

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



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



ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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ST. GABRIEL MISSION
WAILUANUI, KEANAE



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 /
John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said we never become a believer before age **thirty-five**. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

Reflect

**Where am I on the journey of faith?
How open are my eyes?**

[The man who had been blind] replied, "...One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

JOHN 9:25



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:

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| <i>Hans and Elvi Riecke</i> | <i>Harold Yap, Sr.</i> |
| <i>Grace and Howard Petith</i> | <i>Valerie Heckman</i> |
| <i>Stan U & Betty Zbiciak</i> | <i>Dayna Mae Domingo</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Castillon Sr.</i> | <i>Stephen Cabral</i> |
| <i>Nancy & Mark Seognamillo</i> | <i>Reverend Patrick Freitas</i> |

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



PRO LIFE CORNER

'God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.'
Second Vatican Council, Church in the Modern World, #51

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



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 5:30 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.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE 2023

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER, April 6th 6:00 PM

Collection: Lenten ‘Sacrificial’ Gift for the Needy
Operation Rice Bowl)
Washing of the Feet
*Adoration – After Mass until 8:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, April 7th

Day of PASCHAL FAST & ABSTINENCE
3:00 PM— Stations of the Cross followed by The Divine Mercy
6:00 PM— Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death
Veneration of the Cross & Communion
Collection: Shrines of the HOLY LAND

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT, April 8th

7:00 PM Solemn Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, April 9th

8:30 AM—Mass @ St. Rita Church
11:00 AM— Mass @ St. Gabriel Church



Dear Padre

March 19, 2023

Why should I bother to be more religious? I’m a good person. Isn’t that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. “Imagine that you are on your deathbed,” he said. “From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?” That is still good advice.

Here’s another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won’t you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Eucharist and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1328). To refuse these gifts, to say, “I am already a good person, I don’t need these gifts from God” is a bit presumptuous, don’t you think?

To be “religious” is not just an outward show of piety. It’s the way we have been given to learn God’s language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●

— Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Congratulations on your Baptism
Asher K. Barboza-Fujiwara
Parents:
Miguel Barboza-Cortez
Courtney Hampton-Fujihara

Welcome to the family of God!

St. Rita’s Church Stewardship Corner

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into the hearts of his **Stewards** to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



St. Rita	INCOME March 12, 2023	St. Gabriel
\$1527.00	Collections	
\$125.00	On-line Giving	
\$548.50	Thrift Store	
\$120.00	Repairs & Maintenance	
\$809.00	Shepherd’s Care	
\$120.00	Easter Flowers	
\$86.00	Candles	
\$3,335.50	TOTAL	\$

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!

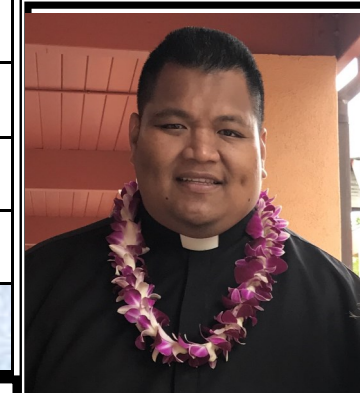


Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others?



This week’s second collection is for:
Catholic Relief Services

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



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH
WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH
6:00-7:00PM
FR. ACE TUI

Lent is a special time, in preparation of the Resurrection Of The Lord, in which we are invited to nurture our relationship with God and deepen our appreciation for God’s enormous and unconditional love for us. All are welcome!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

March & April CLASSES

(Subject to Change)

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.