

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
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 8:23–9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 /
Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

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DIVINE MERCY
PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER
MORNING MASS

KCIK 740 AM or online
@ RELEVANTRADIO.COM



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 Crvalho
Robert Robello
Melissa Prince
Stanley Lee
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil
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



ST. RITA MINISTRIES

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL

FAITH FORMATION

STEWARDSHIP

ENVIROMENT & LITURGICAL

SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

MUSIC CHOIR

BEREAVEMENT

USHERS / GREETERS

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

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Reflect

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



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



“Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:2



Dear Padre

January 25, 2026

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). ●

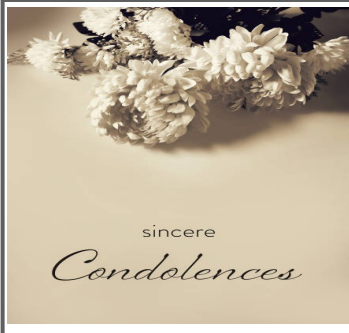
Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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 1:1-8
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.



St. Rita	INCOME January 18, 2026	St. Gabriel
\$1,543.00	Collections	\$220.00
\$307.00	Online	
\$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	
\$3,223.25	Mahalo for your generosity! TOTAL	\$484.00



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.