



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN  
MEMORY OF:**

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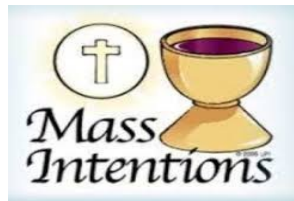
May their souls and  
the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen



**DIVINE  
MERCY  
PRAYER**

**EVERY FRIDAY  
AFTER MORNING MASS**

**KCIK 740 AM or online  
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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  
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Gosha Jasowicz  
Annette Palamino  
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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*



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



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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



**Close Enough!**

MIGUEL DULICK

**I 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 at listening? Can I find new insights  
in old stories that I think I know so well?***



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





**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	Collections	
\$275.00	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	\$



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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**



Faith Formation  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING



**12/21 CLASS FOR CHILDREN**  
**12/28 - 1/11 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**

