



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:

Hans and Elvi Riecke
 Christine Riecke-Gonzales
 Stephen Cabral
 Valerie Heckman
 Benjamin Castillon, Sr
 Benjamin Castillon, Jr
 Lollie Loucks
 Hal Silva
 Dayna Mae Domingo
 Nathan Perreira
 Rose Visalli
 Chris Zbiciak
 Derrick King
 Vincente Piano
 Sarna & Jasowicz 'ohana

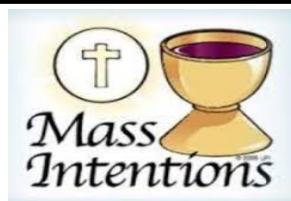
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

KCIK 740 AM or online
 @ RELEVANTRADIO.COM



Benjamin Castillon Jr—12/3
 Herman Colara—12/4
 Namsum Im—12/6
 Pualani Kimokeo—12/7, 12/10
 Roquita Yadao—12/5, 12/8, 12/11
 Fr. Paul Kannampilly & Missionaries of Faith priests
 Priesthood Anniversary—12/9
 Mark Potter—12/12
 Fr. Patrick Freitas—12/13
 Elizabeth Esquera—12/17
 Nathan Perreira—12/20
 Benjamin Castillon Sr—12/23
 Lollie Loucks—12/27

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
 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

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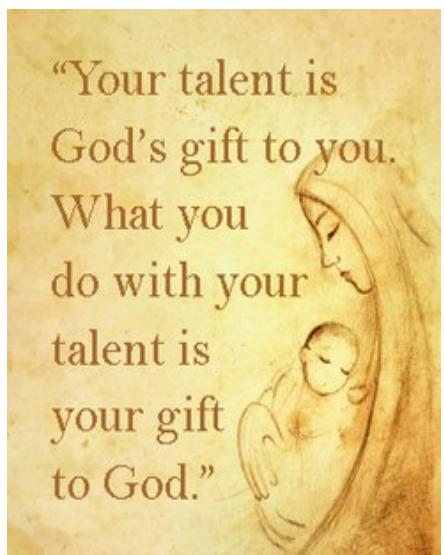
THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS

CHURCH CLEANERS

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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
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 21, 2025
 Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
 Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24



The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus."

MATTHEW 1:20-21



Close Enough!

MIGUEL DULICK

t is the fourth Sunday of Advent. When Christmas is this close, one takes that final leap. Isaiah is centuries from Christmas, but he cannot wait! He sees the "sign" as clear as day: "the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son" (Isaiah 7:14). And how about that Son! None other than "Emmanuel" himself—God-With-Us! Paul, too, is bursting at the seams! Inspired by what he calls "the obedience of faith" (Romans 5), he is excited to see the gospel thriving even among the Gentiles. For him, the "Spirit of holiness" is a gift offered to all—Christmas every day, you might say.

Speaking of "obedience of faith," Joseph is the perfect example. The word "obey" comes from the same root as "to hear," and Joseph has almost supernatural ears! Matthew, the former tax collector, tells "how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" in today's gospel reading like a bookkeeper—the Holy Spirit in Column A, Joseph in Column B, with Mary in the middle. But when an angel whispers to Joseph at night, his dream comes true: "he took his wife into his home." Everything is set for Emmanuel!

So, the Bible is brimming with Christmas, that is, "God-With-Us," from end to end. And when a virgin can conceive, are any of us exempt from "birthing" Jesus in our midst? Even when a "happy holiday" seems impossible in the midst of war or violence or poverty, when our ears hear only silence, let's sing Christmas carols every day! •



SCAN TO LEARN ABOUT AUTHOR MIGUEL DULICK

Reflect
 How am I listening? Can I find new insights in old stories that I think I know so well?



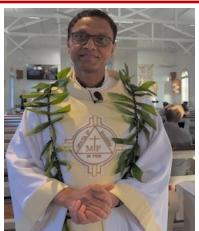
Fourth Sunday of Advent is the final Sunday before Christmas, symbolizing Love and the imminent arrival of Jesus, focusing on God's boundless love, the fulfillment of prophecy and preparing hearts for Christ's coming through themes of hope, peace, and joy as seen in Gospel readings, especially the Angel's message to Joseph in Matthew. It is a time to light the final Advent candle on the wreath completing the circle of light.



MERRY CHRISTMAS message from Father Paul

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace and joy of Christ be with you all, this Christmas and in the year ahead.



Once again, we are drawn to Bethlehem, to the quiet wonder of the manger, where God chose to enter our world not with power or spectacle, but as a child fragile, dependent, and full of promises. "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord". This is the good news that never grows old, even as the years pass and the world around us changes.

Christmas invites us to become what we receive; bearers of Christ to one another. In a world often marked by division and noise, may our parish be a place of welcome, compassion, and peace. Let us make room in our hearts and homes for the Lord, just as Mary and Joseph did, trusting that God can work wonders even in what seems small or ordinary.

I offer a special word of gratitude to all who give so generously of their time and talents, and to those who carry heavy burdens with quiet faith. Be assured of my prayers for each of you and for your families. May the light of Christ shine in your homes, warm your hearts, and guide your steps in the year ahead. May the newborn King bless you with peace, strengthen you with hope, and fill you with the joy that only He can give.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holy and joyful Christmas.

By yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul Kannampilly



MONDAY
December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

TUESDAY
December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

WEDNESDAY
December 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

THURSDAY
December 25
The Nativity of the
Lord (Christmas)
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18
or 1:1-5, 9-14

FRIDAY
December 26
St. Stephen,
the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10;
7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

SATURDAY
December 27
St. John, Apostle
and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

SUNDAY
December 28
The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17
Mt 2:13-15,
19-23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Stewards Obey



"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Stewards put our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

St. Rita	INCOME December 14, 2025	St. Gabriel
\$1,550.00 \$275.00	Collections Online	
\$42.00	Candles	
\$643.00	Repairs & Maint.	
\$65.00	Mass Intentions	
\$268.00	Immaculate Conception	
\$2,245.00	Christmas	
\$40.00	Christmas flowers	
228.00	Thrift Store	
\$5,356.00	Mahalo for your generosity! TOTAL	\$



**ST. RITA CHURCH
ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE
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Online giving powered by
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This week's second collection:
Repairs & Maintenance

Next week's second collection:
Loan Repayment

St. Rita Thrift Store

Tuesday 8am—12pm
Sunday 9:45am—12pm



We are not accepting donations until 1/6/26.

**STORE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL 1/4/26
AND WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY 1/6/26 AT 8:00 AM**



**12/21 CLASS FOR CHILDREN
12/28 - 1/1 NO CLASS
(CHRISTMAS BREAK)**



Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom
God's love commits me here, ever this day, be
at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide.
Amen

ST. RITA CHURCH, HAIKU

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

12/22 Monday - no morning Mass

12/23 Tuesday - morning Mass at 7:00 am

12/24 Wednesday, Nativity of the Lord - Christmas carols at 6:30 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm

12/25 Thursday, Nativity of the Lord - Mass at St. Rita at 8:30 am, St. Gabriel at 11:00 am

12/26 Friday - morning Mass at 7:00 am

12/27 and 12/28 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

12/29 Monday - no morning Mass

