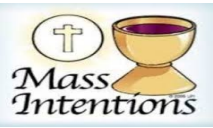


PRAYER TO  
ST. RITA  
OF CASCIA

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.



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

Nita Iwamoto—1/13

Ire Kimokeo—1/18

Abel & Irene Gouveia—1/31

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK  
BROTHERS & SISTERS

James Gonzalez-Wesley  
Debbie Faborito  
Rachel Cravalho  
Robert Robello  
Melissa Prince  
Stanley Lee  
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil  
Winona Martinez  
Rachel Chong Kee  
Clarita Pimentel  
Felicia Gonzalez  
Rosaline DeMello  
Gosha Jasowicz  
Annette Palamino  
Colette Alexander  
Bob Garza  
Theresa Honokaupu

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

STEWARDSHIP

ENVIROMENT & LITURGICAL

SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS

LECTORS

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CHURCH CLEANERS

HOSPITAL & HOMEBOUND

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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



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



Our Parish  
COMMUNITY

January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34



Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help  
us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most  
intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at  
the opening of today’s gospel: “Behold the Lamb of  
God!” (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is  
he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished  
lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post  
over their doorways? The angel of death knew to “pass  
over” these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by  
Jesus’ blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings  
mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests  
offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking  
the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a  
scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away  
into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have  
understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation  
Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars  
of the sky, the center from whom all the other  
constellations were mapped in ancient times?  
Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the  
center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like  
the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

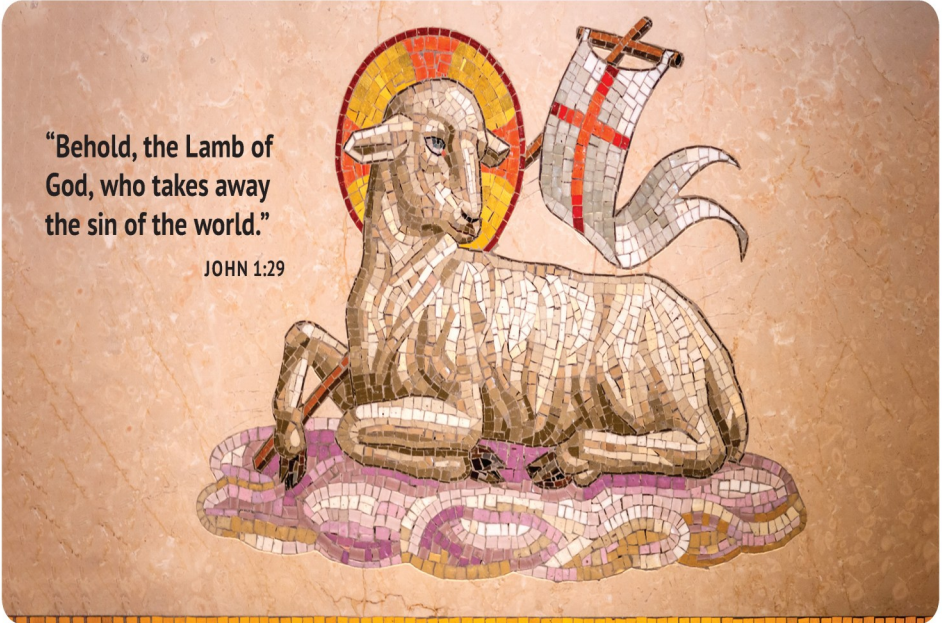
Today at Mass, when the host is  
elevated and you hear John’s words  
again—“Behold the Lamb of God!”—  
take a moment to savor these words  
anew. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Which understanding of the “Lamb of God”  
resonates with me?







# WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

## COME EXPERIENCE ST.ANTHONY

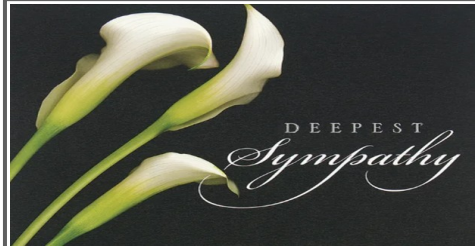
### Faith Rooted, Future Ready

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deepest condolences  
to family and friends

**Stephen Louis “Boy” Cabral, Jr**  
Friday, January 23rd at Norman’s Mortuary  
public visitation 9 am to 10 am, funeral service 10 am

**Helen Estrela**  
Friday, January 30th at St. Rita Church  
visitation 9 am, Holy Mass 11 am

**MONDAY**  
January 19  
Weekday  
1 Sm 15:16-23  
Mk 2:18-22

**TUESDAY**  
January 20  
Weekday  
1 Sm 16:1-13  
Mk 2:23-28

**WEDNESDAY**  
January 21  
St. Agnes, Virgin  
and Martyr  
1 Sm 17:32-33,  
37, 40-51  
Mk 3:1-6

**THURSDAY**  
January 22  
Day of Prayer  
for the Legal  
Protection of  
Unborn Children  
1 Sm 18:6-9;  
19:1-7  
Mk 3:7-12

**FRIDAY**  
January 23  
Weekday  
1 Sm 24:3-21  
Mk 3:13-19

**SATURDAY**  
January 24  
St. Francis de  
Sales, Bishop  
and Doctor  
of the Church  
2 Sm 1:1-4,  
11-12, 19, 23-27  
Mk 3:20-21

**SUNDAY**  
January 25  
Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 8:23-9:3  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17  
Mt 4:12-23  
or 4:12-17

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship Servants

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God’s plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different **Stewardship!** So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.



St. Rita	INCOME January 11, 2026	St. Gabriel
\$2,134.00 25.00	Collections Online	
\$44.00	Candles	
\$706.00	Catholic Ministries Appeal	
\$20.00	Mass Intention	
\$500.00	Donation	
\$264.60	Thrift Store	
\$3,693.60	Mahalo for your generosity! <b>TOTAL</b>	



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

This week’s second collection:  
**Loan Repayment**

Next week’s second collection:  
**Church in Latin America**



### St. Rita Thrift Store

Tuesday 8am—12pm  
Sunday 9:45am—12pm



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

## SCHEDULE



**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)**

### 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.



**Potluck gathering with Fr. Chacko**