



**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
Luis Belloso
Walter & Ethel Teixeira
Margaret & Ernest Louis
Manuel Lopes III
Sarna & Jasowicz 'ohana

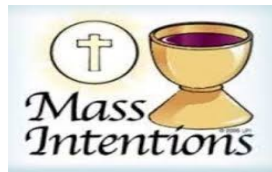
May their souls and
the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen



**DIVINE
MERCY
PRAYER**

**EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER MORNING MASS**

**KCIK 740 AM or online
@ RELEVANTRADIO.COM**



Benjamin Castillon Jr—12/3
Herman Calasa Sr —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
Henry Kaauamo, Sarah Kaauamo,
Bill Xrame, Kanani Pichay,
Ryson Latham—12/21
Benjamin Castillon Sr—12/23
Lollie Loucks—12/27
Szymon Kaliszczyk & family—12/30

**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*



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



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WAILUANUI, KEANAE



**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



Embracing a Spirituality of Listening

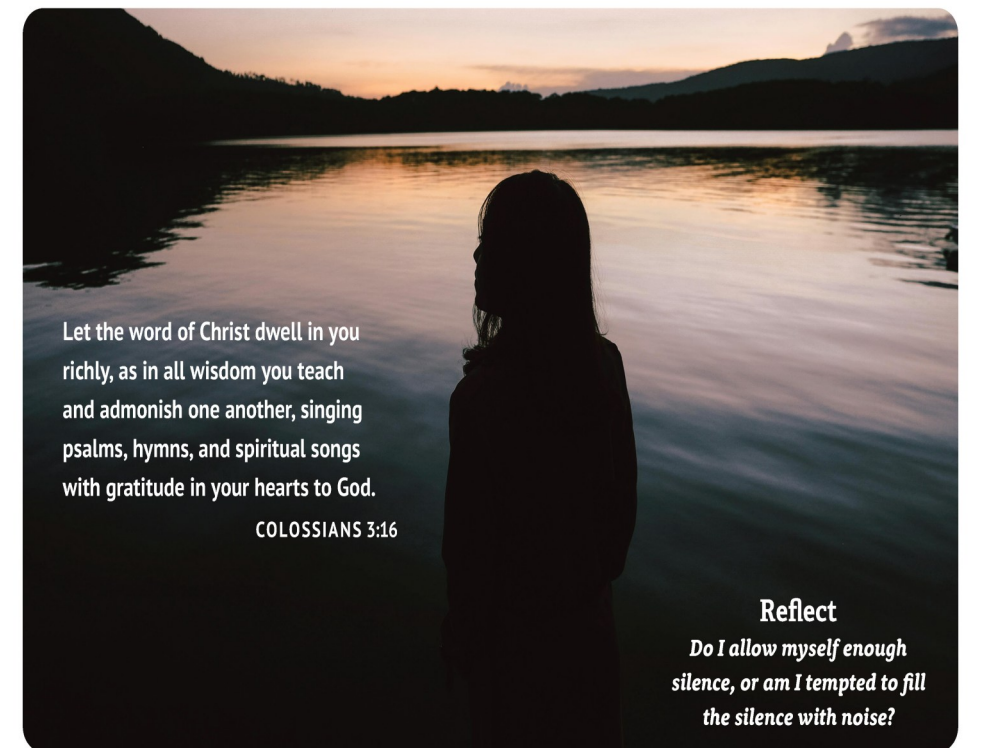
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The most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: "Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One." Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today's gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God's messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today's gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and reground yourself in a spirituality of listening? ●



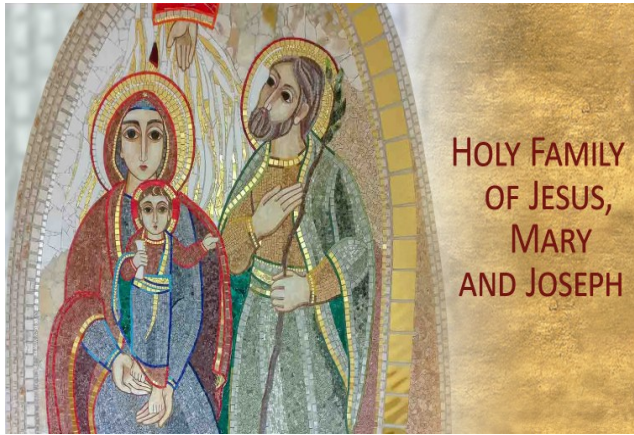
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LEARN ABOUT
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Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly, as in all wisdom you teach
and admonish one another, singing
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Reflect
*Do I allow myself enough
silence, or am I tempted to fill
the silence with noise?*



The Feast of the Holy Family is a Catholic celebration honoring Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the ideal model for all Christian families, held on the first Sunday after Christmas. It emphasizes family prayer, love, forgiveness, and service, presenting the Nazareth family as a "domestic church" that transforms hardship into hope, with roots tracing back to Bethlehem and its early spread originating in 19th-century Canada before becoming universal in 1920.

Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

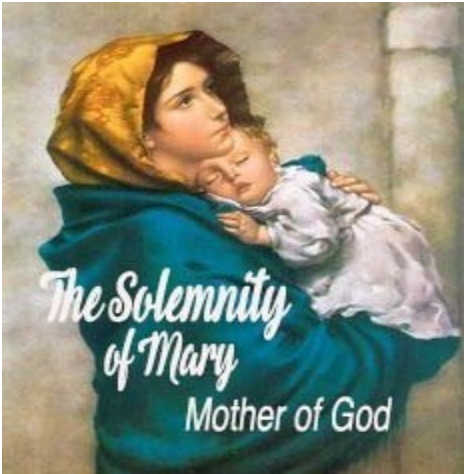
Prayer for the New Year

O God, most powerful and compassionate, we praise and thank You for this year that we are concluding.
Thank You for all the blessings, lessons, and encounters we had with You. As we begin a new one, we humbly ask You to be with us. Guide us to the path of renewal and becoming better persons. Bestow Your blessings upon us so that we may grow in holiness all the days of this new year. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

JANUARY 1, 2026

God, as I reflect on the humble birth of Jesus, I am filled with awe and gratitude. Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, help me to treasure and ponder Your mysteries in my heart. Guide me to live in faith and obedience, just as she did. May Your peace and love fill my life, and may I always honor You with my prayers and actions. Amen.



The Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God

MONDAY
December 29
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY
December 30
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY
December 31
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY
January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY
January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY
January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY
January 4
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Thankful Stewardship



"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." COLOSSIANS 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a Stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness; gratitude and generosity are in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

St. Rita	INCOME December 21, 2025	St. Gabriel
\$1,353.00 \$525.00	Collections Online	\$150.00
\$24.00	Candles	
\$800.00	Repairs & Maint.	\$85.00
\$125.00	Mass Intentions	\$100.00
\$10.25	Recycle	
\$210.00	Christmas flowers	
	Thrift Store	
\$3,047.25	Mahalo for your generosity! TOTAL	\$335.00



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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
JANUARY 2ND
AFTER MORNING MASS
ONE HOUR THANKING GOD
FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US

This week's second collection:
Loan Repayment

Next week's second collection:
Shepherd's Care

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 AM

Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

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

1/18 – CLASS FOR YOUTH GROUP
(SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSION)

ST. RITA CHURCH, HAIKU

DECEMBER & JANUARY SCHEDULE

12/27 and 12/28 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
12/29 Monday - no morning Mass
12/30 Tuesday - morning Mass at 7 am
12/31 Wednesday, New Year's Eve - Mass at 7 am followed by Adoration
1/1 Thursday, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God - morning mass at 8 am
1/2 First Friday - morning mass at 7 am followed by Adoration

DEAR FATHER
THANK YOU
FOR PRESERVING
MY LIFE
THROUGH
ALL THIS YEAR

