



## 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.

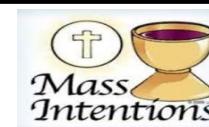
**5:30 pm AED training** teaches laypeople and professionals how to use an Automated External Defibrillator to respond to sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) by following voice prompts to deliver an electric shock, combining this with CPR and following emergency steps like calling 911.



### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

KCIK 740 AM or online  
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**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**

### 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

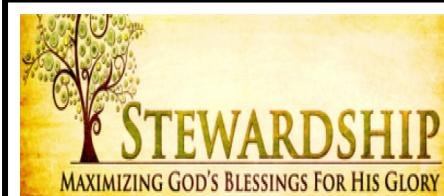
Bob Garza

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**

**ENVIRONMENT & LITURGICAL**

**SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS**

**LECTORS**

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**

**MUSIC CHOIR**

**BEREAVEMENT**

**USHERS / GREETERS**

**REPAIRS & YARD MAINTENANCE / SAFETY**

**PLANNING & BUILDING**

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

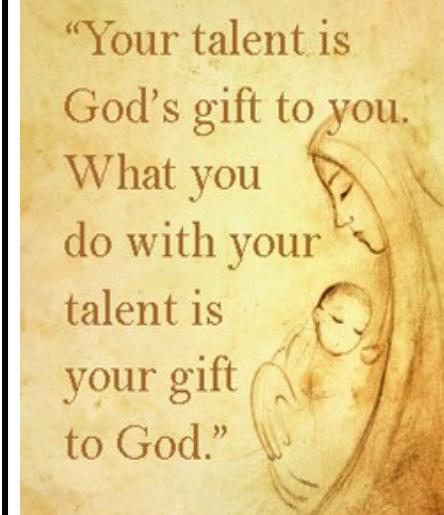
**THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS**

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

**HOSPITAL & HOMEBOUND**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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



# ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 655 HAIKU RD., HAIKU, HAWAII 96708

### 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

**O**f 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?

### 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

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

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.

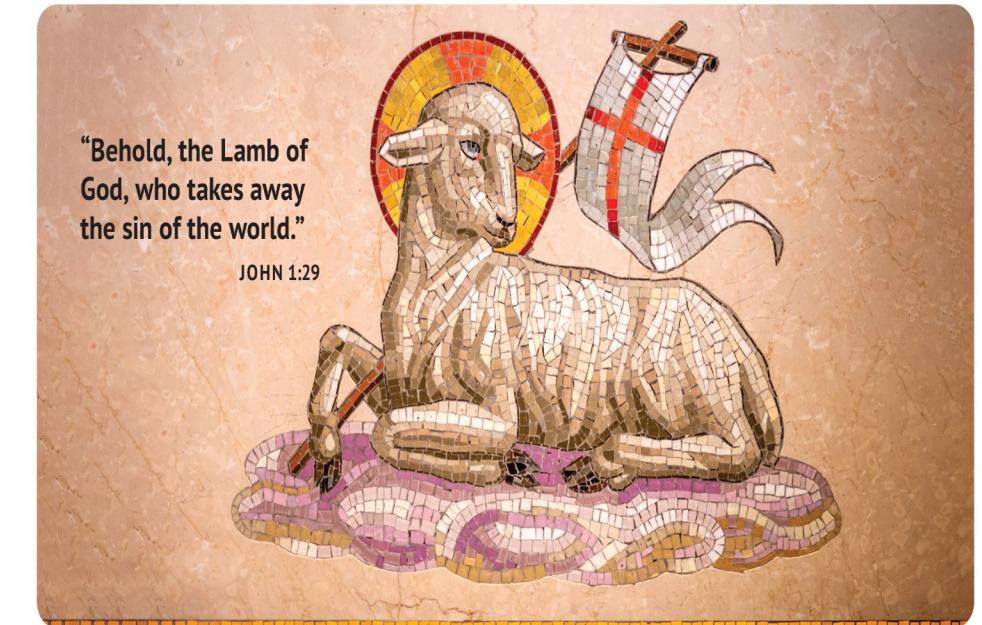
Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### Reflect

Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?



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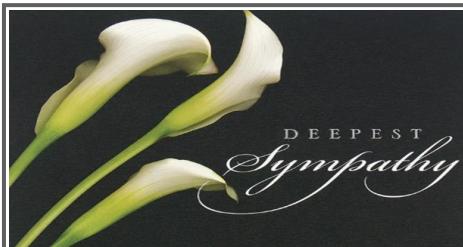
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TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Stephen Louis "Boy" Cabral, Jr**

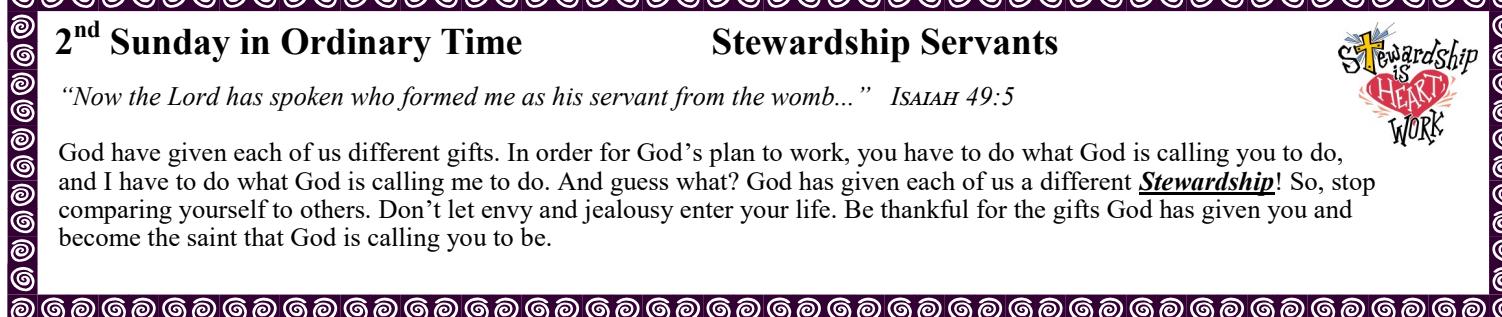
Friday, January 23rd at Norman's Mortuary  
public visitation 9 am to 10 am, funeral service 10 am

**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	
<b>\$3,693.60</b>	<b>Mahalo for your generosity! TOTAL</b>	



**ST. RITA CHURCH  
ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE  
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Online giving powered by  
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### Potluck gathering with Fr. Chacko



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.