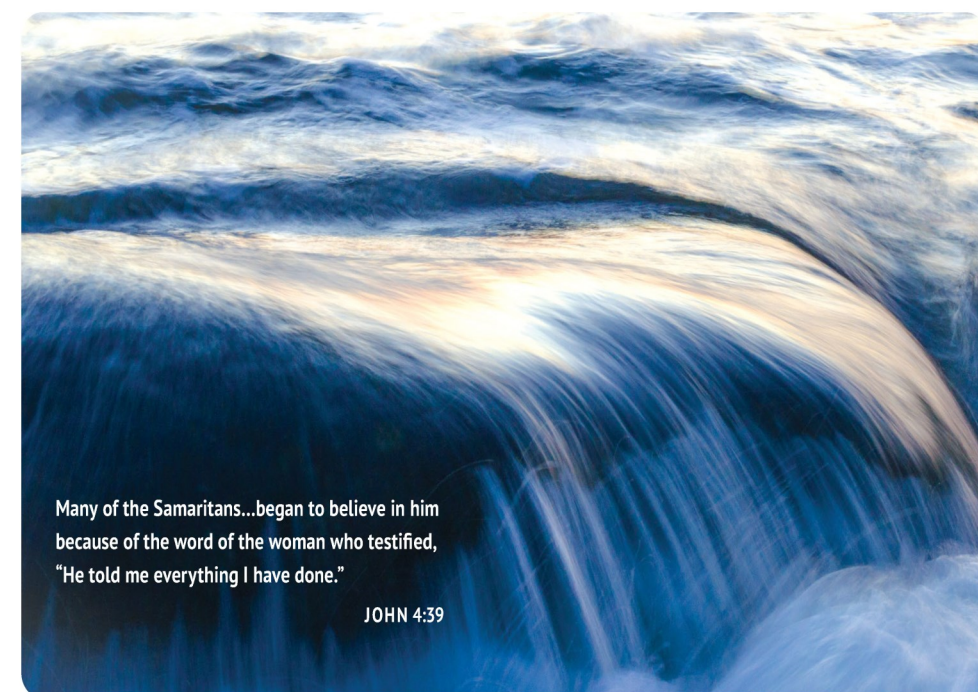
~BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS~
Please contact the Office

~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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent (A)
Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42 or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Many of the Samaritans...began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."

JOHN 4:39

A Fountain of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted—a marriage, a job, a home. Yet she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what it was or where to go. She wondered, *Could anyone help me?*

Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager for "living water." The woman at the well would then no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another.

Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them, that God was ultimately their source of life.

We may decide what will bring new life—a new relationship, a new job, a new home. Yet just as often the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, "Thanks be to God."

Reflect
When and where have you found grace in an "unexpected place"?

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 5:35 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. This year Chris, Gosha and Mila Jacowicz will receive the Holy Oils for our parish.

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 30th 6 p.m. Priests serving in the neighboring parishes join us and will be available as confessors.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

March & April CLASSES

(Subject to Change)

- Mar 12—Class (Group 2 only)
- Mar 19—Class—Safe Environment
- Mar 26—Class (Group 2 Only)
- April 2—Class All
- April 9—Easter Sunday—Attend Mass
- April 16—Class All
- April 23—Class (Group 2 only)
- April 30—Class All



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.

Dear Padre

March 12, 2023

I have done some really terrible things in my life. When I did them, I didn't think anything about them, but now I feel very guilty. Can God really forgive me?

As we Redemptorists like to say, “With God there is plentiful redemption.” God’s mercy is everlasting and overflowing in its abundance. As we continue in Lent, let’s remember that Easter is the sign that God forgave even the great sin of the crucifixion of his only Son. Time and time again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus demonstrates this bountiful mercy. He forgave Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was tender with the Samaritan woman we hear about in today’s Gospel. He spent his days living among and forgiving all manner of sinners. He even forgave Peter’s great denial. The Church has named a multitude of saints, but note that in 2,000 years it has never declared anyone to be definitively condemned to eternal punishment. There is hope and mercy for all.

No matter how great the sin, God will forgive it. All you have to do is ask for mercy sincerely. All that takes is a repentant heart. From the tone of your message, you are truly sorry. Find a priest with whom you are comfortable and ask him to celebrate with you the sacrament of reconciliation. If you don’t know how to go to confession, just ask. The priest will help you. Be at peace. ●

— Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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St. Rita	INCOME March 5, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1928.00	Collections	
\$125.00	On-line Giving	
\$30.00	Mass Intentions	
\$431.65	Thrift Store	
\$25.00	Repairs & Maintenance	
\$568.00	Maui Catholic Schools	
\$20.00	Shepherd’s Care	
\$40.00	Easter Flowers	
\$40.00	Candles	
\$3,207.65	TOTAL	\$



Inserted in today’s bulletin is the Financial Report for October 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. If there are any questions, please contact any finance members listed on the report. Mahalo for your Stewardship of treasure!



Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora’s granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others?

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:
Catholic Relief Services



If you are interested in donating toward the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, designated envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Simply fill out and place in the offering Basket.

STEWARDSHIP DAY 2023! “IT IS RIGHT & JUST”

