



## 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

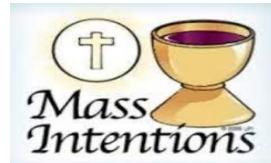
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



## 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 Kaliszczak & 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



## ST. RITA MINISTRIES

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL

FAITH FORMATION

STEWARDSHIP

ENVIRONMENT & LITURGICAL

SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS

LECTORS

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

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BEREAVEMENT

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REPAIRS & YARD MAINTENANCE / SAFETY

PLANNING & BUILDING

COLLECTION COUNTERS

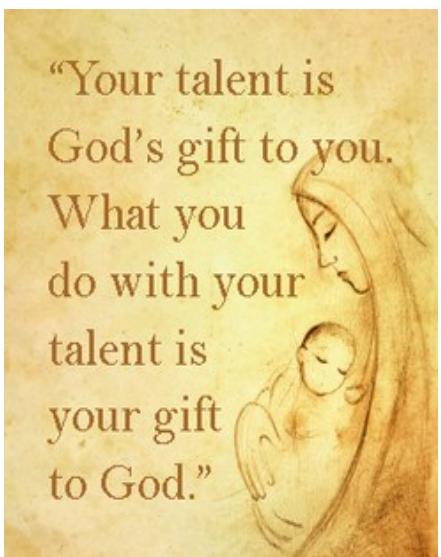
THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS

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

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

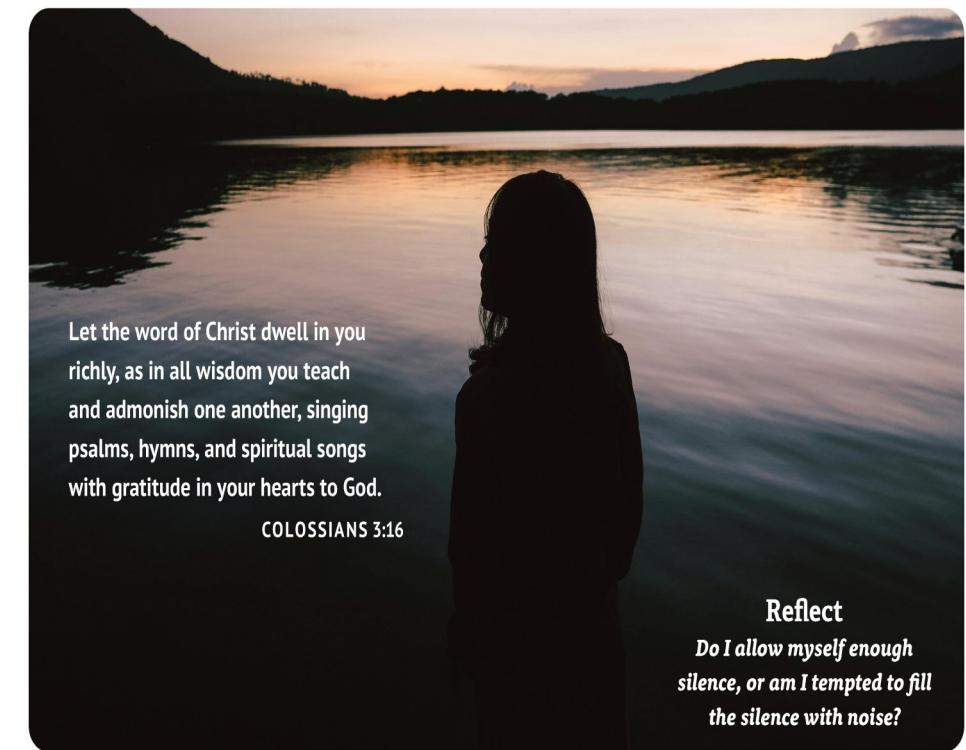
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**T**he most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: "Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One." Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity 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? ●



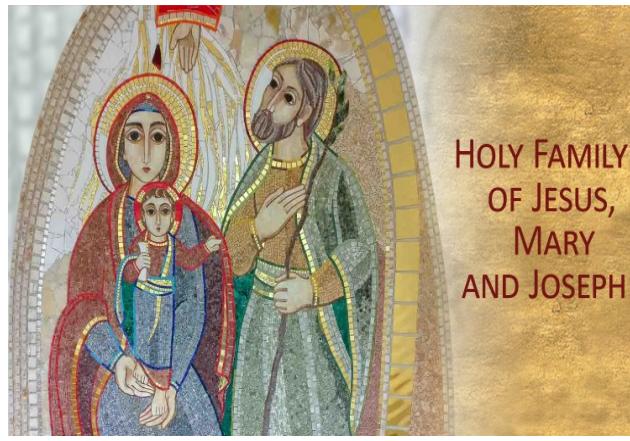
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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

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



HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS,  
MARY  
AND JOSEPH

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

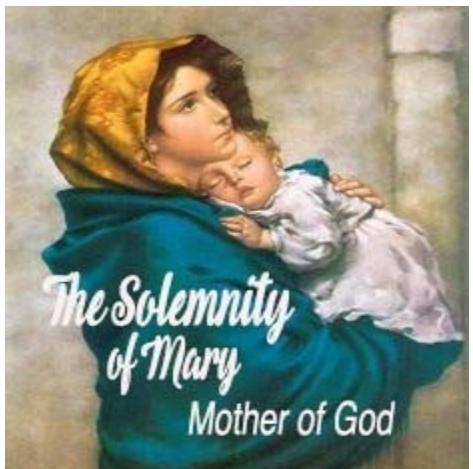
O God, most powerful and compassionate, we praise and thank You for this year that we are concluding.

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.



**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

"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

### Thankful Stewardship



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	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	
<b>\$3,047.25</b>	<b>Mahalo for your generosity!</b> <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$335.00</b>

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**



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

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

**ST. RITA CHURCH  
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### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION JANUARY 2ND

AFTER MORNING MASS  
ONE HOUR THANKING GOD  
FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US

### 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

