

## PRAYER TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

O glorious St. Rita, you endured life's trials with patience and unwavering faith.

Help us to trust in God's plan, even when the road seems uncertain. Pray for us, that we may find peace in our hearts and strength to carry our crosses with love. Amen.

**Safety Committee** invites you **Wednesday, January 21** in the church to the following presentations:

**5:00 pm Roots Reborn on immigration** Roots Reborn is a multicultural immigrant justice and disaster response organization based in Maui, Hawai'i.

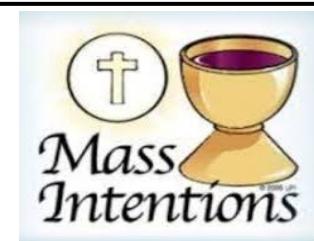
**5:30 pm AED training** teaches laypeople and professionals how to use an Automated External Defibrillator to respond to sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) by following voice prompts to deliver an electric shock, combining this with CPR and following emergency steps like calling 911.



## DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

KCIK 740 AM or online @ RELEVANTRADIO.COM



**Clifford Pimentel family,  
Ibanez family, Dongog family,  
John Sardinha family—1/2**

**Kekaha 'ohana —1/3**

**Rose Yap—1/6**

**Chris Zbiciak—1/7**

**Tom DeCoite—1/10**

**Ire Kimokeo—1/18**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

**James Gonzalez-Wesley**

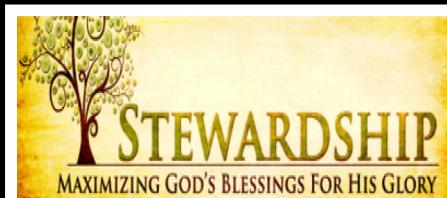
Debbie Faborito  
Rachel Cravalho  
Robert Robello  
Melissa Prince  
Stanley Lee

**Fr. Chacko Muthootil**

Winona Martinez  
Rachel Chong Kee  
Clarita Pimentel  
Helen Estrella  
Felicia Gonzalez  
JoAnn Potter  
Rosaline DeMello  
Gosha Jasowicz  
Annette Palamino  
Colette Alexander  
Bob Garza

Join Us to Pray the **Litany of St. Rita, Holy Rosary, and Guardian Angel Prayer**

Tuesday thru Friday after morning mass  
**Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm**  
**Sunday at 8:00am**



## ST. RITA MINISTRIES

**PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**STEWARSHIP**

**ENVIRONMENT & LITURGICAL**

**SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS**

**LECTORS**

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**

**MUSIC CHOIR**

**BEREAVEMENT**

**USHERS / GREETERS**

**REPAIRS & YARD MAINTENANCE / SAFETY**

**PLANNING & BUILDING**

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

**THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS**

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

**HOSPITAL & HOMEBOUND**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

***You are created by God to love Him, know Him and to serve Him.***

**"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with your talent is your gift to God."**



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



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 11, 2026  
The Baptism of the Lord (A)  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17

## Jesus, Servant Leader

MIGUEL DULICK

**J**ohn, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as "the Baptist," offers a "baptism of repentance." Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15).

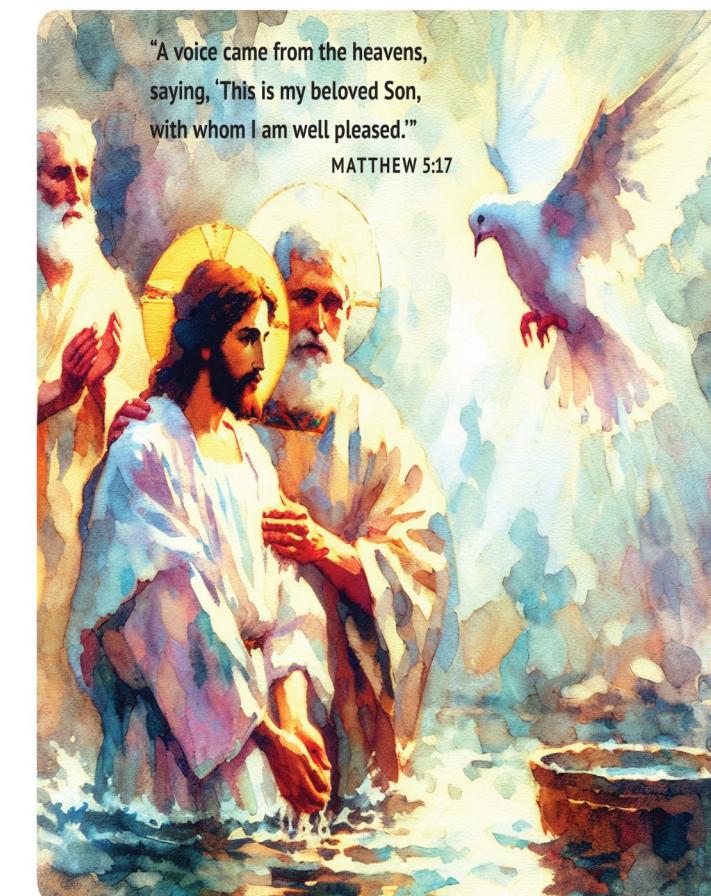
At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today's beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father's Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, "This is my beloved Son!" (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:5-6). ●

### Reflect

*This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.*



**WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
7:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday—Friday  
**~ST. GABRIEL~**  
1st & 3rd Sundays: 11:00 a.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE~**  
**~ST. RITA~**  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil  
Sunday: 8:30 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

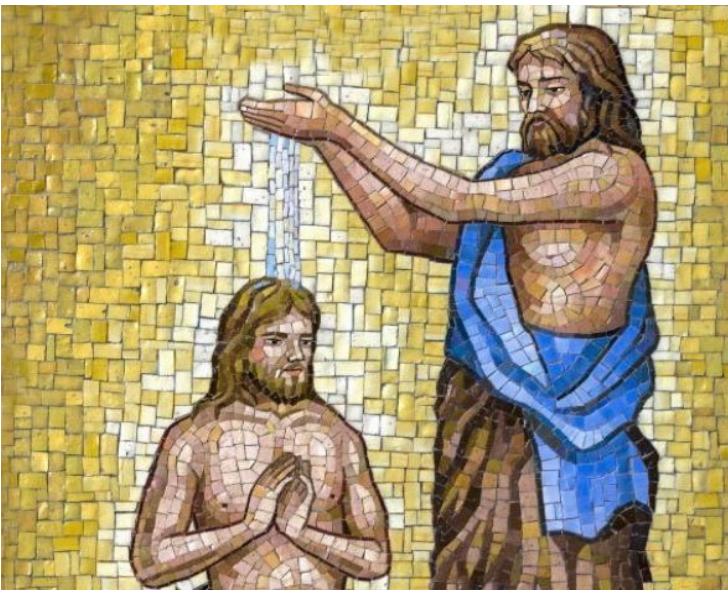
**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS~**  
Please contact the Office

**MINISTRIES~**  
**MINISTRY OF SONG: CHOIR**  
Wayne Freitas & Rita Bauldry  
Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.

**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**  
**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND**



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

is the day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana.

**POWER OF Love**  
WOMEN'S RETREAT

"THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH... ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE."  
EPHESIANS 3:17-21

MEMORIAL OF ST. MARIANNE COPE

**FRIDAY, JAN. 23**

6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM REGISTRATION, PRAYER, SONGS, TEACHINGS AND SMALL GROUPS

GUEST SPEAKER: SISTER CELESTE CABRAL

MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**SATURDAY, JAN. 24**

7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM MASS, CONFESSION, BREAKFAST, PRAYER, TEACHINGS, SMALL GROUP, LUNCH, MEDITATION, SACRED GESTURE, CLOSING PRAYER

GUEST SPEAKER: FATHER ACE TUI

HOST AND LOCATION OF RETREAT

**ST. ANTHONY, WAILUKU**  
RETREAT OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

2 CALL YOUR RESPECTIVE PARISH TO REGISTER.  
3 CALL ST. ANTHONY CHURCH AT 808.244.4148 TO REGISTER!  
REGISTRATION CLOSES JANUARY 14

**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER**

**\$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>MONDAY</b> January 12 Weekday 1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20
<b>TUESDAY</b> January 13 Weekday 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> January 14 Weekday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39
<b>THURSDAY</b> January 15 Weekday 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45
<b>FRIDAY</b> January 16 Weekday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12
<b>SATURDAY</b> January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17
<b>SUNDAY</b> January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

### The Baptism of Our Lord

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" " MATTHEW 3:14

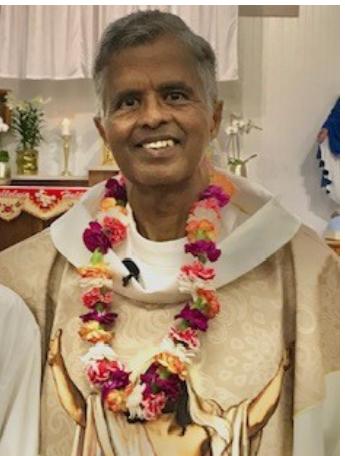
The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholic **Stewards** there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### Baptized Stewards



St. Rita	INCOME January 4, 2026	St. Gabriel
\$1,669.00 \$75.00	Collections Online	\$200.00
\$90.00	Candles	
\$230.00	Repairs & Maint.	\$184.00
\$227.00	Solemnity of Mary	
\$75.00	Loan Repayment	
\$909.00	Shepherd's Care	\$20.00
\$281.00	Thrift Store	
<b>\$3,556.00</b>	<b>Mahalo for your generosity!</b> <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$404.00</b>

**ST. RITA CHURCH**  
**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE**  
**SCAN QR CODE**  
**Online giving powered by**  
**WESHARE**



**Potluck lunch with Father Chacko**  
**TUESDAY, January 13TH**  
**AT noon in Parish Hall**  
Everyone is welcome,  
Please bring your favorite dish to share.

This week's second collection:  
**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

Next week's second collection:  
**Loan Repayment**

### St. Rita Thrift Store

Tuesday 8am—12pm  
Sunday 9:45am—12pm



**CLOTHES, HOME DÉCOR, BEDDING, DISHES & MORE**



Faith Formation  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

**12/28 - 1/11 NO CLASS (CHRISTMAS BREAK)**

**1/18 - CLASS FOR YOUTH GROUP**

**(SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSION)**

**1/25 - CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

**(SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSION)**

**2/1 - CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

**2/8 - CLASS FOR YOUTH GROUP (LENT)**

**2/15 - CLASS FOR ENTIRE FAMILY (ASH WEDNESDAY, LENT ACTIVITY)**

**2/22 - CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

**Saint Rita and Divine Mercy intentions and favors**



Join us to pray Novena to Saint Rita First Thursday of each month after morning mass. Intentions and favors can be offered and dropped into the designated boxes.