



## 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.

## Good News!

January 25, 2026

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Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

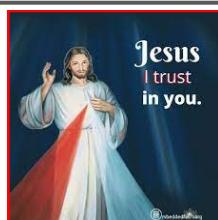
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**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER**  
EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

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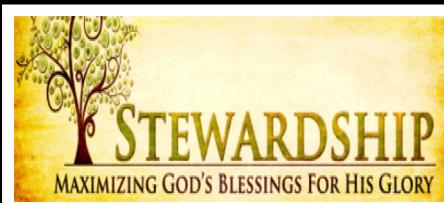


**Clifford Pimentel family,  
Ibanez family, Dongog family,  
John Sardinha family—1/2**  
**Kekaha 'ohana—1/3**  
**Rose Yap—1/6**  
**Chris Zbiciak—1/7**  
**Tom DeCoite—1/10**  
**Nita Iwamoto—1/13**  
**Ire Kimokeo—1/18**  
**Danielle Evans—1/20**  
**Juanita Yap—1/22**  
**Abel & Irene Gouveia—1/31**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

**James Gonzalez-Wesley**  
**Debbie Faborito**  
**Rachel Cravalho**  
**Robert Robello**  
**Melissa Prince**  
**Stanley Lee**  
**Fr. Chacko Muthootil**  
**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**



### PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL

#### FAITH FORMATION

#### STEWARDSHIP

#### ENVIRONMENT & LITURGICAL

#### SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS

#### LECTORS

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#### MUSIC CHOIR

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#### USHERS / GREETERS

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#### COLLECTION COUNTERS

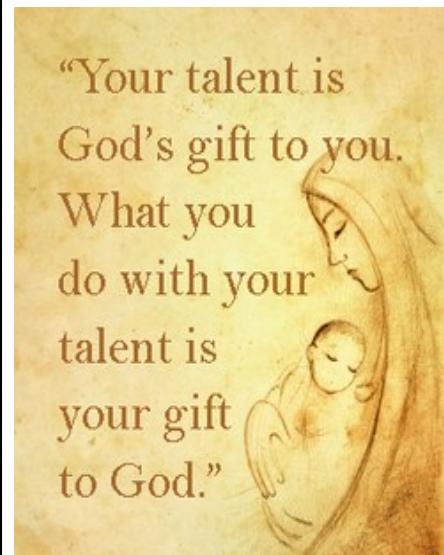
#### THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS

#### 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

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### Reflect

What does "repent" mean to me?  
A threat or an invitation?



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:2



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



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# Dear Padre

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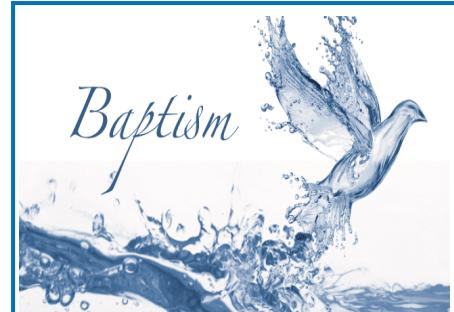
## Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). •

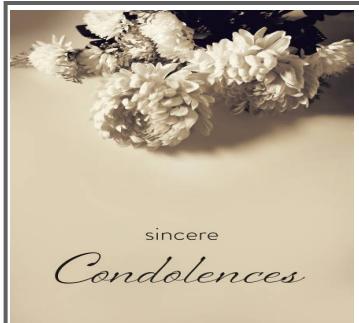
Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



## Welcome to the family of God

**MICHAEL NAKANELUA-SAKAI**

**Sunday**  
**January 25th, 2026**



DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
**Helen Estrella**

Friday, January 30th at St. Rita Church  
visitation 9 am, Holy Mass 11 am



**KNOW YOUR  
RIGHTS**  
WORKSHOP ON  
IMMIGRATION RIGHTS

Thursday, February 12th  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
285 Ka'ahumanu Ave. unit 101B  
in Kahului

**MARDI GRAS**  
Saturday, February 14th  
6 pm at Parish Hall  
dinner & dessert \$10



**MONDAY**  
January 26  
Sts. Timothy and  
Titus, Bishops  
2 Tm 1:8-  
or Ti 1:1-5  
Mk 3:22-30

**TUESDAY**  
January 27  
Weekday  
2 Sm 6:12b-15,  
17-19  
Mk 3:31-35

**WEDNESDAY**  
January 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
2 Sm 7:4-17  
Mk 4:1-20

**THURSDAY**  
January 29  
Weekday  
2 Sm 7:18-19,  
24-29  
Mk 4:21-25

**FRIDAY**  
January 30  
Weekday  
2 Sm 11:1-4a,  
5-10a, 13-17  
Mk 4:26-34

**SATURDAY**  
January 31  
St. John Bosco,  
Priest  
2 Sm 12:1-7a,  
10-17  
Mk 4:35-41

**SUNDAY**  
February 1  
Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13  
1 Cor 1:26-31  
Mt 5:1-12a

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In **Stewardship** to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

## Timely Stewardship



St. Rita	INCOME January 18, 2026	St. Gabriel
\$1,543.00 \$307.00	Collections Online	\$220.00
\$66.00	Candles	
	Repairs & Maint.	\$219.00
\$45.00	Mass Intention	\$25.00
\$25.00	Catholic Ministries Appeal	
	Shepherd's Care	\$20.00
\$851.00	Loan Repayment	
\$386.25	Thrift Store	
<b>\$3,223.25</b>	<b>Mahalo for your generosity!</b> <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$484.00</b>



**ST. RITA CHURCH  
ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE  
SCAN QR CODE  
Online giving powered by  
WESHARE**

## We are seeking Church cleaners for 2026

Please sign up as a family or team for a month. Cleaning is once a week and sign-up list is located on the church bulletin board.



Mahalo to all who keep our church clean!

This week's second collection:  
**Church in Latin America**



Next week's second collection:  
**Shepherd's Care**

## St. Rita Thrift Store



Tuesday 8am—12pm  
Sunday 9:45am—12pm

**CLOTHES, HOME DÉCOR,  
BEDDING, DISHES & MORE**

## SCHEDULE



**1/25 – CLASS FOR CHILDREN  
(SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSION)**

**2/1 – CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

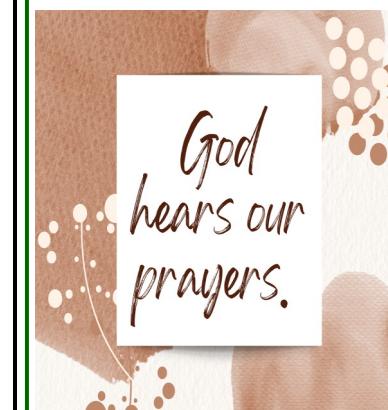
**2/8 – CLASS FOR YOUTH GROUP (LENT)**

**2/15 – CLASS FOR ENTIRE FAMILY (ASH WEDNESDAY,  
LENT ACTIVITY)**

**2/22 – CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

**3/1 – CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

**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.